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Welcome to our AGM Meeting

Mince pies will be served after the AGM.

Thank you to our hostesses: Jo Blox, Owls and Independents A-C.

Following the success of last year, we are again having a members' **Suitcase Sale**. So do help members make space in their suitcases for more fabric!

Today is also the vote for our **Fabric Challenge**.

AGM Agenda

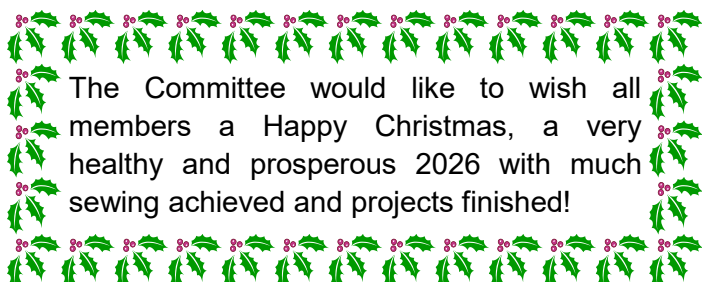
1. Apologies for Absence of Officers
2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report for 2025
5. Treasurer's Report for 2025
6. Programme Secretary's Report for 2025
7. Website Co-ordinator's Report for 2025
8. Facebook Co-ordinator's Report for 2025
9. Quilters' Guild Rep Report for 2025
10. Appointments process
 - a. Appointment of Chairman
 - b. Appointment of Minutes Secretary
 - c. Other Committee Posts
11. Bursary Award
12. Any Other Business
13. Date of Next AGM – Saturday, 28 November 2026 at 2.30pm

Don't forget to vote for your favourite **Fabric Challenge**.

There are two categories: The quilt that makes best use of the challenge fabric and the quilt you would most like to take home.

Prizes are given to the first three in each category.

The Challenge for 2026 will be '**Ruby**' to coincide with our 40th Anniversary.



The Committee would like to wish all members a Happy Christmas, a very healthy and prosperous 2026 with much sewing achieved and projects finished!

Our Next meeting

Saturday 24th January 2026

will be via Zoom.

The meeting will open at 2pm, with Heather Audin commencing her talk, "Treasures from the Quilt Collection" at 2.30pm.



Heather Audin is an historian, costume and textiles enthusiast, author, and sometimes maker. She has been curator of The Quilt Collection for 17 years. Heather has authored three books: 'Patchwork and Quilting in Britain' (2013); 'Making Victorian Costumes for Women' (2015) and 'Forty: The Evolution of a

Collection' (2019), and curated over 60 exhibitions on patchwork and quilting. As curator of the Quilt Collection, Heather is responsible for its preservation, documentation and celebration.

Please email oastprogramme@gmail.com to register your interest to receive the Zoom link for this meeting.

Sunday 25 January 2026

"Petticoats and Pockets" Workshop at Littlebourne MH with Jacqui Cotterill.

Jacqui worked as a nurse and teacher for most of her life and as an antidote to the trauma, she has always sewed.

When she left nursing she wanted to learn to quilt. She was quite surprised

when she realised you had to cut up bits of fabric and sew them back together before you could start quilting!

Her quilting journey lead her to an interest in hand quilting history, how it connects with everything that has happened throughout the world: trade, migration, war and fashion all show up in quilting patterns.

Jacqui thinks that quilted petticoats are a neglected quilting tradition. Once it would be where a needlewoman demonstrated her skills and taste, but now petticoats are no longer quilted and shown off. Jacqui would like to show how easy they are to make and decorate and how you make the fashionable detached pockets that went with them.

Contact oastworkshops@gmail.com to book your place £30 Members £45 Non Members



The Quilters' Guild Kent Area



Sunday 23 November Nordic Reindeer Workshop 10.00am - 4.00pm at Challock Village Hall, TN25 4DH You will leave having made at least one reindeer. This is a great workshop to use your scraps and be as creative as you wish. Be warned though as they are addictive! Gary Mills is the creator of these reindeers and he has given permission for Jill Moorcroft to deliver his intellectual property. The cost is £15 and includes hot drinks and cake, payment in cash on the day. There are a few spaces so please contact Jill to reserve your place. The instructions and templates will be emailed to you prior to the workshop.



Jill Moorcroft southeastkent@quiltersguild.org.uk

3 December 2025 A Day in Rochester.

We invite you to join us in Rochester for a specially curated visit to:
The Huguenot Museum, (95 High Street ME1 1LX) from 11.00am
The Guildhall Museum (17 High Street ME1 1PY) at 2.00pm
Hometown (62 High Street ME1 1JY) – a wonderful quilt shop!

If you would like to join this trip, please scan the QR code

QG members £30

Non QG Members £40

For all enquiries email kent@quiltersguild.org.uk



Scan to pay



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Oast Sewing Bee

The next Sewing Bee will be **Saturday 6 December** when we will be making a wall hanging depicting 'I Saw Three Ships come sailing by...' We will be using fusible bias tape.

The workshop will be held at Petham Village Hall, Church Lane, Petham, CT4 5RD 10.00am – 4.00pm It's best if you arrive at the hall at 9.30am to set up.

Bring a packed lunch, a mug, your machine, sewing kit and an extension lead. Contact oastsewingbee@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your place. Spread the word that people new to sewing and non-members are very welcome. £10 for Oast Members, £15 for non-members.



UFO Day

Our next very popular UFO Day will be held at Lower Hardres Village Hall, CT4 5NP on **Saturday 7 February**. This is a lovely day to work on your project. Do you have a large quilt that you would like to layer up? You will like the space and large tables which will facilitate that job. Would some advice or suggestions help? There will be plenty of friendly support, so come along and join us.

Arrive at the hall for 9.30am to set up and the day will commence at 10.00am. Bring your own machine, lead and extension cable and your usual sewing kit, as well as your lunch. Tea and coffee, and hopefully cake, will be available.

£12 for members £17 for non members. Email Ingrid to book your place raffles.leoville@btinternet.com

Oast Bursary

Each year at the AGM members have the opportunity to win a bursary of £100. This gift from Oast Quilters is to be used to further the skills and knowledge of the craft of patchwork and quilting. All members who have not previously been awarded a bursary are eligible to take a raffle ticket. This year we will be offering two bursaries. All we ask is that the winners share what they spent the money on and what they have learnt. This can be done by having a table at the March 2027 meeting to display the work produced as a result of the learning undertaken. So don't be shy and take a ticket - you never know - it could be you!

Independent Rep and Facebook Monitor

The Committee would like to thank Sue Heley for being a helpful and keen member who is leaving the committee as she will be leaving Kent next year. Her departure means we need one or two people to monitor the Oast Facebook page and/or be the contact for the Independents. Please contact Liz Coleman for more information. lyminge.liz@live.co.uk

Oast Showcase 40th Anniversary 2026

~~25 - 26 October 2026~~ Correction - 23 - 24 October 2026

St Andrew's Church, Watling Street, Canterbury

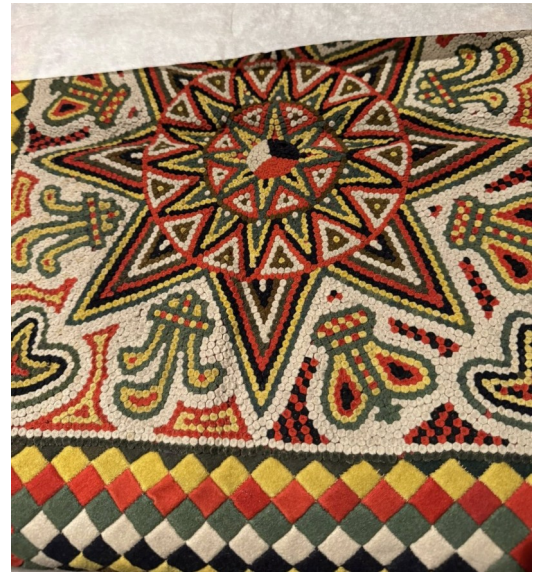
The Challenge will be 'RUBY' as it is 40 years since the first meeting of Oast Quilters in October 1986.

Please contact Liz to offer your help, quilts, cakes and enthusiasm. lyminge.liz@live.co.uk



Region 2 of The Quilters' Guild

Recently a trip to the Amelia Scott Museum in Tunbridge Wells was arranged to view some of their textile collection. Of the many items the curator had selected for us to view, there were several items that were amazing. A patchwork quilt made by recuperating soldiers wounded in the Crimean War (1853 – 1856) and constructed from the soldiers' worsted wool uniform scraps. It contains over 1,000 separate pieces and measures 2.45m x 2.46m. The colours were so fresh and bright.



Embroidered Linen Pocket 1730—40. Pockets served a similar purpose as handbags today. They were tied around the waist underneath the petticoats.

Pincushion made by a soldier in WW1 as a gift for his mother whilst he served in the trenches— he never came home.

A large pieced top listed as Victorian, but may well be much older.

Project Linus

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our October workshop hosted by The Little Shop of Fabrics in Smarden. The last Project Linus workshop planned for 2025 will be **Saturday 13 December**. The workshop days are free of charge and tea and coffee will be available too. We will be cutting, sewing, and binding quilts throughout the day. No experience is necessary just a willingness to take part. To keep track of people coming, please book your space via <https://www.littleshopoffabrics.co.uk/courses>

If we ever head into the colder months, we will need larger quilts and quilts suitable for boys or gender-neutral quilts. Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas and other fabrics. We have been busy making lots of scrappy quilts.

If you would like to donate fabric or unfinished quilt blocks or quilts, we would be happy to receive them. Daisy Rudnick, who runs the Project Linus table at the Oast Quilters meetings will happily collect any donations on our behalf. Alternatively, you can contact one of your local Project Linus Area Coordinators:

Thank you for continuing to support Project Linus – Project Linus Kent and Medway Area Coordinators:

Lou Matthews, East Kent, 07938537375 or louisemattthews5@icloud.com

Michelle Hogben, Ashford, and surrounding area, 07706 582662 or shellhogben2004@hotmail.com

Christine Gainsford, Medway and North Kent area, 07931 294836 or Christine.carey61@gmail.com

For Sale

HQ Simply Sixteen plus Little Foot frame.

It comes with the front and rear handlebars, some pantographs, groovy boards, ruler and extras.

I sadly have to sell as I can no longer use it due to a shoulder injury.

£3,500.00.

It would need to be collected from my home in Chichester. If more detail is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sally Strickland

sallystrickland1959@gmail.com



Please Note: We have received no nominations this year for the position of Chairman and so Liz has agreed to continue in the role for another year. She has pointed out that ultimately, without a Chairman to lead Oast Quilters, it will have to be disbanded.

Dates for your Diary 2025/26

22 November	Oast Quilters AGM at The Langton Boys School 2pm
23 November	QG Nordic Reindeer workshop at Challock VH TN25 4AU 10am
3 December	Day Trip to Rochester
6 December	Oast Sewing Bee at Petham VH 10am
13 December	PL Workshop at Little Shop of Fabrics
16 - 17 Jan	Newark Quilting and Sewing Show
24 January	Oast Quilters Zoom meeting 2pm
25 January	Oast Quilters workshop at Littlebourne
29 - 31 Jan	Ardingly Quilting and Sewing Show
7 February	Oast Quilters UFO Day at LHVH 10am
14 March	Oast Quilters meeting at The Langton Boys School 2pm
21 March	Oast Sewing Bee at Petham VH 10am
14 - 17 May	Quilts UK Malvern

Hostess Rota 2026	Host	Raffle	Assist
January	Zoom		
March	Swallows (Jane Ottoway)	Dragonfly (Maryrose Douglas)	Castle Wall (Judi Kirk)
	Chaucer (Trudy Smethhurst)		Independents A-C
May	Canterbury Quilters (Marion Fox)	Martello (Jenny Hoyle)	Orchard
	Bright Headland (Jayne Whiting)		Independents G-H
July	Ethelburga (Liz Coleman)	Pumpkin Patchers (Lynne Newell)	Independents J-N
	Hop Pocket (Christine Ward)		Owls (Sheila Stojasavijevic)
Sept AM	Quay (Ann Wood)	Pogles Wood (Tansy Martin)	Independents O-R
PM	Grove Quilters (Ingrid Hudson)		Independents D - F
Nov	Pieceful Patchers (Heather Powell)	Jo Blox (Elaine Gore)	Independents S-Y
	Blockmakers (Joy Visagie)		