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Welcome to our meeting today

30 May 2025

Doors open at 2pm

The hosts will be Canterbury Quilters, Martello, Orchard, Bright Headland, and Independents G-H.

The trader is Lina Patchwork.

The speaker is **Yasmeen K Branton**: 'Living Life through Needle and Thread'.

Yasmeen will be talking about her life as a designer with her business 'Sand & Stars', her process for creating patterns and her love for hand appliqué and hand sewing.

From a very early age, Yasmeen could always be found creating something in her own little world. This love of art, design, and textiles carried on throughout school, eventually leading to art college and finally a Foundation Degree at The Royal School of Needlework. It was here that she developed a deep passion for hand sewing, which gave her many wonderful opportunities, one of which was being an embroidery assistant working in film and TV.

Yasmeen lives and breathes being creative and wants to share this passion with others by giving them the confidence to learn a new skill and find daily comfort in getting lost in the calming, meditative process of hand sewing.

The workshop on **Sunday 31 May** will be: 'Tulip Love Block' Needle turn hand appliqué.



During this workshop Yasmeen will be teaching you how to master needle turn hand appliqué. She will guide you through the steps to create a beautiful modern cushion pattern (finished size 18 inches square). The focus will be on how to stitch certain areas of shapes, plus tips and tricks to give you the skills and

confidence to take on any hand appliqué pattern.

Lower Hardres Village Hall 10am - 4pm

£30 for members, £45 for non members.

Contact oastworkshops@gmail.com

Our Next Meeting

July 25th and 26th

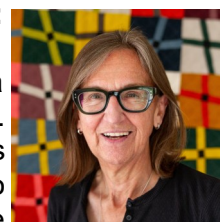
Doors open at 2pm

The hosts will be Ethelburga, Hop Pocket, Owls, Pumpkin Patchers, and Independents J-N.

The Speaker is **Sarah Hibbert**: 'From Collage to Quilt'.

Sarah's quilting has been on a journey over the last few years. Having learnt traditional patterns as a hobby over thirty years ago she has now begun to explore more modern designs. Reinventing her design process has helped her to have more fun with fabric choices and to largely let the fabrics talk for themselves.

Sarah loves the combination of old and new; of the traditional and contemporary; patterns passed down through the generations and her personal contribution bringing something new. Even though she enjoys playing with large abstract prints, she finds using solids more appealing for their timeless appeal. Sarah mainly works in linen, purely for the texture and natural element of the fibres, but also for the way linen blends so well with the hand quilting making a conversation together that will carry onto the next generation.



Her 'Reflections' quilt was acquired by The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles in 2019 for their permanent collection to represent modern quilting.

The workshop on **Sunday 26 July** will be: 'Circles and Improv Circles' – constructing blocks

using various circles to create either a single shape or overlaying.

Lower Hardres Village Hall

10am - 4pm

£50 for members, £65 for non members.

Contact

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Oast Sewing Bee

The next Sewing Bee will be **Saturday 6 June**. We will be making a Sewing Machine Mat.

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.

£12 for Oast Members, £17 for non-members.

The Role of Chair

Liz Coleman will be stepping down from the role of Chairman at the AGM in November. It has been suggested that Oast Quilters try a different approach to this very vital committee role. Instead of the responsibility resting on one person, we are looking to have a Chair and three Vice Chairs. The vice chairs would take it in turns to lead the committee meetings and the Oast meeting, while the Chair will look after the emails, be a signatory on the bank account and chair the AGM. Without somebody taking the role of Chair, it will not be possible to continue Oast Quilters. We hope that there are four members of this wonderful group who will be able to come together to ensure the continuation of Oast Quilters for the next forty years. Please speak to any committee member or your group rep about these roles. All contact details are in the 2026 Programme Card. Thank you

Canterbury Quilters

We are very sad to announce that Sylvia Triggs, one of our members and a long standing member of Oast Quilters, passed away recently. She was a very precise sewer and created some really beautiful quilts.

Keith, the PAT tester has been booked to come to St Stephen's Community Hall, Tenterden Drive Canterbury CT2 7BN on **Thursday July 9th** from 11am. If you would like your machine, power cable, foot pedal, iron etc tested then please phone Marianne: 07798 550049. Please bring correct cash, he charges £1 per item. Please label your equipment with your name.



Liz Melville had a lovely day with one of her granddaughters, who is quite adept at using the sewing machine! At the end of the day she had made herself a beautiful bag!

The group have booked a mini bus to visit the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow to see the life and works of William Morris.

There is also an interesting exhibition called "Women in Print", showing 150 years of Liberty Fabrics. (The mini bus is full!) We are looking forward to our day out!



Lilian Hedley

It was with great sadness to read of the death of Lilian in the Spring 2026 issue of "The Quilter", see Page 5. She was an extraordinary, wonderful hand quilter of great talent. During my three-year tenure serving on the Oast Committee (and on another occasion) I had the privilege of being hostess to Lilian each weekend she visited our group for a talk and workshop.

She fitted perfectly into our home environment, and we fondly remember that she never stopped chatting from the moment she arrived on the Friday afternoon, until she left on the Monday morning to return to Durham.

One weekend, we were especially delighted to be invited to Margaret Walter's house on the Saturday evening to view some of Margaret's wonderful antique quilt collection. Another time, at her invitation, when travelling near Durham, she invited me for a private viewing of the quilts at the Beamish Museum. That was truly wonderful.

Some members may have been lucky enough to have seen "Bargain Hunt" on the TV where Lilian was showing some of those Durham quilts.

She will be sadly missed in the quilting world.

Cathy Northcutt.



Oast Festival Showcase 40th Anniversary 2026

23 - 24 October 2026

St Andrew's Church, Watling Street, Canterbury CT1 2UA

The Challenge will be '**RUBY**' as it is 40 years since the first meeting of Oast Quilters in October 1986. These Challenge quilts will be hung at the Festival Showcase and can also be entered into the annual Oast Quilters theme Challenge. They will be judged as usual at the AGM in November with a first, second and third prize in each of the two categories: the quilt that best fits the theme and the quilt you would most like to take home.



We would like to have a display of items from the 1980's, so please if any of you have a quilt, a cushion or a wall hanging made in the 1980's, please let Jayne Whiting know.

We would also like to sell hand made cards, featuring fabric, as well as offering a Bag Tombola. If you are able to make some cards and bags, that would be much appreciated. All handmade cards and bags to be brought to the September meeting or to the church on the 22nd October.

Set up will take place on Thursday 22nd October from 2.00pm.

Please contact Jayne Whiting to offer: your help; your quilts; your cakes and your enthusiasm. jd60@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

PAT Testing

PAT Testing has been rescheduled for **26th September** from 1pm - 4pm. This is the afternoon of the Open Day. Please email oastposteditor@gmail.com to book in your electrical equipment. A sewing machine is three items: the machine, the foot pedal and the electrical cable. The charge is £1 per item, please bring correct change if possible and label your machine.

Quilt Show

Organised by a group of local quilt artists

Sat 29th & Sun 30th August 2026

10 am-4pm

Quilt raffle & sale, crafts, refreshments



Littlebourne Memorial Hall
High Street
Littlebourne CT3 1ST

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PHOENIX QUILTERS
DEAL



QUILT SHOW

Trinity Church Hall

Union Rd, Deal, CT14 6EA

2026

Sat 29th Aug 10.00 - 17.00

Sun 30th Aug 12.30 - 17.00

Mon 31st Aug 10.00 - 16.00

*Admission by donation in aid of
Pilgrims Hospices*

*Kent Air Ambulance and
Revitalise The Landmark*

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Project Linus

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our February workshop hosted by The Little Shop of Fabrics in Smarden. There are several Project Linus workshops planned for 2026: **Friday 19th June, Saturday 15th August and Friday 16th October**. 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> Even though we hope we have finished with the cold days, we still need larger quilts and quilts suitable for boys or gender-neutral quilts. We thank everyone who donates fabrics. 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 louisemathews5@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

Cherry Blossom Project created by Sara Cook

On a recent trip to London and a visit to the Garden Museum, near Lambeth Palace, there was a beautiful display of 4,800 naturally dyed, hand stitched *mandus*, (Korean dumplings). Crafted by over 900 participants from around the UK and 20 other countries, the blossoms have been joined together to form mobiles suspended overhead to create the impression of a mass of cherry blossom flowers, welcoming the arrival of Spring. The Far Eastern cultures traditionally gather together beneath the trees to share food and experience the fleeting beauty of the blossoming trees.

Lynne Newell



Ashford Sewing Centre

are offering a 10% discount on everything in the shop (*excluding machine promotions) to all Oast members. All members have to do is say the word Oast at the till to receive the discount. The Sewing Centre also supply, service and repair all makes and models of Sewing, Embroidery & Overlocker machines.

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Dates for your Diary 2026

30 May	Oast Quilters Meeting The Langton Boys 2pm
31 May	Oast Quilters Workshop Lower Hardres VH 10am
6 June	Oast Sewing Bee Petham VH 9.30am
25 July	Oast Quilters Meeting The Langton Boys 2pm
26 July	Oast Quilters Workshop Lower Hardres VH 10am
30 July - 2 Aug	Festival of Quilts at NEC, Birmingham
22 August	Oast Sewing Bee Petham VH 9.30am
29 - 30 Aug	Quilt Show for Demelza Hospice, Littlebourne MH
29 - 31 Aug	Phoenix Quilters Show Trinity Church Hall, Deal CT14 6EA
26 September	Oast Open Day The Langton Boys 10am
26 September	PAT Testing from 1pm The Langton Boys
27 September	Oast Quilters Workshop Lower Hardres VH 10am
23-24 October	Oast Showcase St Andrew's Church Canterbury CT1 2UA
28 November	Oast AGM and Ruby Challenge Vote The Langton Boys 1.30pm



Hosting Rota 2026	Host	Raffle	Assist
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)		