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Welcome to our Open Day meeting today Doors open at 10am

The hosts will be Quay Quilters, Grove Quilters, and Independents D - F and O - R.

PAT Testing will take place from 1pm - 4pm.

The morning speaker is Mary Kinsey from the charity 'Fine Cell Work', a UK-based rehabilitation charity and social enterprise. Since 1997, they have been transforming the lives of prisoners and prison leavers, one stitch at a time. Mary will tell us how their volunteers enable people in prison to redefine themselves, inspiring and empowering them as they strive to rebuild their lives and non-criminal identities.

The afternoon will commence at 1pm.

The afternoon speaker is Liz Coleman. Liz has



been making quilts since the late 1970s, although she has some hand stitched squares which are older than that! When she moved to Kent in 1988 she contacted the Quilters' Guild to find a group and was invited by Marion Collins to join Chaucer Quilters and Oast

Quilters. She is mostly self-taught but has benefited from attending workshops over the years, which have stretched her abilities. It has been Liz's pleasure and honour to serve the Oast committee for nearly 30 years. Since retirement, Liz became involved in the most successful 'Master Quilter' course and she also undertook the Quilt Judging course with the aim of becoming more professional in her approach to quilting, gaining her certificate in 2023.

Owing to poor take up, the workshop on Sunday 27 September has been cancelled. Those who had booked a place will receive a full refund and the instructions on how to make the Tessellated Pinwheels Christmas Tree wall hanging.



Our Next Meeting 28 November

AGM and Ruby Challenge Vote

Our next meeting will be our AGM on November 28 in Doors open at 1.30pm.

The hostesses will Pieceful Patchers, Blockmakers, Jo Blox, and Independents S-Y

Following the success of last year, we are again offering members the opportunity to refresh their stash by having a Suitcase Sale. For £5 you will have half a table on which to put your suitcase to display your wares for sale.

The first 10 members to contact Liz on

lyminge.liz@live.co.uk or 07714 691673 will get a spot.

Don't forget to complete an entry form for the Ruby Challenge and bring your quilt to hang for display by 12.30pm at the latest on the 28th November. Let's have a great display of the Ruby Challenge quilts. Free to enter but we need an entry form which can be found on the Programme page of the website. Please return the entry form to j.k.hoyle@gmail.com

Oast Festival Showcase 40th Anniversary 2026

23 - 24 October 2026

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

It is only four weeks to our 40th Anniversary Quilt Show. Let's make it a brilliant show, with your most recent and oldest makes from the 1980's.

We have a great selection of traders coming along including Little Shop of Fabrics, 'A good talking to', Pincushion Rye, Poppy Craft and Crafty Mastermind. Do come along and support them.

You all know by now that the Challenge is '**RUBY**' as it is 40 years since the first meeting of Oast Quilters in October 1986. We are looking forward to a spectacular display of your interpretations of 'Ruby'. The Challenge quilts will be hung at the Festival Showcase along with the 1980's quilts and your newest makes.

We hope you are all now making lots of cards, featuring fabric, as well as bags for the Bag Tombola. Please bring your handmade cards and bags to the church on **Thursday 22nd October from 2pm**, when set up will take place.

For all those cake bakers who have promised to bring cakes, please include a list of the delicious ingredients you have used to make your cake and bring it along with the cake. Donations accepted Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Oast are offering refreshments on the Saturday only when the church café will be closed.

If you need disabled car parking, please email Liz lyminge.liz@live.co.uk with an approximate time of your arrival. We request this because there are limited car spaces behind the church and we will be able to reserve a spot for you.

Please bring your quilts in named bags so we can return them to you in your bag. Remember all quilts should have a correctly positioned hanging sleeve and label.

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

UFO Day

Our next very popular UFO Day will be held at Lower Hardres Village Hall, CT4 5NP on **Saturday 7 November**.

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 Sewing Bee

The next Sewing Bee will be **Saturday 5 December**. We will be making Christmas Stocking Fillers.

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.

A Message from Daisy....

Dear Oast Members,

It is time for me to retire at the end of this year from the Project Linus Stall and hopefully pass over the 'keys' to someone else.

I (and my loyal team) have much enjoyed your support and help over the years. The quilts and other donations have been outstanding and much appreciated. I cannot thank you enough. The added pleasure of meeting and chatting with you has been lovely.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out or have any questions.

Kind Regards

Daisy

PS If required, I will be able to collect quilts and other donations to pass along to our Kent Project Linus reps.

Further to Daisy's message, PL Kent reps have informed Oast that if there is no one coming forward to help, PL Kent will no longer be able to provide a stall at Oast meetings.

Quilt Show in aid of Demelza Children's Hospice

A few years ago my beautiful granddaughter Malia passed away. She was about to turn fourteen. My wonderful quilty friends rallied round me, giving comfort in a way only they were able to. It was suggested that a possible way to channel the grief would be to hold a quilt show and forward the proceeds to Demelza Children's Hospice, who had been such a help to my family at that time.



Maggie and her granddaughter, Malia's twin sister, drew the winning raffle tickets, with the quilts behind them.

Well, after many months of discussion our plans came to fruition and on 29th and 30th August.

Tracy Aplin, Mary Cunningsworth, Mary Inglis, Sandra James, Belinda Jeffries, Judi Kirk and myself, Maggie Breakspear (Yes, that's right! There are only seven of us!) pulled out all the stops to make this happen.

I designed a special medallion raffle quilt with Belinda Jeffries' beautiful needle-turn appliqué in the centre. Belinda donated a contrasting paper pieced bright one.

We are from different groups so vary in style



Mary Inglis Alice's Country Diary Quilt



Rainbow Octagons Maggie Breakspear

and we were drawing on our whole output, not just the last two or three years as it was to be a 'one off' event.

Entry was by donation and visitors were very generous. Even though the first day it poured with rain, and on the second the car park was taken over by cricketers, nonetheless our show was a huge success, raising £6,000 for Demelza.

It was real bonding exercise and though it was hard work we really enjoyed it and all the interactions with the public and did we say a "one off"? As we left some one said "When are we having the next one?" We think we will. Such a fantastic achievement



Sandra James
Blossom Quilt



Mary Cunningsworth Bless this House



Tracy Aplin Party Rings



Belinda Jeffries Charlotte Sometimes

for just seven people and we are really proud of ourselves. I was blown away with the amazing teamwork and support shown within our little group, and feel totally blessed to have such wonderful friends.

Watch this space!

Maggie Breakspear



Belinda, Maggie, Mary C, Mary I, Sandra, Tracy

Phoenix Quilters Show Report

Phoenix Quilters held their sixth biennial quilt show during the August Bank Holiday weekend in Deal. All members, experienced and beginners, exhibited their quilts ranging in size from king size to wall hangings.



A special quilt, dating from the turn of the turn of the last century, was exhibited. For a quilt that is over one hundred years, it is in remarkable condition.

One of the Jane Austen quilts had a border with two and a half thousand small diamonds...much patience needed!



All members contributed to the raffle quilts which were put together by two of our experienced quilters.

This year we have been met by increased expenses but we hope to clear around £4,500 for our local charities.



BI-ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

Hawkinge Village Hall
Saturday 14th November
10am-4pm
91 Canterbury Road, Hawkinge
Kent CT18 7BS

- Entrance £1. • On site parking.
- Hot and cold refreshments.

Quilt raffle in aid of The Rainbow Centre.

Fabrics from **Smart Frog**

Disabled access

SHOP FABRICS

Project Linus

We have two more sets of Project Linus workshops planned for 2026, **Friday 16 and Saturday 17 October, and Friday 11 and Saturday 12 December**. One day will focus on quilting pre-basted quilts and the other day will be the more traditional workshops sorting donations, cutting, binding and borders. The workshop days are free of charge and tea and coffee will be available too. No experience is necessary just a willingness to take part. Please book your space via <https://www.littleshopoffabrics.co.uk/courses>

We would like to give our huge thanks to Daisy Rudnick, who currently runs the Project Linus table at the Oast Quilters meetings and who will be retiring at the end of the year. Daisy and her team have done an amazing job at raising funds to help us source fabric and wadding for Linus quilts. Thank you Daisy!

As usual as we head into the colder months, we need larger quilts and quilts suitable for boys or gender-neutral quilts. Thank you to everyone that donated Christmas and other fabrics. We have been making scrappy quilts.

If you have quilts to donate, Daisy will happily collect any donations on our behalf. Alternatively, you can contact one of your local Project Linus 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

Thank you for continuing to support Project Linus.

Ceri Old's Use of an Oast Bursary



Ceri attended Nancy Adamek's class on 'Optical Illusion in EPP' (English Paper Piecing), having never done any EPP. She began with the 'rainbow' Inner city cubes and then had a go at the 'Inner City' trapezoids using blues. Following a trip to 'The Little Shop of Fabrics' she found the three fabrics which worked to make 'Open Boxes'. As a hen keeper they spelled hens, straw and netting to Ceri. Her daughter bought her the Japanese quilting book, which uses more subtle earthy tones and she wondered how they would work. So, after another trip to LSOF and she tried the 'Tumbling Blocks' and appliqued them to the dark background. Certainly, the bursary was put to good use in Ceri's exploration of various paper piecing styles.

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

26 September	Oast Open Day The Langton Boys 10am
26 September	PAT Testing from 1pm The Langton Boys
22 October	Showcase Set Up at St Andrew's Church 2.00pm
23-24 October	Oast Showcase St Andrew's Church Canterbury CT1 2UA 10.00am - 5.00pm
7 November	UFO Day LHVH 9.30am
14 November	Hawkinge Quilt Show 10.00am - 4.00pm
28 November	Oast AGM and Ruby Challenge Vote The Langton Boys 1.30pm
5 December	Oast Sewing Bee Petham VH 9.30am
2027	
9 - 10 January	Oast Meeting and workshop 1.30pm
13 - 14 March	Oast Meeting and workshop 1.30pm



Hosting Rota 2026	Host	Raffle	Assist
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)		