

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR . . .

Dear Quilters,

Spring is nearly upon us, and the clocks go forward soon so lighter evenings will be very much welcome. We look forward to seeing a few more Members at the evening meetings in the coming months.

The **Committee** are busy preparing for the forthcoming AGM. **Rebekah Cornford** will be sending out renewal forms for your subscriptions shortly, payment and return of the form will be required by **15 April** which is the date of the **AGM**.

There will be an option to become a 'morning only' Member, so look out for a letter if that is of interest to you.

The recent weekend saw the first **Quilters' Guild Regional Day** since the pandemic began two years ago, and over 70 people attended. It was a huge success, and the efforts of **Mead Quilters** in providing refreshments was very much appreciated by the **Guild Region 7 Committee**. Thank - you to those who helped on the day and to those who attended from Mead.

## A few updates . . .

**Living Crafts** will take place from **May 5 - 8**, we are looking for some additional volunteers for the Mead stall. Please speak to **Carol Wort** or **Linda Cosgrove** in this regard.

## Upcoming Meetings . . .

**May 17: Susan Dye-'Plant Dyes'**. We also have the option to book a Sunday afternoon tour of the dye garden in **Hitchin**. Please email me if you are interested.

**June 21: Summer Party** - A celebration of 30 years of **Mead Quilters** and the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**.

**July 19: Penny Bicknell**, evening speaker

**A note for your diary:** Our **Quilting Exhibition** will now take place on **Saturday 18 March 2023**. Our wooden quilt stands have been overhauled and repaired for the exhibition, now all we need are quilts to display!

Finally, we hope to see you all in **April at the AGM**.

Until then, keep stitching.

*Heather Hunt*

## WORKSHOP

Following the hugely popular **January** speaker **Karen Eckmeier**, a **Zoom** workshop is booked for **March**.

**KAREN ECKMEIER**

**Happy Villages Workshop**

Saturday 26 March, 10.00am - 4pm

On Zoom

£30.00

There are a few spaces left: apply for a place at [iqbookings21@gmail.com](mailto:iqbookings21@gmail.com)

## LIVING CRAFTS 5 - 8 MAY AT HATFIELD HOUSE

We would like to continue our presence at this yearly event but we need your help. **Carol Wort** has led the team for the past 5 years and would like to step down. We are looking for 3 people to help organise and run our stall.

Please email **Carol** on

[carol@meadquilters.org](mailto:carol@meadquilters.org)

to discuss what is involved

## QUILTERS GUILD REGIONAL DAY

There was such a buzz in **Flaunden Village Hall** on the morning of **Saturday 12 March** as people started to arrive for the first **Region 7 Day** in over 2 years. Around 70 people came to renew acquaintances, shop, listen to talks and eat cake.

We were treated to 2 excellent speakers who work in fabric in very different ways.

In the morning **Paula Doyle** took us through her methods of constructing **Easy Stack** quilts in a simpler and less wasteful way than how we might have made **Stack 'n' Whack** quilts in the past. Her choice of fabrics and way of cutting it and assembling the blocks made for some colourful and intriguing quilts.

She also had some excellent visual aids to demonstrate stages of the process.

The overhead lighting was not ideal for taking photographs but I hope you get the idea . . .



On **Paula's** website are links to **YouTube** videos showing the method:

<https://greenmountainquilts.com/>



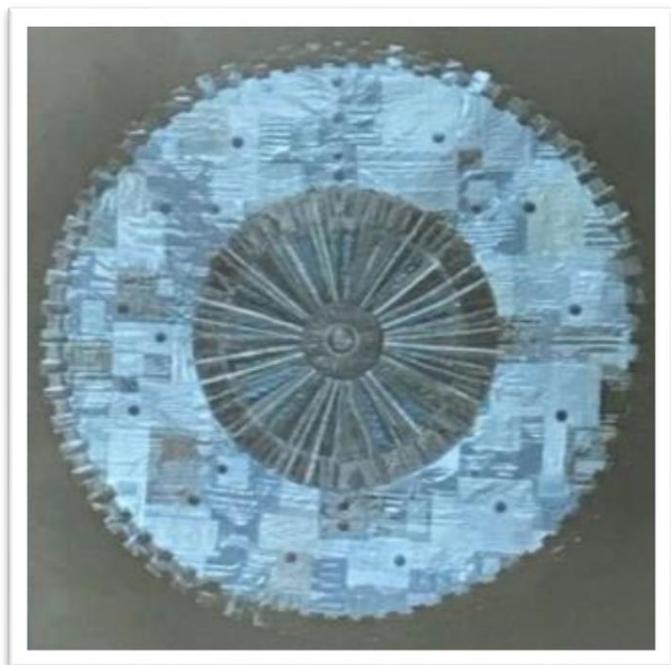
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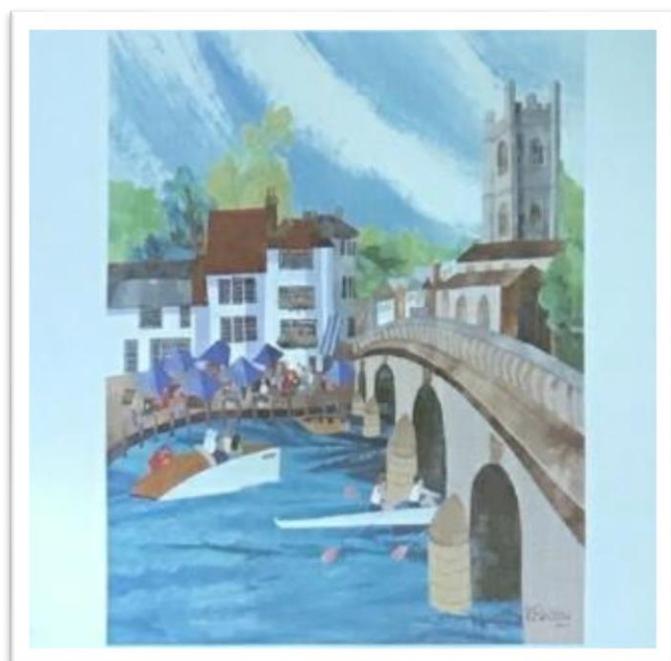
**Paula Doyle** with **Region 7 Organiser Marion McCrindle**

After lunch, *Kate Findlay* gave us a very professional presentation about how she works in series with *Collage* quilts. Having trained in art and becoming a carpet designer, later moving into teaching, she is now a full time artist.

*Kate's* inspiration comes from many sources, and on this occasion her subjects were very varied: her home town of *Henley* with the river and regatta, the *Large Hadron Collider* and birds!



*Kate Findlay's* Hadron Collider quilt . . .



. . . and her Henley on Thames quilt

Many of her colourful designs have been translated into greetings cards, cushions, mugs and kits which can be obtained through her website:

<https://artsfindlay.co.uk/>

Finally, as always, there was a *Show and Tell Session*. This one is possibly from a *Mead Quilter*?



Thanks are due to *Marion McCrindle* and the *Region 7* team for organising the day in what is one of the best equipped village halls I have ever been in!

*Alison King*

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

We ask the following precautions be taken into account:

We will have the windows open so come prepared.

Wear a mask if you would like to but not everyone will be wearing one.

**If you feel unwell,  
please stay at home.**