



MEAD QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Contact Jennie by email: barwise.jennie@gmail.com

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Meetings this month

Tuesday 1st July 2025: 9.30 am

Morning sewing meeting. Bring your own sewing. Stuffing will be available for heart cushions and webbing for drain bags.

Tuesday 15th July 2025: 7.30 pm

Speaker: Roxanna Pallet from Hannah's Room, The Beauty of Batiks



Morning meeting: 6 of our finished strip quilts on display.



Morning meeting: show-and-tell



Numbers quilt by Jeanette



Cat canvas work by Angela



Gift bags by Carol M



Easy stack quilt by Alison K



Heart cushions, still
going strong

Evening meeting: AGM and summer party

Reports were read and a new committee was elected.



Mead Quilters AGM
June 2025

Mead Quilters proposed committee for 2025 - 2026



Jennie Barwise.
Chair and
Newsletter



Francesca Entwistle.
Secretary and
Refreshments



Sheila
Bulley



Alison King.
Speaker
Programme



Carol Wort.
Membership
Secretary



Morgane
Conti



Alison Williams.
Treasurer



Elizabeth Richardson &
Linda Cosgrove. Sales table



Carol
Martin

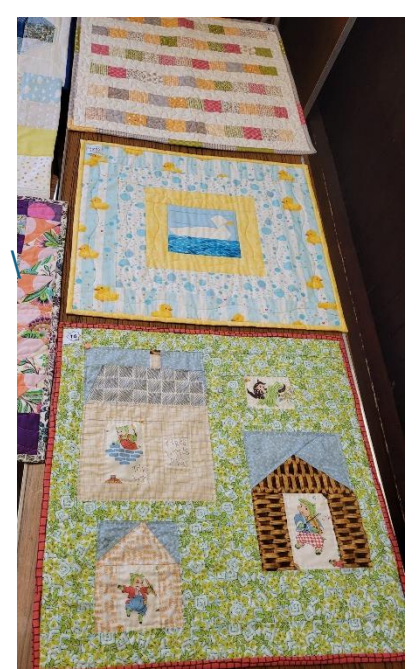
Incubator Challenge: The challenge this year was to make an incubator quilt with a childhood theme, which could then be donated to the neo-natal unit at Watford hospital. An amazing array of 27 beautiful quilts were entered and several members even sent in their entries when they couldn't attend the meeting themselves. Thank you so much to all who took part. We voted for our favourite quilts and Carol M was the winner with her lovely duck themed quilt, Sheila B was 2nd and Carol W 3rd. Ginny was also able to take away a large stack of quilts for the hospital.





1st Carol M, 2nd Sheila B, 3rd Carol W

27 beautiful quilts



Show and tell,
evening meeting



Neat little bag made
by Margaret.



Beautiful quilt made by Linda C from
fabric won in last year's raffle.

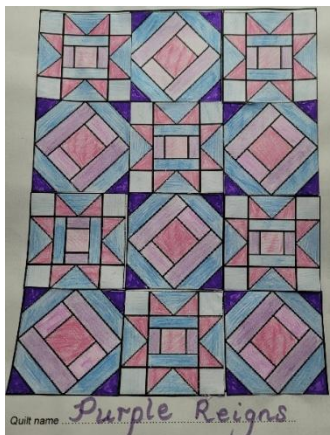


Beautiful quilt made by Sarah H



Clever easy-stack quilt by Ginny

Evening meeting, Design Challenge: members were given a challenge to chose colours for a 'box of chocolates quilt' and to colour in the blocks to create the quilt.



Exciting News!

Next year's challenge will be to make "a cushion of any shape, design or colour" We will then vote on our favourite at the AGM meeting in June and the winner will be awarded the challenge plate. We hope that members will then donate their cushions to be used on the cushion tombola at **our next exhibition, which has now been provisionally booked for October 2026 (exact date to be confirmed).**



For those of you who are new members, a **Mead Exhibition** is a wonderful event, when we display as many quilts as we can possibly manage, to show off all our amazing work. We also have a sales table for quilted and handmade items and another for fabric, a raffle for charity, a cushion tombola, a trader and tea and coffee with homemade cakes. So, what can you do to help?

- lend your favourite quilt for display (any shape or size)
- make a cake or biscuits for the event (or buy some if you prefer!)
- volunteer to help by manning a stall, stewarding or serving refreshments

Mead Quilters online

Mead Quilters website - <https://meadquilters.org.uk>

News of our meetings and show and tell gallery.

Mead Quilters Members Facebook group: This is a closed group for club members. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/770972933274429>

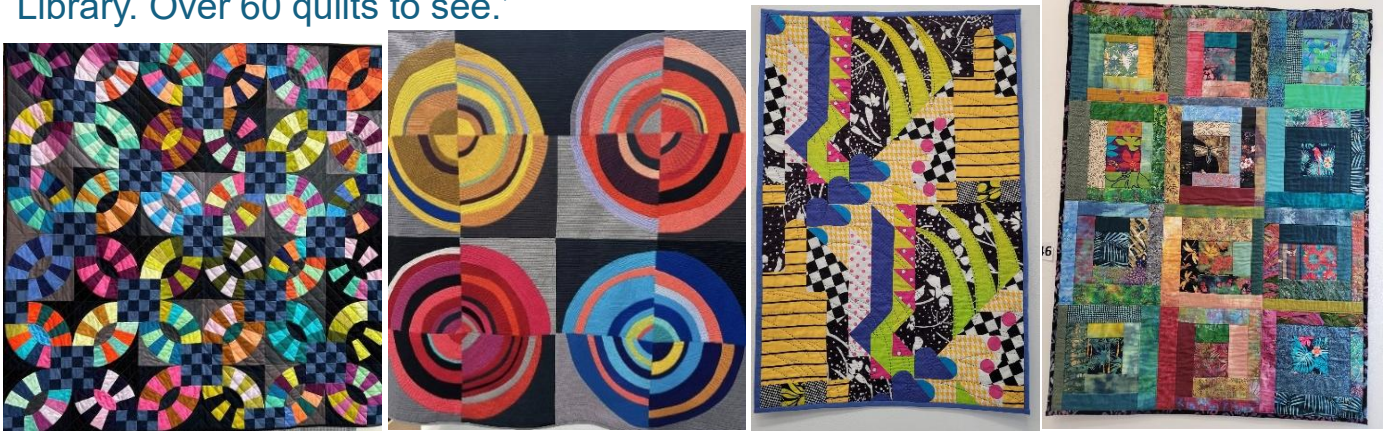
Mead Quilters Public Page:

This is a public page to advertise our group and events. [Facebook](#)

Mead Quilters on Instagram:

Janet looks after our Mead Quilters Instagram account. You can follow us here - [Mead Quilters \(@meadquilters\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Facebook members' page: Ginny reported on her visit to the London Quilters' exhibition, 'Beautiful quilts at the London Quilt show today at Swiss Cottage Library. Over 60 quilts to see.'

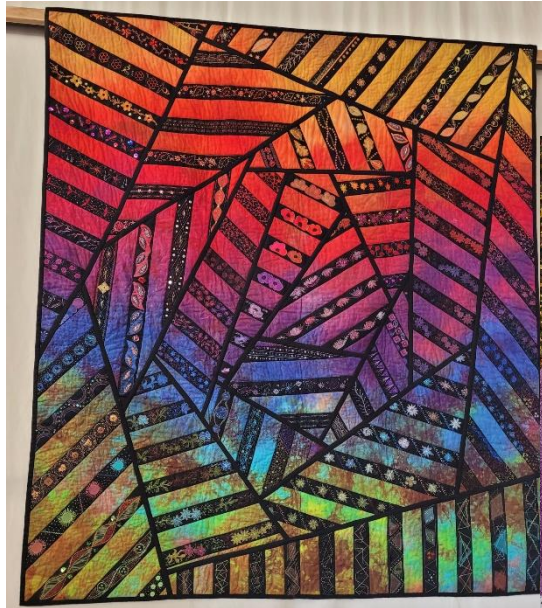


Members Days Out: Following from Ginny's recommendation on Facebook, Francesca and Jennie decided to visit the exhibition at Swiss Cottage, only to bump into Alison K and Alison W in the coffee bar there! We all agreed, it was well worth a visit.



Members Days Out

Jennie and Jane S visited the Quilt event at Kempton Park racecourse, where they also bumped into Alison W (this is becoming a habit!). Here are some of the lovely quilts on display. There were also quite a few interesting traders!



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

The London Quilters Exhibition: 3rd June to 3rd July 2025. Mon – Thurs 10 am to 8pm, Fri & Sat 10 am to 5 pm. Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3 3HA

Threaded Together: an exhibition by Urban Textiles: 11th Jun to 30th Aug 2025
Weds, Fr & Sat. 11 am to 3 pm. The Old Town hall, Baldock. SG7 6AR.

Lamport Hall Quilting and Sewing Show: 18th to 20th July 2025. 10 am to 4 pm.
Lamport, Northamptonshire, NN6 9EZ.

Festival of Quilts: NEC Birmingham. 31st July to 3rd Aug 2025

Quilt St Albans quilt exhibition: 4th Oct 2025. Redbourn.
(see table below for details)


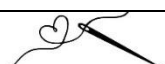
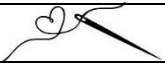






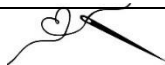
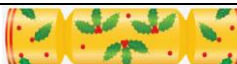

















Knitting & Stitching Show: Alexandra Palace, London. 9th to 12th Oct 2025

Autumn Quilt Festival, Newmarket Racecourse, 6th to 8th November 2025

Let us know of any upcoming events that you have heard of, so that we can keep members informed. If you visit any of them, do send pictures!

Events and Speakers at Quilters Guild Groups. June 2025		
Thurs 17 th Jul 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5.	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters. Kate Findlay: Appliqué Birds	Memorial Hall, Sawbridgeworth. CM21 9BD
Mon 8 th Sep 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome £5	Speaker from Monkey Buttons at Ickneild Quilters	Baldock Community Centre, Baldock. SG7 6DH
Thurs 18 th Sep 7.30pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters. Helen Howes – A journey into 3D	Memorial Hall, Sawbridgeworth. CM21 9BD
Sat 4 th Oct 10am - 4pm	Quilt St Albans group quilt exhibition	St John Fisher church, Peppard Close, Redbourn. AL3 7PN
Tues 7 th Oct 7.30 pm Visitors welcome, £5.	Speaker at Priory Quilters. Pascale Michelski: From Painter to Quilter	Royston Town Hall, Melbourn Street, Royston. SG8 7DA
16 th Oct 7.30 pm Visitors welcome, £5.	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters. Jane Cheshire: My journey into hand stitched quilts	Memorial Hall, Sawbridgeworth. CM21 9BD

Mead Quilters Programme 2025 - 2026

Tues 5th Aug: 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting. 
Tues 2nd Sep: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting
Sat 13th Sep: 1:00 pm	Saturday sewing day 
Tues 16th Sep: 7.30 pm Book/gadget evening 	Bring a sewing related book to share, a useful gadget or one that you don't know how to use.
Tues 7th Oct: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting
Tues 21st Oct: 7.30 pm Speaker Joy Harber Log cabin quilts https://joysalvage.wordpress.com/ 	  
Tues 4th Nov: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting
Sat 15th Nov: 1:00 pm Workshop with Janet Goddard	Saturday sewing day. Make a Christmas cracker. 
Tues 18th Nov: 7.30pm Speaker Annie Folkard Inspired by colour https://anniefolkardquilts.uk/ 	  
Tues 2nd Dec: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting with mince pies
Tues 16th Dec: 7.30 pm	Christmas party 
Tues 6th Jan: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting
Mon 12th Jan : Joint Zoom with Mimram and Icknield Quilters. Speaker Carolyn Gibbs, a quilt historian and researcher. www.carolyn gibbs.co.uk	   
Tues 3rd Feb : 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting
Tues 17th Feb: 7.30 pm Speaker Megan Manwaring. An Australian Quilter, passionate about all things patchwork, quilting and textiles. https://www.instagram.com/meganmanwaring/?hl=en	   
Tues 3rd Mar: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting
Tues 17th Mar: 7.30 pm. Speaker Cathy Corbishley-Michel. Cyanotype quilts. https://www.baus.org.uk/museum/1387/cyanotype_on_fabric_applique_quilts	