



MEAD QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

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

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Meetings this month

Tuesday 3rd June 2025: 9.30 am

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

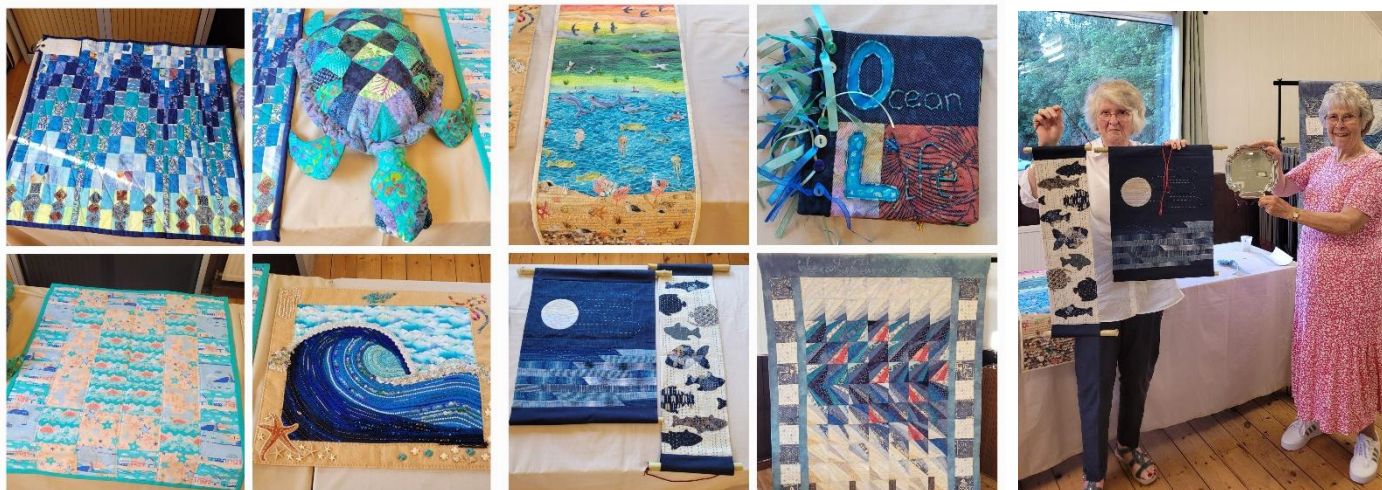
Tuesday 17th June 2025: 7.30 pm

AGM and Summer Party: club reports for the year will be submitted and the committee elected for the following year. Please do attend and support the committee.

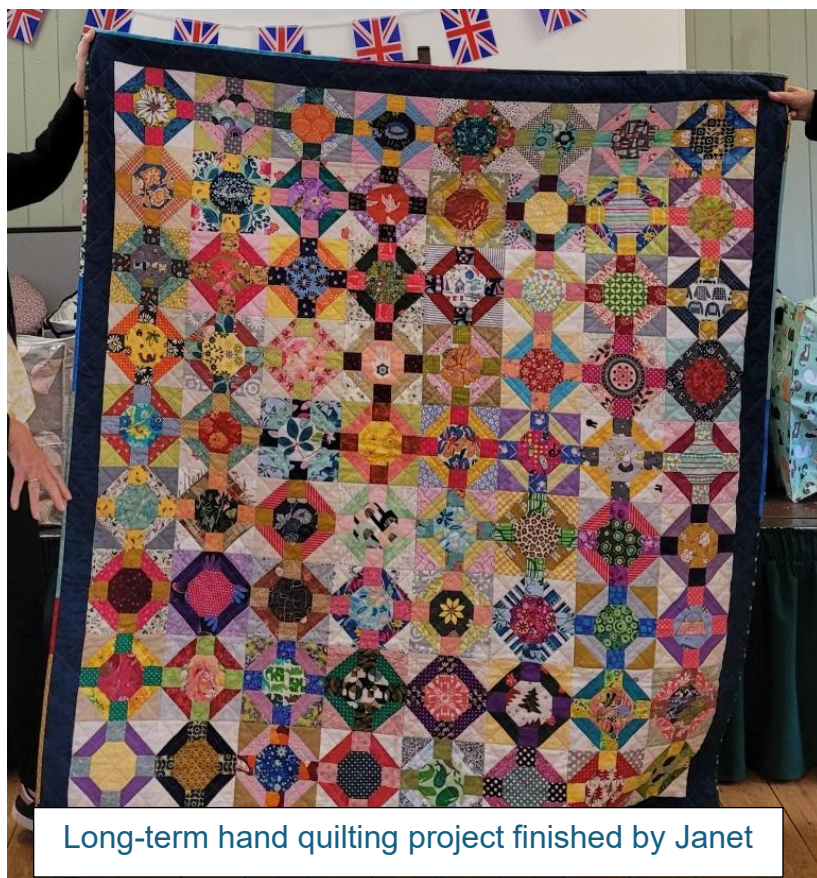
The AGM will be followed by the Summer party. Do bring a plate of food to share, just 6 items, sweet or savoury. Fruit punch will be provided. There will be a design challenge too.

Make sure to also bring your entry for the incubator quilt challenge!

The quilt should be roughly the size of a fat quarter (22" x 20") and with a childhood theme / colour. We will vote for the best entry during the meeting and the winner will be awarded the Mead Quilters silver plate! Ginny will be happy to collect any quilts at the end of the meeting. These will be donated to the West Herts hospital at Watford. (Pictures of last year's challenge are shown below).



Morning meeting: show-and-tell



Long-term hand quilting project finished by Janet



Quilt panel in progress by
Michelle



Quilt by her granddaughter by Carol W



Group strip quilt #6 assembled by
Sheila

Morning meeting: more show and tell



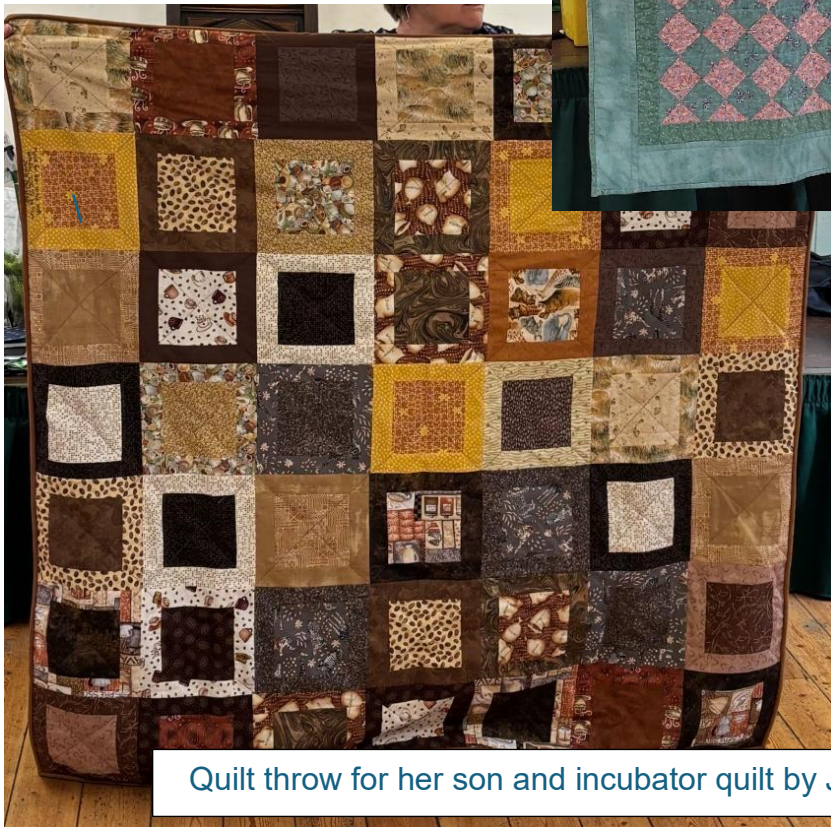
Quilts by Val



Incubator quilt by Francesca



Quilt brought in by Linda for the Living Crafts display

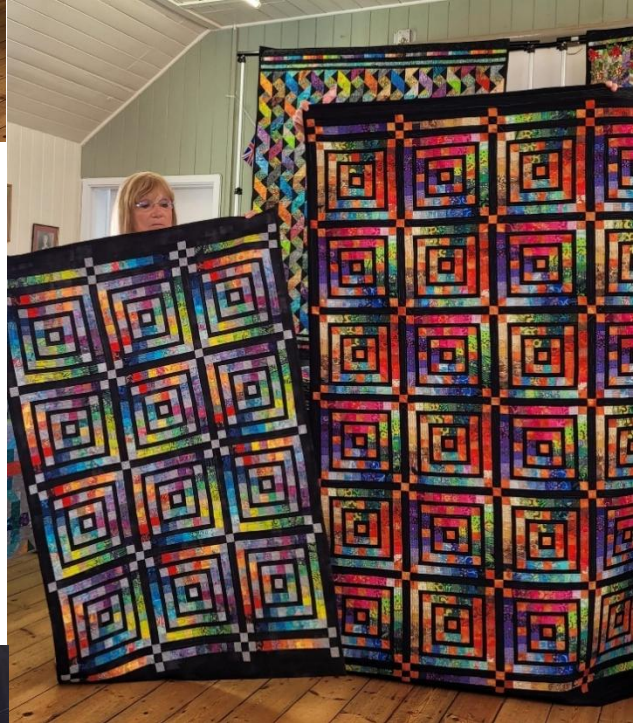
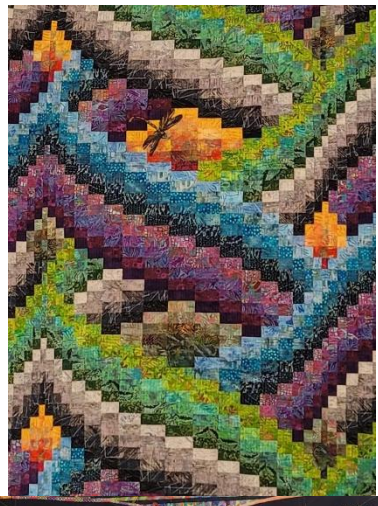
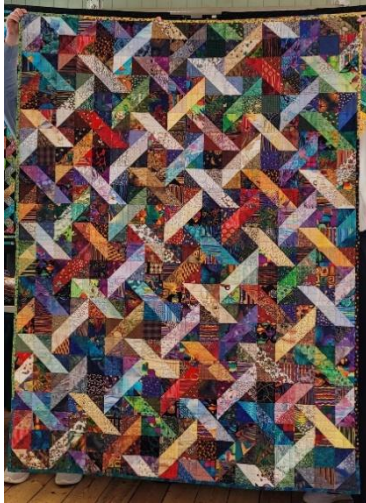


Quilt throw for her son and incubator quilt by Jennie



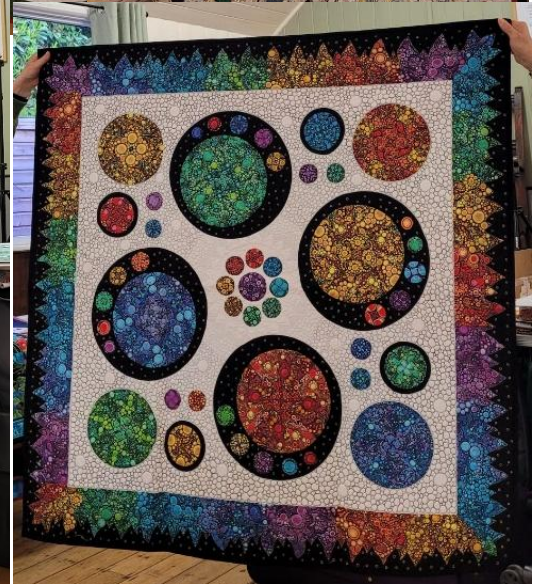
May Saturday Meeting: Speaker Jan Hassard

So many quilts! Jan brought a fantastic array of quilts to illustrate her quilting journey. We were bowled over by the skill demonstrated in her work and the beautiful colour combinations used. A most enjoyable afternoon.



May Evening Meeting: Speaker Paula Doyle

Paula showed us how to follow her easy-stack method to create beautiful kaleidoscope patterns, from one fabric or panel. Her display of quilts was also wonderful and very inspiring.



Living Crafts: Thank you to everyone who helped to set up and man the stall at Living Crafts and also to all who lent their work for display. We had a beautiful stall demonstrating all our wonderful work. This craft fair is well worth visiting. Put it in your diary for next year: **7th to 10th May 2026 at Hatfield House.**



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>

Ginny posted on our Facebook page to show what she had made using the easy-stash method shown to us by Paula Doyle at our last meeting. Well done, Ginny, that is brilliant!



Mead Quilters Public Page:

This is a public page to advertise our group and events.

[Facebook](#)

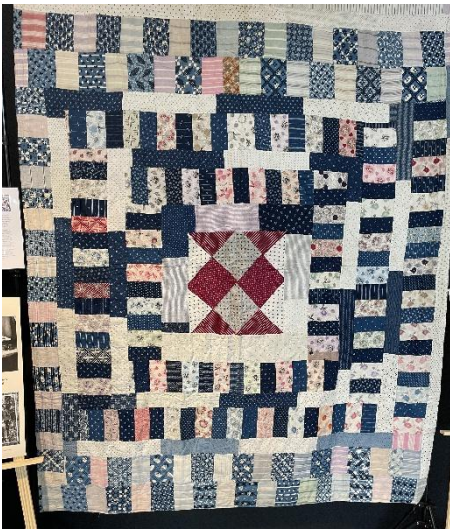
Mead Quilters on Instagram

Janet looks after our Mead Quilters Instagram account. You can follow us here -

[Mead Quilters \(@meadquilters\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Members Days Out

Alison K went to a seminar: she reported –



A few years ago, Deb McGuire came to speak to us at Mead. While researching her PhD on the history of 18th - 20th century quilts at the London College of Fashion, she has set up a research collaborative with a colleague Dr Jess Bailey called "Within the Frame". They have had a bid accepted by Heritage Crafts to have hand quilting added to their list of endangered crafts.



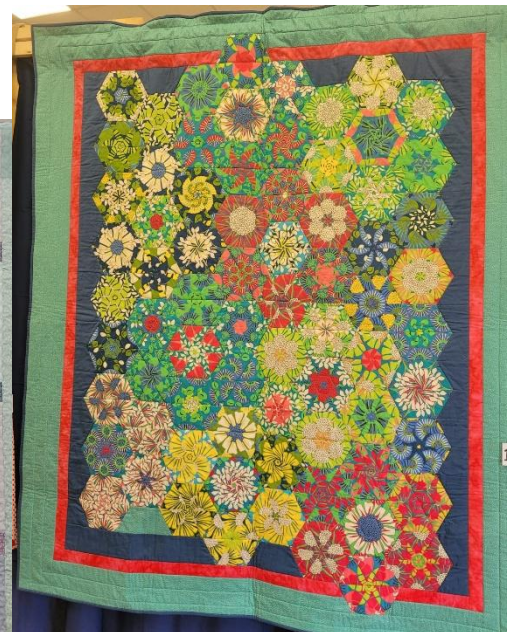
On May 15th I visited a Quilting Bee at the LCF where Deb and Jess had set up 3 quilting frames and encouraged people to participate. This was followed by an evening of talks. It was such an interesting evening learning about the efforts being made to preserve craft traditions in this country and there was lots of enthusiasm for our craft. We learned that there were no active quilt frame makers left so Jess and Deb have been working with furniture maker James Torble to make frames once again available. You can read lots more about all this work online.

<https://www.withintheframe.co.uk> <https://plainstitch.co.uk/> <https://www.publiclibraryquilts.com/>
<https://www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/about/who-we-are/>

Alison

Jennie Visited the Ash Valley Quilters' exhibition at Sawbridgeworth

There was a lot of lovely work on display and she also got some good ideas for the sales table at our next exhibition!



More Members days Out

Jennie B and Hilda (ex-Mead member) went to an enjoyable Quilters Guild Area Day at Flitwick. Jennie Rayment ran a workshop in the morning on twist, twiddle and tuck – a sort of sudoku with fabric! In the afternoon she gave a talk, showing several different styles of quilting. Jennie Rayment is an entertaining speaker, ending her talk by removing her amazing skirt to reveal fancy-sewn undergarments! A move for which she has apparently been banned as a speaker by the Quilters Guild! If you haven't been to an Area Day yet, do try to come along, they are good fun.



Jennie Rayment's quilts



Twist and Twiddle from the workshop



Show-and-tell from Hilda and Bobby



Heather has been on her quilting travels again. She reported on Facebook: "I spent the week in Cornwall at Cowslip workshops, a 2-day wool applique class with Maggie Bonanomi. then an applique class with Jo. I finished the week at the Brocante in the barn where I purchased some vintage linens 😊 The classes were full of quilters who had travelled from all over the world to take part."



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

Springfields Quilt Show: Spalding, Lincolnshire. 6th to 7th Jun 2025

Patchwork at Kempton Park Racecourse: 13th to 14th Jun 2025

Threaded Together: an exhibition by Urban Textiles: 11th Jun to 30th Aug.
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. 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

Tues 3 rd Jun 7.30pm Visitors welcome, £5.	Speaker at Priory Quilters. Sarah Impey, textile artist: My Quilts	Royston Town Hall, Melbourn Street, Royston. SG8 7DA
Mon 9 th Jun 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Ickneild Quilters. Carolyn Forster: Scrap quilting.	Baldock Community Centre, Simpson Drive, Baldock. SG7 6DH
Thurs 19 th Jun 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters. Christine Green: Bust the rules and get creative	Memorial Hall, Sawbridgeworth. CM21 9BD
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

Tues 1st July: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting.
Tues 15th July: 7.30pm Speaker Roxanna Pallet from Hannah's Room The beauty of batiks. https://www.hannahsroom.co.uk/pages/about-us 	 
Tues 5th Aug: 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting. No evening meeting this month 
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.co.uk/ 	  
Tues 2nd Dec: 9.30 am 	Morning sewing meeting with mince pies
Tues 16th Dec: 7.30 pm	Christmas party 