



MEAD QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

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

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This month's meetings

Tuesday 5th August 2025: 9.30 am

Morning sewing meeting. Bring your own sewing.
Stuffing will be available for heart cushions.

Tuesday 2nd September 2025:

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

Saturday 13th September 2025 1.00 pm. Saturday sewing day:

Joan will give a workshop on covering a canvas bag.

If you would like to take part, you will need to bring –

- a canvas or jute bag (£1.50 from Sainsburys).
Unpick it and remove all loose threads.
- 80 cm (115cm wide) strong fabric for outside,
[curtain material is ideal, offcuts available from Chelfords,
Coldharbour Lane, Harpenden]
- 80 cm (115 cm wide) fabric for inside, [curtain lining or cotton]
- thread to match fabric, sewing kit including **strong** hand sewing needle and thread, fabric scissors, pins, quilt clips.
- sewing machine with 1/4" foot if possible, 2 machine needles size 90.
[If you cannot bring your machine, there will be some available to use]



Tuesday 16th September 2025: 7.30 pm

Book/gadget evening: bring a sewing book that you love or a useful gadget or one that you don't know how to use to share with fellow members.

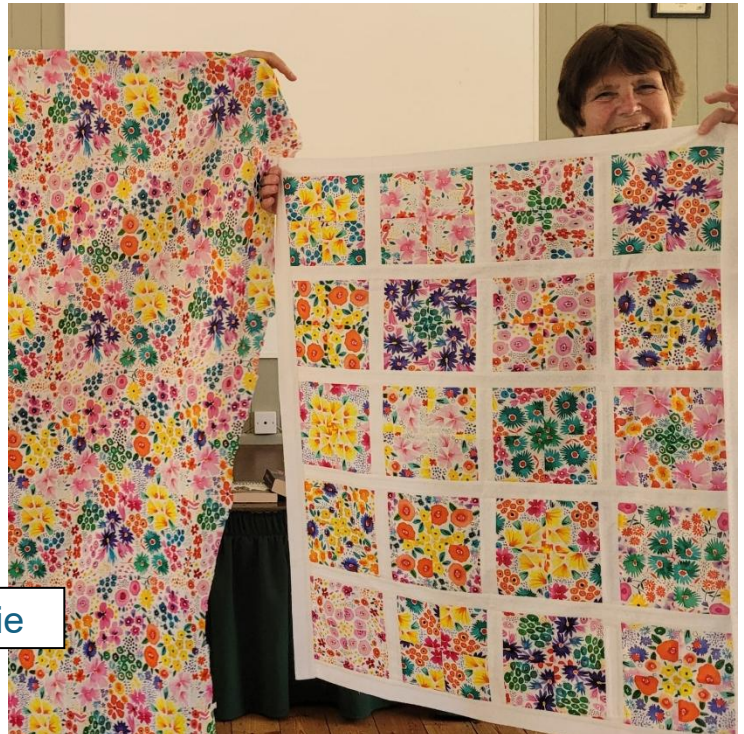
This meeting will be free for all members.

Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
From Nov 2025 Members sales tables at meetings	From November 2025 you will be able to book a sales table at any Mead meeting. The charge will be £5 and you can sell any sewing related items and keep all the proceeds. You could also join with other members to book a table together. Please contact Elizabeth to make a booking - elizabethr0649@gmail.com
December 2025 Christmas decoration swap with Icknield and Mimram Quilters	Icknield and Mimram are keen for us to take part in their Christmas decoration swap this year. This will involve making a tree decoration (probably a flat, hanging item to go in the post) and sending it to another member and you will receive one in return. Details to follow.
16th – 22nd Dec 2025 Christmas Tree Festival. St Saviours Church, Sandpit Lane, St Albans. AL1 4DF	Make a decoration for the Mead tree, to take part in this colourful festival. It will help to spread the word about our group. Details to follow soon. Make a note in your diary to visit the festival!
23rd – 25th Jan 2026 Mead Retreat at Denham Grove Hotel.	Join in our enjoyable and productive weekend. Two whole days of sewing! For further details, contact Jennie – barwise.jennie@gmail.com
28th Mar 2026 Quilters Guild Herts Area Day Marford Hall, Marford Road, Wheathampstead. AL4 8AY An excellent day is promised, Sarah Humphreys, will give a morning lecture and afternoon workshop.	Please make a booking now if you can come, Jennie is organising this event and is hoping for lots of support from Mead members as it is so local. She would also appreciate some help with refreshments, for which there may be some reduction in the ticket price. Thank you very much. Full details and how to book a place on the Quilters Guild website here - https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/regions/region-seven/events/herts-regional-day-march-twenty-eighth
17th Oct 2026 Mead Quilters Exhibition Exhibition of quilts, sales, cushion tombola, raffle, refreshments and trader. Marford Hall, Marford Road, Wheathampstead. AL4 8AY	Put this date in your diary today, so that you make sure not to miss it! You can take part by lending a quilt or quilted item for the display, by making a cushion for the tombola or items for the sales table and by volunteering to make or serve refreshments and help on the various stalls on the day. Details to follow. We are also looking for donated quilts for the raffle (throw size and above). If you think you have one or can make one, please contact Alison W - amwill22@btinternet.com

July Morning meeting: show-and-tell



Easy stack by Christine and Jennie



Beautiful quilt top by Carol M



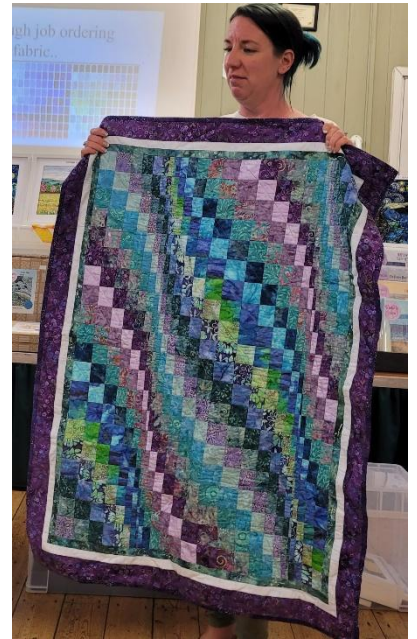
Barbie talked about the history of hand quilting and showed us some of her excellent worked examples.

Trish sewed badges on to her Guide blanket!



July Evening Meeting: Speaker Roxanna Pallet from Hannah's Room

<https://www.hannahsroom.co.uk/> A very interesting talk from Roxanna about the history of batiks and how they are made. She also told us about her own creative journey and showed us some of her beautiful quilts and panels.



Members Days Out

Liberty's: Ginny, Francesca and Jennie all visited the Liberty patchwork house. There were nearly 1000 patchwork squares displayed on the house and in fabric books, which could be browsed in the seating area below. There was also a display on the top floor of the store, outlining the history of Liberty fabric design, all lovely to see.



Lamport Quilt Show

Jennie spent some time on the Quilters Guild Region 7 stand at the Lamport Show. Despite the rain the show was well worth a visit with lots of traders and quilts on display. Hopefully this new show will be on again next year.



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

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.

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. Aug 2025		
Mon 1 st Sep 25. 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Mimram Quilters . Elizabeth Rutt, textile artist – One stitch leads to another.	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER
Mon 8 th Sep 25 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome £5	Speaker from Monkey Buttons at Ickneild Quilters	Baldock Community Centre, Baldock. SG7 6DH
Thurs 18 th Sep 25 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 25 10am - 4pm £2 cash entrance fee	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
Mon 2 nd Mar 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Mimram Quilters . Sara Sullivan, A History of Colour through Sylko. https://www.facebook.com/Speakersanddemonstratorsuwi/posts/from-the-inboxsara-sullivanoffering-two-talksin-person-within-45-miles-of-winche/877139194449944/	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER
Sat 28 th Mar 10.00 am – 4.00 pm QG members £30, non-members £45	Quilters Guild Area Day . Morning talk and afternoon workshop by Sarah Humphries.	Marford Memorial Hall, Marford Road, Wheathampstead, Herts. AL4 8AY

Mead Quilters online

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

News of our meetings and other events







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](#)

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mead Quilters Programme 2025 – 2026</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>full 2026 programme out soon!</i></p>	
<p>Tues 7th Oct: 9.30 am</p>	<p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
<p>Tues 21st Oct: 7.30 pm Speaker Joy Harber Log cabin quilts https://joysalvage.wordpress.com/</p> 	
<p>Tues 4th Nov: 9.30 am</p> 	<p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
<p>Sat 15th Nov: 1:00 pm Workshop with Janet Goddard</p>	<p>Saturday sewing day. Make a Christmas cracker.</p> 
<p>Tues 18th Nov: 7.30pm Speaker Annie Folkard Inspired by colour https://anniefolkardquilts.uk/</p> 	
<p>Tues 2nd Dec: 9.30 am</p> 	<p>Morning sewing meeting with mince pies</p>
<p>Tues 16th Dec: 7.30 pm</p>	<p>Christmas party</p> 
<p>Tues 6th Jan: 9.30 am</p> 	<p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
<p>Mon 12th Jan : Joint Zoom with Mimram and Icknield Quilters. Speaker Carolyn Gibbs, a quilt historian and researcher. www.carolyn gibbs.co.uk</p>	