



MEAD QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 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 2nd September 2025:

Morning sewing meeting. Bring your own sewing. Christmas tree decoration packs will be available for the Mead Christmas tree. Morgane will also introduce the new **group quilting bee project**, see next page for details.



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]



This meeting is free for all members

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 is free for all members.

Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
From September 2025 Quilting Bee with Morgane	Quilting Bee project. Members who join the project will design/choose a block that they wish to have made. Each month everyone makes a different block and gives it to the designer. Eventually you will receive enough blocks to make a quilt! Morgane will introduce the project at the September morning meeting. Evening members who are interested in taking part should contact Jennie.
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. The theme is Christmas Past, Present and Future. Packs will be available at the September meetings.
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	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 very local. Full details and how to book a place here - Region 7 - Events - The Quilters' Guild
17th Oct 2026 Mead Quilters Exhibition Marford Hall, Wheathampstead.	Put this date in your diary today, so that you make sure not to miss it! 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

August Morning meeting: show-and-tell



Quilts by Barbie and Brenda



Stunning quilt for her son and daughter-in-law by Francesca



House quilt made by Ginny's friend to use up so-called 'ugly' fabrics!



Charity projects: incubator quilts by Alison K, goodie bags by Ginny and more heart cushions and drain bags for the hospital



August Morning meeting: more show-and-tell



Amazing
Dresden
Plate
quilt by
Heather
with a
wonderful
fabric
backing



Beautiful quilts by
Janet and Sandra



The final group strip quilt,
number 8, pieced by Jennie

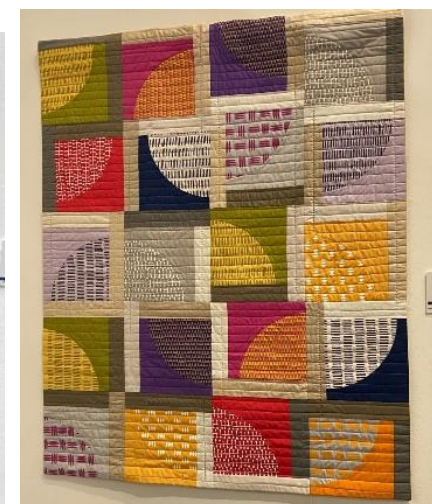
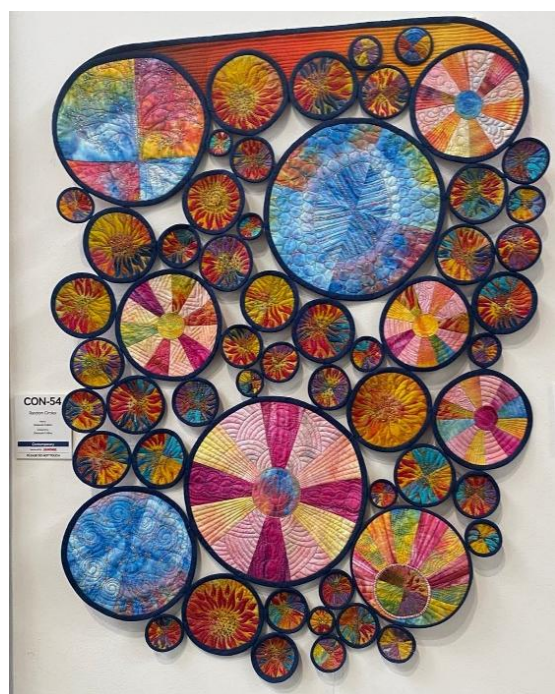


Lovely work by
Val and Irene

Members Days Out: Festival of Quilts

Several members visited the festival and posted pictures of the beautiful quilts on our Facebook page.

Thank you, Alison W, Francesca, Ginny and Heather.



More from the festival



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

Aruna Mene Open Studio Event: various dates in September, see details below

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!

Invitation to Herts Open Studios Event



Dr Aruna Mene BEM, MD, FRCPsych
website: www.arunamene.com

You are warmly invited to my home and art studio, which will be transformed into an art gallery. You can view and buy my intricate, joyous fabric collages and thoughtfully crafted baskets, necklaces, cushion covers, rag rugs and clothing. All are created from textile waste. I will also be displaying and selling canvas prints of my previously sold collages and greeting cards.

All profits from sales will be donated to several charities I support in the UK and India.

Visiting times are on 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th and 21st September 2025 between 11 am and 5 pm.

If you cannot attend during above times, please contact me to arrange another suitable time.


Drinks and refreshments will be available.

I am a retired hospital consultant, turned full time artist, and was honoured with the British Empire Medal (BEM) in 2023 for my contribution to fabric art, sustainability and charity.

Address: 73 Pine Grove, Brookmans Park, AL9 7BL (parking on the road)

For any queries, email me on arunamene@gmail.com WA/Text (Ravi) 07973937353

I look forward to seeing you soon.



QUILT ST ALBANS EXHIBITION 2025

SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
OVER 100 HANDMADE QUILTS
St John Fisher Church, Peppard Close, Redbourn AL3 7PN

- **QUILTS**
- **WALL HANGINGS**
- **AND MORE**
- Entrance fee £2 (STEP FREE ACCESS) Under 16's free
- Visitor's choice
- Refreshments available TEA – COFFEE – CAKE
- FABRIC + HABERDASHERY STALL Provided by FASHION 'n' FABRICS St Albans
- CASH ONLY FOR ENTRANCE AND REFRESHMENTS

Profits to PEACE HOSPICE + St JOHN FISHER CHURCH

For more information go to WWW.QUILTSTALBANS.COM

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](#)

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 at Icknield Quilters . Sheena Roberts: From Confused to Confident – colour magic for quilters. Interactive talk, bring fabric scraps, details below. *	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. Over 100 quilts, refreshments, fabric and haberdashery stall.	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. This event is now free for members of Mead Quilters	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-wince/877139194449944/	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER
Sat 28 th Mar: 10 am – 4pm QG members £30, non-members £45	Quilters Guild Area Day . Morning talk and afternoon workshop by Sarah Humphries.	Marford Memorial Hall, Wheathampstead. AL4 8AY

* Colour magic for quilters, Icknield Quilters Sep 8th

"A practical approach to making colour choices for your quilts. In the talk we will -

- look at examples of quilts where colours are chosen well (and less well!)
- investigate what we mean by colour words, and what others mean – not always the same thing!
- discuss what we mean by “colour families”
- look at what criteria we can use to group fabrics by colour
- discuss useful resources for you

Unusually for a talk, I would like you to bring some (not necessarily all!) of these fabrics, about 3” or larger. One piece each of sky blue, sunshine yellow, tomato red, forest green, teal, peach and royal purple.