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# MEAD QUILTERS

## NEWSLETTER

### NOVEMBER 2025

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Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Contact Jennie by email: [barwise.jennie@gmail.com](mailto:barwise.jennie@gmail.com)

or WhatsApp.  
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#### This month's meetings

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025: 9.30 am**

**Morning sewing meeting.** Bring your own sewing.

Stuffing will be available for heart cushions.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025: 1.00 pm**

Sewing afternoon. Bring your own sewing.

Janet Goddard will also run a workshop on how to make Christmas crackers. These are made with fabric and card and can be pulled apart to add a small gift.

If you would like to take part, please bring the following to make 2 crackers -

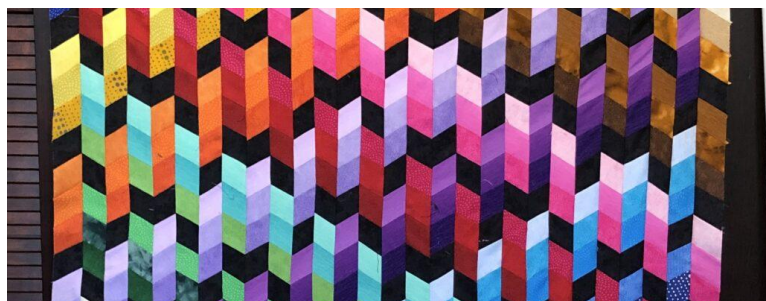
- 1 fat quarter each of Christmas fabric and plain contrasting fabric for the lining
- sewing kit and thread to match
- 1 metre of thin ribbon, Christmas trimmings (optional)
- card that can bend and hold a curve e.g. cereal packet cut into rectangles  
[ 4 of 2 ¾" x 6 ½"], [ 2 of 6 ½" x 4"], [ 2 of 6 ¼" x 4"]
- Pritt stick or fabric glue, rotary cutter mat and ruler, sewing kit

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025: 7.30 pm**

Speaker: Annie Folkard,

Inspired by Colour

<https://anniefolkardquilts.uk/>



Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
<b>From Nov 2025</b> Members sales tables at meetings	You can now book a sales table at any Mead meeting to sell your own sewing related items and keep all the proceeds. The cost is just £5. You could also join with other members to book a table together. Please contact Elizabeth to make a booking - <a href="mailto:elizabethr0649@gmail.com">elizabethr0649@gmail.com</a>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025</b> Exhibition of quilts for charity at St Albans Cathedral	Finish off any quilts you are making for Ginny's charities and make sure that she has them by the end of November. Last year Ginny and Caroline were able to send 100 quilts to women's refuges and homeless young people, amongst others. You can bring them to Mead meetings for donation. There will also be a sign up sheet to help with stewarding this event.
<b>December 2025</b> Christmas swap with Icknield and Mimram Quilters	Icknield and Mimram have organised a Christmas swap this year. The challenge is to make a pair of coasters. Very few rules but <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each coaster can be any shape but no larger than 5" across.</li> <li>• Christmas fabric preferred but do not buy, use your stash.</li> <li>• Heat resistant wadding would be good but not essential.</li> <li>• Please let Sue Rainbow know if you want to take part and send her a photo of your coasters and your address by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. email <a href="mailto:suerainbow1954@hotmail.co.uk">suerainbow1954@hotmail.co.uk</a> mobile, for WhatsApp <b>07901 105602</b></li> <li>• She will send you an address to post them to on December 8th.</li> <li>• You will the receive a pair of coasters in return.</li> </ul>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b> Mead Retreat at Denham Grove Hotel.	Join in our enjoyable and productive weekend. Two whole days of sewing! For further details, contact Jennie – <a href="mailto:barwise.jennie@gmail.com">barwise.jennie@gmail.com</a>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026</b> <b>Quilters Guild Herts Area Day</b> Marford Hall, Marford Road, Wheathampstead. AL4 8AY	<b>Please make a booking now if you can come</b> , 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 - <a href="#">Region 7 - Events - The Quilters' Guild</a>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2026</b> <b>Mead Quilters Exhibition</b> Marford Hall, Wheathampstead.	<b>Put this date in your diary today, so that you make sure not to miss it!</b> 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 - <a href="mailto:amwill22@btinternet.com">amwill22@btinternet.com</a>



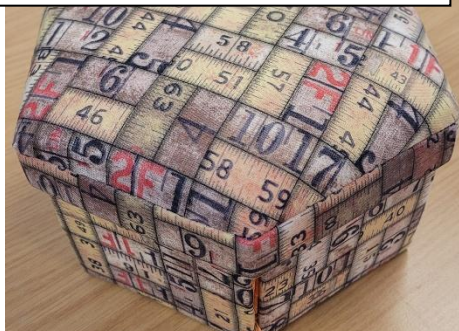
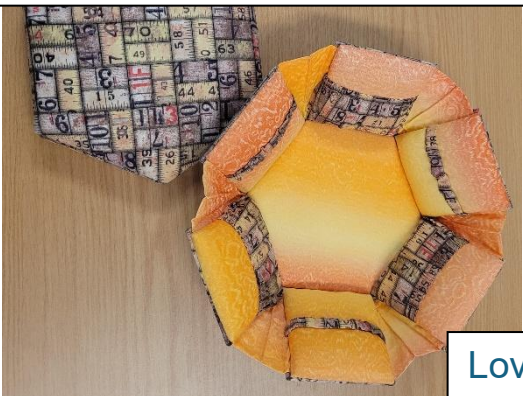
## October Morning meeting: show-and-tell



Beautiful quilt top by Francesca using Paula Doyle's easy-stack technique



Cushions by Ginny for the tombola



Lovely sewing box by Carol M.

More heart cushions.  
Thank you.



Halloween cushion by Jennie

Lots of Christmas tree decorations for the festival. Thank



**October evening meeting. Speaker Joy Harber, Log Cabin Quilts.** Joy was a most enthusiastic and inspirational speaker. We all really enjoyed the story of her quilting journey and laughed with her at the craziness of her very demanding life. Joy teaches textiles at a correctional institute for young offenders; she also runs a long arm quilting business and is in the process of moving house to extend this to quilting retreats and workshops. Meanwhile she also has two young children! Apart from that she has also made many astonishing and prize-winning quilts, most of which have a million tiny pieces.





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## October evening meeting: show and tell



Pretty blue quilt for charity  
by Carol W.



Stunning quilt by Linda C, made from fabric  
won as a raffle prize

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## 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](#)

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## Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2025: Quilt Exhibition.** All Saints Church, 7 High Street, Earls Barton, Northampton. NN6 0JG. 10 am to 4 pm

**6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Autumn Quilt Festival,** Newmarket Racecourse.

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Display of quilts** for charity at St Albans Abbey.  
10 am to 4 pm

**16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025: Christmas Tree Festival,** St Saviours Church, Sandpit Lane, St Albans, AL1 4DF. Do go along and see our tree!

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!

**Quilt exhibition**

In aid of music therapy for Laurence's care farm residents

November 1<sup>st</sup> 10am-4pm

All Saints Church, Earls Barton



Admission £2 adult, family £5

TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES



Contact Christine Davies 07938892255

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH  
Sandpit Lane AL1 4DF

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

PAST, **PRESENT** & YET TO COME...

**16-22 December**

A magical display of decorated fir trees celebrating our local community, in support of St Saviour's Development Fund & Herts Young Homeless

**ADMISSION FREE**  
**DONATIONS WELCOME**  
Cafe, Licensed Bar, Special Events



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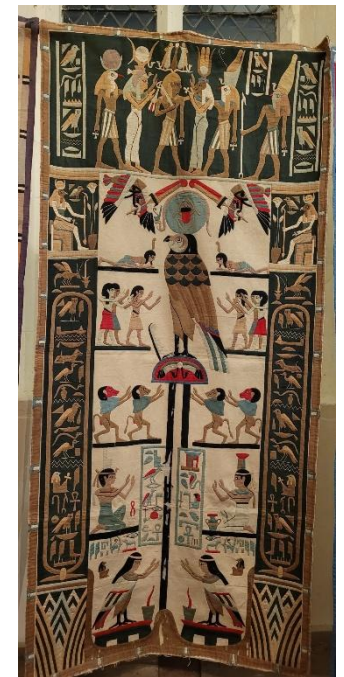
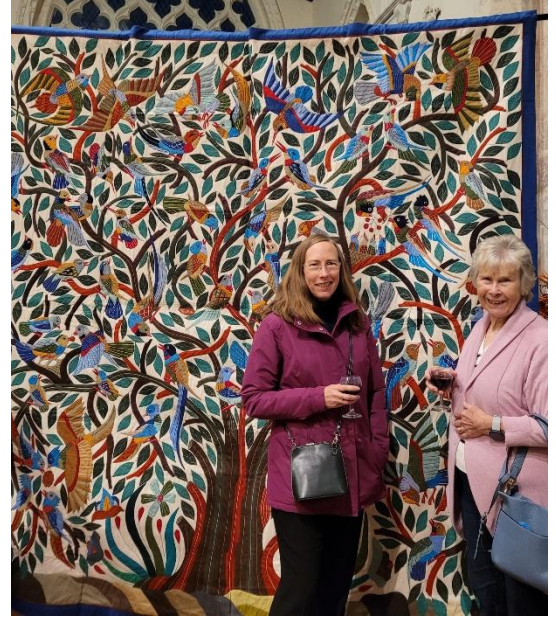


## Events and Speakers at Quilters Guild Groups. Oct 2025

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 7.30 pm Visitors welcome. This event is now free for members of Mead Quilters	<b>Speaker at Mimram Quilters.</b> Sara Sullivan, A History of Colour through Sylko. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Speakersanddemonstratorsuwi/posts/from-the-inboxsara-sullivanoffering-two-talksin-person-within-45-miles-of-winche/877139194449944/">https://www.facebook.com/Speakersanddemonstratorsuwi/posts/from-the-inboxsara-sullivanoffering-two-talksin-person-within-45-miles-of-winche/877139194449944/</a>	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar: 10 am – 4pm QG members £30, non-members £45	<b>Quilters Guild Area Day.</b> Morning talk and afternoon workshop by Sarah Humphries. Sign up here <a href="https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/regions/region-seven/events/herts-regional-day-march-twenty-eighth">https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/regions/region-seven/events/herts-regional-day-march-twenty-eighth</a>	Marford Memorial Hall, Wheathampstead. AL4 8AY



**Members' Days Out. Tent Makers of Cairo:** Jennie, Carol W, Liz and Emily went to the talk by Joan and John Fisher about the tentmakers in Wheathampstead church. Joan Fisher was once a Mead member and sends greetings to any who remember her. It was fascinating to hear about the origins of the craft and how it is done and the work on display was stunning.





**Members' Days Out: Quilt St Albans Exhibition, Redbourn.** Many Mead members went to see this truly inspiring exhibition of quilts. There is a video on their website here <https://www.quiltstalbans.com/> which gives a very good overview of all the quilts. Here are a few of our favourites.



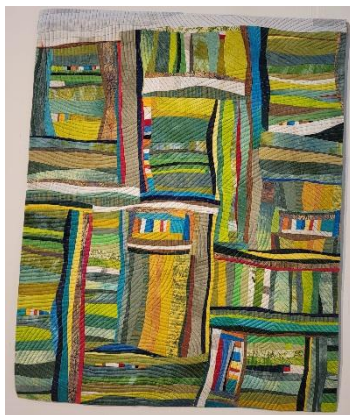
This was the winner of the visitors' choice award





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**Members' Days Out: Knitting & Stitch at Ally Pally.** Jennie and Jane S. made their annual pilgrimage to Ally Pally. This year it was very busy, with more high-end expensive stalls, but still worth a visit. Here is some of the work that was on display too.



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### **Quilting Classes available at Quilt St Albans, Redbourn**

Thanks to Heather for the link. Classes available: applique, introduction to patchwork and quilting, walking foot and free motion quilting.

<https://www.quiltstalbans.com/classes>

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