



MEAD QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 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 7th October 2025:

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

Packs will be available to make tree decorations for the tree festival at St Saviours Church, St Albans.

If you are taking part in the Mead Quilting Bee, bring along your sample block and pattern for show-and-tell.



Tuesday 21st October 2025: 7.30 pm

Speaker: Joy Harber, Log Cabin Quilts

[Joy Salvage – Joy Salvage Quilting in the Cotswolds](#)



Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
From Nov 2025 Members sales tables at meetings	From November 2025, Elizabeth will only be selling fabric for Mead and not for individual members. However, you will be able to 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 - elizabethr0649@gmail.com
Monday 8th Dec 2025 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.
December 2025 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"> • Each coaster can be any shape but no larger than 5" across. • Christmas fabric preferred but do not buy, use your stash. • Heat resistant wadding would be good but not essential. • Send a photo of your coasters and your address to Sue Rainbow by Dec 1st. Her email is suerainbow1954@hotmail.co.uk and her mobile, for WhatsApp is 07901 105602 • She will send you an address to post them to on December 8th. • You will the receive a pair of coasters in return.
16th – 22nd Dec 2025 Xmas 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 meetings this month.
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

September Morning meeting: show-and-tell



Lovely quilts by Trish



Charity quilt by Alison K, made from left overs from previous quilts



Joan's very skilfully made quilt top, donated to the exhibition raffle



Christine's black-work cushion, made by her Mum



Alison W with her award winning quilt at a local agricultural show



Jeanette's beautiful quilt for her niece, incorporating her baby quilt into the backing



More heart cushions. Thank you.



September Saturday sewing day. Joan ran a workshop on covering jute shopping bags. Everyone learned a lot and had a most enjoyable afternoon. Thank you, Joan.



Some beautiful bags were made



Other members made good progress with their hand sewing at the meeting



September evening meeting. Interesting books and gadgets.

Members brought books and gadgets that they found useful or interesting. Irene brought along a Canadian Red Cross quilt that she had rescued from a proposed life as a dog blanket!



We also had some lovely show-and-tell

A first quilt by Hilary

A fantastic tree shirt by Alison W



Quilting Bee panel by Francesca and cushions by Jennie



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

Exhibition of Quilting by 'Gone to Pieces': Elgiva Theatre, Chesham:
30th Sep – Oct 26th 10.30am to 3 pm Mon to Sat

Tentmakers of Old Cairo Talk: 2nd Oct 2025. 7.00 pm
St Helen's Church, Wheathampstead. AL4 8AA

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

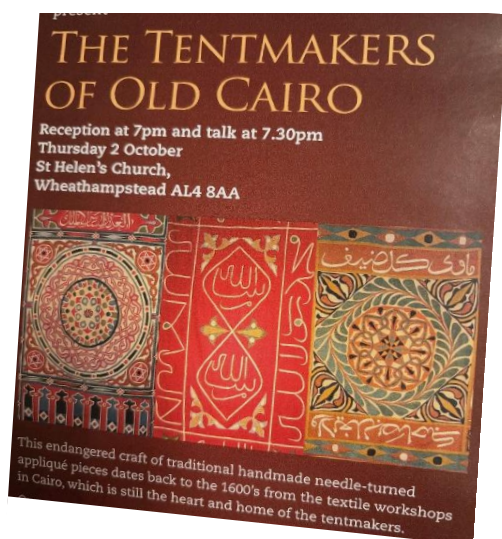
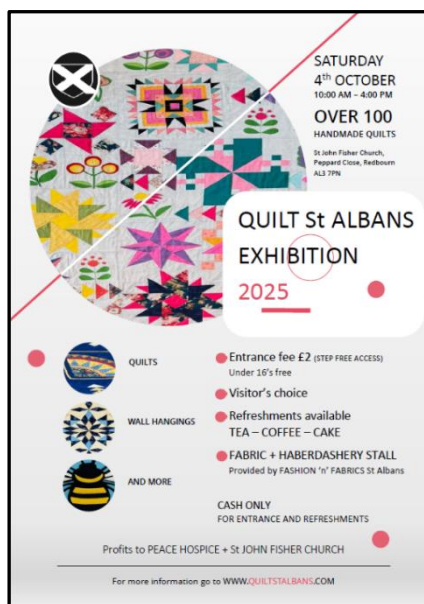
Knitting & Stitching Show: Alexandra Palace, London. 9th to 12th Oct 2025

Poppy Patch Quilt and Needlecraft Exhibition: 11th & 12th Oct 2025
10 am – 4 pm. Great Doddington Memorial Hall, High Street, Great Doddington.
NN29 7TQ

Tingewick Patchers Exhibition: 18th and 19th Oct 2025. 10 am – 4.30 pm
Tingewick Village Hall, Tingewick, Bucks. MK18 4NL

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

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
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-winche/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. Sign up here https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/regions/region-seven/events/herts-regional-day-march-twenty-eighth	Marford Memorial Hall, Wheathampstead. 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](#)
