



# MEAD QUILTERS

## NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2026

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#### This month's meetings

##### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Morning sewing meeting. Bring your own projects. Stuffing will be available for heart cushions. Don't forget to bring your next block for the Quilting Bee!

There will also be a special sales table event – a massive sale of quilting fabric and equipment from ex-Mead member Pat Driscoll. There will be a large range of beautiful fabrics and other items to buy, so bring plenty of cash!

**PLEASE NOTE: there will be no in-person evening meeting at Mead Hall in January, but there will be a Zoom meeting as described below. Full members will be sent the link to join the meeting the week before. If any other members wish to join in, please send £3 to the Mead account and let Jennie know.**

##### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026: 7.30 pm**

Joint Zoom meeting with Mimram and Icknield Quilters.

Speaker Carolyn Gibbs, quilter, teacher  
Quilt historian and researcher.

[www.carolyngibbs.co.uk](http://www.carolyngibbs.co.uk)



## Future Events

Event	How you can get involved
<b>Sales table</b>	<p>You can 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></p> <p>Elizabeth is also happy to receive donated fabric that can be sold to benefit Mead funds. So if you want to thin down your stash, just bring it along to a meeting.</p>
<p><b>Quilters Guild Area Day</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>  <b>10.00 am – 4.00 pm</b>  <b>Marford Hall,</b>  <b>Wheathampstead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning talk</li> <li>• Afternoon workshop</li> <li>• Display of quilts</li> <li>• Free tea, coffee and cake</li> <li>• Raffle</li> <li>• Trader</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Renowned quilter Sarah Humphreys will give a talk in the morning and a workshop in the afternoon.</b></p> <p><b>Morning talk:</b>  Sarah is a passionate and award-winning quilter. In her talk she will give her personal history of quilt making, sharing what got her started as a young quilter and why she is still a passionate quilter more than 30 years on. She will bring a huge stack of quilts to show us too.</p> <p><b>Afternoon workshop: Borrowed from Boro:</b>  This is a modern interpretation of the traditional Japanese art of boro. The term was used to describe clothes and household items which were patched and repaired many times. While this was originally from necessity, their unique beauty is now widely recognised. Inspired by these utilitarian creations, students will use scraps of modern fabrics along with simple hand embroidery stitches in hand dyed threads to create individual, modern, patched works of art.</p> <p>It will be a great day, and so close to home!</p> <p>This event has been advertised nationally by Quilters Guild, there will be a limit on places, so don't miss out, book today!  <b>Full details and how to book a place here –</b>  <a href="https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/regions/region-seven/events">https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/regions/region-seven/events</a></p>
<p><b>17th Oct 2026</b>  <b>Mead Quilters Exhibition</b>  <b>Marford Hall,</b>  <b>Wheathampstead.</b></p>	<p>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 - <a href="mailto:amwill22@btinternet.com">amwill22@btinternet.com</a></p>

## December morning meeting: show and tell



At our morning meeting we ate mince pies and made coin purses, using Christmas fabrics. There were even some chocolate coins to go inside!



Jennie's caterpillar quilt



Morgane's quilt, made for her daughter



Charity quilt by Val



Lovely Christmas quilt by Angie

## Quilts at the Abbey. 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Well done to Ginny and Caroline for an amazing display! Over 180 quilts, all going to charities across Hertfordshire before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who made quilts and who helped at the abbey on the day.



**December evening meeting: Christmas party.** We enjoyed some festive food and drink and a quiz and wordsearch prepared by Alison K and Carol M. There were also some beautiful show-and-tell items.



The winning wordsearch team!



## December evening meeting: show-and-tell



Jeannette



Sarah



Stasha



Barbie



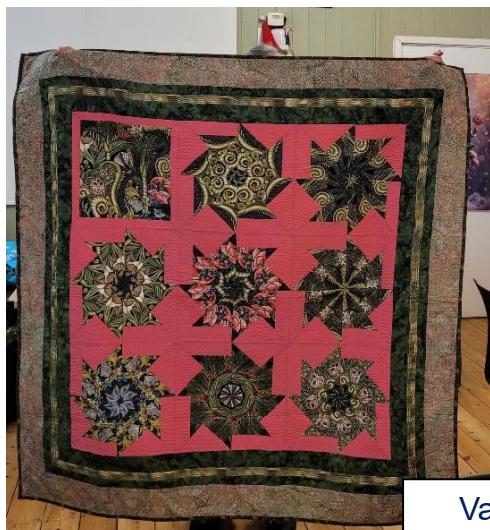
Ginny



Hillary



Jennie



Val



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## Christmas tree festival, St Saviours church, St Albans

Thank you very much to Jo for decorating our tree at this amazing festival – so many beautiful trees! Ours looked lovely and even followed the theme of ‘Christmas past, present and yet to come’.

Thank you to Brenda for the pictures, posted on our Facebook page.



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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

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Quilters Fair.** 9.30 am – 4.00 pm. Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7QR Sat nav: Red Lion Lane, GU9 7QN

**16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Newark Quilting and Sewing Show.**

The Lady Eastwood Centre, Newark Showground, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 2NY

**28<sup>th</sup> Jan – 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026: Annie Folkard's exhibition** of contemporary quilts at The Horton, Haven Way, Epsom, Surrey. KT19 7HA. 9.15 am – 4.30 pm daily.

**29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026: Ardingly Quilting and Sewing Show.** South of England Showground, Selsfield Road, Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 6TL

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Quilting and Sewing show, Newmarket.**  
Newmarket Racecourse, Rowley Mile Drive, Newmarket, CB8 0TF

**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026: The Stitch Festival,** Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington. N1 0QH. 10.00 am – 5.30 pm ( 3.00 pm Sunday)

**14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Quilts UK, Malvern.** Three Counties Showground Severn Hall, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6NW

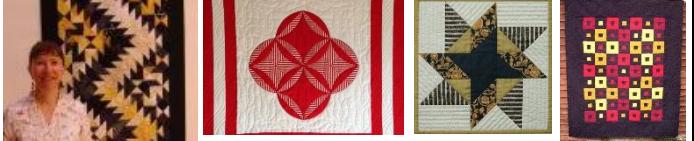
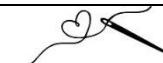
**5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026: Spalding Quilting and Sewing Show.** Springfields Events Centre, Camel Gate, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 6ET

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!

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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
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	<b>Speaker at Mimram Quilters.</b> Helen Butcher, Miniature Madness. <a href="#">Little Patch Pockets: Home Page</a>	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	<b>Speaker at Mimram Quilters.</b> Kathy Osborne of Quilt St Albans, 'My Quilting Journey'.	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER

# Mead Quilters Programme 2026

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: 9.30 am		Morning sewing meeting
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan : 7.30 pm Joint Zoom with Mimram and Icknield Quilters. Speaker Carolyn Gibbs, a quilt historian and researcher. <a href="http://www.carolyngibbs.co.uk">www.carolyngibbs.co.uk</a>		
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb : 9.30 am		Morning sewing meeting
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb: 7.30 pm Speaker Megan Manwaring. An Australian Quilter, passionate about all things patchwork, quilting and textiles. <a href="https://www.instagram.com/meganmanwaring/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/meganmanwaring/?hl=en</a>		
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb: 1pm – 4pm		Saturday sewing day
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar: 9.30 am. Speaker Sara Sullivan, My Hexagon Journey - a personal journey of English Paper Piecing. <a href="https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/blog/please-tour-an-accessible-quilt-exhibition">https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/blog/please-tour-an-accessible-quilt-exhibition</a>		Sara is also speaking at Mimram Quilters on 2nd Mar at 7.30 pm 'The History of Colour through Sylko'. Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn. AL6 9ER. <b>This talk is free for Mead members</b>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar: 7.30 pm. Speaker Cathy Corbishley-Michel. Cyanotype quilts. <a href="https://www.baus.org.uk/museum/1387/cyanotype_on_fabric_appliqu_quilts">https://www.baus.org.uk/museum/1387/cyanotype_on_fabric_appliqu_quilts</a>		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr: 9.30 am		Morning sewing meeting
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr: 7.30 pm. Speaker Sarah Hibbert, Speaking about her trip to South Korean and Japanese Quilt Shows. <a href="https://www.sarahhibbertquilts.com/">https://www.sarahhibbertquilts.com/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/quiltscornerstone/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/quiltscornerstone/?hl=en</a>		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May: 9.30 am		Morning sewing meeting
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May: 7.30 pm. Presentation of a suitcase collection from the Quilters Guild <a href="https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/includes/files/content/core/pages/Textile%20Treasures%20interpretation.pdf">https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/includes/files/content/core/pages/Textile%20Treasures%20interpretation.pdf</a>		<b>Textile Treasures:</b> Contains treasured objects from the 19th and 20th centuries that have been kept and preserved over time. 
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June: 9.30 am		Morning sewing meeting
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June: 1.00 – 5.00 pm Talk and workshop by Molly Brown: Clamshells <a href="http://www.mollybrownsemporium.co.uk">www.mollybrownsemporium.co.uk</a>		

<b>Tues 16th June: 7.30 pm AGM and Summer party</b>		Annual committee reports, election of new committee, Mead challenge of a cushion for the tombola at the exhibition.
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July : 9.30 am</b>		Morning sewing meeting
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July: 7.30 pm. Speaker Catherine Hill, award winning textile artist and embroiderer: A Way with Words</b> <a href="http://www.arnolds-attic.co.uk">www.arnolds-attic.co.uk</a>		
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Aug : 9.30 am</b>		Morning sewing meeting
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Sep : 9.30 am</b>		Morning sewing meeting
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sep: 7.30 pm Mead Question time</b>		Members share their expertise. Pick up and share some useful tips. ask that question that question that has always been on your mind!
<b>Sat Sep 12<sup>th</sup> : 1 pm – 4 pm</b>		Saturday sewing day
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct : 9.30 am</b>		Morning sewing meeting
<b>Sat 17th Oct 10.00 am to 4.00 pm</b> Exhibition of Mead Quilters work, cushion tombola, sales tables, trader, raffle, refreshments.		Mead Exhibition. Marford Hall, Wheathampstead. AL4 8BP Bring all your friends and family!
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: 7.30 p. Speaker Moira Neal, free machine artist: A View from my Kitchen, and how it inspired a quilt</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/Moira-Neal-Free-Machine-Artist-100048675651245/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/p/Moira-Neal-Free-Machine-Artist-100048675651245/?locale=en_GB</a>		
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov : 9.30 am</b>		Morning sewing meeting
<b>Sat Nov 12<sup>th</sup> : 1pm – 4 pm</b>		Saturday sewing day
<b>Tues 17th Nov: 7.30 pm Member's showcase</b>		Jo Day will show us all her beautiful work and tell us about her quilting journey.
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec : 9.30 am</b>		Morning sewing meeting Mince pies, Christmas show and tell
<b>Tues 15th Dec : 7.30 pm</b>		Christmas party 