

MEAD QUILTERS
NEWSLETTER
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Mead Quilters, your club needs you!

Mead Exhibition 17th October 2026, Marford Hall, Wheathampstead

Any members who would like to get involved with setting up this exhibition in any way, please let Janet Goddard or Jennie know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mead Committee

We know that you all love to come along to Mead meetings to sew and chat or to experience wonderful speakers. However, this only happens because of the work put in by the committee. And we do need some help with this

Treasurer

Alison Williams has been a most amazing and efficient treasurer for six years now and would like to step down from the role. This involves keeping a spreadsheet of accounts for the club, paying bills online and booking the hall for our regular meetings. Alison will give full hand-over instructions.

Newsletter, Facebook and Website

Jennie has been writing the newsletter every month and updating the website and Facebook accounts for a couple of years now. She would love to hear from anyone who would like to have a go at helping out with any of these!

Other roles

Other roles on the committee are: chair, secretary, speaker programme, refreshments, membership secretary and sales table. If you would like to take on any of these roles or just help out with the person currently in post, you would be very welcome. Just let Jennie or any of the committee know.

This month's meetings

Monday 2nd March 2026, 7.30 pm

Shared speaker at Mimram Quilters, free for Mead Quilters
Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER.
Sara Sullivan, The History of Colour Through Sylko.

Sara will talk about the history of Sylko threads, some antique wooden reels are apparently very valuable. You may take along any heirlooms you may have to see if you have one of these!



Tues 3rd March 2026: 9.30 am. Morning meeting
Speaker. Sara Sullivan, My Hexagon Journey.

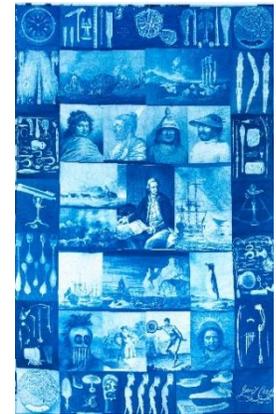
A personal journey of English Paper Piecing.
This will not be a normal sewing morning but do still bring your show-and-tell and Quilting Bee blocks.



Tuesday 17th March 2026: 7.30 pm

Speaker Cathy Corbishley-Michel. Cyanotype quilts.

Cathy Corbishley is a retired urological histopathologist from St George's Hospital and Medical School who has been designing and making art textiles since 1994. Her most recent work uses cyanotype photographic printing on fabric ("Blueprinting") and is inspired by historical themes. Cathy exhibits nationally and internationally.



[https://www.baus.org.uk/museum/1387/cyanotype on fabric appliqu quilts](https://www.baus.org.uk/museum/1387/cyanotype%20on%20fabric%20appliqu%20quilts)

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](#)

Bags for children in care

Last month Ginny spoke to us about making bags for children in care. She had been contacted by a charity called Comfort Cases UK, who make bags to give to these children for their possessions. It seems that they often have to move from home to home with everything they own in a bin bag, which is very sad. We hope to have a session on making bags during our Saturday sewing day on 28th Feb. However, for those of you who can't make that date, here are the details of bags to be made.

Jennie has toggles, string and zips for the bags, which can be collected at any meeting. Do not put anything in the bags as the charity wish to fill them.

1. Toiletry bags:

- 12" x 8" cm finished size (it is important to keep to these dimensions for this bag)
- ideally drawstring



2. Pencil cases:

- zip on the front (see picture)
- 7" x 6" is suggested, but as long as it will fit 2 pens and 2 pencils, that is fine



3. Dental bags:

- Drawstring again
- Approx 10" x 5" size is not critical for this one



Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
<p>Quilters Guild Area Day 28th March 2026 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Marford Hall, Wheathampstead</p>	<p>Renowned quilter Sarah Humphreys will give a talk in the morning and a workshop in the afternoon.</p> <p>There will also be a display of quilts, free refreshments, a raffle and trader. It will be a great day, and so close to home! Full details and how to book a place here – https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/regions/region-seven/events</p>
<p>June Workshop Molly Brown, Clamshells Sat 6th June 2026 1 to 5 pm</p>	<p>Molly Brown will give us a talk and workshop about Clamshells. She has developed 4 different ways of making them both by hand and by machine.</p> <p>Please sign up with Alison K. or email her (alimarking@hotmail.com) if you would like to take part. The total cost of £20 pp, payable in April.</p>
<p>Mead Summer challenge AGM meeting Tues 6th June 2026 7.30 pm</p>	<p>The Mead Summer challenge this year is to make a cushion, any size or design. Entries will be judged by members at the AGM. Donations of cushions for the cushion tombola at the exhibition will be gratefully received.</p>
<p>Mead Quilters Retreat January 29th to 31st 2027</p>	<p>We hope to book our annual retreat for this weekend. There will be 18 places, price to be advised. Let Jennie know if you would like to reserve a place. £100 deposit to be paid in April.</p>
<p>Sales table Any meeting</p>	<p>You can book a table at any Mead meeting to sell your own sewing related items and keep all the proceeds. The cost is just £5 per table. You could also join with other members to book a table together. Please contact Elizabeth to make a booking - elizabethr0649@gmail.com</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>

February morning meeting: show and tell



Alison K



Liz



Brenda



Trish



Val



Hilary



Ginny's bags



More heart cushions

Teddies for the exhibition:
lots of cute teddies
have been made to sell
at the exhibition.

Keep them coming!



February evening meeting
Show and tell



Quilt made
by Alison K.
for donation
using Sheila
Neate's
blocks



Beautiful quilts made by Jeannette for
donation to a hospice

February evening meeting: speaker Megan Manwaring [Instagram](#)

Megan gave us a great talk with an absolutely stunning display of amazing quilts. A most inspiring meeting.



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

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

7th to 10th May 2026: Living Crafts, Hatfield House. We don't have a stall this year, but it is still worth a visit.

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

5th – 6th 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!

Events and Speakers at Quilters Guild Groups. Feb 2026

When	What	Where
Thurs 19 th Mar 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters Ginny Edwards, Quilts for Charity	Memorial Hall, The Forebury, Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 9BD (CM21 9AX for Sat Nav)
Thurs 16 th Apr 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters Liza Jones - Bullet Bra Comeback	Memorial Hall, The Forebury, Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 9BD (CM21 9AX for Sat Nav)
Mon 1 st June 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Mimram Quilters. Helen Butcher, Miniature Madness. Little Patch Pockets: Home Page	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER
Thurs 18 th Jun 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters Elspeth Jackson, An Insight into Rag Rug Making	Memorial Hall, The Forebury, Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 9BD (CM21 9AX for Sat Nav)

Mead Quilters Programme 2026

<p>Tues 7th Apr: 9.30 am</p> 	<p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
<p>Tues 21st Apr: 7.30 pm. Speaker Sarah Hibbert, Speaking about her trip to South Korean and Japanese Quilt Shows. https://www.sarahhibbertquilts.com/ https://www.instagram.com/quiltscornerstone/?hl=en</p> 	
<p>Tues 5th May: 9.30 am</p> 	<p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
<p>Tues 19th May: 7.30 pm. Presentation of a suitcase collection from the Quilters Guild. The Handbag collection https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/special-interest/miniature</p> 	<p>The Handbag Collection is a varied selection of miniature quilts made by the Quilters Guild Miniature Quilt Group. It comes packed in a handbag, accompanied by a commentary and white gloves!</p>
<p>Tues 2nd June: 9.30 am</p> 	<p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
<p>Sat 6th June: 1.00 – 5.00 pm Talk and workshop by Molly Brown: Clamshells www.mollybrownsemporium.co.uk</p> 	
<p>Tues 16th June: 7.30 pm AGM and Summer Party</p>	<p>Annual committee reports, election of new committee, Mead challenge of a cushion for the tombola at the exhibition.</p>
<p>Tues 7th July : 9.30 am</p> 	<p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
<p>Tues 21st July: 7.30 pm. Speaker Catherine Hill, award winning textile artist and embroiderer: A Way with Words www.arnolds-attic.co.uk</p>	

Tues 4th Aug : 9.30 am	 <p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
Tues 1st Sep : 9.30 am	 <p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
Tues 15th Sep: 7.30 pm Mead Question time	<p>Members share their expertise. Pick up and share some useful tips. ask that question that question that has always been on your mind!</p>
Sat Sep 12th : 1 pm – 4 pm	<p>Saturday sewing day</p>
Tues 6th Oct : 9.30 am	 <p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
Sat 17th Oct 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Exhibition of Mead Quilters work, cushion tombola, sales tables, trader, raffle, refreshments.	<p>Mead Exhibition. Marford Hall, Wheathampstead. AL4 8BP Bring all your friends and family!</p>
Tues 20th Oct: 7.30 p. Speaker Moira Neal, free machine artist: A View from my Kitchen, and how it inspired a quilt https://www.facebook.com/p/Moira-Neal-Free-Machine-Artist-100048675651245/?locale=en_GB	
Tues 3rd Nov : 9.30 am	 <p>Morning sewing meeting</p>
Sat Nov 12th : 1pm – 4 pm	<p>Saturday sewing day</p>
Tues 17th Nov: 7.30 pm Member's showcase	<p>Jo Day will show us all her beautiful work and tell us about her quilting journey.</p>
Tues 1st Dec : 9.30 am	 <p>Morning sewing meeting Mince pies, Christmas show and tell</p>
Tues 15th Dec : 7.30 pm	 <p>Christmas party</p> 