



MEAD QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Contact Jennie by email: barwise.jennie@gmail.com
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This month's meetings

Tues 5th May 2026: 9.30 am. Sewing morning

Bring your own sewing projects. Don't forget your quilting bee block and any finished teddies and bags for children in care. Stuffing will be available for heart cushions.

Tuesday 19th May 2026: 7.30 pm. Evening meeting

Presentation of a suitcase collection from the Quilters Guild. The Handbag collection

This 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!

<https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/special-interest/miniature>



Message from our Charity Co-ordinator

Dear All,

Thank you all for supporting Comfort Cases UK. So far, we have raised £260 from donated fabric sales and made 45 toiletry bags and 36 pencil cases.

I have spoken with Sarah who is the founder and she wishes me to pass on her sincere thanks for all our efforts. I asked her for some feedback on sizes and there are some changes. Please be reassured that everything we have donated so far is being used by the charity, but they would be grateful if we could make the following sizes, going forward. Toiletry bags exactly 8.5" x 11.5" and pencil cases either 9" x 4" or 10" x 5".

Thank you once again for all your support. Ginny

Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
June Workshop Molly Brown, Clamshells Sat 6th June 2026 1 to 5 pm	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. 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 is payable now.
Mead challenge AGM meeting Tues 16th June 2026	The Mead Summer challenge this year is to make a cushion of any size or shape. Entries will be judged by members at the AGM. Donations of cushions for the tombola at the exhibition will be gratefully received.
Visit to the Fashion and textile Museum. 83 Bermondsey Street. London, SE1 3XF Thurs 25 th June 2026	Following our successful trip to the William Morris Gallery, we have decided to make this our next outing. We travel to London by train, either meeting at St Albans or Harpenden station or at the venue. If you would like to join in with this visit, please contact Francesca fmentwistle@gmail.com
Sales table Any meeting	Book a table at any Mead meeting to sell your own sewing related items and keep all the proceeds. The cost is £5 per table. Please contact Elizabeth to make a booking - elizabethr0649@gmail.com Elizabeth is also happy to receive donated fabric to be sold to benefit Mead funds. If you want to thin down your stash, just bring it along to a meeting.

Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

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!

April morning meeting: show and tell



Sheila



Francesca



Joan's bags



Trish



Brenda



Jeanette

Earthworks: Francesca's team working on our Project, making banners for the St Albans charity Earthworks. <https://www.earthworksstalban.co.uk/> This incorporates panels made by members of the charity.



April evening meeting: Speaker Sarah Hibbert. Sarah gave us a lovely talk about her trip to Seoul with 19 quilts, 2 pairs of pants and a toothbrush to take part in a Korean quilt festival! She also described very warmly how she made friends with a number of Korean quilters and showed us pictures of their work.

Sarah Takes a Trip

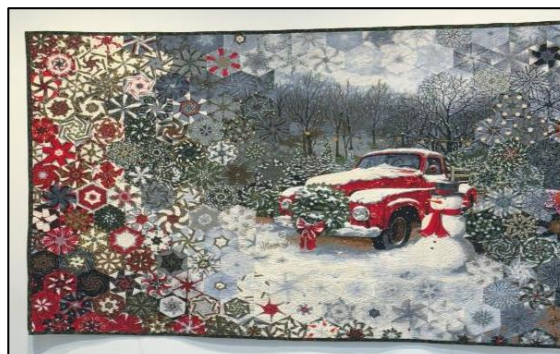
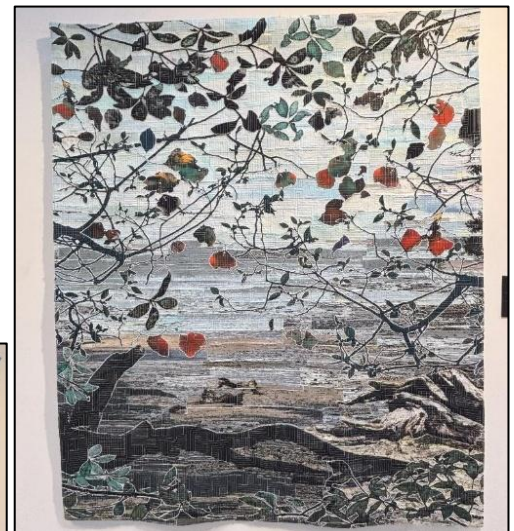
Adventures in Seoul



Sarah's blue quilt

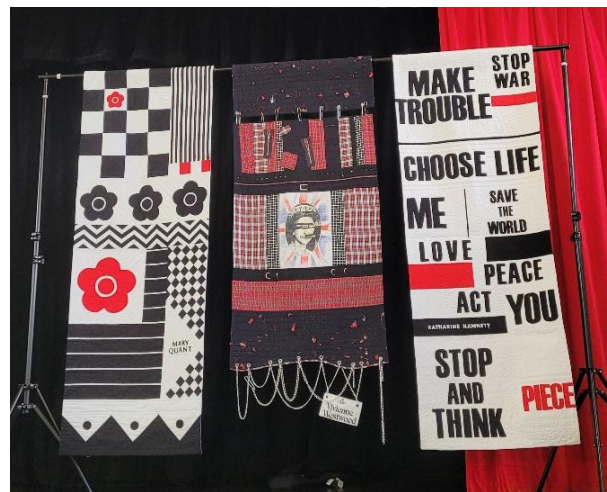
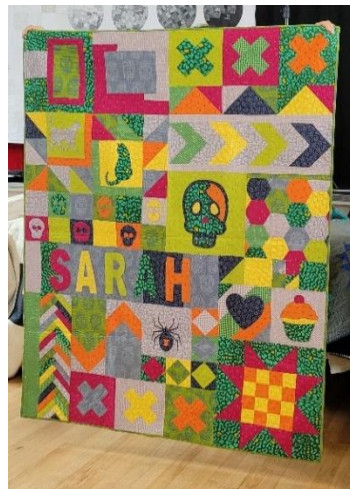


Best in show: Wind Isle by Mikyung Hyun



Member's Day Out: 20 Mead members attended the Quilters Guild Area Day at the end of March. It was a most enjoyable day with an excellent talk and relaxing workshop by Sarah Humphreys. There was also a lot of lovely show-and-tell and delicious cakes provided by Mead members. Thank you so much to all who helped out on the day.

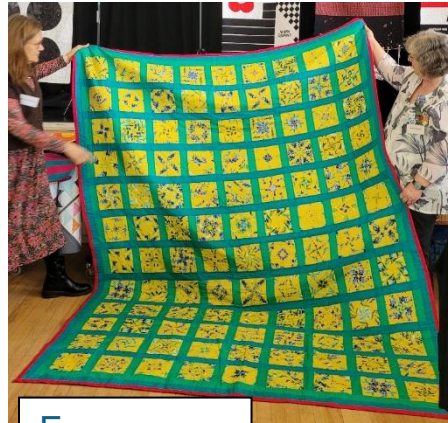
Some of the beautiful quilts from Sarah's talk



Some of the show-and-tell from Mead members at the Area Day



Joan



Francesca



Sheila



Alison W

Winner of the
amazing Mary
Mayne raffle
quilt



Scenes from the afternoon
workshop 'Borrowed from Boro'



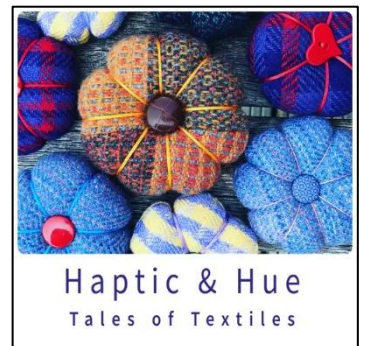
Member's Day Out: 6 Mead members had a lovely day at the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow. We enjoyed seeing all the Liberty textiles in the Women in Print exhibition <https://wmgallery.org.uk/event/women-in-print/> and also learning all about the life of William Morris. We chatted for a long time over a very tasty lunch and of course, found the shop irresistible!



Recommendation of interesting podcasts by Alison K.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/haptic-hue/id1530400722>

Haptic & Hue's Tales of Textiles explores the way in which cloth speaks to us and the impact it has on our lives. It looks at the different light textiles cast on the story of humanity. It thinks about the skills that go into constructing it and what it means to the people who use it.



Haptic & Hue
Tales of Textiles

Events and Speakers at Quilters Guild Groups. May 2026

When	What	Where
Mon 18 th May: 12.30 to 3 pm. Tentmakers of Cairo Workshop: Stitch like an Egyptian. £25	Workshop: Stitch Like an Egyptian. Learn how to do needle-turned applique like a tent-maker. Booking required (see poster below).	Northchurch Social Centre, Bell Lane, Berkhamsted, HP4 3RD
Thurs 21 st May 11 am Wrest House wallpaper tour. House entrance fee required.	Visit to explore the delights of design in the hand-painted French Eldardo Papers and the once hidden Chinese Papers .	Wrest Park, Silsoe, Bedfordshire, MK45 4HR
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 4 th June 10.30 am Exhibition visit to discover Bucks Museum	Visit to see the embroidery collection and tour the museum	Bucks Museum, Church Lane, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 2QP
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)
Thurs 16 th July 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Ash Valley Quilters Fiona Rose - The Work of May Morris	Memorial Hall, The Forebury, Sawbridgeworth Herts. CM21 9BD (CM21 9AX for Sat Nav)
Mon 3 rd Aug 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Mimram Quilters. Kathy Osborne of Quilt St Albans - My Quilting Journey	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER

KHAYAMIYA – THE TENTMAKERS OF CAIRO

“STITCH LIKE AN EGYPTIAN” WORKSHOP

Learn how to do needle-turned appliqué like a Tentmaker



Monday 18 May 2026

12:30 – 15:00

Northchurch Social Centre, Bell Lane
BERKHAMSTED HP4 3RD

Cost £25.00, inclusive of materials
(payable at time of booking)

Places strictly limited

For more information or to book your place please contact:

Joan Fisher (07778 399353 or fisherj1@yahoo.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](#)

On our members Facebook page, Heather posted about her visit to Pour Amour Du Fil in Nantes this month. The pictures that she sent were amazing and she reported, 'I went to Nantes for two days. I go every year, it's a beautiful show as it's carefully curated. Not hundreds of quilts but real quality workmanship. A pleasure to behold.'

'This was my favourite quilt, a Japanese made Kawaii quilt. Made in several pieces and bound, then pieced together using tiny orange yo-yos. It was so detailed and and bit insane at the same time.'



'These beauties were by Carolyn Konig. Reproductions of famous British quilts.'

'A salon of Amish quilts, they were glowing against the pink background.'



'1500 2.5" blocks. Every one of them a unique little women in a kimono.'



Mead Quilters Programme 2026

Tues 2nd June: 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting
Sat 6th June: 1.00 – 5.00 pm Talk and workshop by Molly Brown:	Clamshells www.mollybrownsemporium.co.uk
Tues 16th June: 7.30 pm AGM and Summer Party	Annual committee reports, election of new committee, Mead challenge of a cushion for the tombola at the exhibition.
Tues 7th July : 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting
Tues 21st July: 7.30 pm. Speaker Catherine Hill, award winning textile artist and embroiderer:	A Way with Words www.arnolds-attic.co.uk
Tues 4th Aug : 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting
Tues 1st Sep : 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting
Sat Sep 12th : 1 pm – 4 pm	Saturday sewing day
Tues 15th Sep: 7.30 pm Speaker: Helen Creasey,	My Quilting Journey, from Architecture to Quilt Design https://www.soulstoriesart.com/helen-creasey
Tues 6th Oct : 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting
Sat 17th Oct 10.00 to 4.00 Exhibition of Mead Quilters work	Mead Exhibition. Marford Hall, Wheathampstead. AL4 8BP
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	Morning sewing meeting
Sat Nov 7th : 1pm – 4 pm	Saturday sewing day. Heather will show us how to do needle turn applique, 4 different ways.
Tues 17th Nov: 7.30 pm Member's showcase	Jo Day will show us all her beautiful work and tell us about her quilting journey.
Tues 1st Dec : 9.30 am	Morning sewing meeting Mince pies, Christmas show and tell
Tues 15th Dec : 7.30 pm	Christmas party