



MEAD QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 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 2nd June 2026: 9.30 am. Sewing morning

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

Saturday 6th June 2026: 1pm – 5pm

Talk and workshop by Molly Brown: Clamshells. www.mollybrownsemporium.co.uk
Please book with Alison King if you wish to attend. alimarking@hotmail.com.

Tuesday 16th June 2026: 7.30 pm.

AGM and Summer Party: club reports for the year will be submitted and the committee elected for the following year. Please do attend and support the committee.

The AGM will be followed by the summer party. Do bring a plate of food to share, just 6 items, sweet or savoury. Fruit punch will be provided.

Make sure to also bring your entry for the **Mead Summer challenge!** This should be a cushion of any size or design. We will vote for the best entry during the meeting, and the winner will be awarded the Mead Quilters silver plate. Any cushions donated for the cushion tombola at the Exhibition, will be gratefully received.

(Pictures of last year's challenge are shown below).



2025 Mead Challenge: 1st Carol M, 2nd Sheila, 3rd Carol W

Future Events

Event	How you can get involved
Mead AGM 16th June 2026 7.30 pm	Do attend the AGM and support your committee. Hear about what the club and the committee have done this year and what the plans are for next year. We will also vote on the charity that we will choose to support at the exhibition. So, if you have any suggestions do let us know.
Mead Quilters Exhibition Saturday 17th Oct 2026	We will need lots of help with the exhibition; refreshments, tombola, stewards, sales table, raffle, fabric sales and entrance table. The time slots will be - 9.30 - 11.30 am, 11.30 am - 1.30 pm, 1.30 - 3.30 pm. The early slots are booking up fast. Please email Jennie if you have a preference for a time slot or activity. We will also need lots of cakes! If you have any spare trouser hangers, the ones you get from shops with a straight bar and a peg at each end, please bring them to any meeting. Thank you.
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. You could also join with other members to book a table together. 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.

May morning meeting: show and tell. Cushions galore!



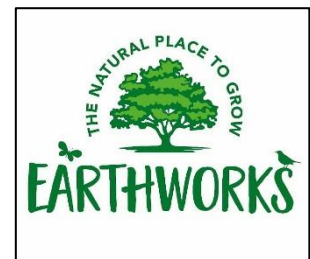
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Carol W.

Cushions for the tombola by Carol M

Earthworks: these delightful banners were completed by Francesca, Val and Christine and several other Mead members for the St Albans charity Earthworks. <https://www.earthworksstalbans.co.uk/> These incorporate panels made by members of the charity and were used to great effect to display their work at their open day last month. The charity were very pleased. Well done everyone.



May evening meeting: We were overawed by the stunning collection of mini quilts from the Quilters Guild Miniature Group. The variety of design and the skill required to make these beautiful and intricate quilts was very impressive. We were also able to examine them in detail wearing white gloves! Thank you to Alison for organising this display and for telling us all about the quilts



May evening meeting: show-and-tell



Baby quilt by Jeanette



Bags by Ginny



Scene in a cigarette case by Francesca



Scrappy quilt by Alison K

Members Days Out:

Francesca enjoyed a batik workshop at the Living Crafts Show at Hatfield.



Members Days Out: Irene had a most enjoyable and productive afternoon at the Tentmakers of Cairo workshop in Northchurch.



Irene with Hanny, one of the Egyptian quilters



Starting and finishing point, Irene's lotus flower



A modern wall hanging



An Egyptian wall hanging about 100 years old

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](#)

Events and Speakers at Quilters Guild Groups. May 2026

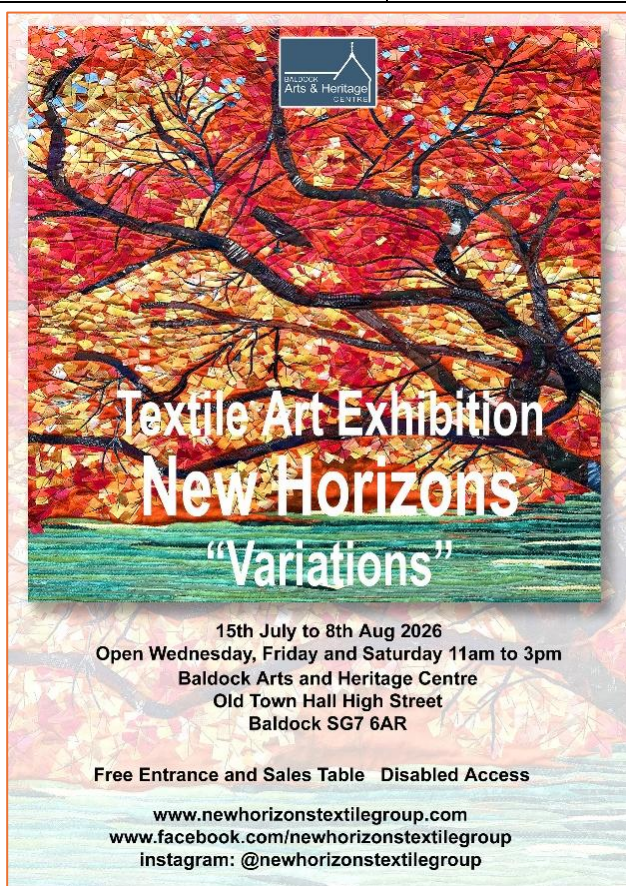
When	What	Where
Mon 1 st June 7.30 pm Visitors welcome £5	Speaker at Mimram Quilters. Helen Butcher, Miniature Madness. Little Patch Pockets: Home Page	Welwyn Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9ER
Thurs 4 th June 10.30 am. Quilters Guild Visit	Quilters Guild visit to see the embroidery collection and discover Bucks Museum.	Bucks Museum, Church Lane, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 2QP
Sat 13 th Jun 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. £11 for the day. No booking needed	Patchwork people sewing morning, afternoon speaker Michele Moody, 'My Life in Stitches'	Lovat Hall, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 0FJ
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
Sat 20 th June Quilters Guild Exhibition	Sashiko Fest exhibition Free admission	Meppershall Village Hall, Meppershall, Shefford, Beds. SG17 5AB
Sat 27 th June 10 am to 4 pm. £30 member, £45 non-member	Quilters Guild Workshop by Helen Butcher to make a Seminole ruler bag or cushion cover	Flitwick Village Hall, Dunstable Rd, Flitwick, Beds. MK45 1HP
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

15th July to 8th Aug 2026
Weds, Fri & Sat only
11 am to 3pm
Free entrance

Textile Art Exhibition by New Horizon Quilters

See poster

Baldock Arts & Heritage
Centre, Old Town Hall,
High Street, Baldock.
SG7 6AR



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

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

17th – 19th July 2026: Lamport Hall Quilting and Sewing Show. Lamport, Northamptonshire, NN6 9HD (NN6 9EZ for Satnav)

30th July – 2nd Aug 2026: Festival of Quilts. The NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT

8th – 11th Oct 2026: Knit & Stitch Show, Alexandra Palace

16th – 18th Oct 2026: Autumn Quilting and Sewing Show, Malvern. Three Counties Showground, Severn Hall, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW

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!

Mead Quilters Speaker Programme 2026

Tues 21st July: 7.30 pm.
Speaker Catherine Hill,
award winning textile artist
and embroiderer:

A Way with Words
www.arnolds-attic.co.uk

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 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

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 15th Dec : 7.30 pm

Christmas party