



MEAD QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Contact Jennie by email: barwise.jennie@gmail.com

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Meetings this Month

Tues 4th August 2026: 9.30 am. Sewing morning

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

THERE IS NO EVENING MEETING THIS MONTH!

July morning meeting: We were able to present Janice with the silver plate for winning the 2026 Mead summer cushion challenge (she was away for the AGM meeting).



2027 Summer challenge

At the AGM we chose the challenge topic for 2027.

It will be to make an item from re-used fabric (maybe a duvet cover or such like).

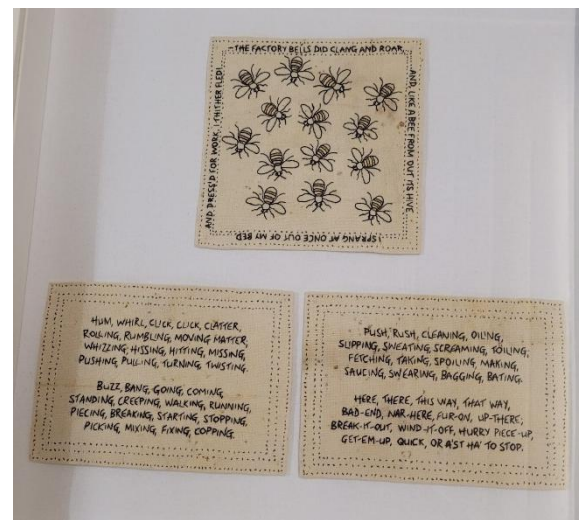
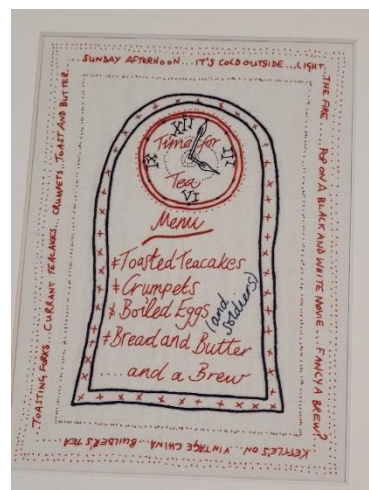
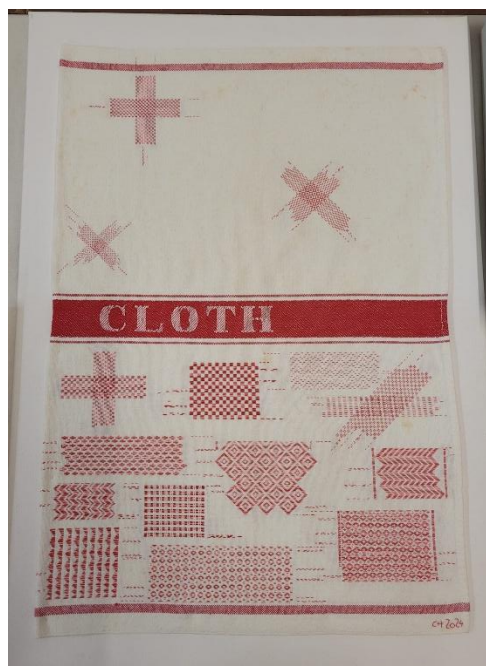
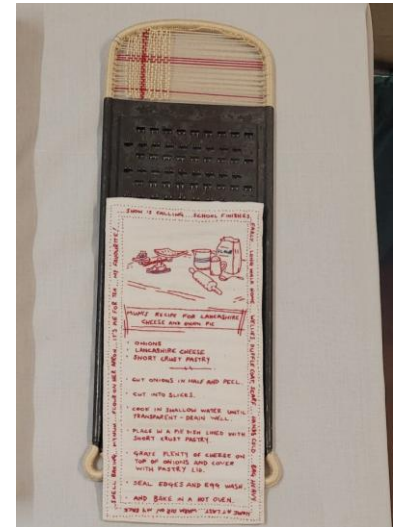
More details will follow

Future Events	
Event	How you can get involved
Mead Quilters Exhibition Saturday 17th October 2026 9.30am to 4.00pm Marford Hall, Mead Lane, Wheathampstead.	Quilts We do hope that all members will produce a quilt or quilted article for display at the exhibition. Janet will be giving out envelopes at the next meeting with instructions of how to do this. Please also advertise the exhibition among your neighbours, friends and family. Help We will need lots of help on the day of the exhibition; refreshments, tombola, quilt 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. Please let Jennie know at a meeting or by email, when you would like to come and help. Cakes and hangers We will also need lots of cakes to sell. Let Jennie know what cake you would be able to make and donate. 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, as we need them to hang the quilts. Sales Table If you would like to sell handmade items on the sales table on the day, please see Joan. These can be sold to benefit Mead or yourself (in which case a small sum will be taken for Mead).
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. We hope to sell a lot at the exhibition.

July morning meeting: There were some lovely show-and-tell items from Morgane and Angie.



July evening meeting: we were treated to see the beautiful and intricate work of ex Mead member and chair, Catherine Hill. It was very inspiring.



July evening meeting: show and tell



Mead Quilters online

Mead Quilters website - <https://meadquilters.org.uk>

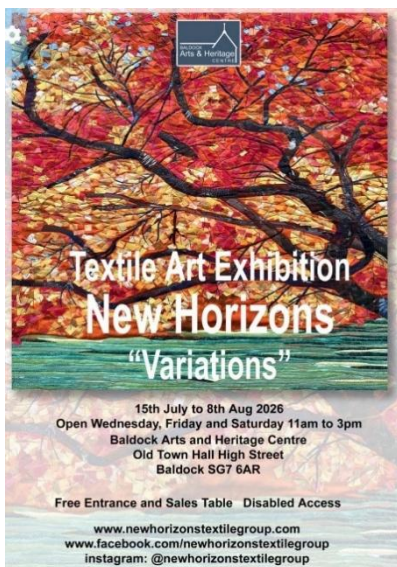
News of our meetings and other events

Mead Quilters Members Facebook group: This is a closed group for club members. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/770972933274429>

Mead Quilters on Instagram:

Janet looks after our Mead Quilters Instagram account. You can follow us here - [Mead Quilters \(@meadquilters\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Francesca posted on our members Facebook page about her visit with Theresa to the exhibition of work by the textile group they both attend, called New Horizons. The exhibition is on until 8th August.



Mead Quilters online

Mead Quilters Public Page:

This is a public page to advertise our group and events. [Facebook](#)

Following on from her talk at Mead this month, it was lovely to read what Catherine posted on our public page -



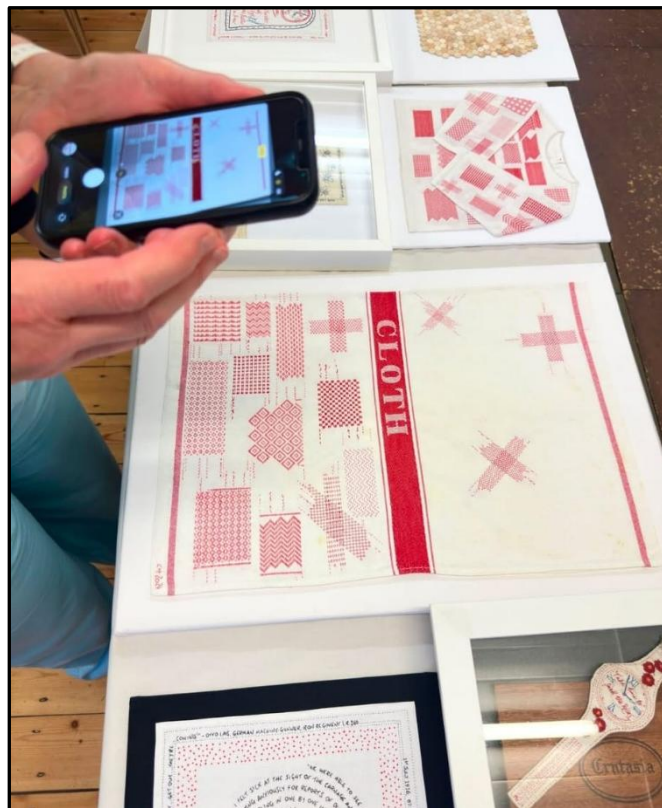
Catherine Hill Textile Artist

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Thank you to the wonderful members of **Mead Quilters** for a truly special evening. This was my quilt group for over 20 years before I moved to Crewe, so it was such a joy to catch up with dear friends again.

As fellow makers, you'll know how aspects of our own lives inform our stitched work. We had a lovely chat about the memories recorded in my work, and how they capture a different kind of childhood – of a carefree freedom with no phones or technology – so different from what children experience today.

It's always fascinating hearing different aspects of my pieces resonate with other textile artists and quilters.



Dates for your diary: Shows, fairs and festivals

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

Sat 12th Sep : 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

Patchwork and Quilting Exhibition



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Saturday 17th October 9.30am - 4pm

Refreshments, Tombola, Sales Tables, Trader, Raffle

Free parking, entry £4, under 12 years free

Memorial Hall, Marford Rd, Wheathampstead,
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