



Happy Easter to you all. I hope that the Easter Bunny has been kind to you and that you have been able to enjoy the good weather while it lasts. We have lots coming up over the next few months – and also lots of chances for you to volunteer in many different ways!

April Meeting

Our April meeting will be a joint venture with Icknield Quilters at Baldock Community Centre, Simpson Dr, Baldock SG7 6DH. This will be on 8th April (as our normal meeting day is Easter Monday) at 7.30pm and is a talk by Lucy Sugden on “Weaving Threads”

Charity Sewing Day

We still have a few spaces left on our free Charity Sewing Day on Sunday 14th April at The Peace Memorial Hall in Codicote. There is no charge for this day – you just have to be making something for charity – it can either be a charity of your own choosing or something for one of the charities that we continue to support such as Mummy’s Star, Linus Quilts, Quilts for Care Leavers, Morsbags, Beads of Courage. We will also have some ideas for some new small charity projects and may have some fabrics available if you are not sure what to make or are new to quilting and would like some help. Please let Deborah or I know if you would like to attend and we will add your name to the list.

Codicote Local History Society’s Local History Day – Living Crafts

We have been invited by Codicote Local History Society to take part in their Living Crafts Day on Saturday 20th April at Codicote Peace Memorial Hall from 11am to 4pm. There is no charge to us for this and we are able to demonstrate some of the things we do as well as selling small items and running our tombola. This is a great opportunity for us to let people know all about us so please come down and support us if you can. Lily & I will be there all day but would be very grateful for any offers of assistance – even if it is just for a half an hour to give us a break. Please let me know if you can help.

May Meeting

Our May meeting is yet again on a Bank Holiday so will not take place until Monday 13th May. It is a talk by Aruna Mene “Saris to Riches.” This will again be a joint meeting with Icknield Quilters but will be at our usual venue of the Welwyn Civic Centre at 7.30pm

June Meeting

Our June Meeting will finally be back to the first Monday of the month as normal. In addition to our usual sales table “Euro Japan Links” will be bringing their remaining stocks of Japanese fabrics and Sashiko supplies as they have sadly decided to shut

down their business and retire. They are reluctant to give us a formal talk as this is not something that they normally do but will be happy to answer any questions that we may have. The main focus of the evening is a sewing day in preparation for our 40th Anniversary, more details of which can be found below!

Hannah's Room Workshop

We still have some places available on Roxanna's journal quilts workshop on Tuesday June 11th from 10am-4pm. The cost is £40 which includes the kit (you only need to bring a small piece of wadding and backing) and it will take place at Weston Village Hall. There will be a list of kits to choose from at our next meeting. You may remember her from her very popular talk to us last year but if you need a reminder check out her website here.

<https://www.hannahsroom.co.uk/>

And last but by no means least – Our 40th Anniversary Celebration Day!!!!

As you all know Mimram Quilters will be 40 years old in October and to mark this great milestone we are holding a Celebration event at the Welwyn Civic Centre on **Sunday 22nd September** so please put the date in your diary. The idea behind this event is to demonstrate to the local community exactly what Mimram Quilters do and to share our skills with others both young and old to encourage them to try something new. As well as having some of our work on show we intend to run a variety of demonstrations and have-a-go sessions so we are looking for ideas as well as volunteers. We will of course also run our ever-popular refreshments stall as well as a tombola. We will also be focusing heavily on our charity work and are planning to make a donation to a local charity once all our costs have been covered. The Celebration Day Committee have come up with a variety of ideas for possible demonstrations but we are hoping for more ideas from you all. Some of the ideas we have already come up with for demonstrations are: -

Applique

Hand Quilting

Vintage Machine Quilting (& applicut machine)

EPP

Sashiko

Dorset Buttons

Going Round in Circles

Embroidery

Suffolk puffs/Yo-yos

FPP

If you can spare an hour or so of your time to demonstrate please let me know – better still if you have an idea for something else that you could demonstrate we'd like to hear from you. We also need volunteers for lots of other jobs – both beforehand and on the day. In particular we need: -

1. Lots of home-made cakes & biscuits
2. Someone (preferably more than just the one!!!) to prepare some display boards giving information about each of the topics we are demonstrating, about the charities that we support, and about the history of Mimram Quilters.
3. Someone to organise the advertising
4. People to act as helpers on the day
5. People to man the demonstrations
6. People to help prepare "Have a Go" kits to use on the day
7. IDEAS!!!

And lastly don't forget your entry for the Ruby Anniversary Challenge – anything you like up to the size of 16 inches square on the theme of our 40th Anniversary.

As I mentioned above, we will be working on items for the celebration day at our June meeting but we need ideas now and it's never too early to start!

We on the committee hope that you are all as enthusiastic about this as we are and look forward to your input. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all at Baldock next Monday evening.

Zoë Bright
1st April 2024