



MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2015

2015 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 July **Meeting/Speaker** : Ruth Singer
 "Criminal Quilts"
 27 July Stitch Day
 28 July Y.E.

AUGUST No meeting
 6 Aug. Proposed Branch Outing
 17 Aug. Y.E.

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

1 June **BRANCH OPEN DAY**
Meeting/Speaker : Kirsty Whitlock
 "My Journey Through Stitch"
 15 June **In-house Workshop** : Judy Joiner
 "An intro to Bead Embroidery"
 22/23 **Tutor-led Workshop** : Wendy Cotterill
 June "Sponbonded Fabrics"
 - Colouring & Heat Distressing Techniques
 29 June Stitch Day

OPEN DAY

Our Branch will be holding our June meeting as an Open Day for visitors and, as before, we would very much like to have some of our members' work on display. Although we have recently had displays at our Ploughman's Lunch, it would be appreciated if members could please bring in any current work, etc. to enable us to put on a bit of a show for visitors attending the Open Day meeting.

NB: Gillian Swift (Gillsew) will be providing a Sales Table - her website is <http://www.gillsew.co.uk/>

BRANCH COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that Susanne Stedman has very kindly offered to take on the Secretarial role for our Committee. With her previous experience of doing a similar role for the Parish Council, knowing all the KVH Committee members as well as living just up the road and having village contacts, she will be a welcome and valuable member of the Committee after the AGM.

REMINDER: We are of course still looking for someone to take over as Chairman.

WORKSHOPS / STITCH COURSE

IN-HOUSE WORKSHOP : 15 June ***
 "An introduction to Bead Embroidery" - Judy Joiner

TUTOR-LED WORKSHOP : 22/23 June (2 Days) ***
 "Sponbonded Fabrics : Colouring & Heat Distressing Techniques" - Wendy Cotterill

DESIGN TO STITCH COURSE : October – April
 Six-month course for members (all levels of experience) - Tutor: Chris Cook

Please see Vernice or Kay to make a booking(s). A list of requirements will be provided.

*** **Spaces still available**
please contact Vernice a.s.a.p.
 Email: vernice_63@yahoo.co.uk
 Tel: 01380 728678.

BRANCH OUTING

Our outing this year is to the **Festival of Quilts at the NEC in Birmingham on Thurs. 6th August.** The cost for members including the entrance ticket is £32 and for non- members £37. Friends who are not members of The Guild are also very welcome.

The pick-up points are: Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge at 8.00am) *these times are only*
 Sainsbury's, Oxford Road, Swindon 8.30am) *approximate depending*
 and an extra one at: Beeches Car Park, Cirencester, GL7 1BW 8.45am) *on traffic*
 The cost for the car park in Cirencester is £2 for the day

It is hoped the Cirencester pick up will be helpful to those of you who live towards the west and north of the county. If you would like to join us please let Susanne Stedman know either by phone 01672 861858 or by email on sastedman@sarsendv.co.uk , she will be at the June and July meetings to receive payments as your place is only fully booked when paid for.

MARLBOROUGH DR'S SURGERY – WALL HANGING

Deena Beverley has advised that she is writing again and is now able to focus some well deserved attention on writing about the Marlborough Hanging for STITCH magazine. Her request is as follows....

“ Ideally the piece will have as many quotes from those involved with the original piece as well as the renovation work and I would love to speak/email to anyone who would like to add their voice to the piece. They may be anonymised or identified by name; either is fine. All I will need to do is make a quick phone call to those who would like to be involved; or can send each an email question and answer sheet to fill in at their own pace. This feature about a collectively worked piece is as much about the experiences of those who created and renovated it as the finished piece itself. The more voices I can add the better! “ Tel: 07976 958699 Email: deenabeverley@eclipse.co.uk

AUGUST STITCH EVENT

HQ has asked that in the week leading up to and the week after 1st August individuals or small groups (2-3 maximum) sew in public to encourage membership generally. Members could wear their badges, use ad hoc banners and have flyers or cards giving contact details, sitting outside supportive cafes, etc. If not on holiday it is suggested we could all do this and take photos to be uploaded onto our blog and website. Please do your best to support.

JEAN PHILPOTT (EX-MEMBER UPDATE)

Many of our members will recall Jean who moved away and sadly is now suffering from Dementia - the following is an update from her niece recently sent to Marion.....

“ It is a pity we could not have taken Jean back for visit, but it would have been too confusing for her. She is well and really likes the nursing home, though again it is not what I wanted at the beginning. She enjoys watching others and the windows are low enough for her to sit and look out. It has lovely grounds. I go weekly to see her and last week it was so warm we walked outside. She is unsteady on her feet when walking but we managed. Best wishes Philippa “

WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

Please advise Shirley if you know of any forthcoming events throughout the year.

CELEBRATING STITCH (UK EXHIBITION)

at Bath Central Library, The Podium, Northgate Street, Bath, BA1 5AN

10-20 JUNE 2015

Exhibition celebrating 50th Anniversary of Bath Guild showing wide range of work some of which will be for sale.

Open: Monday 9.30-18.00, Tuesday-Thursday 9.30-19.00 Friday & Saturday 9.30-17.00

(Sat 20th June closes at 14.00) Sunday 13.00-16.00 Admission Free. Contact : 01179 869169

STRUCTURE & FORM - STUDIES OF WESTON OLD TOWN QUARRY

at Rowan Tree Tea Room Gallery, The Old Town Quarry, South Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 2LU

14-26 JUN 2015 : 10 am - 4.30 pm daily closed Monday. Free Admission accessible to all.

Liz Hewitt and Debbie Pawle present an exhibition of contemporary tapestry weaving, eco dyed quilts, rust dyed stitched textiles and prints to illustrate the file and beauty of the Old Town Quarry from its nature reserve to the old quarry workings. Contact: Tel: 0117 9858439

THREAD COLOUR STITCH (BASINGSTOKE BRANCH)

at the Willis Museum, Market Place, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 7QD

SAT 27 JUNE - SAT 1 AUG. 2015

Thread Colour Stitch is an exhibition to celebrate the excellence and diversity of textiles produced by members of the Basingstoke Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild. The pieces exhibited cover beginner to expert and include a recently completed commission from the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane. This wall hanging, set in Victorian times, depicts key features in the Borough such as Whitchurch Silk Mill and the Toll Cottage on Reading Road as well as other more abstract images.

Opening times 10am - 4pm (Sat) and 10am - 5pm (Tues - Fri). Admission Free. Tel: 01256 465902

ROUNABOUT QUILTERS'

at All Saints' Church, Southern Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7NP.

Inaugural exhibition by Roundabout Quilters featuring quilts, wall hangings and three dimensional items.

27-28 JUN 2015 : Open Sat 10-4, Sun 12-5. Admission £3. Under 18s Free of charge.

Nearby public car parks in New Road. Traders, raffle and refreshments.

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