

Mimram Quilters 2011

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January 10 th 2011	4 corners "Finishing off your quilt" Quilting/practical
Feb 7th 2011	Amanda Hall (Monkey Buttons) Speaker/Quilting Amanda has twenty years experience of quilting; for the past eighteen years, she has shared her knowledge and experience of patchwork, with customers of 'WHITE COTTAGE COUNTRY CRAFTS' of Seisdon in Staffordshire http://www.monkeybuttons.com/index.asp
March 7th 2011	Work on your Fabric challenge Quilting/Practical
April 4th 2011	Eliza McClelland Speaker/Beading The art of beading is a fascinating skill that has been neglected for many years but is now beginning to enjoy a revival that is long overdue. At the forefront of that revival is Eliza McClelland, who has spent years collecting beads and stitching them into a wide variety of objects, all of which have been inspired by the places she has visited in the course of her work as an actress.
April 16th/17th 2011 Mimram Quilters Exhibition at Welwyn Civic Centre	
May 9th 2011	Kim Shaw 'How I got into this and where I am now' Speaker Quilting
June 6th 2011	Gail Lawther "Glimpses of New Zealand" Speaker/Quilting Her work centres around unique display pieces, writing craft books, and a passion for variations on the stained glass patchwork techniques, which has become something of a signature style for her (though she works in other techniques too!). http://www.gaillawther.co.uk/home.asp
July 4th 2011	Strawberry tea Janet Goddard, Speaker/Practical, We are pleased to welcome back Janet. She has been a patch worker and quilter for over 20 years, she designs and writes patterns for her website, magazines and books and brings us a fun project to enjoy along with our strawberries. http://www.patchworkpatterns.co.uk/designer.html
August: No meeting	
September 5th 2011	Janet Cook "What mosaics have taught me" Speaker/Art quilts Janet is a textile artist living and working in the North Bedfordshire countryside. She started making quilts in 1988, after being captivated by Mennonite quilts in Canada. Traditional techniques gave her ideas for experimentation and this led to her devising her own methods to enable her to express ideas, concerns and emotions in her own particular way. http://www.janetcook.co.uk/artist.htm
October 3rd 2011	AGM , Fat quarter bag Quilting/practical
November 7th 2011	Alison Bramley "Working in silk" Speaker/Art quilts Alison started patchwork and quilting after doing a City & Guilds fashion and design course in 1979-82. They had a project in accessories for which she made a quilted bag. She was hooked... http://www.ajbsilkquilts.co.uk/aboutalison.html
December 5th 2011	Xmas party, Finish fat quarter bag? Quilting/practical

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January 2011

Dear Member,

I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and are looking forward to an interesting New Year. I am sure that you all completed the Christmas decoration and that they adorned your Christmas tree.

This month we will once again be demonstrating Four Corners. As a change from previous years where we have presented a selection of different textile demonstrations this year as we prepare for the exhibition we have decided to focus on different methods of finishing your quilt. The items are Scalloped Edges, Edge to Edge, Prairie Points and Mitred Corners. I am looking forward to learning something this evening.

At the beginning of this meeting we are holding an Extraordinary General Meeting so that we can adopt the constitution and thus affiliate ourselves to the Quilters' Guild. We need to expedite this matter to enable us to take advantage of the insurance for our exhibition in April.

The February meeting will be a talk from Amanda Hall from Monkey Buttons. She has 20 years experience of quilting and for 18 years has run White Cottage Country Crafts in Staffordshire.

Tip – Adding simple stitches of hand embroidery can take a flat uninteresting quilt top and bring the quilt surface to life.

Sales:

The Studio 39 Baldock has a sale which starts on the 10th January 2011 until the 16th January 2011 usual opening times closed Thursday.

Exhibitions:

Until the 6th March 2011 – Threads of Feeling - at the Foundling Museum, 40 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AZ. Tel: 0207 841 3607
Fabric Swatches from the 18th Century tell stories of mothers and babies parting.

Until 6th March 2011 – Inside Out – New Horizons Textile Group and Westhope Group – at Stockwood Park Discovery Centre London Road, Luton LU1 4LX Phone: 01582 548600 Entry Free. Note this is textiles in the Garden - open to all the weather that this winter is throwing at us.

25th – 27th February – Textiles in Focus at Cottenham Village College Cottenham Cambridge CB24 8UA Tel: 01954 288751, 10am – 5pm Friday and Saturday, 10am – 4:30pm Sunday

Regards Judith Coxell

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February 2011

Dear Member,

Last months Four Corners was I think one of the most well attended four corners meetings we have had in a few years. The evening certainly had a buzz to it and I hope that you all found something new and that you enjoyed the evening.

At the beginning of the meeting we held an Extraordinary General Meeting and adopted the constitution. Since then we have been accepted as an affiliate member of the Quilters' Guild. We have received a copy of the Quilter magazine and also a copy of Bits and Pieces the regional magazine of Region 7 our local region. I will leave these on the table at the entrance for you to look at.

This months meeting is a talk from Amanda Hall from Monkey Buttons. She has 20 years experience of quilting and for 18 years has run White Cottage Country Crafts in Staffordshire.

In March we are having a sewing evening where you can continue with your fabric challenge. Those of you who have completed the fabric challenge bring it to show and tell and you may like to bring your mystery quilt with you to continue or some of your own work.

At the entry table there are various lists for you to sign up on. The UFO Day is on the 26th March – deposit £5. We are also asking for help with the exhibition which is coming up in April. Please look at these and see what you can do to help us.

For those of you new to journal quilts we have a few on show down the end of the hall so that you can see what may be done.

Tip – No room this month

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March 2011

Dear Member,

It was good to see so many of you at the Amanda Hall meeting. The variety of work she showed was inspiring and for those of you who missed the meeting two members at the meeting had used Monkey Buttons patterns to make bags they had with them.

Tonight is a sewing evening where you can continue with your fabric challenge. I hope that those of you who have completed this challenge will bring it to show and tell. Also do not forget that we would love to have any completed items for show and tell whether made in conjunction with Mimram, other groups or on your own.

During the evening we will be bringing round various lists asking for help for the exhibition. It is only six weeks away now and we do need to know who can help. Fliers are also available for you to take to give to your friends. It is very important that we have a good number of visitors, The hall is nearly £700 to hire for the weekend so we need lots of interest and support.

The UFO Day is on the 26th March – deposit £5. Please sign up tonight. After this evenings meeting we will decide whether there are enough people interested and whether it will go ahead

Next month we have Eliza McClelland as our speaker, she beads on canvas – for those of you who have not heard her before you are in for a real treat. An actress she puts all her acting skills into her talks.

Tip – To settle block/blocks with multiple seams – use spray starch.

Exhibitions:

March 11th-13th Chilford Quilt Festival, Chilford Hall Vineyard, Linton, Cambs. CB21 4LE 10am- 4:30pm Admission £6.50 For info 01775 712000/722900/767400

March 11th Region & Northants Regional Day, Kings Sutton Memorial Hall, Kings' Sutton HP16 9AZ (Near Banbury). Speakers Angie Hughes and Sally Stott. Trader Sue Hawkins, 2nd hand books contact mo-smith@hotmail.co.uk

March 19th Maybees Patchwork and Craft Group of Turvey – 10th anniversary celebration exhibition. Turvey Village Hall, Turvey, Beds, MK43 9DB. Refreshments and raffles. Contact June Jessop 01234 881595

Regards Judith Coxell

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April/Exhibition 2011

Dear Member,

I am glad so many of you came to the sewing evening and that so many were prepared to sign up and help with the exhibition.

The various lists asking for help for the exhibition are at the entrance to the hall please sign up if you have not already done so. It is less than two weeks away now and we do need to know who can help and/or provide cakes.

Fliers are also available for you to take to give to your friends. It is very important that we have a good number of visitors as the hall is £706 to hire for the weekend so we need lots of interest and support. It is also important that there is good attendance to support the traders who if not satisfied with the business they do may not be prepared to return for our next exhibition.

Can I remind you that pieces of work for the exhibition and for the sales table should be delivered to the small hall between 3 and 4pm on the 15th April. There will be no access to the large hall except for those hanging the exhibition. All work for exhibition should have the label attached in the bottom left hand corner of the work. All work for the sales table should be labelled with name or initials and the price – Mimram will take 15% commission therefore please price accordingly.

Exhibition work can be collected after the exhibition between 4:30 and 5:30 pm on the Sunday from the small hall. There will be no access to the main hall at all other than for those tasked with taking down the exhibition. There will be no access to the small hall until all work has been checked off. Please be patient, those who put up and take down will probably have been working at the exhibition all week end and need to be left to do this job in peace. They will also be there long after you have collected your work and gone home, sorting the notices, stands, clothes etc.

The work on the sales table will be packed away and taken by Sue for checking. The work and the income derived from it will be returned at the May meeting.

This month we have Eliza McClelland as our speaker, she beads on canvas – for those of you who have not heard her before you are in for a real treat. An actress she puts all her acting skills into her talks.

Next month we have Kim Shaw talking on 'How I got into this and where I am now'. Unfortunately I will miss this as I am on holiday so I hope you have a good time.

It was disappointing that we had to cancel the UFO day through lack of support we have another one booked for October I hope that more members can come to that.

No room for tips or exhibitions this month

Regards Judith Coxell



MIMRAM QUILTERS

**10th Patchwork and Quilting Exhibition
16th and 17th April 2011**

Sat 10–5

Sun 10–4

£3 entry (free for children)

Welwyn Civic Centre

Prospect Place, Old Welwyn, Herts AL6 9ER

- Exhibition of quilts and wall hangings
- Open competition 'Journal' quilt exhibition
- Sales table
- Traders
- Raffles
- Teas, coffees and cakes

Contact for more details and map:

Michèle Clarke (Tel: 01462 790577 mikindex@btinternet.com)

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June 2011

Dear Member,

Last month Kim Shaw talked about 'How she got into this and where she is now'. I am glad to hear that you all enjoyed her talk and appreciated the number of quilts that she brought.

This month we have Gail Lawther speaking on 'Glimpses of New Zealand'. Her work centres round unique display pieces, writing books and a passion for stained glass patchwork. Gail has visited us before and we are glad to welcome her back to give her latest talk.

Next month is our Strawberry Tea and we have Janet Goddard with us who brings us a fun project to enjoy alongside our strawberries. A sewing kit is required for this evening and please remember to pick up a copy of the requirements list from the entrance table. In addition to your sewing kit we are asking everyone to bring a small plate of food with a strawberry theme if possible I emphasise the small as we do not want a lot left over.

As postage is now very expensive we would like as many people as possible to receive the newsletter by email or be prepared to look at it on the website. It is normally there within a couple of days of the meeting if not before. Therefore can those of you with email addresses please make sure that Sally has the details also if you are happy to look at the website also let Sally know.

Mondays 10am-12pm from the middle of June at Church House Welwyn there will be a patchwork class. Sally is prepared to teach for more information see Jill or phone 01438 714277.

Attached to the requirements list is a note re the Quilters' Guild Museum at York, it would be good to see them on TV so please vote if you are able.

Exhibitions:

11 June 2011 Herts. Area day, demonstrations, traders, second hand books, Young Quilters and a talk by Sue Martin – Traditional Girl
10 – 4pm Non Guild members £12 in advance, £14 on the day, members £8 in advance and £10 on the day Young quilters free
Venue Ashley Green Village Hall, Two Dells Lane, Ashley Green, HP5 3PN
Contact Mo Smith, phone 01327 871340

18 June 2011 Danetre Quilters at Flore Flower Festival, quilts and flowers displayed in the church 10 – 5pm, open gardens, teas available in the school and the church.
On the A45 between Weedon and Northampton
Venue United Reform Church and All Saints Church Flore
Contact Olive Milerchip phone 01926 8133122

June 15th- 17th Dual Aspect an exhibition of watercolours and textiles. The Barn behind The Goat (pub) Codicote High St SG4 8XE Fri 12noon – 8pm Sat 11am – 8pm Sun 11am – 4pm

Regards Judith Coxell

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July 2011

Dear Member,

Last month we had Gail Lawther speaking on 'Glimpses of New Zealand'. Her talk was inspiring and her quilts amazing, it proved to me that long and thin really works. The variety in the styles of her work was interesting to see.

This month is our Strawberry Tea and we have Janet Goddard with us who brings us a project on Italian quilting. I think this is Janet's third visit to us and each one has provided us with an enjoyable sewing evening.

In September we have Janet Cook coming to talk to us about "What mosaics have taught me". This seems a very cryptic title and I await the talk with great interest.

In June's newsletter I asked you to vote for the Quilters Guild in the Heritage Lottery run off. I am happy to report that the Guild is now through to the final. The next round of voting starts on the 2nd September.

I repeat the request that those of you with email addresses please make sure that Sally has the details, also if you are happy to look at the website to see the newsletter also let Sally know.

Sally has arranged for one of her groups to go to the Festival of Quilts by coach on Friday the 12th August there may be a few tickets left £25.20 or £23.60 for concessions. If you are interested please see Sally tonight to book and pay for tickets.

Finally I would like to wish you all a restful summer holiday when hopefully you will be able to enjoy the fine weather but still find time to do some stitching and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Exhibitions:

11th – 14th August

Festival of Quilts at the NEC 10am – 5:30 pm closes 5pm on Sunday

3rd – 4th - September - Bedfordshire Quilters' Exhibition at Barton Village Hall
Hexton Road, Barton-le-Clay. Traders, refreshments, raffle quilt. Sat 10-5 pm
Sun 10-4 pm. Entry £3 under 16s free
Phone : 01582-527470 or 615249

Regards Judith Coxell

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September 2011

Dear Member,

I hope you have had a good holiday and have come back enthused for all that the new season of Mimram Quilters has to offer you. This month we welcome back Janet Cook who is talking to us about what mosaics have taught her.

There is a list at the desk for those wishing to sign up for a UFO day on the 8th October. A deposit of £5 is required when signing up. The final cost will depend on the number of people attending.

Next month is the AGM after which there will be a hands on sewing evening to produce a fat quarter bag – sewing kit and fat quarter required along with cutting board and rotary cutter.

2nd – 26th September is the final round of voting for the Best Heritage Project. Please vote for the Quilters Guild on www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards or by phoning 0844 836 9716 calls cost 5p a minute from a land line.

Tips: If anyone has any tips they would like to pass on please let me know.

Exhibitions:

23rd – 25th September 2011 Chapter House Quilters – 3rd Quilt Show
10:30 – 4:30 Friday and Saturday 1 – 4 on Sunday Admission £2
Trade stalls, refreshments, raffle craft stall. Bramble Patch open Mon – Sat 5 minutes walk away. Crafts and Quilts open every day 10 minutes drive up A5 at the Heart of the Shires
Venue: St Peter and St Paul's Church, Weedon, NN7 4ED
Contact: Pat Cashin Phone: 01327 349727 email: patcashin@virginmedia.com

01st – 2nd Oct 2011 Priory Quilters at the Royston Arts Festival
10 – 4 both days. An exhibition and sale of work as part of the Royston Arts Festival. Large Car park behind the Town Hall. Regret no disabled access.
Venue Royston Town Hall, Melbourne Street, Royston, Herts SG8 7DA
Contact: Jean Jacobs Phone: 01763 243224 Email: prioryquilters@yahoo.co.uk

01 Oct 2011 Regional Day
10am – 4pm Traders, raffle show and tell, second hand books, refreshments. Non guild members welcome.
Speakers Phillippa Naylor and Ferret
Venue Kinslingbury Village Hall, Ashby Court, Kinslingbury, Northants, NN7 4JE
Contact: Joan Fisher Phone; 01442 874740 Email Fisherj1@yahoo.com

01 Oct 2011 Pitch and Patch at Willian Village Hall
Coffee morning 10:30 – 12:30 Exhibition of Patchwork in progress, Raffle quilts

Regards Judith Coxell

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October 2011

Dear Member,

I was happy to see so many of you there for the September meeting and hoped that you all enjoyed the talk by Janet Cook and also enjoyed looking at her work. Please remember to renew your membership.

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This month is the AGM after which there will be a hands on sewing evening to produce a fat quarter bag This can be started this month and we have set aside time at the Christmas meeting for this to be completed.

Next month we have Alison Bramley talking about working in silk. I am looking forward to this as I love working in silk and am always looking at new ways to use it.

Tips: No room this month

Exhibitions:

8th – 9th October – Kings' Sutton Arts and Crafts Festival, Memorial Hall, Kings' Sutton near Banbury OX17 3 PG. Craft Stalls, Quilt exhibition, demonstrations, refreshments available all day . 11.00 – 5.00 Sat, 10.00 – 4.00 Sun, Admission £1. For info Carole Hill 01295 811134

8th – 9th October – Threads and Patches 10th Anniversary exhibition, Dobbies Garden Centre, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes. Visit www.threadsandpatches.co.uk for more information

15th – 16th October – Fat Quarters exhibition, Memorial Hall, Great Missenden Bucks. HP16 9AE 10.00am – 4.00pm both days. Refreshments, tombola, sales table, traders, admission £3, husbands and under16s free. For info Gill Howes 01494 865478

15th October - Kettering Quilters Exhibition, Central Methodist Hall, School Lane, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0DH 10.00am-4pm entry £2 (gentlemen and children free) refreshments and traders.

22nd – 23rd October Lutterworth Piecemakers, The Memorial Hall, Franks Road, Walcote LE17 4JX. For info www.lutterworthpiecemakers.blogspot.com

4th – 6th November - Chilford Autumn Quilt Festival, Chilford Hall Vineyard, Linton Cambs CB21 4LE 10am – 4.30pm(4pm on Sunday). Admission £6.00(advance up to 21/10/11) £7.00 on day. For info 01775 712100/722900.

Regards Judith Coxell

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November 2011

Dear Member,

I was pleased to see so many of you at the AGM and I hope that you have all got on well with fat quarter bag that you started that night.

The UFO day on the 8th October was very productive for those of us who attended. There were 8 of us there. UFO Days are booked for 2012 dates will follow shortly. This month we have Alison Bramley talking to us about her work on silk. I am sorry that I will miss it.

Next month will be the Christmas party, as usual we are asking you to make contributions of food, those with surnames starting A-L please make savoury and M-Z sweet. Please also bring your fat quarter bag to complete and a sewing kit. This will be the last newsletter where there will be a copy printed for everyone. From December anyone with an email address will have the newsletter sent to their email the weekend before the meeting. It will also be put on the website. Paper copies will be available for those without email to be collected at the meeting. Those who wish a copy to be mailed to them should they miss a meeting should give Sally a number of stamped self addressed envelopes for copies of the newsletter to be sent to them.

Exhibitions:

8th – 19th November - Mesch Contemporary Textiles Exhibition.

A second chance to see the 2011 exhibition of work by Marian Murphy, Liz Evans, Margaret Starr, Vanda Campbell and Mavis Howard and a chance to meet the artists on Friday 11th November between 11 and 4pm.

Venue: Courtyard Arts, Port Vale Hertford, SG13 3AA – www.courtyardarts.org.uk

12th Nov 2011 - **Mead Quilters' Exhibition** -The Memorial Hall, Marford Rd, Wheathampstead Herts AL4 8A *Open 10am-5pm admission £3 children free Sales table, trader, quilt raffle, refreshments and disabled access for more info call Stasha Martin on 01727 872747*

11th Nov 11 – 21st Jan 12 – New Horizons Textile Group – Retrospective

A varied selection of work, some seen previously at New Horizons' exhibitions. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 10am – 4:45pm. Other times by appointment with the creator Venue: Royston and District Museum and Art Gallery. 5 Lower King Street, Royston, SG8 5AL. Contact: Curator Phone: 01763 242587

17th -18th November Full Circle Textile Group – Retrospective

A selection of work from Full Circle some new some old 10am – 5pm Millbridge Rooms Hertford. Refreshments and Sales Table for that Christmas Gift.

18th November Exhibition of Maggie Tweed's Friday Group Work. Red Cross Hall Tring. 10:30 – 12:30 Coffee, cakes and creative textiles. Wall panels, quilts cushions,arty books and Raffle in aid of the Pepper Foundation.

November 26th Region 7 Area Day – Watford Parmiters School in North Watford.

With Mary Mayne with some interesting corners and demos

Details from Mo Smith 01327 871340 email:mo-smith@hotmail.com

Regards Judith Coxell

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December 2011

Dear Member,

I understand that at the November meeting you were treated to many beautiful and colourful quilts from Alison Bramley, I was sorry to miss it.

This month is the Christmas party, and I look forward to tasting your food contributions. I hope that you are all enjoying making the fat quarter bag, we will continue with this at this meeting. Unfortunately Debbie – the mastermind behind all our projects is at her son's surprise birthday party this evening so the members of the committee will be helping and advising. We will also have a raffle – there will be a wonderful range of prizes.

Next month we will once again be presenting Four Corners. This year we are focusing on appliqué. 4 different types of appliqué will be demonstrated, this is the start of our campaign to introduce you to different types of quilting through practical sessions.

As we get closer to the bad weather we have decided to set up a rota for informing people when/if a meeting is cancelled. A member of the committee will ring to let you know of a cancellation. They will try twice and then leave a message if they cannot get hold of you. Please check for messages if you are uncertain whether the meeting will take place. If you do not have a messaging system and are uncertain about any meeting cancellation, we will provide you with a list of committee members and their telephone numbers please feel free to check with one of them.

10th December Craft Fair – Peace Memorial Hall – Codicote 11am - 4pm Entry Free Refreshments available

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12 Nov 11 - 21 Jan 12

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