

# MIMRAM QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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In the last newsletter I mentioned that I had painted my toenails in anticipation of Summer, but I might have well not bothered as I have been paddling around in my wellies for most of the month. Oh well, the grass is good and green with all the rain.

Didn't we have a good meeting last month? I thoroughly enjoyed Joan and John Fisher and their talk about the Tent Makers of Cairo. I loved the idea that they sponsored and encouraged the Tentmakers and their skills. If you ever get the chance to actually see the Tentmakers in action then I encourage you to do so. You will be staggered at the speed at which they sew and anyone who knows about appliqué will understand about drawing out and cutting out the pieces to appliqué to the required size with the seam allowance added. The Tentmakers do nothing of the sort, it is all done by eye.

Our next meeting is our annual Summer party. This year, as last year, we will be working on the theme of Afternoon Tea. The committee will be preparing your sandwiches but I would ask you all to please make cakes, cup cakes and anything suitable for the second part of the evening. Can I ask you to label your confections so that we can cater for our Gluten free members too. I think the easiest thing for you gluten free ladies is to bring your own sandwiches as that might be a little too difficult to make a special plate for you. It is easier to make a cake with the correct flour.

During the evening Wendy will be demonstrating a folded flying geese project. This is an unusual way of doing geese and I am sure you will enjoy learning about it.

This weekend on 2<sup>nd</sup> July there is a special event taking place at Oaklands College on Hatfield Road in St Albans. It is called Festival of Textiles, Thread and Stitch. There will be a wide range of traders, exhibitors and demonstrations. Tickets in advance £15 via e mail on the blog [Hertsbranch@gmail.com](mailto:Hertsbranch@gmail.com). For more information contact the organiser Caroline Walford via [Hertsbranch@gmail.com](mailto:Hertsbranch@gmail.com). It should be a full and fun packed day. There will also be a large number of quilts provided by Region 7 of the Quilters' Guild to admire that yours truly has the dubious honour of assisting in the hanging of.

With Wimbledon on, now is the time to sit and enjoy it with some gentle hand sewing that you can do instead of biting your nails as the stress levels rise.

Happy sewing

Sally