

MIMRAM QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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Good morning Ladies,

We are enjoying a wonderful spell of hot sunny weather, my patio plants are looking good and it is lovely to enjoy the garden and the sun.

I do hope you enjoyed last month's meeting when Wendy produced a wonderful kit for a stain glass tulip. Thank you Wendy for your hard work and I do hope that you will all bring along your finished project to show and tell at the next meeting.

At the next meeting we are having our annual strawberry feast. Please will members with surname A - L bring along something sweet with a strawberry theme. M - Z not so easy for a strawberry themed savoury dish but please bring something that would be complimentary. I know you will all do your best, you always do.

After the feasting, I am very excited to say that we have the Quilters' Guild travelling suitcase of mini quilts to drool over and examine. I always astounded how someone can make a quilt so small and intricate and still have all the qualities of a large quilt. I hope you will be equally impressed.

As usual on this occasion we will be lucky to welcome our own Lucy from Secret Garden who will be bringing along her many beautiful fabrics to tempt you. Thank you Lucy.

A date for your diary is Tuesday 18th July at 8.00pm. This is where you could meet Lyne Edwards, the queen of quilting, she has been awarded an OBE for her contribution to Quilting. She will be speaking at the Methodist Church Hall, Middlefield Road, Hoddesdon, EN11 9ED. Visitors welcome £5.00. Parking is available at the hall but also on local roads. Why not share your car with other enthusiasts? This is a date I shall certainly be looking forward to.

As usual we do not meet in August allowing you to get on and finish some projects. We meet again in September and another date for your diary is 16th September when we will be holding a UFO day at the Digswell Village Hall from 10.00-4.00. Do please sign up to come along and enjoy the company of like minded quilters and an opportunity of getting on with your work without interruptions. Do remember to bring your lunch. Please sign up at the next meeting where I would ask you to pay a £5.00 deposit. The last date we had for a UFO day was cancelled due to lack of interest. I hope this was just due to the fact that it was just after the exhibition. Let's hope we can make up for lost time in September.

A tip that comes from Lynne Edwards on how to fold a quilt. You fold it on the bias. Normally we fold from the straight edges with the top being on the inside. If you fold it with the top on the outside the fold will be less tight on the outside. By folding it diagonally the 'edges' are softer and more stretchy and less prone to making permanent creases. Fold in the four sides from the corner one at a time and repeat the process until the quilt reaches the right size for the box or storage area it needs to fit. It does work, give it a try.

See you in July and until then enjoy the sunshine.

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