

# MIMRAM QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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We have only just had another bank holiday so soon after Easter and we will be having another one in just over three weeks. It is like no 2 buses, there are none for ages and then along come three at the same time! At least it is time to get into the garden and get it ready for the summer.

I do hope you enjoyed last month's meeting when Wendy had worked so hard at preparing the beautiful velvet scissor case. How many of you will bring yours along to the show and tell at our meeting on 8th May.

At the next meeting we will welcome Annelize Littlefair to come and speak to us. She will be talking about machine quilting. Annelize only took up quilting 14 years ago. She enjoys the designing for customised quilts and plans her own designs. She also enjoys applique and is a prize winner at Malvern for her colourful and innovative designs. It sounds as if it s going to be a very interesting evening. If you would like to see what sort of work she gets up to before her visit, you could check out her Facebook page by searching for:

Quiltsbyannelize or her blog at: <http://byannelize.blogspot.co.uk/>

She will be talking about her amazing machine quilted work and she also has an amazing hexagon quilt.

This weekend there is the Living Crafts Exhibition at Hatfield. Do try and get down there for a feast of many different crafts.

A couple of tips that may be worth trying. Keep thread in the freezer in plastic bags. It will last for years without developing dry rot.

When giving away a quilt cut spare pieces of the fabric and give with the quilt for repairs as needed.

Use the same ruler for cutting all pieces for a quilt as some rulers from a different manufacturer vary just enough to make a difference to your accuracy. The same goes for a sewing machine. Try not to use one machine for going to class and then carry on sewing on the same project with a different machine at home. It might make a difference to the seam allowance.

Enjoy your sewing.

Sally x