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Dear Members,

Welcome to the AGM. Tonight we have our supper of jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, fruit punch and cakes for the price of £1.50. Please give a warm welcome to Louise Hirst who is joining us from the Linden Bennett School and Izzy from Creative Quilting who has her shop relocated to Magna Carta for one night only, so you can increase your stash!

During the official part of the evening do not hesitate to offer your help and support to your executive committee. Your point of view is important to us. Please consider joining in, your support is vital to the running of the club. We still urgently require a secretary, are you an organized communicator? Would you consider helping?

Can you also have a think of a local charity to nominate for the Annual Charity? Please be ready to tell the group about the charity you wish to propose when we get to that part of the agenda, your nomination will be considered and if there is more than one nomination we shall take a vote.

So enjoy your supper, shop 'til you drop and don't forget to join in!

New Venue

From Friday 15th July we shall be meeting at Staines Methodist Church next to the Riverside car park in Staines – close to Debenhams. We will begin to meet on the 3rd Friday of the month through to November, taking a break during December and January and beginning the New Year in February through to November. Meeting time will still be 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Your membership is paid until June and as we are moving in July and running through to November a charge of £15 will be required to extend your membership. We have speakers booked for August, September and October with fun, crafty meetings in between! If you have any questions we shall be discussing the move during the AGM.

Don't forget - Note for the Diary - There will be an extra special meeting in February 2012 with Phillipa Naylor. This will be held at the Magna Carta auditorium. Again more details tonight.

The House that I built!

The most recent workshop, Foundation Piecing with Paula Doyle, was held at Lyne on Saturday 26th March. Due to family commitments I couldn't attend all of the day, but what fun I had, not only learning a new technique, but also creating a fun quilt! Paula taught us how to follow grids drawn on tissue paper, printer paper and freezer paper to create small, dainty designs you wouldn't think possible with the usual quilting techniques.

First Paula demonstrated how to create houses and trees, then the Mariner's Compass with lovely sharp points and finally the Dino Paws block from her most recent quilt published in Patchwork and Quilting's April 2011 edition. I was so enthused by the house block technique that once I was home I continued into the evening until the top was completed!

As usual we had a busy day with laughter and chat. If you get the chance join in a workshop do go for it, they are value for money and the extra tips from your fellow class members are invaluable. Look out for my "Village" patchwork top at the Show and Tell with "added extras" later on tonight!

Alison Garner

Fore Warned is...a tidy workshop

June's meeting is a silent auction, start sorting through your unwanted quilting items, fabric and equipment. Donate your items to the auction and make silent bids on others. Bids will begin at 50p and increase at 50p increments. All money raised will be going to the club's funds.

While you are having a sort out, Barbara Bedford will be happy to accept any unwanted craft books, magazines and novels which are being collected for the Sam Beare Hospice.

Thank-you

Forthcoming Workshops

21st May 2011 **ANNUAL QUILTATHON**

- Helen Bailey – Disappearing Nine Patch

Sign up for workshops at our regular meetings or by contacting Carole Montague (phone 0208 7830823; carmon2@waitrose.com). Don't forget to bring a mug and a packed lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. Parking is on-site and free. See over for more details.

Please note refreshments are now free.
Remember to bring your mug with you!



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Your Library

Please take a moment to browse through our collection of quilting and craft books; they are there for you to borrow each month for 50p per book per month. Please make sure that you return them at each meeting. There are lots of new titles in great demand so if there is a book that you haven't been able to get hold of please ask one of the librarians to reserve it for you.

Visited a quilt show? Do you have a technique to share? Do you have a point you need to discuss? Read a good quilting book?

Share it with the other members by contacting the editor by the Monday before each meeting.

All contributions greatly received

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Quilts for Hospitals

Incubator Quilts

These quilts should be 16"x 20" with no loose ends, embellishments or use invisible threads.

Incubator Covers

Please give these covers a subdued coloured backing and be 36" square. As these quilts remain at the hospital they should be able to withstand frequent washing.

Linden Bennett Special Needs

School Quilts

The school has enough quilts for the time being, we will let you know when more are needed

Please ensure that each quilt is labelled.

See Isabel for free ready made ones, available at the meetings, or you can make your own. They don't have to be elaborate – a piece of calico written with a fine permanent marker works well. Jel pens can also be used providing you heat set them on the reverse. A simple message is best, e.g. Made with love by...../Thameside Quilters. Month/Year.

Workshops

From this month the deposit for the workshops will be £10. Full payment for the workshop is expected at the club meeting before the workshop. The deposit is non-refundable unless you miss the workshop due to illness.

Unless stated otherwise all workshops take place at **Lyne Village Hall, Lyne Lane, Lyne nr. Chertsey, KT16 0AN** on the third or fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (doors open at 9 a.m.). Tuition fees (usually £25 for a workshop, £10 for UFO day) are payable at sign-up, except for the annual charity **Quiltathon**, which is FREE because after you learn how to make the pattern and get the free pattern on the day you donate your finished quilt to a needy child at the Linden Bennett School.

Dates to remember

- 16th May Guest Speaker – Marlene Cohen "Is this Quilt Art?"
- 20th June Quilters Auction Night – Bring along your unwanted quilting related items for our very own version of Bring 'n' Buy!
- 15th July New Venue – Staines Methodist Church.
- 19th August Guest Speaker – Valerie of Project Linus
- 16th Sept Guest Speaker – Dawn Cameron-Dick



Our web address is: www.thamesidequilters.co.uk

Raffle Basket

Don't forget to buy your tickets (5 for £1) to win the contents of our special raffle basket.