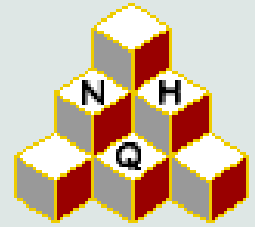


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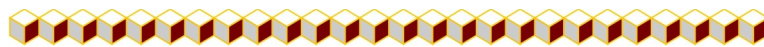
## Club News

### Next meetings

15<sup>th</sup> November – Linda Miller talk

6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party

January 17<sup>th</sup> – Baby quilt night and new challenge launch.



### Christmas party

A fun night to get together and celebrate the Christmas season, please come along if you can.

Free raffle

Table quiz

Christmas show and tell

Christmas coasters swap

A small decoration to sew

Buffet\*

\*Drinks will be provided but please bring a plate of food to share.



### **Christmas Challenge Update**

Just a quick reminder to put your 2 coasters, when finished, into a white envelope - these will be available at the next meeting, for those of you who haven't taken one yet.

Please don't put your name on it, but do put a symbol anywhere on the envelope and remember it!

Quick recap:

- ◆ Make your 2 coasters. Maybe tie them together with ribbon a but is not essential!
- ◆ \*Put them in an envelope - available at next meeting.

- ◆ Put a small symbol ( coloured or not) anywhere on the envelope, so that you can identify your own and not take your own home!
- ◆ Bring to the meeting on December 6th. If you're unable to come, give to another member. They will need to remember your symbol though!
- ◆ Give to Debbie, who will collect them together and give you a 'ticket' for a draw later in the evening.

Thank you

Debbie



## ***Baby quilts***

We need to build up our stash of baby quilts so our January meeting will be looking at ideas for producing simple quilts and making up kits to take home and sew. We will have some fabric, wadding, backing, appliqué patterns, bondaweb etc. but it would be good if you could bring oddments of fabric you have that might be suitable. Particularly we are looking for 4 ½" squares, strips 17" in length, plain-ish fabric 16 ½" x 20 ½" suitable for appliqué backing plus any other reasonable sized pieces you may have going spare for a good cause. There will be an evening in April to show what we have achieved.

We will also have the group Accuquilt machine at the meeting to assist in cutting out shapes for making up the kits.



## ***Gail Lawther workshop***

***Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> Twilight silhouettes 10am - 4pm***

The cost for this workshop is expected to be £40 (possibly less).

Deposits to secure a place will be taken at the next meeting or by contact with Hilary.



## ***Fabric pieces***

Our speaker in February wants to be paid in fabric pieces as she is making charm quilts which need every piece to be a different fabric. They don't have to be cut to size but need to be a minimum of 2 ½" square. She also would like grey fabrics a minimum of 3 ½" square. Please start collecting these pieces so we can give her a large selection.



## ***Newbury Stitch Fair***

10 & 11th November 2023, 10-5pm, The Kennet centre, Newbury, RG14 5EN.

Doughty's will be there with a fabric stall.

For more details see their web site <https://newburystitchfair.co.uk/>.



## ***Newsletter Contact***

Please let me have all your news, photos of your work etc (jpg preferred).

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