



February 2024

Dear all, It was lovely to see so many of us at our new venue for the start of 2024 and we look forward to seeing everybody at our February meeting.

Our last meeting was a sewing bee and there seemed to be loads of different projects that people were working on, a great mixture of work. It was good to have new members joining us as well, a warm welcome to you.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd February (don't forget the new start time of 11am) when our own Suzanne Boulter will be giving a talk 'From Grass Skirts to Saris—World Textiles.

March 28th Meeting. We will have the Quilters' Guild Mini suitcase Collection.

Kawandi workshop Thursday 29th February. We are delighted to say this is now FULLY BOOKED. We look forward to seeing everybody's creations at the March meeting.



Chairman's challenge. Its always nice to know AQ members names and Sara's challenge to us all this year is to create our own badges that we can wear at our meetings. Three of our members have already created theirs, see pictures of their badges which may give you some inspiration! We all have until the March's meeting to complete them.



Mugs. It was suggested and agreed at January's meeting that everyone bring their own mug for hot drinks at our meetings. This will relieve pressure on the members serving tea and coffee and then clearing up the kitchen area afterwards. So please bring one to our next meeting, but don't worry if you forget, there are mugs at Willowhale Hall we can use.



AQ Charity of 2024. At the January meeting everyone was invited to vote on the charity that AQ would like to support this year. The votes were as follows: RNLI - 22; Stonepillow - 6; The Sussex Snowdrop Trust - 8; Bognor Food Bank - 5; 4 Sight Vision Support - 12; Sanctuary in Chichester - 3; Kent/Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance - 21; Mount Noddy RSPCA South West Branch - 0; Guide Dogs - 9; Chestnut Tree House - 11; Family Support Work - 1. We are delighted to announce that the clear winners were RNLI and Kent/Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance. All profits from the Sales Table and the Raffle will go to these charities in 2024.

AQ Charity of 2023. As Sara explained at the last meeting, AQ are donating £500 each to the 2023 charities My Sisters House and McMillan.

Reminder. Thanks to everyone who has paid and renewed their membership. This is a reminder to anyone who hasn't paid to bring their money to the next meeting. The year's membership fee is £25.



Website. We are now working on our website. Chris Drake, a friend of Sara's has very kindly offered to take this task on, but needs our help with the content. We need some pictures of the quilts that we have made to go on the website and it would be nice to get at least one picture from every member. So please start taking pictures of your creations and send them to the committee and we will forward them to be put on the website.

We'd also like some pictures of the Show Quilts, so if you have any pictures do please forward them to us at committee@aldwickquilters.co.uk

Wittering Quilters Charity Workshop Day April 27nd 2024 from 10-4pm. Wittering Quilters are holding this at Downview Hall and the cost is £20. There will be a tombola, a raffle and lucky dip as well as a choice of four "classes" - a choice of making a 'Quilt as you go bag', a 'See through Docket holder', 'a Chicken thread catcher' or a 'Felt Penny Rug'. For more information please contact Chris Milner on 01243 670641.