

U3A Patchwork/Quilting Group Open Day

To celebrate 10 fun packed years of Pembury U3A come and enjoy our sewing day.

It is coming up to 10 years ago that I was asked to share my love of Patchwork/Quilting with like minded members of Pembury U3A.

I could only accommodate 6 people round my table at a time. Interest grew and I soon started a 2nd group.

We began by making small items such as bags, cushion covers, table mats & runners, Christmas stockings to name just a few items.

A banner was designed and made by these group members to show Pembury U3A Activities from our beginning 2006-2012, to commemorate Queen Elizabeth 2nd Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games held in London .

Interest continued to grow in Patchwork/Quilting, 8/10 people were on the waiting list one of whom was Elizabeth Johnson. Elizabeth had many years of Patchwork experience, with a little persuasion invited people on the waiting list to meet at her home and discuss starting a new group. Elizabeth divided these people into 2 groups, 1 meeting in the morning and the other in the afternoon of the same day.

A couple of years later Sue Hocking kindly agreed to host a 5th group. In September 2016 Anne Tyson started the 6th group.

Many of our members have gone on to make larger quilts, some as group projects, learning new skills as they go.

The beautiful work of all these groups have frequently been on display at St Peters Church Art & Craft Show, the Hope Fun Day on Pembury recreation ground as well as our annual U3A sign on day held in Pembury Village Hall on the 1st Tuesday in September each Year.

Our groups all meet for 2 hours monthly, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with biscuit or cake, whilst sharing knowledge and skills. Over these years new friendships have formed and enjoyed.

To celebrate Pembury U3A 10th Anniversary our 6 Patchwork/Quilting groups we thought it would be nice to turn some of attention and skills to make items for people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Our 6 Patchwork/Quilting groups are having a united open day. Please come see and sew with us.

Tea/Coffee will be available.

Janet Goodchild