



New Forest Quilt Group Newsletter August 2019



Chairmans' Chat August 2019

Well, where is the summer going, this year seems to be going so quickly or is it we are just getting older & noticing it more!!

We have had some more great speakers showing & talking to us about their quilting journey. We are looking forward to seeing Gail Lawther on Monday and, of course, doing the workshop on Tuesday.

I went into Nicola's shop yesterday & she was jumping for joy as they have been nominated & are on a short list for best independent retailer. She is the only one in our area so not in competition with anyone else we know.

Our congratulations go to her & Clive for having such a wonderful shop. We are so lucky to have this on our doorstep. I have already voted for them, and as every vote counts, I am sure they would welcome votes from you.

We have welcomed lots of visitors this year with some becoming members, which is good for the group. Our Exhibition certainly show cased our Group.

Happy Sewing

Sheila & Carol

Library News

It is becoming apparent that I need a kind soul to help me with the library - either to do alternate months/ to help on the day or to cover my absence. Please contact me on 07894242664 if you are able to help.

Donations of books are always welcome. We need to review our book stash and replace some with newer items.

Suggestions for new books or topics of interest you would like added would make the library more vibrant. Please text me on the above number.

A book sale is planned for Monday, 4th November during the "Come and Sew" evening. Monies raised will be used to buy new books and storage boxes.

Denise Mangles

Desperately Searching Storage Space

We are in dire need of storage for some of the property owned by our Group. Much of it is only used very rarely, so it could sit quietly in a garage/attic quite happily.

We are happy to pay a nominal fee!

If this is something you could help with....please let Carol or Sheila know asap.

Speaker Secretary Corner

There have been a few changes. Firstly, and very sadly, Annie has had to step down due to family commitments. Very many thanks for all her work. Happily, Rita Conroy and Terry Louder have stepped in to help.

Secondly, there is an additional workshop. Saturday 28 September will be a Quilts for Care Leavers workshop between 10-4 at Barton Methodist Hall. There is no charge at all for NF Quilt members. We will be learning how to do strip pieced Quilt As You Go, or, you can make up one of the kits provided.

We are all looking forward to hearing about Journal Quilts at our October meeting. If you have made any in the past, please bring them to the meeting.

The November workshop will be Jenny Rundle's, Tea Towel Magic! They are £4-50 and you will need them before the day to cut to size and can be purchased from Jenny via Eddie. Please see Eddie if you need to buy a tea towel. Nearer the time I will give out a list of things you need for the workshop and cutting instructions.

QAYG Strippy Quilt for Care Leavers



Quilts for Care Leavers QAYG Workshop

Saturday 28 Sept 10 – 4, drop in anytime

Methodist Church, Sea Rd/Cliffe Rd,
Barton on Sea BH25 7PA

We are taking the pressure off the long arm quilt volunteers AND making a start at using up our scraps hosting a “Quilt As You Go “ workshop for this get together.

We will provide you with backing fabric and batting (already cut to 12 ½ - 13” square) and as much tea/coffee and home made cake as you can manage! We have some donated fabric and scraps, but this is a great opportunity to use up some of your own.

The Plan

We will cover the surface of the batting with 45 degree diagonal “quilt as you go” strip piecing using scraps. We will trim squares to 12” and join them together using sashing strips and then bind. If that doesn't appeal, choose one of our quilt packs to sew up

Top Tips

- A walking foot on your sewing machine might make life easier but it is not essential
- Use whatever width strips you like, but please sew strips **DIAGONALLY** and **PARALLEL**
- Choose slightly wider strips to cover the square block corners (central stripe and outer corners) without any seam joins to give us a cleaner sashing seam with less bulk
- Machine sew right to the edge, but no need to reverse stitch, finish off ends or sew around finished blocks

Journal Quilts

At our **October** meeting we shall be having a short talk about Journal quilts. If you have made any in the past, please bring them along to the meeting. We'd love to see them made up.



Quilters Guild Regional Day Region 3

Saturday 5th October 10.00 – 3.30
Brockenhurst Village hall Highwood Road,
Brockenhurst SO42 7RY

AM Dr Martin Gregory
The History of the Sewing Machine

PM Catherine Lawes
From Here to there and back again

Young Quilters Workshop...
Making Halloween Bunting

Exhibition of Journal Quilts

Sunday 6th October 10.00 – 4.00
Workshop with Katherine Lawes
Layered Landscapes

All tickets from Jenny Chalmers 01329 231790

Festival of Quilts August 2019

Anne Harvey is in prime position....



Festival of Quilts August 2019

It is always a wonderful occasion, to catch up with old friends, do a little light retail therapy (I always seem to NEED a new machine) and marvel at the wonderful quilts on display.

Festival of Quilts seemed bigger than ever this year, with more categories and I happily spent a day looking round, gaining inspiration from some of the wonderful talent on display.



"Lava Flow" – Helen Butcher



"Spiral Motion" – Johanne Gray

Dates for your Diary

Please check before your journey

29-31 Aug	West Country Quilt Show, UWE, Bristol By Design – A Closer Look.
16 – 27 Sept	By Design – A Closer Look, also displayed at Romsey Abbey during 16 – 27 September
28 Sept	Quilts for Care Leavers Sew Day 10-4 Methodist Church Hall Barton on Sea Doughtys Road Show 10.30 – 2.00 St Mary Magdalene Hall, New Milton
5 – 6 Oct	Quilters Guild Regional Day Brockenhurst Village Hall
8 Oct	Tea@3 3.00 pm St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton
10-13 Oct	Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London
17-19 Oct	Craft4Crafters Show, R B&W Showground, Shepton Mallet
19– 20 Oct	Meon Valley Quilters Exhibition Rookesbury Park, Wickham
21Nov	Shirley Quilters Bernina Day