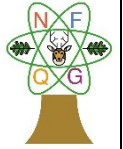




New Forest Quilt Group Newsletter October 2019



Chairmans' Chat October 2019



Where does the time go?
It's hard to believe it's 5 months since we celebrated our 40th Ruby celebration at Ballard School.

Like all committees we wondered if it would be successful? Would people come? Would the weather behave? The list goes on but the main aim was to showcase all your wonderful quilts and to hopefully raise some money for our chosen charity.

So it was a very special moment at our last meeting to be able to present cheques, to both Hampshire & Isle of White and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, totalling £5,000. We should be very proud.

Sometimes our meetings don't always go to plan! A big thank you to Freda Haylett for stepping in at short notice to give us an insight into 'Journal Quilts'. Small is beautiful and they made a lovely display. It's certainly something to try without an expensive outlay and maybe experiment with different fabrics and mediums etc. Maybe a challenge for a group in 2020. What do you think?

Wasn't Gail Lawther a talented quilter? Her talk and quilts were wonderful and her workshop on Tuesday was truly inspiring. The silhouette effect was very effective against the beautiful backgrounds which people used, but it was the simplicity of the quilting which made the project less daunting. I shall certainly stress less when quilting again!

As the year comes to an end our thoughts have turned to a new charity for 2020. Lymington hospital are appealing for support to help purchase 3 new scanners. If we were happy to support their appeal next year, then for those members who live nearer to Bournemouth hospital maybe we could raise funds for them in 2021.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.
Happy Sewing

Sheila & Carol



Your Committee need you

Ladies, as many of you know several members of the committee are stepping down at the AGM in March next year.

For the group to continue we need to find replacements ASAP.

It would be so sad to see a very successful group, with a membership of over 90 people, cease to exist.

The positions which will become vacant are Chairperson or persons. Group Secretary and trader secretary.

Please contact any of the committee members to ask for more details.

'Come and Sew ' November Meeting

A reminder to bring along **sewing kits** and any bits of ribbon, felt, embroidery thread and scissors for fabric and card. Also, spare pieces of Xmas fabric. .

You are invited to bring along any items you would like to sell. Please ensure that your sale items are labelled and priced, and a money bag is included for people to put their money in.

The activities cannot be pre booked this year.



Jennie -
Tea bag folded Xmas cards



Rita-
Stained glass Xmas candle



Anne -
Somerset patchwork fir cone tree decorations



Liz -
Felt Xmas decorations



Terry -
Xmas Jester bags



Eddie and Lois -
Suffolk Puff Xmas Trees

Quilts for Care Leavers Workshop Sat 28 September

We had a very successful workshop and oh, so nearly finished the QAYG Sunset Quilt.



Everyone was armed with a mushroom tray containing a square of wadding, backing fabric and then chose a selection of sunset coloured strips to make their square. Once two were made, they were joined, then a row made and finally the rows sewn together.

We also started the larger Peacock Jewel quilt using the same methodology. If I have time, I will finish and bring them along to the meeting.

Thank you for all your support, generous donations of fabric and wadding.

The Hampshire Quilts are going to 2 different Christmas Dinners this year – Brighton and Hackney and we have made enough to supply both of them, thank you all.

Speakers Corner

The Clocks have gone back and the mornings are chilly. With this in mind, we are looking forward to our Come and Sew evening.

We have several choices for you to make on this evening. All you need to do is bring your **sewing kits and yourselves along on Monday 4th November** and you're in for a fun evening. We have lots of projects to choose from, from tree decorations to fir cones to an actual tree – see pictures above.

Denise will be selling off some of our library books as space is at a premium in the cupboard

We will have a Bring and Buy sale where you can bring something you no longer want in a bag with the price you would like for it. If something takes your eye, then put the requested amount in the bag and take the fabric.

Pat McKeane will also have a stall selling bits and pieces left from the exhibition

I was very sorry to have to cancel November's workshop but there just wasn't enough interest.

We then turn to the December meeting and the Christmas party. We have show and tell, games, quizzes, a handbell recital, and much silliness. This is where you get to speak to other members without being shushed, find new friends and have a good evening.

This year we are asking you to bring your own glass as we are providing drinks and nibbles..

Instead of the fat quarter exchange, this year, you are all getting a gift. When you come in you will be given a raffle ticket, so go out look for your number on the chiffon bags. It's your little present!

Looking forward to seeing you all Monday

Rita, Terry and Edd

Dates for your Diary

Please check before your journey

Tuesday 5 Nov 2-4	Fabric and craft sale Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall Churchill Close Sturminster Marshall BH21 4BQ
Sunday 17 Nov 10-4	A time for Quilters – Tombola, demonstrations, exhibitions £3 entrance Hamworthy Club, Magna Rad, Wimborne, BH21 3AP
21Nov	Shirley Quilters Bernina Day

Pass the Message on

If you know of a friend within NFQ who does not receive electronic documents, could you please remind them to bring their sewing kit to the November meeting.

Thank you to all who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you have any items of interest to our members, please email them to Eleanor at Eleanor.dowe@gmail.com. Don't forget to visit our website to see all the photos taken at meetings and about forthcoming speakers etc.
www.newforestquiltgroup.weebly.com

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