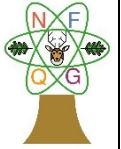




New Forest Quilt Group Newsletter March 2020



Chairmans' Chat

Well this will be our last Chairmans' Chat as we step down and hand the reins over to Jenny and Rita. We would like to thank our wonderful Committee for all the support we have received over the last four years, without whom the group would not flourish. Also, a big "thank you" to all of you for your continued support of the Group.

We have had four wonderful years at the helm culminating last May with our Exhibition, which I think we all agreed was a resounding success. We have had some wonderful speakers and workshops which we hope you all enjoyed, and have made some lovely items as a result.

We must all now support Jenny & Rita as they take over and wish them the very best. We can now sit back and be "members" again and not have to worry about how the evening will go!! We might even have more chance to chat to members and look at the Traders Table, Library etc. It will seem very strange.

Spring is around the corner honestly! Everything crossed for warm dry weather for everyone. Happy Sewing.

Sheila & Carol



Ladies, as you know several members are stepping down from the committee in March.

Denise has offered to take up the role of **either** treasurer or secretary, but we need someone else to take on **the other** of these roles.

Anne's role as trader secretary also needs to be filled. All traders have been booked for 2020 so it will be a gentle easing into the role.

We also need 3 further general Committee members. Please don't worry if you are new to the group or quilting, we need the Committee to reflect our membership. It means coming to one additional meeting a month.

We are very proud that New Forest Quilt group continues to grow from strength to strength with a membership of over 90, but it cannot continue without a functioning committee. Sadly without your support the group will not survive.

Please contact any of the existing committee for more information.

Speakers Corner

Our guest speaker at our February meeting was the wonderful Sandie Lush who inspired us with her talk "From Old Cloth to Wholecloth"; illustrating her presentation with a great slide show and some beautiful examples of her varied portfolio of quilts. Sandie also facilitated a Welsh Quilting workshop the following day when she generously and entertainingly shared her skills and ideas with us. We came away with so many plans for future handstitched projects....!

Our March meeting is, of course, our AGM but we will also be introducing a new and exciting creative initiative for the group.

For the April meeting we are hosting a 'come and sew' evening with a difference – members of the committee will be facilitating two activities using curtain rings and embroidery threads – Dorset Buttons and Shisha Mirrors. I think most of us are familiar with the concept, if not the process, of Dorset Buttons, but shisha mirror embroidery may be new to some of you so here are some pictures to give you an idea of what's on offer. We will provide the rings for both activities, and the mirrors, the fabric and some embellishments, but we do ask you to bring along your embroidery flosses and Perle cottons and a needle that you can thread easily (although help will be on hand.....!) However, we can also supply you with threads and needles if you forget!

Lovely Nicola's Fabrics will be our trader for the evening so don't forget your shopping list and purse.

Terry and Eddie
Speaker and Workshop Secretaries

Shisha Mirrors



Quilts for Care Leavers



It was a horribly wet day when 25 of us gathered to make Quilt Tops for Q4CL.

Each table made a quilt to the same design but using different fabrics. Altogether we made 7 quilt tops, road tested one of the patterns for the next Q4CL SewDay and collected in a number of donated quilts and quilt tops with binding and backing for the long arm quilters.

We ate a lot of cake, recognised the joy of a design wall and learnt that a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot and seam allowance varies hugely from one machine to another.

Thank you to all who came along and donated their time and expertise to a very successful, friendly and productive day.

We will be working on a choice of 4 different patterns next time, more details on this and the date to follow.



Many thanks to NF Quilters for kindly sponsoring the day, and to all those who kindly donated fabric.

Dates for your Diary

Please check before your journey

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| 13-15 Feb | Craft4Crafters, Exeter |
| 21-23 Feb | Spring Quilt Festival, Harrogate |
| 27 Feb – 1 March | Spring Knitting&Stitching Show, Business Design Centre, London |
| 2-4 April | Craft4Crafters, RB&W Showground, Shepton Mallet |
| 3-5 April | Spring Quilt Show, Exeter |
| 17-19 April | Quilters Guild AGM & Conference in Stirling |
| 14-17 May | Quilts UK, Malvern |
| 17 May | Rectory Quilters Tea@3 |
| 25-25 May | Brockenhurst Needlework Fiesta |
| 19-21 June | Nat Quilt Championships, Sandown Racecourse, Esher (Coach – Sat 20 June contact Pat McKean 01425 278669) |
| 4-19 July | Romsey Quilters' exhib, Romsey Abbey |
| 12 July | Fabric Fiesta, Crossfield Hall, Romsey |
| 30 July | Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham |
| 2 Aug | |
| 20-22 Aug | Summer Sale at Pauline's Patchworks, Poundbury |
| 20-22 Aug | West Country Quilt & Textile Show, UWE, Bristol |
| 4-6 Sept | Great Northern Quilt & Needlecraft Shows, Harrogate |
| 9-16 Sept | Mayflower 400 Flower & Quilt Festival, Plymouth |
| 3 Oct | Doughty's at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton |
| 8-11 Oct | Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London |
| 15-17 Oct | Craft4Crafters, RB&W Showground, Shepton Mallet |
| 16-18 Oct | Autumn Quilt Festival, Malvern |

New Forest Quilt

Pam Greaves would very much like to know who has the quilt she helped to make (pic below). If you are the person who is kindly storing it, could you please let Jenny Davies know.



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.

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