



New Forest Quilt Group Newsletter May 2019



Chairmans' Chat May 2019

We hope you all had a good Easter, especially as the weather was so wonderful.

Well, we are now only days away from our Quilt Exhibition. We do hope everyone will give of their time to help out on one of the stalls/tombola/raffle/entrance/catering/stewarding. If you have not already signed up to help, we would be grateful if you could let us know when and how you can help us. This is your Exhibition so all help is very much appreciated.

Pam has received over 150 of entries so this should be a fantastic Exhibition showcasing your work. She is working very hard to organise the entries. All we need now is the perfect weather just as we've just had over Easter.

March was the AGM which was very well attended. Penny gave a fascinating talk about her quilts & techniques. Carol & I felt a lot better knowing that we were not the only ones with lots of UFO's. One day we might even get them finished, watch this space!!

Penny Bicknell gave a talk in April called Two Sides of the Coin which was very interesting, about her journey into quilting.

Enjoy the first May Bank Holiday and here's to our Exhibition at the end of May. Keep sewing

Sheila & Carol

Speaker Secretary Corner

We are finding our way around our new roles as Speaker Secretaries and were delighted to welcome one of our own members as speaker in March when Penny Bicknell showed us examples of her beautiful hand embroidered and embellished quilts.

Our next meeting is on 13 May when the speaker will be Jan Hassard with a talk entitled 'Colour and Illusion' and Jan will be running a workshop the following day at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall. The workshop is called 'Strips Galore'. This workshop has proved to be very popular, and I know that some of you have already prepared and sewn your strata strips together.



The next meeting is on 3 June, just a week after our Exhibition. This summer meeting is traditionally a social evening; a chance to chat, and get to know each other and this time, to catch up with any photographs and thoughts about the exhibition. We will also be announcing the results of the Visitors' Choice awards.

We are working hard to identify and book interesting speakers into 2020, although it will be a hard act to follow Pam and Sue.

As ever, please keep an eye on the newsletter and the notice board for more details.

Eddie and Annie



Ladies we need your help
We still have gaps in our rotas

Quilt Stewarding		
Sunday 26th	10 – noon	2 - 4pm
Monday 27th	12– 2 pm	2 – 4pm
Tuesday 28th	10 -1 pm	
Raffle		
Sunday 26th	12 -2pm	
Monday 27th	11 – noon, 12 -2pm	
Tuesday 28th	10 – 1 pm	
Tombola		
Sunday 26th	12 -2pm	2 - 4pm
Monday 27th	12– 2 pm	2 – 4pm
Tuesday 28th	10 -1 pm	

There are plenty of seats, if you are worried about standing for too long. If you can help in any of the above areas please contact

Carol email:- carol.marchant@gmail.com or phone 01590 681244. If no answer leave a message and I will get back to you. 🙏 Special thanks to all those members who have already offered to help.

⚠️ PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING! ⚠️
 POTENTIAL DANGER OF CRAFTING

In a press release today, the National Institute of Public Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance found in craft supplies. This substance has been linked with the following symptoms in humans:

- * reluctance to cook
- * reluctance to perform housework
- * reluctance to work, except in support of crafting
- * physical craving for free time to craft (may be an addiction).

Beware!!! If you come in contact with a human affected by this substance, then be prepared to talk about fabric for hours on end even though no one has asked.

This has been a public service announcement..., Scientists who discovered the dangerous substance, said... "Craft addiction is real!!! The purchasing of fabric and craft supplies can be expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense".

Dates for your diary

Always check details before going....

- 10-12 May** Quilters Guild of the British Isles, Conference & AGM, Nottingham
- 16-19 May** Quilts UK, Malvern
- 22 May** Q4CL Sewing Day, Bramshaw Village Hall
- 26-28 May** **New Forest Quilt Group New Milton**
- 21-23 June** National Quilt Championships, Sandown Race Course, Esher
- 24 June** Hardy Quilters exhib, Osmington Village Hall
- 25-27 July** Quarterjack Quilters exhib, Merley House, Wimborne
- 1-4 Aug** Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham
- 15-17 Aug** Sale at Pauline’s Patchworks, Poundbury
- 29-31 Aug** West Country Quilt & Textile Show, UWE, Bristol
- 22 Sept** Canford Needlework Festival at Hamworthy Club, Magna Road
- 10-13 Oct** Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London
- 17-19 Oct** Craft4Crafters Show, B&W Showground, Shepton Mallet

EXHIBITION NEWS

The final countdown!

There are now just 4 weeks to go until our exhibition opens its doors at Ballard School on Sunday 26 May 2019 and a huge amount of work has been going on including efforts to ensure maximum publicity, to organise the quilt display, catering, tombola and sales table amongst others.

I should like to thank everyone who has now submitted application forms for quilts. With just a couple of days to the deadline of 30 April, Pam has received forms for:

- 87 hanging quilts (including 15 for the Scrappy Quilt challenge)
- 22 Ruby Challenge items
- 8 Mystery quilts
- 31 Items from workshops
- 7 'other'.

What a fantastic response This promises to be a great showcase for our craft and love for quilting – many thanks to all who have submitted their work.

Publicity has now been stepped up with information being circulated to other quilting groups, local businesses, holiday parks, village halls, etc., so we hope we will have good attendance and also look forward to seeing as many as possible of you, together with friends and family too. Remember please that entrance is FREE for under 12-year olds and also for members. Please be aware though that volunteers on the entrance tables may not know everyone in the group, so to avoid any potential problems, please bring along your membership card.

We also have had an amazing response to requests for items for the Sales Table and can offer some very beautiful items for sale. We recently prepared approximately 150 prizes from all your donations, for the Sewing Tombola so, again, a big thank you to everyone who has donated fat quarters, threads etc. We still need items for the bottle tombola so please bring along donations to the meeting on 13 May or deliver to the school during the set-up period on Saturday, 25 May 2019 from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Any bottles will be gratefully received, from water to Champagne, *via* hand-cream.

BUT, and there is always a BUT, unfortunately, we are still short of volunteers to man the tombola, sell raffle tickets and help with stewarding the quilt display. It is really important to have enough volunteers to spread the load so please, if at all possible do try to offer a couple of hours for your Exhibition. Please see the separate box that gives details of the days and

Gavel

Denise Mangles was going through a box of old NFQG minutes and came across a gavel with an interesting history. Perhaps a member remembers it and knows how we acquired it - the committee would love to know!



Made from yew and brass, it is beautifully carved, decorated with a cross displaying S and R on a diagonal. One brass ring is engraved "Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. Ltd, Govan, Glasgow", the other "Southsea" launched 2nd April 1930.

"Southsea" was an order of 2 ships - the other "Whippingham" deployed on the Portsmouth/ Ryde ferry service.

As one of the largest vessels commissioned it also operated excursions from Portsmouth. She was requisitioned by the admiralty and used for the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940 and also as a minesweeper. She was mined at the mouth of the River Tyne on 16th February 1941 with the loss of all crew and declared wrecked.

T/A/Lt Cdr CCM Pawley, RNR, T/Lt(E) GM Barnes, P/T/SubLt P.Pawsey RNVR and five ratings died.

times when help is still needed. Rota forms will be available at the next meeting or please contact Carol.

Many, many thanks to those of you have volunteered to help – without your help we wouldn't be able to put on a good show.

In summary, firstly I'd like to send big thanks to all who have made quilts and will be making cakes, those who have donated items and already volunteered to help, and to the exhibition committee who have been working now for more than a year to get the exhibition ready. Secondly, can I ask you all to consider if you can give a little time to help over the 2 ½ days.

Annie Forster

Exhibition of Sambhali Trust Embroidered Panels

The purpose of the exhibition is to publicise the work of the Sambhali Trust (www.sambhali-trust.org) and raise funds. The Trust focuses on the development and empowerment of deprived women and children in Rajasthan. It provides education, vocational training and social skills to enable them to become financially independent.

The 14 panels have been created from embroidery pieces designed and made by women in the empowerment and sewing centres and made into panels by volunteers including myself. The panels depict the story of Sambhali, what it means to the women in the centres and how it has changed their lives. Over 200 women and children have been involved in the project.

The exhibition is open from 4-6th May 2-5pm at Hawkers Farm, Stour Provost SP8 5LZ

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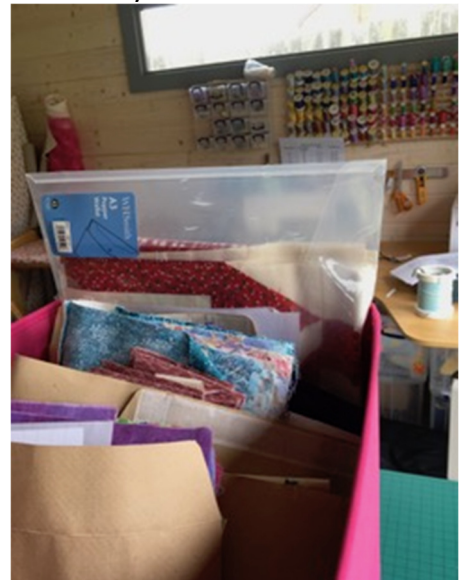
Sewing Day – Quilts for Care Leavers

Wed 22 May 10 – 4

Bramshaw Village Hall, SO43 7JE

We will be making up Quilt Tops and Blocks on this day. Please bring your machine, general sewing kit, extension lead (if you have one), any fabric to donate or swop and a packed lunch. A small donation to cover the cost of hiring the hall would be welcomed.

Very many thanks to all who have already donated blocks and fabric. We have already made up a number of packs/projects using these for people to sew on the day.



Please keep the donations coming, we are grateful for it all, but we particularly need solids and blenders at the moment.

If you would like to come along, sew with people, and eat and drink as much tea/coffee and home made cake as you can, please let Eleanor know on

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Thank you to everyone who has 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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