



New Forest Quilt Group January 2019



Chairmans Chat January 2019

Firstly a very happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

What a fantastic 2018 with amazing speakers and workshops. We are looking forward to another great year. We hope if you have not tried one of the workshops yet, you will try one this year.

We hope you all enjoyed our Christmas meeting. It was certainly a lively evening with a wonderful raffle. We think everyone went home with a prize. Thank you, Pam & Sue, for organizing it.

Viv Carter from Honey Pot Childrens Charity came to collect a cheque and gave a talk about Honey Pot. I have received a lovely letter of thanks from Viv & it will be put on the notice board so do please have a read of it.

We are now working hard to get our Exhibition ready for May starting with our January meeting making up magnetic material strips advertising the Exhibition. If anyone has any six inch squares of fabric, you could donate, could you please bring them with you on Monday 7th January meeting, as we will use them for this project.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.
Sheila & Carol



Thank you to Helen Evans for making a quilt for the Exhibition. She kindly took over a quilt that was donated, that had been started, and she kindly finished it. Thank you, also, to the person who donated it.

AGM March Meeting

As usual, our AGM will be the March meeting. We would very much like to see more members joining the Committee. If you feel you are able to stand as a Committee Member, please let us know. Without a Committee the Group cannot survive.

In 2020 several Committee members will be standing down including Carol & myself. Therefore, we will need somebody to become Chairman. This of course could be two people sharing the job such as Carol & I have done. Please do not be shy in coming forward!! If anyone has IT skills and would like to take over the Newsletter which is produced six times a year, Carol & I would be grateful.

SPEAKER SECRETARY CORNER - Sue and Pam



We cannot believe that another year has passed so quickly, and this year we have the Exhibition to look forward to, together with some lovely workshops. These are very friendly and have been very well attended. As

well as learning new skills, you meet new people with new ideas, so it is a win/win situation, so please come along and join us as they are well worth the money you pay.

In January, we will be making magnets for the exhibition. We will be providing the material, however, if anyone has any spare 6" squares, we will be delighted to receive them. We will also be preparing bunting from oilcloth, which we will also be providing. If anybody is making something else for the exhibition, please bring it along. Don't forget your sewing kits.

In February, we have Angela Madden coming to give us a talk and workshop on Surprising Silhouettes. The pictures look amazing so it should be really interesting and exciting. Our speaker diary is now full for 2019 and details will be available when you receive your new programme card.

Wishing you all a very happy New year
Sue and Pam



Angela Maddon have published 9 needlework books and developed 3 design drafting tools, a Celtic pattern, e book and 6 DVD's. More DVD's are planned. The subject matter of her books has varied from Celtic design, through geometric, floral and perspective patchwork to photo realistic appliqué and innovative techniques using furnishing fabric. **We look forward to meeting her next month and attending her workshop entitled 'Surprising Silhouettes'.** This clever quilt design technique creates simple or complex designs... easy and fast

(machine sewn). Based on the traditional Japanese Notan silhouette technique. Requires no artistic or needlework expertise.

We are now just 20 weeks away from our **Ruby Anniversary Exhibition in May** this year.

Plans are now well under way, quilts are being entered and it's time to start to ask all our members for help in the running of the exhibition.

We have had a good response to requests for help - thanks to all who have already offered their time. The response has been especially good for catering for which we now have enough volunteers to cover the 2 ½ days. We are still also going to need help in the following areas:

- Manning the entrance door and collecting fees.
- Manning the sales table
- Manning the tombola
- Selling quilt raffle tickets
- Stewarding the quilt display
- Setting up on Saturday 25 May (including the most important of all, hanging and display of the quilts) and knocking down on the afternoon of 28 May.
- Outside stewarding - offers from husbands, partners, sons, gratefully received.

At this stage there is no need to specify a particular time (unless you prefer to do so now), really this is to make sure all areas are covered with sufficient help. Rotas can be circulated later.

We will have forms available at the meeting on 7 January - also a good opportunity to update everyone on the exhibition progress and answer any questions. Annie



EXHIBITION - Publicity

Mitchells Estate Agents have very kindly offered to do boards for us advertising the Exhibition.

This is very good free advertising and we would like to know if you are willing to have a board in your front garden. We need to get as many as we can in BH 23 or BH25 areas. If you are willing to have a board, please see Carol or Sheila or sign up on Monday at the meeting or let us know by email. This is a fantastic opportunity to get the word out about our Exhibition.

EXHIBITION - Catering

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to make cakes for the exhibition and/or help on the catering Rota during the three days.

Please look out for an email from Liz in the next few weeks giving you more information about this and asking for details of your availability and cakes you would like to make.



Once again thank you for your offers of help which will help to make the exhibition really enjoyable for our visitors.

Please don't forget your beautiful quilts, bags etc. and anything made at our workshops. We're looking forward to showing off all your amazing work. A form will be included with the newsletter. Any problems please let us know.

Money Collected last Year, up until November, from Sales table, Library and Raffle amounted to £258.59. With money left over from the previous year it was lovely to be able to present Honey Pot with a cheque for £500. Thankyou all for your donations 😊

Subscription Renewals

There are a few letters still to be collected for your subscription renewal. These will be available on Monday on the desk where you sign in. Please remember to pick yours up. Any left will be emailed or posted to you.

Many thanks Janella

Hanging Sleeve Instructions

Step-by-steps instructions for adding a new sleeve:



1. Cut the sleeve $8\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x the exact width of your quilt. Fold the ends in twice ($\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{4}$ " again) to finish each end of the sleeve. Stitch using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Press the long sides of the sleeve so they meet in the centre.

It helps to fold the sleeve in half lengthwise first and press to give you a centre crease.

When you press the sides to the centre, you'll press those creases out - they just give an easy guide without measuring or marking.



2. Fold right sides together and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on the long edge of the sleeve.

Turn the sleeve right-side out.



3. You may need to repress the fold lines - you'll need those for attaching the sleeve to your quilt.

This is the step that provides the give needed in the sleeve.



4. Centre the sleeve across the width of your quilt.

The edge of the sleeve should lie just inside your binding on each side of the quilt.

Using the fold, pin your sleeve in place $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top outside edge on the back of the quilt.

This spacing is needed so the sleeve will not show after it is hung.



5. Pin the top of the sleeve along the fold and blindstitch in place.

Use the opposite fold line to pin the bottom edge of the sleeve in place; blindstitch to the quilt.

The sleeve will fit flat against the quilt from fold line to fold line; the rest of the sleeve will cup out giving enough play in the fabric to fit into the hanging device without damaging the sleeve.

(We hope you find these instructions useful if you haven't added a hanger to your quilt before)

A 2019 date list that Penny knows about so far...

Do confirm before travelling...

- 10-12 Jan** Sale at Pauline's Patchworks, Poundbury
13 Jan Quilters Sale & exhibitions at Farnham Maltings
14-16 Feb Craft4Crafters at Westpoint Centre, Exeter
28 Feb-3 Mar Spring Knitting & Stitching Show, Olympia, London
16 Mar-3 Nov Kaffe Fassett's Quilts in America exhib, American Museum, Bath
29-31 Mar Spring Quilt Festival, Westpoint, Exeter
11-13 Apl Craft4Crafters Show, R B&W Showground, Shepton Mallet
26/27 Apl Longmeadow Quilters exhib, Portman Hall, Shillingstone
27/28 Apl Needlework Fiesta, Brockenhurst
10-12 May Quilters Guild of the British Isles Conference & AGM, Nottingham
16-19 May Quilts UK, Malvern
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

Machine Servicing

Several members have asked where they can get their machines serviced. Here are some that has been used by some members and come recommended.



* **John Hyde,**

5 Goldfinch Close, New Milton BH25 6RD

Tel: 07773953964

* **Andrew at White Orchid Longarm Quilting**

For your long arm quilting and also machine repair & service

7 Dairy Close, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne BH21 3UX Tel 01202 886001

*A shop servicing Janome machines can be found in Southbourne called **Bournemouth Sewing Machines, 5 Southbourne Grove BH6 3QS tel: 01202 424825**

If anyone can recommend anyone else, please let us know.

Nicol's Fabrics are starting their sale on Tuesday 8th January. Of course, we are sure you need more material!!!!



One of the beautiful quilts on show at the Xmas party



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 Carol at carol.marchant@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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