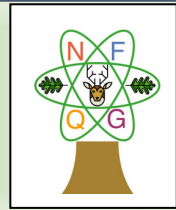


# New Forest Quilt Group

## Newsletter September 2018



### CHAIRMANS CHAT

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer, the weather has certainly been fantastic. Now it has cooled down, we can all think about getting more sewing done!!

What a lovely evening we had at the July meeting followed by an interesting workshop the next day. Needless to say, mine is still a UFO, or should I say, another UFO!!

The August meeting was a great fun evening, which we think went down very well. There was a lot going on with lots of ideas so we hope you managed to take home some new skills and attempt to make something for the Exhibition.

Don't forget to check the Notice Board for up & coming events.

### A date for your diaries:

*Doughty's Fabrics will be coming on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 10am - 2pm at Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton. For any new members who have not been to a Doughty's Fabric Roadshow, it is well worth going. They have masses of material all at very reasonable prices, plus wadding, so well worth a visit.*

Sheila & Carol

### Lymington has a new fabric shop



If you haven't yet discovered their new shop it's well worth a visit.

The shop looks amazing, Nicola and Clive have a real talent, as we know, for displaying their materials. They now stock Moda, Stoff as well as their usual lines. They also now have a wide range of PRYM haberdashery including bag handles, straps etc.

They can be found at 26 St. Thomas Street, Lymington SO41 9NE





## SPEAKER SECRETARY CORNER - Sue and Pam

The months are rolling on, and it's hard to believe that we have only three meetings before our Christmas Evening!

The last two meetings proved, again, very popular with Hazel and Terry entertaining us and showing off their beautiful work, and then Hazel conducting a workshop which has produced some beautiful 'show and tells'.

August was a new format (at least for as long as I have been a member), and we were extremely lucky to have Jean Bush and her willing and able helpers stretch and baste our group quilt ready for quilting and then exhibiting at our exhibition. A big thanks to Jean and all the other helpers for making this possible. Thanks also to all the other exhibitors - the scrappy quilt, suffolk puffs, trees, jelly rolls, and so on. Also the exhibition table showcased patterns and lots of you availed yourselves of patterns to make lots of lovely products for our sales table next year.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** we welcome Jenny Rundle in September who is going to talk on 'I'm a Patchworker, not a Quilter'. Jenny was awarded the BEM in 2014 and we really look forward to hearing all about her very interesting patchworking life.



**OCTOBER MEETING:** we welcome Ann Hellyer



'Building on the skills I learnt I now hand paint all my fabric, which I then use to create city and townscapes, embellishing them with free machine embroidery my work reflects my love of buildings and architecture together with my love of fabric, paint and stitch.'

Will be another interesting and different evening.

**'Working With Oilcloth' WORKSHOP:**



The September workshop has been postponed, due to so many of you who wanted to attend being away on holiday. **The new date is 13<sup>th</sup> October at Barton Church Hall, Sea Road.** Sue and Pam will be taking bookings and giving more details - still excellent value at just £25 per workshop day.

**UFO CHALLENGE:** Don't forget about the December meeting UFO challenge. I know I haven't been pestering you so much this year, most of the time it's just been too hot to coerce you - but even if you haven't pledged a UFO, please still bring something along to show at the December meeting - there is a small gift for all showings.



### YOUR GROUP NEEDS YOU

Ladies, the Speaker Secretary Job will be vacant next March! It's a very rewarding post, with loads of variety and scope to expand your organising and delegating abilities. The diary is full for most of 2019, so the first few months will be concentrating on welcoming speakers and contacting speakers for 2020.

Contacting prospective speakers is an extremely rewarding activity which has expanded our knowledge and view of all types of crafting, needlework, quilting and embroidery. Many speakers come along with their own workshops already organised so your job will be to decide which workshops you would like to complete and then book accordingly! What power!!

This is a role that has traditionally been carried out by one person in the past, but Sue and Pam have shared it for the last three years, and they would tell you that it has worked very well for them.

Please ask any committee member for more details, and have a word with Sue and Pam, we will be very, very pleased to give more detail.

Don't be shy, come and talk to us.



**Mary** for

*gaining a 'Highly Commended' at the West County Quilt and Textile Show.*



### **Exhibition Countdown 9 months to go (26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019)**

Just a reminder that categories are:

'General' quilts for hanging  
**Ruby Challenge** Quilts  
(Max 24"x24")

**Scrappy quilt** challenge  
Items made in **NFQG** workshops  
Display of **smaller pieces** such  
as cushions, table runners etc

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](mailto: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.co.uk](http://www.newforestquiltgroup.weebly.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary

*Please check before attending*

**30 Aug-1 Sept West Country Quilt Show, UWE, Bristol, BS34 8QZ**

**4-16 Sept By Design Textile Group displayed at Romsey Abbey called 'Just One Day'**

**13-19 Sept Purbeck WCE exhib at The Grand Hotel, Swanage**

**20Sept-20Oct WCE 3 County's exhib at The Gallery Upstairs, Upton C/Park**

**Doughty's Roadshow Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 10am - 2pm at Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton.**

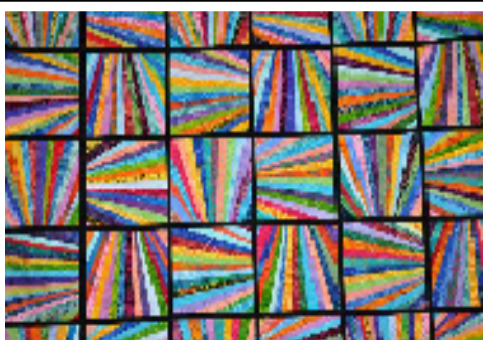
**9 Oct Wareham WCE Open Day, Carey Hall, Wareham, 10.30-2.30**

**11-14 Oct Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace**

**18-20 Oct Craft4Crafters at B&W Showground, Shepton Mallett**

**9th and 10th November 2018 Greystones Quilters exhibition At Highcliffe Community Centre, Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe, BH23 5JL.**

**18 Nov CADArts Xmas Craft Fair at Hoburne Naish Holiday Park, New Milton**



## 1718 Quilt



To celebrate its 300th anniversary, the oldest dated patchwork coverlet in Britain has been displayed at the American Museum Bath and the NEC Birmingham. Mary Hewson, our President, has conducted historical research on behalf of the Quilters Guild who purchased it in 2000, but has not been able to identify the maker. It was a family heirloom of a rich farming family: Brown of Aldbourne, Wilts and has E.H 1718 surrounded by hearts and figures of a man and woman. It is composed of 120 different silk dress fabrics (some had gold thread and one dates to 1640) in 182 blocks pieced over paper templates and backed by linen. It would have had a border too.

The blocks are mostly 4 inches with geometric shapes, bell shaped flowers, bells and some animals: geese, a cat, dog, swan, deer, pheasant, butterfly, lion and unicorn. The latter are the heraldic arms of James I suggesting royalist support (together with the Fleur de Lys) and the bells may allude to a bell foundry in Aldbourne. As the quilt is faded and worn, Pauline Adams in 2004 organised a replica project aided by Susan Briscoe who published 69 quilt blocks from the design in order that the original could be better preserved away from view.

The coverlet measures 66.5 x 73 ins. - would fit a double bed