



# SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

April 2021

Please send items for May Snippets by 30 April to [ruthandpeterh@gmail.com](mailto:ruthandpeterh@gmail.com). If you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting shop or website, please share!

## Coffee Rota Reminder.



## The Next Few Months at FQ

- 12 April - Zoom meeting  
- Challenge winner announcement
- 10 May - Zoom meeting
- 14 June - Zoom meeting
- 12 July - Meeting at the Spire Church.

## Postponed Events

Romsey Quilters Exhibition  
Re-scheduled for 3-18 July 2021.  
Note: keep hold of your raffle tickets.

Lullingstone Quilt & Craft Festival  
Postponed until 16 - 18 July 2021

## What's on Elsewhere

### 25 April

Farnham Maltings 2021 Quilters' Fair tickets only available in advance with timed entry 9am to 4pm.  
£7 before 3pm, £4 from 3pm

### Guild Events in April

See below or [quiltersguild.org.uk/events](http://quiltersguild.org.uk/events)

### Festival of Quilts, NEC Birmingham

- 29 July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021 (See below)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

<https://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk/>

### Latest information from Grosvenor Shows:

#### 17 Sep to 19 Sep 2021

Great Northern Quilt Show,  
Great Yorkshire Showground  
Harrogate

#### 15 Oct to 17 Oct 2021

Autumn Quilt Festival, Malvern  
Three Counties Showground,  
Malvern

#### 22 Oct to 24 Oct 2021

Autumn Quilt Festival, Duxford  
Imperial War Museum,  
Duxford

#### 28 Oct to 30 Oct 2021

North West Quilt Show, Haydock,  
Newton-le-Willows  
Haydock Park Racecourse,  
Newton-le-Willows

## **Last Month's Meeting**

Our March Zoom Meeting hosted by Natalie was largely taken up with the AGM which had been postponed from October 2020. 17 members joined on Zoom. A further 12 sent their apologies.

The Minutes of the 2019 AGM and the Vice Chairman's report which you all received in advance of the meeting were duly received and approved. Likewise, the Treasurer's Report, the 2019-20 Accounts and the proposal not to charge a subscription this year were received and approved. Ann Grainger was welcomed as a new Committee member joining Connie, Natalie, Lyn and Penny. Julia offered to remain on the committee until her move from the area - and if necessary, continue to manage the Programme bookings after that remotely. It was also agreed that Carole remain as Secretary until the next AGM.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with talking about The Maltings, the return of the 2020 Challenge and our hopes that our July Meeting can take place in person at last.

At the end Lyn showed us the finished Positivity Quilt which will be on display at that meeting. Thanks to all of you who contributed the blocks which Carole put together and to Lyn for quilting and binding it.

## **Message from the Committee**

Hello Ladies

The vaccination rollout is zooming along and like a lot of you I have now had my vaccination. I am looking forward to finally meeting up in person.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the AGM either beforehand in sending your messages and approvals or joined in for the meeting itself.

Thank you also to Ann Grainger for volunteering to join the committee, the roles have been allocated as follows

Chair – Natalie Lang

Vice Chair – Connie DeVilliers

Secretary & Membership – Carole Johnson

Treasurer- Lyn Stallybrass / Ann Grainger will shadow to take over when Lyn steps down in October

Programme Secretary – Julia Weir

General committee members – Penny Mitchell

Please remember I will be looking for additional volunteers for the committee in October when several people will be stepping down.

As you should all hopefully be aware, we have decided not to participate at The Maltings in April. But we will still be voting on the 2020 challenge entries. Please can I have all your entries by the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. I have received approx. 10 entries already and I am aware of 2 others to be submitted shortly, so please let me know if you still intend to submit an entry. Remember I need a photo of your quilt, the size and what inspired you. Once I have received all the entries, I will send out the details on how you can vote on them. I hope to have all votes submitted before the 12<sup>th</sup> of April meeting, where I hope to announce the winner. Please contact me if you are having problems taking a photo and I will see what I can do to help.

As we are not taking part in the Maltings this year, we have decided not to set a challenge for 2021 as we are hoping that there will be lots of lockdown quilts to show in Jan 2022.

We are planning to our next get together in July at the Spires where we are hoping to get into the church rather than the hall. This will enable us to allow more people to come and give us more room to spread out. More details will follow as we will need to understand what the government restrictions will be at that time. But please make sure it is in your diary.

Happy quilting and looking forward to meeting up soon

Natalie & the committee

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## Guild News

### Region 2

8th April 2pm - 5pm

**Quilted in a Flash** Half day workshop with **Judi Kirk**.

You may love to free motion quilt yourself, or it's an easy and effective option to "quilt by cheque-book" and send tops to be longarmed, but what to do with charity quilts, baby quilts for your neighbours, relatives, etc. when you may not want to spend a lot of time or money to get a quilt finished. Use the walking foot on your domestic sewing machine combined with straight or decorative stitches to create a host of easy designs that will get your "duty" quilting finished faster and easier than you ever imagined! You may find that you like the look of this quilting style so much that you use it for all your quilts. Thread and needle choices will be discussed and there will be lots of examples to inspire you.



Tickets : Members £10.00 non-members £15.00 This is going to be very popular so book [no-  
https://region-2.quiltersguild.org.uk/events/view/quilted-in-a-flash-with-judi-kirk](https://region-2.quiltersguild.org.uk/events/view/quilted-in-a-flash-with-judi-kirk)

### 20th April

Sip Tea, Show me, Ask me 10 am - chance to catch up with quilting friends - email [Jan](mailto:Jan@region-2.quiltersguild.org.uk) for a place.

Free to members. Join Kerry and Jan for a morning chat session online. Get the latest Guild news, etc.

### 24th April EQ8 Beyond Basics -

A talk and demonstration by Jan Allston, exploring how you can draw images and design appliqué motifs. Learn how set them into a quilt with different sized blocks in EQ8, the quilting software from The Electric Quilt Company. This is designed as a follow-on from the talk on 20th February, but is also suitable for those who missed that talk as it will look at different aspects of the program.



Tickets £7.00 members £10.50 non-members.

<https://region-2.quiltersguild.org.uk/events/view/eq8-beyond-the-basics-with-jan-allston>

Information about later events at <https://region-2.quiltersguild.org.uk/events>

## Region 3

### 15 May 2021

Zoom talk by Cristina Arcenegui Bono – in conversation about her quilt journey

16:30 - 18:00

### 12 June 2021

Zoom Talk by Brenda Gael Smith - Driven to Abstraction

Starts: 10:30 12 Jun 2021 Ends: 12:30 12 Jun

More information about both of these events at <https://region-3.quiltersguild.org.uk/events>

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## Festival of Quilts 2021

Competition Categories and prizes 2021:

There are 17 different categories to choose from within the Festival of Quilts Competition. Please read the definitions at <https://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk/competition-categories-prizes-2021> to decide which one best suits your piece.

The theme for The Quilters' Guild Challenge 2021 is '**Coming Together**'

The theme for Young Quilters/ Schools in 2021 is '**The world we live in**'

The entry form will be available by April at the latest, so you are encouraged to check the categories and rules and get making!

## Patchwork 'Haute Couture' style

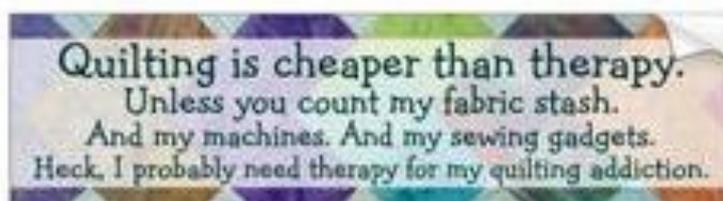
*From the Observer Magazine 07.03.21*

In March 2020, at the start of the first UK lockdown, young designer, Daniel W Fletcher, found himself in the same situation as many designers when his factories closed and he couldn't buy the fabrics he needed to complete his collections. Rather than press pause – or worse, compromise with cheap, unsustainable fabrics – he started looking around to see what he already had: scraps of fabric left over from previous creations. It proved to be a lightbulb moment.

"I've always been trying to find ways to reduce the environmental impact and waste output and [even though] we use organic and recycled materials, there is always the problem of what you have left over after you cut out a pattern," says the 30-year-old Cheshire-born designer. He set about incorporating them into his men's – but increasingly unisex – designs, famed for their rakish, retro take on luxury. "We were playing around with loads of different quilting techniques with the tiniest scraps you can imagine – pieces that were, like, 1cm square!" As well as making quilts and selling them on his website, his spring/summer 2021 edit, presented last summer, ended up being made from these patchworked fabrics.



Read more at: <https://www.theguardian.com/fashion/2021/mar/07/daniel-w-fletcher-king-of-fashion-scrap-heap>. Sadly his free bags of fabric scraps are 'sold out'.



## Show and Tell

Julia Weir



... and from the Creative Quilting Newsletter for 26 March

### *A few great Reasons and Excuses to Buy Fabric*

1. It insulates the cupboards where it is kept
2. It is useful for covering empty surfaces where dust might settle
3. I am participating in a contest - the one with the most fabric wins!
4. It is not immoral, illegal or fattening
5. It calms the nerves (unless your points go wrong!), gratifies the soul and makes you feel good
6. It keeps without need of refrigeration, you don't have to cook it, feed it or walk it
7. A metre a day keeps the doctor away
8. You deserve it!!