



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

December 2021

Please send items for January Snippets by 31 December to ruthandpeterh@gmail.com. If you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting shop or website, please share!

FQ COVID GUIDELINES

To provide a safe environment for everyone, please do not attend the meeting if there is any chance you have the virus. Even though you may not have any symptoms you are putting the rest of the group at risk.

Mask wearing isn't mandatory, but it is highly recommended, I would therefore encourage you to wear a mask while walking around in the hall. We are planning a lot of activities over the next few months so if you would feel more comfortable sitting socially distanced from others, or only with other mask wearers, please let myself or someone on the committee know so that we can arrange tables and chairs appropriately.

It was also felt that due to COVID it wouldn't be appropriate to provide teas & coffees. We would recommend that people brought their own refreshments as required. This will be monitored regularly.

We want our meetings to be safe and enjoyable for all.

Next Few Meetings

12 December – Meeting in the Spire Hall 7.30 pm
Activity: Christmas Decorations – materials will be available at the meeting – see below for what you need to bring.

10 January – Preparation for the Maltings

What's on Elsewhere

16 December

Coffee morning to introduce the Beare Green Village Hall Quilter's Workshops' Jan - June Programme 2022 with Ileana Laws. 10:00 -11:00. Beare Green Village Hall, Beare Green, Dorking, RH5 4QY
Simply come along - Raffle and Samples

18th/19th December

Sunflower Stitches Fabric Extravaganza Weekend, 23 Star Lane, Ash, GU12 6RJ
10am-3pm
<http://www.sunflowerstitches.co.uk>
07988 722308.
(See more information below)

16 January

Quilters' Fair 2022 – Farnham Maltings
9.00 am – 4.00 pm £8 from 9.00 am, £5 after 1.00 pm. Advance tickets only and timed entry
boxoffice@farnhammaltings.com.
Box Office 01252 745444

31 January – 19 February

'African Odyssey – a Common Thread' exhibition at the Open Door Community Arts Centre, 360-364 High Street, Berkhamsted. Mon-Sat 10.30-3.30 pm.
New work using fabrics and inspiration from America.
www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk

12 February

Quilters' Day in aid of Alzheimer's & Dementia Research, Fairground Village Hall, Weyhill, Andover Hants SP11 0QN
See below.

Last Month's Meeting

Natalie opened the meeting with a discussion of the Quilters' Fair at the Maltings. She asked for a few volunteers to help with the organising. This year we would keep things simple – no raffle, and demonstrations/sales only if people felt comfortable doing this. The emphasis would be on displaying as many quilts as possible, making sure people didn't touch the quilts and concentrating on attracting new members. There was a discussion on whether to produce a larger FQ banner

There would be another sewing activity at the next meeting, the January meeting would focus on preparations for the Maltings. The programme for the rest of the year would be 'Block of the Month' – suggestions welcome. It was also hoped to book two or three sewing days at Hale.

There was the usual show-and-tell. Margaret Mullery had sent in a big bundle of quilts for Linus, Sara showed a delightful top for a new baby in the family and Vera had also made a number of beautiful quilts.

The rest of the evening was taken up with constructing a five-pointed origami star, guided by Brigitte. After a complicated series of folds, we all managed to produce a lovely paper star – no time to make a fabric one but that could be tackled at home or possibly at the next meeting. Here are the instructions:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=917a169fe5&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1716024761644971161&th=17d08b6dc79f7499&view=att&disp=safe>



.. and look what you can make with the five-pointed star.
Brigitte

December Meeting Activity

We shall be making felt Christmas decorations like the ones below.
Christmas trees / Christmas puddings and robins.

Can everyone bring:

- Sharp scissors
- Fine pins
- Narrow ribbon to hang ornament 1/8" - 3/8"
- Embroidery needle
- Fine needle (in case sewing on beads)
- Stranded embroidery cotton red, green, brown, and white



Please don't go out and buy anything special as we should have spare threads etc between us

Chairman's update

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. A particular thank you to Ruth French & Fiona Stirton who have now joined the committee. Ruth will be taking on the secretarial role and Fiona will be looking after you all as members. In addition to myself as chairman, Ann has now taken over from Lyn to look after the finances.

As I said at the AGM, with such a small committee we are going to need help with some of the regular activities. The most urgent of these is help with the Maltings. Even though I have helped set up and dismantle at the Maltings I am not sure I know all the activities, so I would be really keen to have help from some of you who have done it before. I know in the past there have sometimes been a mini committee to plan the maltings. Please let me know if you are happy to help with the event.

Natalie & the committee

2022 Events

As mentioned in the last Snippets, and at the November meeting, we are keeping the 2022 events simple. We are recommending that out of the 12 months we have over the year we use 9 of the meetings to create a block of the month. We are suggesting that each block should enable the use of a different quilting technique or skill. Thank you to Sheila, Lyn and Celia who have volunteered to demonstrate selected blocks. But we still need a few more members to help. Please let me know so that we can build them into the monthly meetings for next year. After each meeting we will include the pattern in snippets for those unable to attend the meeting. Draft programme is below.

In addition, we are planning a few Hale sewing days and hope to use these to enable people to catch up with blocks they may have missed and start to improve their quilting techniques. Both traditional and quilt as you go. *Note* Dates for Sewing Dates are still to be confirmed

We plan to publicise our meetings and hope it will encourage new members to join.



2022	Meetings	Mtg Activities	Hale Days	Sewing Days	Other Significant Dates	
January	10 Jan	<u>Maltings preparation</u>			16 Jan 2	Farnham Maltings Quilters Fair
February	14 Feb	BOM - Log Cabin (Sheila)	07 Feb	United Quilters		
March	14 Mar	BOM - Dresden Plate (Lyn)				
April	11 Apr	BOM			28-30 Apr	National Quilt Championships Sandown
May	09 May	BOM	09 May	United Quilters		
June	13 Jun	BOM	04 Jun	Farnham Quilters		
July	11 Jul	BOM				
August	08 Aug	BOM			18-21 Aug	Festival of Quilts - NEC Birmingham
September	12 Sep	BOM	10 Sep	Farnham Quilters		
October	10 Oct	Annual General Meeting				
November	14 Nov	BOM	19 Nov	Farnham Quilters		
December	12 Dec	Christmas activity				

BOM = Block of the Month

Guild News

4th December

Audrey Esaray lecture, 4.30 pm

Audrey's lecture focuses on her path to becoming a modern quilter and how she applies traditional techniques in her modern quilts. She'll discuss the progression of her work and show her Radial and Watercolour Quilts along with some others thrown in. We'll also learn about her design inspiration, favourite artists and hear stories of some lows and highs along Audrey's journey. Tickets £7 members £10.50 non members. Book: <https://region-2.quilt-ersguild.org.uk/events/view/audrey-esaray-from-cotton-and-bourbon-finding-my-voice-in-modern-quilting>

Regional, Day 2021 13th November 2021 – Report on Regional two day

Penny Savill and I travelled to Chichester for the regional day organised by the West Sussex reps for the quilters guild. The morning speaker was Janet Clare a former member of Farnham Quilters. Janet won our group challenge in 2004 and soon after that gave us a talk on using mood boards for inspiration. Janet still keeps scrap books of ideas, cuttings from magazines, photos, sketches, anything that takes her fancy and from this she creates her fabric collections for Moda. She loves hand quilting but no longer has the luxury of time and so uses a long arm quilter to quilt the designs to showcase her latest fabric collection, she also has an assistant who makes up some of the quilts she designs, and her husband Tony also known as chief of everything does everything technical or stuff Janet doesn't like doing! This frees Janet up to what she loves best doodling and drawing and from this comes the lovely collections of fabrics, mostly in blues and muted colours. She has come a long way since that first talk. Her talk was called 'She believed she could and so she did' very true!! Lots of lovely quilts were shown and her new range of fabrics 'Botanicals' is in the shop now.

The afternoon speaker was Gill Towell of Gilly Mac designs who spoke on 'Gaining confidence with colour' Gilly related how she had left a corporate job when having children made life with business travelling difficult and she set up teaching sewing and quilting. She talked us through the colour wheel showing secondary and tertiary colours. Complementary and analogous colour schemes. Unfortunately the slides used were difficult to see but we got the idea. She then illustrated with quilts. Both speakers are very generous with free patterns, so it is worth signing up for their newsletters. [Janet Clare Home](#) | [GillyMac Designs](#) | [Patchwork, Quilting and Sewing Tutor, Berkshire](#)

As well as copious tea, coffee, and cake there were traders, demonstrations and a workshop that you could sign up to over the lunch break Chichester quilters has a sales table with some very reasonably priced bags.

Penny and I had a table to showcase Young Quilters and we have hopefully gained a new convert who currently runs Young Embroiderers workshops. Chichester college is easy to find and a good venue.
Sheila Musson

The next Region 3 Regional Day will again be at Swanmore on 19 March 2022, so if you want to spend your International Quilting Day in good company with interesting speakers and tempting traders (and lots of cake of course) please do book a ticket on the Region 3 page of the Quilters Guild website. Details will be in the next issue of the Newsletter Southern Star.
Sheila Musson

PS If like me you loved the poster for Festival of Quilts 2020 and 2021 do watch this u tube video on Sarah Hibbert the maker. She is interviewed and is very interesting and unassuming.
['Meet The Artist' \(No:36\) | Sarah Hibbert | Modern Quilter - YouTube](#)

Young Quilters

Young Quilters have been gifted this lovely Christmas fabric which I am offering to our Young Quilters to make gift bags or Christmas Bunting. If you have a young person that you sew with or would like to sew with please get in touch and I will assist you.

Thanks – Sheila



Also, we are tentatively planning to hold a sit and sew session for adults and children at The Maltings Exhibition and fabric sale in January. If you can commit to helping for an hour or two or have any make ideas please do speak to me

Thanks – Sheila

12th February 2022 - QUILTERS DAY AT THE FAIRGROUND BACK FOR ONE YEAR ONLY at the Fairground Village Hall, Weyhill, Andover in aid of Alzheimers & Dementia Research. **9:30am to 4:00pm**, at **Fairground Village Hall, Fairground Craft Centre, Weyhill, Andover, Hampshire. SP11 0QN**. It is a Guild event being organised by Jenny Rundle, Contact Jenny Rundle on 07816054738 or email: jenny_rundle@outlook.com.



Yes, a one-off day in 2022 returning to The Fairground Hall, Weyhill, Andover, a chance to put COVID behind us and raise money for Alzheimer's & Dementia Research in memory of friends lost during the pandemic. A chance also to renew old friendships, chat, laugh, and catch up with what has happened to us since the last Fairground Day.

Date: Saturday 12th February 2022, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is £18.00
Includes 2 mystery workshops, refreshments, and the famous cakes.

Morning & afternoon mystery workshops

Both by hand, each pack is included in the price of your ticket and contains full instructions & materials: all you need to bring is your sewing kit to include small, pointed scissors, a needle suitable for embroidery thread, and some sewing threads (dark blue/brown) - but some will be available for you to use.

RAFFLE– As previously everyone gets a raffle prize – TICKETS £2

SALES TABLE & MINI EXHIBITION OF WORK

The ticket application form can be found [HERE \(Click the link\)](#) and will also be in the Southern Star later in the year, sent out to groups, or contact Jenny Rundle on 07816054738 or email: jenny_rundle@outlook.com

The Quilters Day at the Fairground has always been popular - numbers may be limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Quilting Cruise – Message from Jan Allston, Region 2 coordinator

If any of you are interested in a quilting cruise then here is an opportunity for you.

I have the chance to take a group to Greenland and Iceland next summer (21st June for 21 nights) when we have the midnight sun as well as ice and glaciers. Excitingly, there will be visiting polar adventurers to talk about their specialities on board Ambience which is Ambassador Cruise Line's new ship. Visits to ports in Iceland and Greenland will give you a chance to see some amazing places too. The charity ORCA is supported by this voyage as well - it studies and protects marine mammals in Europe and the UK

A group booking gets an extra 5% discount. (On the cheapest cabins that's just over £100 per person.) It would be an ideal time to combine quilting with seeing amazing places. A retreat for you with scenery! Fantastic! Here is the link to the website and the cruise. Your partner would have plenty to do as well as there are going to be lots of other activities going on around the ship on sea days. <https://www.ambassadorcruiseline.com/cruise/a12209-arctic-voyage-to-greenland-iceland/>

Just [email](mailto:allston.towers@hotmail.co.uk) Jan at allston.towers@hotmail.co.uk for more information and to let her know if you are interested. The numbers going will determine any discounts.

Sunflower Stitches.



My name is Karen Crookes and I run Sunflowerstitches which is based in Ash – 23 Star Lane, Ash, GU12 6RJ. I launched my fabric business in April of this year and have been busy building up my fabric stock from all the main suppliers – Moda, Makower, Lewis & Irene, Stof, Anbo, EQS etc. I am also a stockist of Aurifil thread and currently carry 50WT threads.

I am holding a Fabric Extravaganza weekend on 18th/19th December from 10am-3pm at my shop/workshop where there will be a wide range of fabrics on sale and plenty of new ranges to view. I will also be holding a raffle with donations going to Mind Woking and light refreshments will be served.

My recently revamped website – www.sunflowerstitches.co.uk – includes all fabric ranges available currently and more stock will be added over the next few weeks as it arrives. I will also be promoting the event on my Facebook page where you will also see other events that I have been running.

If you require any further details, then please do get in contact with me, either via this email address or by phone on 07988 722308.

Many thanks and kind regards – Karen

From Penny Savill:

Favourite motto from Viv at Purple Stitches in Basingstoke.

'Measure twice, cut once then force it to fit!'

Haven't we all done that - well most of us anyway!

Show a Tell

Margaret Stansbie

Fabric Origami Star – it was a great help to have the instructions in front of me when I tried it out using material. I wasn't sure it would work, but I'm pleased with the result.

My biggest problem was that the material got incredibly hot whilst I was ironing each fold, I suspect it was because of the silver effect on the material. If I try again, I think I'll avoid that type of fabric



Grosvenor Shows – 2022 Preview

**Newark Quilt Show,
Newark**

14 Jan to 15 Jan 2022

The Lady Eastwood Centre,
Newark Showground,
Newark

BUY TICKETS

**Ardingly Quilt
Festival,
Haywards Heath**

27 Jan to 29 Jan 2022

South of England Showground,
Haywards Heath

BUY TICKETS

**Spring Quilt Festival,
Harrogate**

18 Feb to 20 Feb 2022

Great Yorkshire Showground,
Harrogate

BUY TICKETS

**Spring Quilt Festival,
Duxford**

04 Mar to 06 Mar 2022

Imperial War Museum ,
Duxford

BUY TICKETS

**Spring Quilt Festival,
Exeter**

31 Mar to 02 Apr 2022

Westpoint Exhibition Centre,
Exeter

BUY TICKETS

**National Quilt
Championships,
Sandown,
Esher**

28 Apr to 30 Apr 2022

Sandown Park Racecourse,
Esher

BUY TICKETS

**Quilts UK,
Malvern**



12 May to 15 May 2022

Three Counties Showground,
Malvern

BUY TICKETS

**Springfields Quilt
Show,
Spalding**

27 May to 28 May 2022

Springfields Events Centre,
Spalding

BUY TICKETS

**Great Northern Quilt
Show,
Harrogate**

16 Sep to 18 Sep 2022

Great Yorkshire Showground,
Harrogate

BUY TICKETS

**Great Northern
Needlecraft Show,
Harrogate**

16 Sep to 18 Sep 2022

Great Yorkshire Showground,
Harrogate

BUY TICKETS

**Autumn Quilt
Festival,
Malvern**

21 Oct to 23 Oct 2022

Three Counties Showground,
Malvern

BUY TICKETS

**Autumn Quilt
Festival,
Duxford**

28 Oct to 30 Oct 2022

Imperial War Museum,
Duxford

BUY TICKETS

For more information and to book tickets:

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Also from Penny Savill

We just checked...

...and it turns out it is perfectly normal to have several ongoing crafting projects. In fact the average number of projects in progress is 18 and the average time of completion is 27 years. So if you are coming in under that **you're good!**

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