



# SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

November 2021

Please send items for December Snippets by 31 30 November to [ruthandpeterh@gmail.com](mailto: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 Meeting

**8 November** – Meeting in the Spire Hall 7.30 pm  
Activity: Christmas Star – see below for requirements list

## What's on Elsewhere

### 16th October - 12th November

Alice Kettle - Threadbound  
Candida Stevens Gallery, 12 Northgate,  
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(See more information below)

### 20th November

Beckenham Quilters Exhibition,  
Celebrating 40 years  
Beckenham Methodist Church  
Bromley Road, Beckenham, BR3 5JE  
10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Entry £5 incl.  
Catalogue. Children and students free.  
Contact: [Beckenhamquilters.co.uk](http://Beckenhamquilters.co.uk)

### 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



## Last Month's Meeting

Natalie opened the meeting (the AGM) by reminding members that it was 25 years since Farnham Quilters started up. Sheila described how the group had begun at the Maltings with a few members and gradually grown as more quilters joined. Natalie asked for ideas about activities for future meetings and for attracting new members. Sheila suggested sending a photograph and appeal for members to the Farnham Herald.

After the main business of the AGM there was a Show and Tell, with Sara, Gill and Vera showing recent work. Brigitte has nearly finished her latest hand-stitched quilt of 1" squares.



## 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.

Please find my chairman's report below for all those who were unable to attend the AGM.  
Natalie & the committee

## Chairman's 2021 AGM report

Welcome everyone to 25 years of Farnham Quilters.

My speech isn't going to reflect on the year we have just had, partly as we had the last AGM in March and partly because I think it is more important to focus on the year ahead. You may be aware that some of our members have left the group for a variety of reasons, and a few of our members will be unable to join us in person due to their own or their family health issues. This will mean that some of our meetings may be a little low on numbers.

I therefore believe our prime objective in the coming year must be to attract new members. And as we all know, when starting out, there is a lot to discover and learn. It is easy to say just ask someone for help, but sometimes you don't know the question to ask or who to ask it of, particularly when new to the group. We also don't know how 2022 is going to pan out with COVID and unless we get some last minute volunteers for the committee we are unlikely to have an events secretary. So rather than try and book in speakers that may get cancelled or few people are able to attend, I am suggesting that we spend most of the year improving skills and having some fun. I know I can rely on the more experienced members to support us less experienced. I have had some initial thoughts, which will still need to be planned with the new committee. We may also need to seek assistance from all members of the group as and when required. So more news next month.

I would like to thank the committee for their support since the last AGM, it has been a great team effort and without whom we could not function as a group - Connie de Villiers (Vice Chair), Carole Johnson (Secretary & Membership Secretary), Lyn Stallybrass (Treasurer), Ann Grainger and Penny Mitchell. And as most of them are stepping down, I would also like to say thank you for their work over the last 3-4 years.

I want to give a special thanks to Ruth Harrison who has managed to keep us all up to date by sending out "Snippets" every month. I would really like to encourage you all to keep sending in your pictures and articles to Ruth. As I mentioned earlier not everyone will be able to come to the meeting so it will enable everyone to still feel they are part of the group. A big thank you also goes to Ruth French for her work keeping our website up to date in the constantly changing year we have had.

You are such a welcoming group and I know that you will all make any new members as welcome as you have made me and that we can all share and improve our skills from the extensive skills and experience we already have in the group.

Thank you everyone, now let us plan for the next 25.

### **November Meeting Activity:**

The activity for November will be the making of a Christmas star. We will initially be practising with paper, so please bring a 12.5" square piece of paper with you. Paper mustn't be too thick but shouldn't tear when manipulating. You may also want to bring an implement for flattening the paper to help get nice creases. Those of you who are up for the challenge please also bring a properly starched piece of material of the same size. Natalie will have some spare paper for those who are unable to bring it.



### **2022 Events**

As a group we know we will have many challenges with arranging events for 2022 and in a bid to encourage new members, the committee have decided to keep it 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. I would also like to encourage some of our experienced members to identify a block they would be happy to teach the group.

A quick brainstorm identified the following blocks as good candidates for a lesson, but this isn't an exhaustive list! Examples include

- Tumbling blocks
- Honey Bee

- Stained Glass Window
- Hawaiian
- Grandmas Fan
- Dresden Plate
- Foundation piecing

After each meeting we will include the pattern in snippets for those unable to attend the meeting.

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.

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

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## Guild News

### Janome 100th Birthday Machine Prize Giveaway!

[Janome](#) have long had a special relationship with quilters. Their recent collaborative projects with designer and Guild member Jenni Smith during the lockdown have been designed to encourage more interest in the craft we all love. [The BIG Janome Skill Share](#) evolved from Jenni's initial 'Just One Quilt' campaign. In addition, Janome's [#IDidn'tLikeToAsk video series](#) is aimed at helping quilters ask questions to assist them in using modern machines, which can expand their skills and creativity in quilt making.



The Guild are delighted to announce that, in honour of their 100th birthday, Janome have partnered with The Guild and are generously offering a brand new [Janome M200QDC computerised sewing machine](#) (pictured) to be awarded to a NEW GUILD MEMBER, drawn from those joining us between 1 October and the end of December 2021 (\*T&Cs apply). Why not [Join The Guild now](#) to enjoy a range of fantastic [member benefits](#) and be in with a chance of winning this amazing prize?

This fabulous machine prize retails at £729 and includes this BONUS ACCESSORY PACK-AGE: 1/4" Seam foot O, Ditch Quilting foot S, Open Toe Satin Stitch foot F2, Walking foot & Quilt Guide, Darning foot P.

**New members** can [join online](#), or [join The Guild by post](#).

The Guild extends their heartfelt thanks to Janome for partnering in this wonderful offer. Good luck to all new members!

\* **Terms & Conditions:** To qualify for the giveaway, new members must join between 1st October and 31st December 2021 with an annual adult subscription paid in full by either Direct Debit, debit card or cheque (excludes quarterly DD payments). UK entries only. The giveaway winner will be drawn in January 2022. This promotion will also appear in wider Guild marketing. Share this:

### Region 3 Week-end 16/17 October.

There were several quilting events and exhibitions to choose from on the week-end of 16/17 October including the Malvern Autumn Show. As I am on the Committee, I went to the Region 3 Day down in Swanmore which is a scenic 1 hour drive from Aldershot. Once we had waited for the door to be opened and Slimming World had very slowly cleared their stuff out from the hall and we had found the tables stored under the stage, people started drifting in and bagging chairs. I think the attendees must have gone home with very sore throats as there was so much chatting going on with everyone catching up after so long not meeting. We even instigated a coffee break after the morning speaker for extra chat time. Well, there were so many tempting cakes to try weren't there! It also allowed more time to vote for the Challenge "All about me" with 20 mini quilts made during the first lockdown. The winning entry was called "Happiness" and the coins added up to £20 for the Air Ambulance charity. You can find all the little quilts at <https://region-3.quiltersguild.org.uk/r3-challenge/all-about-you-2020>.

The morning speaker was Alison Hume who makes beautiful, stitched textiles, sometimes using her husband as a model! With various printing methods she creates useful pinafore type aprons (I think I would hang these on a wall) and of course bits and pieces to buy as well.

The Jolly Stitcher (Lyn Onions) brought along a seriously tempting shop of lovely fabrics, panels, trimmings, haberdashery, and some wool and did a brisk trade. Jenny Rundle brought (just a few!) books from her collection she is selling off, so there were some vintage treasures to be found. She will be at The Quilters Day at the Fairground, Weyhill, Andover on Saturday 12 February 2022.

In the afternoon we were treated to Carolyn Forster who showed us a variety of lovely quilts and told us how and why they were made. She writes patterns for Today's Quilter which you may have seen. She also ran the Sunday workshop when 10 industrious students (fuelled by cake – of course) created "Flying Swallows" picture here. In another room six young quilters worked hard on Halloween projects and went home with Bunting, a mug rug, two bags and two wallhangings – see below. Thanks to Natalie for being one of the helpers.



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.

## Chichester Regional, Day 2021 13th November 2021

9:40am to 4:20pm at Chichester College, Westgate Fields, Chichester PO19 1SB.

Janet Clare 11.00am 'She believed she could and so she did'

Gill Towel 2.15pm Gaining Confidence With Colour

Lunchtime mini workshops, Traders, Raffle

There are still tickets available for this amazing day out with some lovely speakers and tutors. Take advantage of early bird prices now from the website! <https://region-2.quilt-ersguild.org.uk/events/view/chichester-regional-day-2021>

£15 Members (£18 if booked after October 1st) 22 non-Members (£25 if booked after October 1<sup>st</sup>)

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### Alice Kettle - Threadbound

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Alice Kettle's solo exhibition *ThreadBound* is now open. This new body of work depicts the person negotiating their relationship with the environment, the work is concerned with addressing the importance of the reciprocal relationship of humanity with nature so that there is no dominance of humanity. The figure becomes blended with nature, "the flowers come first and then the people join in".

For anyone familiar with Alice's work you will know that it needs to be seen to be believed, metallic threads shimmer, and the three-dimensional quality of the work just cannot be captured on screen.

Opening arrangements:

Monday By Appointment

Tuesday By Appointment

Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday 10 am - 5 pm

Friday 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday 11 am - 4 pm

Sunday Closed

### Book Review – 'Quilts from Quarters'

I've just treated myself to the new book by Pam and Nicky Lintott of the Quilt Room which was published in August. As the title suggests, the twelve new quilt designs are based on 'quarters' plus, in most cases, background fabric. (Or of course it might be the answer to a bit of stash-busting too.) There are very clear instructions for using either 'fat' and/or 'long' quarters and there is a 'bonus' pattern which uses half-square triangles made from the cut offs from the flip-over corners of the previous quilt. The designs have a 'modern' feel to them, with some more challenging than others. Some of the designs are available as kits from The Quilt Room. Overall, it's a lovely book and I can't wait to start making up one of the patterns – the problem is, which one?

And anniversaries seem to be in the air. While FQ is celebrating 25 years, the Quilt Room has been in business for 40 years this year. I was interested to see that in 1981, when they opened, there were only two other specialist quilt shops in the country and these two are now closed, making the Quilt Room officially the longest established quilt room in the UK.

Ruth Harrison