



# SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

October 2017

Please send items for November Snippets by 31 October 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.

### October

Margaret Mullery and Gill Tilburne

### November

Val Lillie and Ruth French

## The Next Few Months at FQ

### 9 October

- ☆ AGM
- ☆ Subs are due at the October meeting - £20 for the year.
- ☆ Return of 2017 Challenge: 'A Quilt for an Older Boy'

### 13 November

- ☆ 'New Zealand Landscape Quilts' talk by Sue Payne
- ☆ Bring in decorations for St. Andrews Christmas Tree Festival.

### 4 November

Sewing Day at Hale Institute making Christmas baby quilts for Project Linus or bring your own sewing. 10.00 – 4.00 pm. £5.

## What's on Elsewhere

### 16 September – 14 January 2018

Kaffe Fassett's Colour at NT Mottisfont, Hampshire – see details below.

### 30 September – 28 January 2018

'Traces Revealed' – artwork in cloth, tile and clay by Alicia Merrett, Kate Rattray and Hiro Takahashi at Glastonbury Abbey, Glastonbury, BA6 9EL details from Alicia Merrett. 07753 677850 or [aliciamerrett@gmail.com](mailto:aliciamerrett@gmail.com).

## What's on Elsewhere (cont'd)

### 4 October

Region 2 Workshop with Rowena Beasley or Pam Chubb, Albury Village Hall, The Street, Albury, GU5 9AD £25 10.00 – 4.00pm.

Guild members, non-members £37.50

[jhallferretsend@hotmail.com](mailto:jhallferretsend@hotmail.com)

### 7 October – 28 January 2018

May Morris: Art and Life

At the William Morris Gallery, Walthamstow – see details below.

### 11 October

Ann Hassard 'Colour and Illusion', United Quilters, URC Farnham, 2.00-4.00 pm £4

### 11-15 October

The Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace London Details –

[theknittingandstitchingshow.com/london/](http://theknittingandstitchingshow.com/london/)

### 24 – 28 October 2017

*New Beginnings*, the first group exhibition of newly founded contemporary quilt and textile art group Curious Threads at Colonnades House, 47 Warwick Street, Worthing BN11 3DH, 10-4 daily. [amelia.leigh@sky.com](mailto:amelia.leigh@sky.com)

### 26-28 October

Chichester Quilters Exhibition, Assembly Rooms, North St. Chichester Thurs & Fri 10-4.00, Sat. 10-3.00 pm. £3 (husbands free) Contact 01243 811544 or 01903 785305

### 20-22 October

Malvern Autumn Quilt Festival, Severn Exhibition Hall, 3 Counties Showground, Malvern. 10.00-4.30 pm, 4.00 on Sunday. Tickets: £7 Adults £6 Seniors in advance, £8/£7 on the door. <http://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/>

### 6-10 December

St Andrews Christmas Tree Festival, St. Andrews, Farnham. 10am and 5pm, Sunday 12noon-5pm, service at 10am. Entrance free Refreshments

## **Last Month's Meeting**

As usual the August meeting was a sewing evening. This year we divided into groups and made a varied selection of decorations for the Farnham Quilters tree which will be part of the St. Andrews Christmas Tree Festival. The Festival runs from 6 to 10 December and is advertised as 'a sparkling festival with over 100 trees'.

Please return all completed decorations at either the October meeting or the November meeting at the latest.

Judy also reminded those present that we will need new members to join the Committee at the AGM in October. Don't forget to bring your Challenge quilt as well.

## **St Andrews Summer Fayre**

Having decided to withdraw from the Farnham Carnival in July, we were free to take part in St Andrews Summer Fayre on 9 September. This was an opportunity to sell small items as well as promote Farnham Quilters, highlight the work of Project Linus, and attract possible new members.

The date coincided with Heritage weekend and there were therefore a number of activities throughout the town. We felt a little disappointed at the number of visitors and the volume of sales but we raised £59 for our funds, as well as making a donation to the church. Our work was much admired and one or two of the visitors are considering joining us

Ruth Harrison



## **THREAD**

Many thanks to the Farnham Quilters who helped set up, man the workshops and chat to the visitors. It was a long day the show opened at 9am and closed at 6pm but it was great fun. We ran 4 workshops making fabric boxes and every one was full, the first to sign up arrived shortly after 9am which was quite amazing as we were in the South West Kiln the furthest room from the entrance. We met some lovely ladies, some quilters, some just starting in quilting and some new to it all. Hopefully this will translate into some new members, if not at Farnham Quilters then in their area.

Thanks also so those who kindly lent their Quilts they were much admired.

I only had a short wander round but the Maltings had a real buzz and everyone seemed to have had a good day.

Sheila

## Linus Blocks for Olympia

Message from Val Lillie:

Thank you to all who have offered to help with cutting blocks for Olympia next March. We will be cutting a simple 9in 4 patch variation block. The 4 pieces will then need to be tacked together in a stack ready to be picked up and sewn. The QG are currently sourcing 50m of fabric, (hopefully child-friendly!), which will then be delivered to me. I would like to arrange several drop-in sessions for groups to do this together, as we need 600/700 which will take some time. Then we can alternate cutting and assembling to save our backs! More info as the situation progresses – I just needed to know that there was enough support before I agreed to do it!

Thanks , Val

## Guild News.

### Region 3 Regional Meeting & Workshop – Winchester 7-8 October 2017

This event runs from **10:00am** on the **7th October 2017**, to **5:00pm** on the **8th October 2017** and will take place at **Littleton Village Hall, Nr Winchester**. It is a Guild event being organised by Penny Bicknell, Jenny Chalmers [jenkchalmers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenkchalmers@hotmail.co.uk).

Speakers: Maria Thomas "The View From Where I am Standing" in the morning

Julia Cahagan "Little Villages" in the afternoon

Traders: C.J. Beaders

Demonstrations, Exhibitions, Show and Tell, Raffle

### London 2018: 'Commemorating World War I'

Have you, a Guild member you know, or a Guild group, made a quilt to commemorate the First World War? At the Spring Knitting & Stitching Show at Olympia in 2018 there will be the opportunity to show these quilts in a Guild exhibition.

'Commemorating World War I' is open to all Quilters' Guild members and we would love to display quilts by individuals or groups that have been created on this theme — but you can also make a new quilt especially for the exhibition if you wish.

All requests for entry must be received by 30 September 2017. Should we receive a large number of entries there may be a selection process. Details of the rules and a registration form can be obtained from Rosemary Preece at [rosemarypreece@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarypreece@gmail.com), or you can contact Rosemary by post at West End House, 15 Barnsley Road, Flockton, West Yorkshire wr-4 4DP.

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### Hever Castle – Handmade and Homegrown Festival 3-5 September

I volunteered to do a stint for the Young Quilters who had a separate tent adjoining the Region Two Quilts marquee this year, so we could catch potential 'customers' on their way in. The projects on offer were a cushion with their initial on, a small drawstring bag or, for the younger ones, a wreath made of fabric strips tied onto a circular wire or cardboard frame. The photo shows the Surrey Group's entries of plastic chickens made from scraps of fabric sandwiched in bubble wrap and ironed together. These exhibits were supposed to be exhibited outside and had to be weather-proof, but

were displayed in the tent with other quilts made by Young Quilters.



Brigitte had three entries and I put in a lap quilt that didn't hang brilliantly as it had a fleece backing. There were lots of lovely colourful quilts to enjoy, the Tombola, Raffle, Linus, the Contemporary Quilt Group, the Modern Quilt Group, and the Quilters Guild stall, as well as very tempting traders including Janome sewing machines.

In the main marquee there was a good selection of craft stalls, pottery, jewellery, cards, knitting etc and some plants as well as refreshments outside, so well worth the trip.

Penny Savill

### **Meon Valley Exhibition**

Martine, Margaret Lelliott and I set off on the bright Saturday morning to see the Meon Valley Quilters exhibition. We journeyed through the Meon Valley and were delighted to see many dressed scarecrows along the roadside as we drove along the twisty, winding roads. One in particular might have caused many a driver to slam their foot onto their brake pedal as it was depicting a policeman complete with speed camera. It was a shame the exhibition was not a week or two later as the trees were just beginning to change into their Autumn colours and would have really been beautiful.

Arriving at the picturesque village church and parking easily, we entered and were greeted by a lovely sight of quilts, hangings and cushions arranged on the walls, on tables and hanging high from the overhead beams. Draped over the ends of some of the pews were small rectangular hangings with a single appliquéd flower but in many different designs and colours. A nice touch. Displayed with cushions were a few smaller items but one lucky dog was in for a treat before Christmas as an Advent Calendar had a Bonio Dog biscuit in each numbered pocket. Quite a few quilts were the result of workshops which showed how changing colour altered the whole design. There were also two Dear Jane quilts showing how much patience the makers had in completing them.

I always look for a quilt I would like to take home and the one I chose was a Drunkards Path in mauve and pinks but done with five 2½" strips which joined together to make the block. The segments were then cut from these strips and replaced with another set of strips.

We made our way home reflecting on the enjoyable time spent at the exhibition and marvelled again at the Scarecrows along the roadsides.

Margaret Mullery

### **Sew Saturday – 21 October**

This is a campaign that was launched three years ago by Sew magazine and its sister titles, Crafts Beautiful, Make It Today Dressmaker, Let's Knit, Let's Get Crafting, and Craft Business. In an age of online shopping, the idea is to show people what's great about going to a bricks-and-mortar store – being able to see and touch fabrics, ask the staff for advice, take part in workshops and meet like-minded stitchers! Local participants include:

- ❖ LADY SEW AND SEW  
Farm Road, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1EJ
- ❖ FABRIC LAND  
Festival Place Shopping Centre, 21 Westminster House, RG21 7LS Basingstoke,
- ❖ STITCHED BY YOU  
14 High Street, GU34 1BN Alton, Hampshire
- ❖ NATURES THREADS  
Kiln Workshops, Pilcot Road, GU51 5RY Crookham Village, Hampshire
- ❖ SEW BUSY  
Unit B Branksome Chambers, GU51 4JS Fleet, Hampshire
- ❖ NEW THREADS QUILT SHOP  
Studios 10 & 14, SP11 0QN Andover, Hampshire

All the participating shops will organise their own special, in-store event – in other words, the day is one big sewing party that everyone's invited to! Many stores come up with their own brilliant ideas and workshops

### **Other textile displays ...**

#### **May Morris: Art and Life**

The work of William Morris's daughter May, a central figure in the Arts and Crafts movement at the William Morris Gallery, Walthamstow, 7 October – 28 January 2018.

This landmark exhibition explores the life and work of May Morris, the younger daughter of William Morris and one of the most significant artists of the British Arts and Crafts movement. *May Morris: Art & Life* is the most comprehensive survey of May's work to date, bringing together over 80 works from collections around the UK, many of which have never been on public display.

[wmgallery.org.uk](http://wmgallery.org.uk) 020 8496 4390

#### **Kaffe Fassett's Colour at Mottisfont, Hampshire (National Trust)**

Celebrating the dazzling work of knitwear and textile designer Kaffe Fassett, this vibrant exhibition showcases a range of textiles from a 50-year career. Painted in bright colours, Mottisfont's gallery provides the perfect backdrop for Kaffe's knitwear, tapestry, quilts and more. The exhibition runs from 16 September - 14 January 2018, 11am - 5pm (closing at 4pm during winter). Normal property admission price only. For visitors unable to access the second floor gallery, we have digital versions of exhibitions on iPads which are available on lower levels.

To help inspire others to create, Kaffe will also be giving a lecture in Crossfield Hall, Romsey, on Thursday 23 November, 6.30-7.30pm. The presentation will highlight works from his latest projects, including patchwork quilts, fabric, needlepoint, mosaics, painting and knitting designs, and Kaffe will also talk about his personal inspirations. The audience will be encouraged to think creatively in their own ways and to try out their own projects. The lecture will finish with a Q&A session and book signing. £12 per person, booking essential.

#### **Diana Springall – What is Stitch?**

Sunbury Embroidery Gallery until 15 October.

Diana Springall is one of Britain's most well-known textile artists whose passion for textiles has led her to amass a unique and diverse collection of contemporary embroidery by graduate students, colleagues and peers.

Her collection of over 200 works (spanning forty years or more) includes hand and machine embroidery, appliqué, patchwork and loop pile techniques to name a few. The gallery has selected a number of pieces that reflect the diverse range of techniques and disciplines. Central to the exhibition is one piece by Diana called 'Cyclamen'.

Sunbury Embroidery Gallery, The Walled Garden, Sunbury-on-Thames TQ16 6AB

[www.sunburygallery.org](http://www.sunburygallery.org) 01932 788101

### **Stop press ...**

#### **Charity run**

I am taking part in the Great South Run in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Action on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Southsea, Portsmouth. I shall be running 10 miles (!!!!!) and am looking for sponsorship. I will bring details to the next meeting on 11 October if anyone would be kind enough to sponsor me. Thank you.

Brigitte