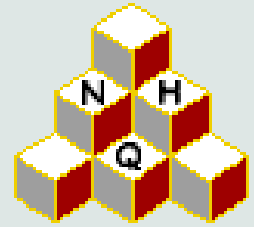


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Club News

I have some thimbles that I don't want any more. There's 8 china ones mostly from national trust houses and a couple of white metal ones. If anyone would like them to add to or start a collection they are free to a good home.

Lesley



From the Chair

Hi

I cannot believe that we have passed the summer solstice already but every day brings us closer to when we will be able to meet up again. Negotiations are on going with the Stratton Park Scout Hut for a day a month sewing. The hut is undergoing a lot of refurbishing and will be ready from about the beginning of September. We should also be able to have it on the occasional Saturday for workshops.

Very sadly Roundabout Quilters have had to close but we have been able to offer any member of their club, who is not already a member of NHQ, a membership with us.

Chris Bong



Show & Tell

A picture of one of the baby quilts that I made with material bought from Vanessa Deer's stash. I have actually made 4 the same.



Murial





The first one is a footstool I made a couple of years ago at a local quilt shop workshop. The legs for it were supplied with my new table to extend it to bar height if I wanted to do that.



The next item is a Christmas runner that I just finished this month. It was started during my Brown Candover days, approximately 10 years or more ago. It still fits in with my current decor, so some things don't change.

Syd





I have just discovered how amazing appliqué fusing mats are. I'm thoroughly hooked.

Hilary has asked me to explain why I'm so hooked on my Appliqué Mat and to explain how it is used, so here goes and I'm sorry if you are none the wiser when I have finished 🤔. I always find You Tube great!!

The mat is made from something heat resistant, like Teflon, and can be ironed on. It is transparent so can be seen through too.

If you wanted to make a garden scene for example, you will need to draw your picture and trace it a couple of times. One copy should be kept whole. The other copies should be cut up so that you have a separate component for every part of your garden. A flower should be cut up into its petals, leaves and stem and centre of the flower 🌸. Draw around each shape onto the non sticky side of Bondaweb (or it's equivalent) adding extra, for shapes that will be overlapped. Stick the Bondaweb onto the appropriate material shapes, cut them out and peel the paper from the back revealing the sticky side.

Place your original, uncut picture, underneath the mat so that you can see it clearly.

Next, place the material shapes, in the appropriate places and appropriate order, overlapping when necessary, on the mat, sticky side down and iron it. It can be removed when it's cooled. I use a piece of grease proof paper under the iron, just in case there is some residue glue but the iron is totally safe on the sheet. It will still be sticky when needed. Make up all the components and put to one side. When you are happy, assemble your picture on it's background material and iron it all in place. Then sew.

If you've got to here, congratulations, you deserve a medal 🏆



A Minecraft cushion for a friends grandson.

Wendy





Another project Linus quilt, front and back.

Chris Bong



Challenges

Round robin

The round robins are now with their original maker and having the finishing touches added.

Hopefully we can have a nice display of them all soon, I am expecting to have around 15 for Linus in total which is pleasing. I have had great feed back on this project and am so pleased that you all seem to have enjoyed doing it. Please can you get them to me when they are completed including the ones that were not passed around and I will have photos of them in future newsletters before I pass them on. Really looking forward to seeing them, it always amazes me how different quilts made from the same pattern can be.

I think everyone is enjoying getting out and about a bit more now and enjoying the summer and their gardens so I will start the next project "A row robin baby quilt" later in the year when hopefully we can have some fun producing a batch for the hospital.

Hilary



This is the first completed round robin by

Liz Boyd



Festival of quilts

It looks like the festival of quilts will be going ahead from 28th July -1st August.

If you are thinking of attending you need to buy your tickets in advance there are none at the door.

There will be timed entry and proof of vaccination or test results will be needed.

They have taken on an extra hall, limited the numbers and widened the passage ways so hopefully it will feel more comfortable for visitors in these strange times.



Newsletter Contact

In these times where we aren't meeting it is even more important that we get together with our marvellous quilts, ideas and tips and our News Letter is the place to do it so please let me have all your news, photos of your work (jpg preferred)

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I will be trying to get the newsletters out every 6 weeks now so the next one will be due on 7th August.

