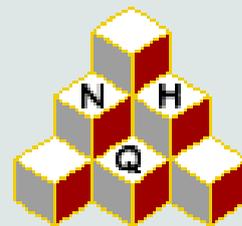




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Club News

Linda has kindly set up Zoom meetings for us on club evenings. There have been two held so far which have helped us get used to this new way of meeting up. The next one will be on Wednesday 16th December at 7-30, please contact linda@gosby.co.uk for a link if you would like to join us.



From the Chair

Hi.

With Christmas fast approaching it is hopeful we will be able to spend time with our families if only for a few days. The recent news about the vaccines also offers hope.

Thanks again to Becky for her efforts in producing our virtual exhibition although it was a little disappointing that more members didn't send in a photo of their work.

Amanda is collecting baby quilts again to go to Frimley Hospital. I will be happy to take any and send them on to Amanda if you pass closer to my address.

The committee has had it's first zoom meeting that went very well. The new NHQ badges were discussed and these will be available when we return to club at £3 each. Hopefully it will not be too long now before we meet again (isn't there a song about that?). I hope Sue Fendall is recovering well from her shoulder injury.

I wish you all the best Christmas you can have and a much happier new year.

Chris Bong



Show & Tell

I have had fun joining the quilters guild modern group mugrug swap. We all made a rug and sent it off and received a different one in return. An on line library was made of them all and it was interesting to see the different designs that were made. I got quite enthusiastic and have made a few for Christmas presents since. The picture is the one I made, the second is the one I received and the third is one I made inspired by someone else's make.

Hilary





Introducing a Member

Marion Leeds

I am the last founder member of North Hampshire Quilt Group. It was started from a group that met at Brighton Hill School in 1977 doing Fabric Craft. It was here I first met Sybil Lewis and Ann Evans but I think Ann had gone to live in Hong Kong by the time we started the quilt group. Sometime during 1978 we were asked if we would like to try patchwork. In 1980 Sybil heard of a group starting the Quilters Guild, our group of six plus a husband joined and North Hampshire Quilt Group was born. The husband was our treasurer and made a block for the Moon Over the Mountain quilt we raffled at our first exhibition in 1987 at the Willis Museum. We had to steward it for six weeks, Tuesday to Saturday. We were not allowed to charge entrance but could sell programmes and raffle tickets. It was very difficult as I had a three year old and two children at school and nearly everyone else worked, but we managed and the exhibition was very popular. Thank you mum for all the childcare!

I quickly learnt that I loved patchwork, doing it by hand and adored hand quilting, hated using the sewing machine but have grown to love it. I am now on my third Pfaff but am still not very adventurous! I like quilts that are useful as well as pretty and prefer to make for someone special.

Getting supplies was very difficult in the eighties, we had a shop where the Entertainer is now, called Paul Knight but they sold for dressmakers and had a very limited supply of cotton fabric. Sometimes we managed to pick up squares from Laura Ashley and then Thurlings opened in the New Market Square. They had a different selection of cotton fabric so we had a choice! It was wonderful when Strawberry Fayre opened in Stockbridge and we could buy American imports as well.

The quilt group has grown and changed over the years and except for a couple of years when I lived in Brazil I have always been an active member. The only job I haven't done and do not want to do is Treasurer! Oh and newsletter!

My favourite quilt is the first wholecloth that I made and gave to my mum and dad for their Golden Wedding. I bought it as a ready marked top and Jackie Cook layered and tacked it for me ready to quilt. I have done another wholecloth which was my own design and I have hand quilted large pieced quilts as well as smaller items. The second quilt is one I made for my friend Susana in Brazil.

I cannot imagine not having time or energy to sew and have enjoyed teaching the craft with Jackie to many small classes over the years, some of whom are quilt group members now.



My name is Nicky Sadler and I'm one of the newer members of NHQ.

When I retired from the Probation Service in Basingstoke I wanted to do something I'd never tried before so I decided to try patchwork and quilting. I've made mistakes along the way as I learn and I now know that smaller projects are best for me! My eighth grandchild was born in lockdown a baby boy called Luke, so I now have 4 granddaughters and 4 grandsons and my husband David and I are very hands on grandparents with school runs, school holiday cover and sleepovers.

Cushions are a favourite to make as the grandchildren love them especially the Elizabeth Hartman patterns and I've just made 2 x Christmas cushions from Bramble Patch. My favourite quilt is a small round the world quilt in Liberty print I made for my granddaughter Olive, she loves it too. I've learnt a lot from the Chris Bone and Jackie Dimmock sewing days and look forward to coming back to the group whenever it is safe to do so.



Interesting YouTube Videos

These are some of my favourite You Tubers which offer some quilting tips and chat.

Pat Sloan

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pat+sloan+tutorials

Missouri Star Quilt Company

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=missouri+star+quilt+company+tutorials

Jordan Fabrics

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jordan+fabrics+tutorials

Lori Holt

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=lori+holt+tutorials

The Midnight Quilt Show

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+midnight+quilt+show

Helen Godden

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Helen+Godden

Stitches by Julia

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Stitches+by+Julia

The Fat Quarter Shop

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=The+Fat+Quarter+Shop

Laundry Basket Quilts

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=laundry+basket+quilts+tutorials

Last Homely House East of the Sea

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Last+Homely+House+East+of+the+Sea

Lisa Walton Quilt Stories

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Lisa+Walton+Quilt+Stories

Design Matters TV

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Design+Matters+TV

Sotak Handmade, she makes great bags and is easy to watch.

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Liz Boyd



Challenges

In the next newsletter I will start a quilt aimed at project linus. Hopefully a few more of you will join us to make it a successful round robin but it could also be done as a mystery quilt.



News Letter 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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Have a happy Christmas and lets look forward to meeting at some point in the new year.

