



Mole Valley Quilters and Crafters

July 2026

Looking forward to the Tea Party?
2-4pm Thursday 6th August

Don't forget to let me know if you are coming so there are enough scones to go round!

I won't repeat the address here as the newsletter becomes public when it is uploaded to our website but if you need help getting there please let a member of the committee know and we can advise. There is no parking in the neighbour's driveway this year as new people are moving in on 31st July. Lets not make Pam unpopular in the first week!

Thankfully the weather is cooling down a little but come prepared for all eventualities.

Also please bring your bowl/dish and secateurs ready for the Ikebana flower arranging tutorial and some cash as there will be a fabric sales table.



Workshops

On the subject of 'craftiness' we would like to have a list of our members' skills and those willing to share them at informal, in-house workshops during the year ahead. Please let us know if you have something you think might interest the members that you would be willing to demonstrate. The ones we have had in the past, for example free motion stitching, quilt as you go and fabric covered bauble making were greatly enjoyed.

On **26th September** we have a **UFO day** where there will be members on hand to help with areas of difficulty you may be stuck on and on **24 October** two of our members will be demonstrating some fun techniques to create pattern on paper and fabric with paint which could be used for card making or art backgrounds. Sign up sheets will be circulating soon.

Future workshops include:

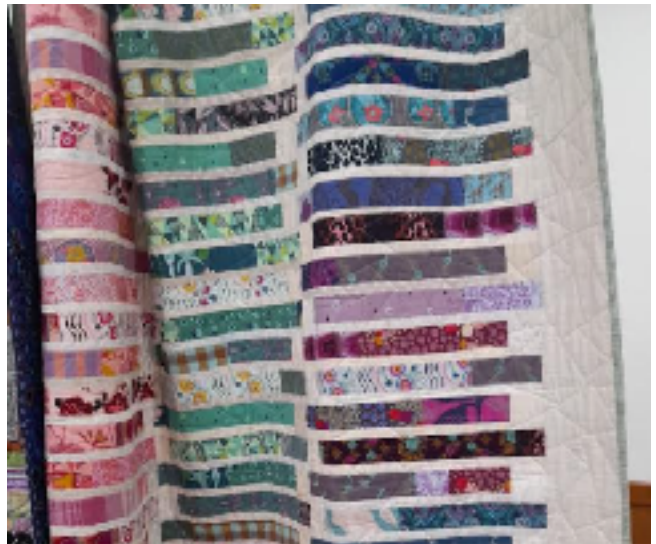
28th November - Pascale Michaelski - Silk painting and quilting
16th December - Helen Creasey - foundation paper peicing
20th February 2027 - Helen Mole - Crepe paper flowers

A plea from the 21st century

Our face book page received only ONE viewing in the last 60 days!! Help - we need to raise our profile in order to advertise events and get new members. I've just been on and mucked about a bit - don't really know what I'm doing but I believe any activity is better than none! Please post pictures of anything crafty you are up to - we would love to see it.

July meeting

Mel from Sugar Bowl Crafts, was very interesting and had some beautiful quilts made from scrap fabric put together in organised blocks rather than using random designs and colours. She used neutral backgrounds to emphasise the blocks and talked about the importance of interesting, high contrast borders. She also used fabrics with texture like linens etc. and showed how her quilting (usually long arm) was chosen to emphasise the patterns in her blocks.



Carry on Crafting

I went to Ardingly on 12th July to attend the Carry on Crafting Festival. I would highly recommend it for a future visit. I was surprised to find that unlike the Ardingly quilt show, it was an outdoor event with some huge marquees housing the of the stands and some others in gazebos of their own. There was lots to see and many of the exhibitors had mini workshops you could join to have a go. I did some Pyrography which made me even hotter on an already scorching day but I was pleased with my results. I also bought an embroidery kit for those long winter's evenings looking forward to spring! Did anybody else go?



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 6th Aug - Annual Garden Party 2 - 4pm

Thursday 3 Sept - Speaker: Karen Crookes (Sunflower Stitchers)
- My Crafting Journey

Sat/Sun 5/6 Sept - Sew Happy Quilt Association Exhibition, Brighton
Racecourse, BN2 9XZ

Saturday 26 Sept - UFO day with a help table. 2-4pm

Thursday 1 Oct - Speaker: Joanna Kent (The Crafty Quilter) - Ombre Quilts

Saturday 24 Oct - In-house workshop - playing with paint on paper and fabric!

Sat 7 Nov - MVQ Stash Sale - 10am - 12pm

Sat 28 Nov - Workshop - Pascale Michaelski - Silk painting

Sat 16 Jan - Workshop - Helen Creasey - Foundation Paper Piecing

Sat 20 Feb - Workshop - Helen Mole - Paper Flowers