



Mole Valley Quilters

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May 2021

Dear Members.

It was good to see everyone for our first meeting of our Year. Our speaker was Janet Bevan and her talk was entitled Journal Quilts. Her talk was very inspirational and Janet showed us many ways to play with fabric including dyeing and painting. We had 42 participants from Surrey to Scotland to Devon.

Many of you will know that Gill Penn very sadly passed away recently and Gill Harris very kindly gave the following tribute to Gill.

"We have all lost a good friend. Gill was a friend to everyone and everyone was her friend.

I last saw Gill a few days before she died; one sunny day last month I visited her to collect fabric she was donating for soldier quilts. We chatted at her front door with her lovely dog, George running around our ankles.

Gill was chatty and quite cheerful although I knew she felt rubbish. But we never heard her complain. She just bravely got on with living her life.

Knowing Penny had been a long -time friend of Gill's since their children were at school together, I rang Penny and she kindly gave me some details about Gill which you may not know.

Gill came from Newfoundland. She met her husband Ron when they were both doing a sailing course. They were married and came to England when Ron was relocated. They settled in the area with their three children.

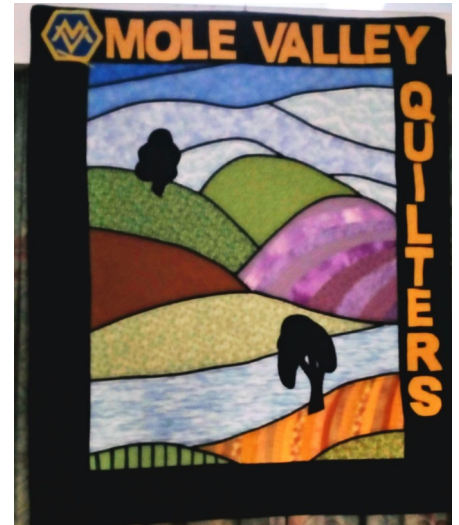
Penny remembers the many quilt shows they went to around and about often staying with Gill's sister Sue - another gifted patch worker- Penny told me Gill was such good company, always brave and cheerful who had a naughty sense of humour.

Gill was a gifted patch worker. She was a talented technician with an eye for putting colours and techniques together. Gill was a meticulous worker which resulted in her wonderful quilts. She made several quilts for Combat Stress and also Linus. Who remembers her stunning quilt which hung in pride of place in the entrance to St Nicolas at our last exhibition?

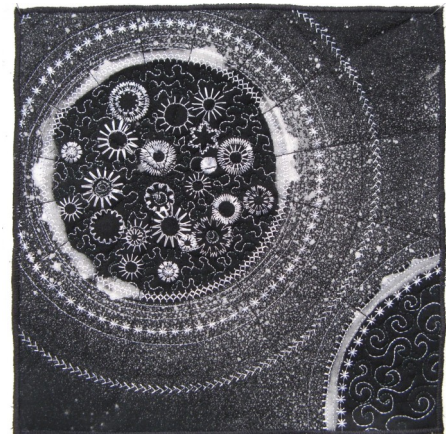
Gill and Penny helped design our new banner. Gill was generous with her time, her talent and her hospitality. We did several workshops together. She was always way ahead of me and often came to my rescue! Gill kindly hosted workshops in her lovely home and also our summer lunch.

As members of MVQ we all enjoyed her company and friendship ; Gill had been a member for a number of years, only missing meetings when she'd had treatment for the cruel disease. Gill contributed so much and she will be sadly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Every time I see a chocolate coloured curly haired dog I will remember Gill with much affection."



Examples of Janet Bevan's work



MVQ RUBY CELEBRATORY TEA PARTY

As we have postponed our Exhibition until 2022 we are holding a Celebratory Tea Party (by kind permission of Pippa) on **Thursday 26 August** from 2.30 to 5.00pm. We shall be judging our Ruby Challenge at this event. Please put this in your diary as this will probably be our first meeting altogether! Further details will follow nearer the time.

The Scout Hut—Fetcham

Gill Harris has asked me to pass on the following message:

The Scout Hut in Fetcham will open on Thursday 20th May at 9.30 until 12 noon. 6 tables are allowed for those who wish to sandwich their quilts or help Gill with the Soldiers quilts, wadding and fabric available for all charity quilts.

If anyone would like fabric for their own projects the scout hut has every colour under the sun. Kits are also available for any keen sewers. Please bring your own drinks if you intend to stay. If the hall has the maximum of six you will be asked to wait in the car park "to be served".

The Scout Hut will probably open up on alternate Thursdays. Any queries please get in touch with Gill.

Subscriptions

Just a reminder that Subscriptions are due! You can either pay by bank transfer or send your cheque to Britt. Any problems please contact Britt

Kate Findlay's Workshop

We have one place still available. Please contact Katherine or Britt if you wish to do this workshop

**There will be a new contact List and a revised Programme
With this newsletter**

Bookham village Day Monday 30 August

Please put this date in your your diary. It will be a little different from last time but please keep sewing for our Sales Table and our quilts will also be on display and the Safari Quilt put together and finished by Pippa (thank you) will) be raffled!

