



Mole Valley Quilters

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Dear Members

The Committee would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

It has been a difficult year for everyone and I would like to thank all the Members of the Committee for everything they have done enable us all to meet up via Zoom Meetings. A special thank you to Britt! We shall continue using Zoom until it is safe for us all to meet again in the Barn Hall.

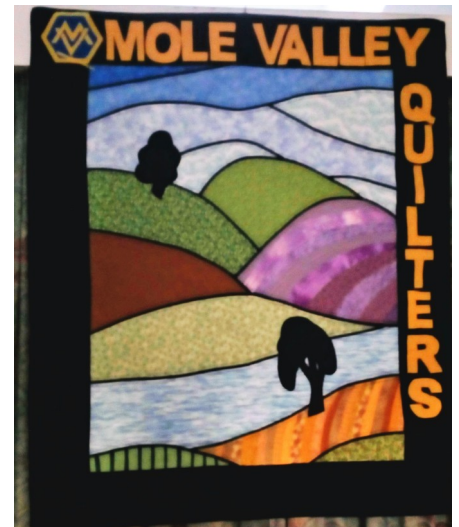
MVQ held a very successful and enjoyable zoom workshop with Gillian Travis. The subject was Indian ladies. See overleaf for Sue Waters completed mini quilt.

On Thursday we had our Christmas Party. We had 34 participants 4 of whom were visitors. We had quizzes, sewing, and poems and I hope everyone enjoyed it.

We were unable to judge the earth Challenge but members held up their work which was wonderful and inspiring and we will display these at our Exhibition in September 2021. We also announced our next Challenge to celebrate 40 Years of Mole Valley Quilters. The challenge is 'Ruby' and all the details are included with this email on a separate sheet and also on the website.

Our Meeting in January (Thursday 7th) is a talk by Jenny Barlow on the History of Quilts. We look forward to seeing you all then. No excuse for bad weather!!

I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and New Year and better things for 2021.



Earth Challenge
2020



More Earth Challenges, examples of our sewing evening, with thanks to Katherine, and the two Christmas poems.



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The Lament of the Ostrich

The Ostrich raised her head and said: 'There's one good reason I feel so very gloomy at the Christmas Season. The cards are full of festive fun, and oh! so jolly With robins, snowmen, Christmas trees and boughs of holly - But one thing's always missing, and I find it hard: You never see an ostrich on a Christmas card!'

The Ostrich at the window saw the best of sights: A decorated Christmas tree with gleaming lights. She said: 'There's lots of baubles and a fairy queen And ribbons, stars and tinsel on the leaves so green But one thing's always missing, for it seems to me You never see an ostrich on a Christmas tree!'

The Ostrich in the schoolyard through the window stared; A play of the Nativity was being prepared. She said: 'Oh, how those children love this annual do, All dressed in beards and angels' wings and robes of blue. There's an ass, an ox and camels, but I have to say You never see an ostrich in a Christmas play!'

The Ostrich went to Santa at the far North Pole And heard him moan: 'I cannot play my usual role - One reindeer caught a bug and now they've all got flu. The stockings will be empty, but what *can* I do?' The Ostrich put the reins on and cried: 'Let's away! For now at last an ostrich draws the Christmas sleigh!'



Indian Ladies—Sue Waters
Workshop with Gillian Travis



Help Wanted

Timothy Tocher

Santa needs new reindeer.
The first bunch has grown old.
Dasher has arthritis;
Comet hates the cold.
Prancer's sick of staring
at Dancer's big behind.
Cupid married Blitzen
and Donner lost his mind.
Dancer's mad at Vixen
for stepping on his toes.
Vixen's being thrown out—
she laughed at Rudolph's nose.
If you are a reindeer
we hope you will apply.
There is just one tricky part:
You must know how to fly.