

Mole Valley Quilters

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November 2020

Dear Members

I hope you are all well and staying safe during this second lockdown. Another opportunity to sew again and hopefully we shall have many quilts for our Exhibition next year and items to sell on our sales table.

I have included in this Newsletter the programme up to our AGM in April. At the moment all of our meetings are on Zoom and will be into next year. So if any of our members who have not yet joined Zoom wish to do so please get in touch with any member of the Committee.

We had a very good meeting in November with Sally Moss talking about Welsh Quilts and Welsh textiles. I am biased of course as she is a very good friend!

We had 53 participants at the Meeting with visitors from Dorking Quilters, Shirley Quilters and Pilgrim Quilters and Judi Kirk from the Quilters Guild. A big thank you to Britt for organising the Zoom Meeting and Karuna for all her help.

Sally gave us an overview of Welsh Quilts with particular attention to the social history of the unique pieced flannel quilts of the 19 century and quilting in the 1930s to support poverty stricken ex coal mining parts of the UK, South Wales and Durham.

Sally also spoke about Jen Jones and her amazing collection of quilts and blankets. Jen was supposed to have an Exhibition this year which has now been postponed until May 2021 and I would thoroughly recommend going to Lampeter in Wales to visit Jen Jones and at the same time visiting the National Wool Museum in Drefach Felindre, about 10 miles from Lampeter, where there is an amazing textile collection and also the only surviving mill in Wales still weaving flannel. Jen Jones also exhibits at the American Museum in Bath. And next to Jen Jones there is a wonderful fabric shop Calico Kate!

Our Meeting in December is our Christmas Party via Zoom. There will be quizzes to puzzle over items to hand stitch and Members showing their Earth Challenge which will be displayed at the Exhibition next year. We shall also be telling you about our next challenge to be ready in time for the Exhibition in September.

Gillian Travers will be doing her workshop in November which looks very exciting. This is now full.









Congratulations to Marie-Louise who has delivered 32 quilts to Linus. Marie-Louise is always looking for helpers to sew so please get in touch with her if you can help.

Gill Harris is also working hard with her quilts for Combat stress. Gill was going to be at the Scout hut in Fetcham on Friday 13 November to give out wadding, backing, etc. but obviously because of lockdown this will not happen. If you need anything please get in touch with Gill.

I attach below a couple of thank you letters from Linus sent to Marie-Louise.



MOLE VALLEY QUILTERS Programme 2020/2021

Mole Valley Quilters normally meet at the Old Barn Hall Bookham on the first Thursday of each month but at the moment all meetings are by zoom until we can all meet up again.

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April 2 2020

AGM Show and Tell Cancelled

May 7 2020 Cancelled

June 4 2020 Zoom Meeting Kate Christie Houston Quilt Show

June 15 2020 Workshop with Kate Findlay Postponed to May 2021

July 2 2020 Zoom Meeting Louise Mabbs Mathematical & Origami Quilts August 2020 Zoom Meeting Show and Tell

September 3 2020

Zoom Meeting Gillian Travis Journey in Stitches

October 1 2020

Zoom Meeting Susan Briscoe Sashiko and Japanese sewing

October 3 2020 Workshop with Wendy Dolan Postponed to October 2021

November 5 2020

Zoom meeting

Sally Moss Welsh Quilts November 17 2020 Zoom Workshop with Gillian Travers

December 3 2020 Zoom Christmas Party

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January 7 2021 Zoom Meeting Jenny Barlow The History of Quilts

February 4 2021 Zoom Meeting Suitcase Collection

March 4 2021 Quilting corners

April 1 2021 Zoom AGM And Exhibition Preparation