



Mole Valley Quilters and Crafters

March 2026

Spring is here at last! Hope you all coped with changing your clocks. Our next meeting is the AGM and we can look back at a wonderful year full of interesting talks and activities. I would like to take this opportunity in advance of the meeting to thank my fellow committee members for all they do. It is the behind the scenes attention to detail that keeps the club bowling along for our entertainment throughout the year. Don't forget to bring your Spring Challenge mini quilt!

We are **urgently seeking** a new Programme Secretary as Eleanor has had to step down due to increased family commitments. The programme is 99% organised until May 2027 so a very gentle introduction to the job. Also you will have the help of the rest of the committee as a back up; so you are not alone! If you feel you can help with this role and **give something back to the club** please speak up!

March Meeting

Due to illness the arranged speaker was unable to attend so at the last minute Judi Kirk stepped in to talk about tips and tricks for a professional finish to your quilts. Judi has been a judge at many of the top shows here in England and America over the years and had a wealth of experience to pass on. She has spoken to us before but with her updated talk I think we all went away with some good advice.

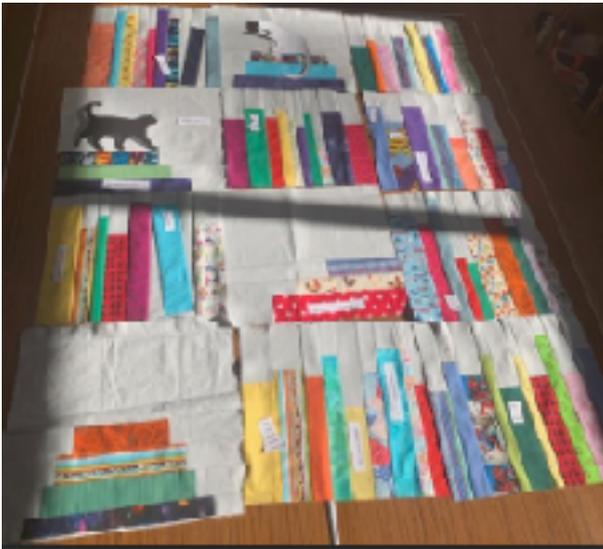
May Meeting

On 7th May we will be visited by Chris Farrance. She is a long arm quilter some of you may remember from The Quilt Room, formerly in Beare Green. She has quilted over 4,500 quilts for customers, tutors, books, patterns and magazines and will talk to us about how she has got to where she is today.

UFO/Workshop days

This year we have had several informal sewing days in The Harrison Room which have been very popular. Members have brought their own projects to work on or been shown various skills from Quilt As You Go , Raw Edge Applique and Free Motion Machine Quilting to using a Die Cutter machine, quilt binding and basting skills. The UFO days are a lovely opportunity to access skills and advice from your fellow members in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, tea and cake included!

At the UFO day on 21 March some members made a start on the Bookcase quilt that we will raffle on Bookham Village Day, 20th June. We made excellent progress, creating twelve blocks, three of which need some finishing touches before being joined with sashing and layering into a quilt any child would be delighted to have.



Sorry for the terrible picture but it gives an idea of what we achieved in the day. Imagine sashing strips to look like a wooden bookcase and titles sewn on to some of the books - it's going to look really good!

Thank you very much to the sewers!

Next UFO day Saturday Saturday 25th April 10am - 4pm. Get your name on the list at the AGM. We are limited to 16 sewing machines due to the number of plugs so book early to avoid disappointment! If you subsequently find you can't make it please let me know as there may be a waiting list.

World Textile Day

Saturday 11th April, East Horsley Village Hall, KT24 3QT

Free entry, free parking, stalls, food, textile experts and makers giving two talks (11am and 2pm), hand made textiles, jewellery and clothing from around the world. For more information go to www.worldtextileday.co.uk

Pilgrim Quilters coach trip to Lady Sew and Sew

Pilgrim Quilters have organised a coach trip **on the 15th April to Lady Sew and Sew in Henley** – who describe themselves as “Europe’s biggest patchwork and quilting shop, major stockists of designers including the Kaffe Fassett Collective, William Morris and Tula Pink, and we also have huge ranges of wadding, blenders and anything else you could need.”

Cost is £30 per person. The coach will leave from the **Banstead Community Centre, The Horseshoe, Banstead SM7 2BQ** at 9:15. We plan to leave from Lady Sew & Sew Henley at 3:00 to arrive back about 5:00, traffic allowing. Please bring your own lunch, there is a room available to eat in.

If interested please email Fiona pilgrimquiltersinfo@gmail.com

Voices in Cloth Exhibition

The Contemporary Textiles Group are having an exhibition 2 - 12 April at Sullington Manor Farm, Storrington, RH20 4AE

Region 2 Day - Chichester College

Our key speaker is Carolyn Forster, a prolific author specialising in "Quilt as you Go". Illustrated with real quilts .

Carolyn will be offering a workshop on Friday 17th.

Bourne Quilters are the afternoon speakers, bringing their touring "Show and Tell".

Mini quilt competition theme is "Bowls" - the game, food, flower arrangements, bulbs in bowls - whatever takes your fancy.

Project Linus, Raffle, Lunchtime activities and, of course, traders.

For more information - westsussex@quiltersguild.org.uk



New York Beauty


National Trust

Cover Stories

by Cathy Corbishley Michel

Sun 29 March to Sun 26 April 2026

This exhibition brings together 30 years of Traditional and Art Quilts from small wall hangings to bed size quilts. There will also be quilts and smaller items for sale.

Open 10.30am to 3pm. Free admission.

Stableyard Exhibition Space
National Trust Morden Hall Park, Morden Hall Road, SM4 5JD

Contact Cathy: blueprintinghistory@gmail.com

nationaltrust.org.uk/morden-hall-park  

Free parking for 1.5 hours in Morden Hall car park

Dates for your Diary

29 March - 26 April Cover Stories exhibition by Cathy Corbishley -
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Thurs 2 April - AGM

Sat 11 April - World Textile Day - East Horsley 10 - 4pm

2 - 12 April - Voices in Cloth Exhibition, Storington

18 April - Quilters Guild Regional Day, Chichester

Sat 25th April - UFO drop in day 10 - 4pm The Harrison Room

Thurs 7 May - Speaker Chris Farrance - Long Arm Quilter

Saturday 20th June -Bookham Village Day - Theme 'My Favourite
Story'