



SNIPPETS

The Farnham Quilters' Newsletter

December 2025

Please send items for January Snippets before the end of December to Margie at pargles@yahoo.com if you have been to an exhibition or found an interesting website, please share!

Diary 2025 – event details below

Fridays

Farnham Library Stitch and Chat

3 December Morning

Talk by Ann Hellyer “Fron Start to Finish”
At North Hampshire Quilters

12 December

Sewing Café with tutor at the West End Centre
Aldershot

13 December

Online, Quilters Guild members only, The Loft.
Norene Skiles - Traditional to Modern, My
Journey (And the Quilters Who Influenced Me)

14 December

Sew Along Day online
Modern Quilt Group, drop in or stay for the day

17th January 2026 - 18th January 2026

The Loft. Online Retreat - Hidden Treasures

The Next Few Months at FQ

8 December

Christmas Party

Bring a mug/glass, plate to eat off and a small plate of food to share
Don't forget your secret Santa! £5 limit so you need to be creative.

5 January

Preparation for the Maltings Quilt Fair
Please bring you quilts if you cant drop them at the Maltings on Saturday 10th

Sunday 11 January 2026 Maltings Quilt Fair

Demonstrators and stewards needed
People needed to help set up on the Saturday

Farnham Quilters News

Last month's meeting

We made different Christmas makes devised by the committee and enjoyed chatting and catching up.

Quilters Guild Region 2 Day - review

On 15 November, Sheila and I made our annual visit to Chichester. Sheila took items to set up for the Young Quilters display stand. The morning speaker was Joy Salvage (now Joy Harbor) of Patchwork Joy. She does very narrow (quarter inch wide logs!) beautiful log cabin quilts with a quick strip piecing technique. We had both heard her talk before, but she was on good form and very entertaining. There was the usual 2 hour lunch break which allows time for the short workshops which were all fully booked. Sheila and I used the time to hightail it into town to catch an exhibition by the Society of Designer Craftsmen at a small Gallery. Then there was just time to admire the mini quilt challenge which had a good number of entries on the theme of "New Growth", whiz round the traders (and manage not to buy anything) and look at the display of final project quilts from the Master Quilters course.

After the new Region 2 Committee (including Sheila as YQ Co-ordinator) had introduced themselves and outlined future plans, the afternoon session featured Sally Ablett who showed some of the lovely quilts she has made over the years. She worked for the Sewing Studio and Today's Quilter, showcasing new fabrics often to extremely tight deadlines. She now works for Lewis and Irene at a slightly slower pace. Next year there will be two Regional Days, one in Chichester on 18 April and one in Crawley in October.

Penny Savill

NB: Sheila's time on the committee should be up, but she is staying on until May so that we don't all fall apart, therefore we are still in need of another member on the committee, there is no set job, contributions can be discussed with the others.

Also

If you visit somewhere that you could put up a poster to get new members for our group, please ask for one

Frimley Health Trust are still grateful for any bonding squares, they should be 6" square, two pieces sewn right sides together almost all round the edge and turned out, then stitched round close to the edge. The contact is alison.stevens13@nhs.net

Guild News

Norene Skiles - Traditional to Modern, My Journey (And the Quilters Who Influenced Me) The Loft

Online 13 December 2025 at 4.30 pm price £8 members only

Norene, a retired school library media specialist, began sewing as a young girl, and has never stopped. She primarily sewed clothing until the birth of her first grandchild 24 years ago. She made her first quilt in 1996. Her quilting style has evolved over the years from patterns and traditional quilting to modern Improv with a scrappy focus. She loves to incorporate technology into her quilting and as many fabrics as possible.

Norene was so popular when she presented a talk in May last year that we have invited her back.
This time she will focus on her development over the years into a more modern style.
The talk will be recorded and available for 28 days afterwards.
Contact details judi@quiltersguild.org.uk

Sew Along Day December 2025
Modern Quilt Group
Online 14 December 2025 10 am to 4 pm

Bring your current projects to work on in the company of the Modern Quilt Group at our August
sew along day!

Catch up with old friends and make some new ones at our social stitch, and share what you're
working on in our show and tell.

Feel free to drop in and out, or stay for the day.
Contact Details
Email innovations_mod@quiltersguild.org.uk for zoom details.

Online Retreat - Hidden Treasures
The Loft
Online
17th January 2026 - 18th January 2026 10:00am - 7:00pm
Price £50 Members Only

To book, visit <https://www.quiltersguild.org.uk/pages/join-in/events/onlineretreat>

The Guild's online retreat for members offers an opportunity to take part in a cornucopia of talks,
sew-a-longs and mini workshops. When the weather outside is gloomy then this is the place to go
– find your special spot where it's warm and comfortable, ensure life's necessities are at hand and
relax.

With just one log in you can come and go as suits your day knowing that sessions are recorded
and you can catch up later. Even if you are busy that weekend you can still enjoy the 'rewind'
recordings at your leisure over the next four weeks. Just be sure you have bought your ticket in
advance. Tickets will go on sale in the autumn.

2026 will be our third retreat and we have a wide range of speakers already lined up including our
curator Heather Audin with some well-known faces and some new speakers you may not yet have
heard. We have a broad range of topics so that there is something for everyone – some topics will
be familiar, and some will be new to you but we hope that everyone will go away inspired with an
idea or a technique to explore in their own way.

New information is being added as things develop. Follow the link in the booking section.

Other Events

Farnham Library Stitch and chat

Every Friday 10am until 12 noon.

This is a free drop-in session

If anyone goes to this please don't forget to mention our group!

Talk by Ann Hellyer "From Start to Finish"

3 December 2025 10.30am to 12.30pm

At North Hampshire Quilters

north-hampshire-quilters.org.uk

Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way,
Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9UP

Sewing Café at the West End Centre Aldershot

12 December 10.30am to 12.30pm price £6
age18+

"A sociable group, where you come and sew in company and get sewing advice from Westy tutor Ginny Farquhar, an experienced community craft and sewing tutor.

Bookings are encouraged to help you know numbers in advance, though you are welcome to turn up on the day



Drop in anytime between 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and stay as long as you like – our popular monthly sewing session uses our own Janome sewing machines in the Creative Studio on a Thursday morning once a month. Bring your own projects to work on, if you have a complete beginner Ginny can introduce you to simple stitching on our machines or you can help make drain bags or heard cushions to donate to your local hospital.

Donations of clean cotton fabrics are always welcomed

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/quilting-and-patchwork>

From luxurious 17th-century courtly robes to a quilt stitched by 21st-century prison inmates, the V&A holds a rich variety of objects created through quilting and patchwork – two distinct but frequently combined stitching techniques. These objects are remarkable both for their exquisite craftsmanship and their emotional resonance – gateways to fascinating stories and social histories.

Parking charges

Please note that parking is still free at night in Brightwells Yard and Wagon Yard

From 9 December to 1 January parking in all Waverley Borough Council car parks in Farnham will be £1 per entry from 1pm to 8am
Monday to Thursday

