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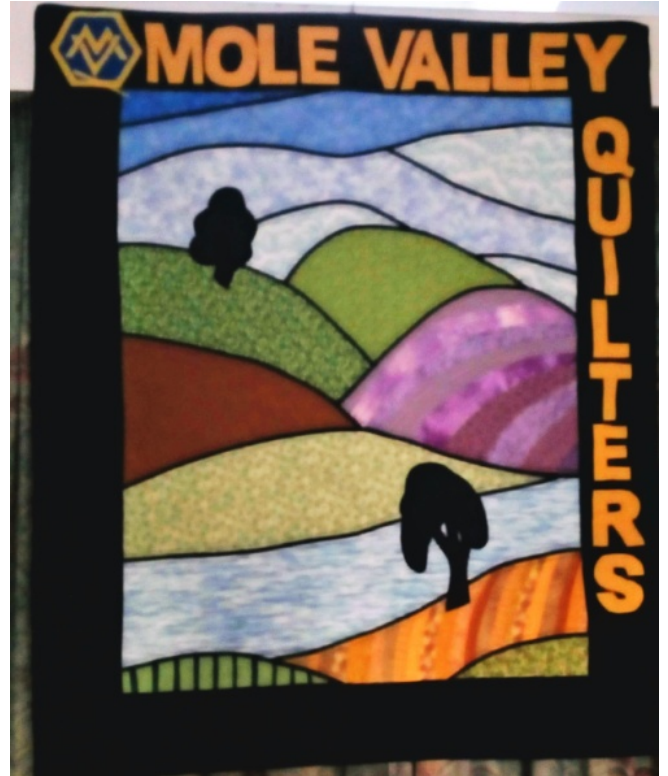
Dear Members

This newsletter seems to have come around very quickly but I am away (again) at the end of the month so must make haste to complete all my tasks before then.

The weather is lovely at the moment although it may change shortly so I hope that you are all making the most of it while it lasts.

I was so sorry to have missed the last meeting with Amanda Cobett. By all accounts it was very good - we had some very positive feedback and also a larger than usual number of visitors. It is great to have potential new members joining the meetings or other quilters from other groups coming along. Please remember that visitors are always welcome for the reasonable price of £5 per meeting.

Jane x



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

The committee is urging all members to help MVQ by making items suitable for selling at the Royal Grammar school craft fair in December.

We all understand that having to make things for sale is both time consuming and gets in the way of our own projects.

Everyone is short of time (especially as Xmas gets nearer) but it really is essential that we raise more money for funds if members wish to continue to have good speakers like Amanda Cobbett. Thanks to the success of the online zoom meetings during the covid lockdown we do have some financial reserves but these are now quickly being eaten into.

Prices for speakers and their travel costs have all risen and overheads such as hall hire and even tea and coffee supplies are all costing more than they did last year. Without raising more funds there will be no choice but to increase the annual subscription by a substantial sum - not something that anyone would want to see

If we all try and make a few things then it will be much easier on everyone.



NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2023

The meeting is a practical one - problem solving, demonstrations of various techniques in four corners and also a discussion of items which need to be made for the Xmas sale at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford in December.

There will be various knitting projects, xmas bunting to be made, Xmas tree cards, and cotton reel decorations. (See the picture)

As usual the meeting is 7.15 for a 7.30 start at the Old Barn Hall in Bookham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 September - 1 October 2023 - Great Northern Quilt Show Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate 10 - 14.30. Entry - advance £8.00 adult and £7.00 concessions. On the door £11 and £10

5 October 2023 - MVQ meeting - Techniques evening - brush up on your techniques and get help with problems from other members

27th and 28th October 2023 - Pilgrim Quilters 25th Charity Exhibition at St Anns Church Hall, 4 Brighton Road, Banstead, 10.00 to 16.30. Supporting Sight for Surrey. Cost £3.00 - children free.

2 November 2023 - MVQ meeting at Old Barn Hall- an evening of retail therapy with Creative Quilting (pop-up shop/new gadgets/techniques and a discussion of what is new to the market

18 November 2023 - Workshop with Gail Lawther - a Xmas sampler in a different style - cost is £30 and £35 for visitors. **This now fully booked but there is a waiting list** - see Marie Louise at the next meeting.

2 December 2023 - Royal Grammar School Xmas Fair

A LIGHT HEARTED REVIEW OF A VERY UNUSUAL SHOP

As some of you know I often go to the Isle of Wight and if you ever find yourself visiting the island there is a shop in Ryde which is well worth a visit - you may or may not wish to buy something but it is worth going just for a look - one of the strangest shops I have ever been in!

It is called "The Mad Haberdasher" and despite having visited the town many times I have only just realised what it is, as from the outside it looked like a sort of "hippie shop" with flags, bags and goodness knows what on display outside. However, it really is a haberdashers but stocks the most bizarre things, including regular fabric, haberdashery, and wool patterns, but also dinky cars (yes - really!) and various collectibles. (even a box of Commando magazines which I haven't seen for years!)

It is so stuffed to the rafters that there is only room to shuffle round in single file. I took a couple of pictures last week to give you some idea and whilst you might not be in the market for anything if you travel to the Island it is definitely worth going to if only to marvel at such an out of the world place. Saying that - it is also possible that you can get something that you have been trying to find for ages - quite honestly I've never seen so many types of elastic in one place.....

PS for anyone visiting the island who suddenly needs more regular fabric shops (always a risk of needing a fabric fix!) there is a proper quilting shop in Ryde - The stitching Elmers - and a cheaper fabric shop in Newport called Hellerslea Fabrics which again stocks all sorts of things - just not so haphazardly as the Mad Haberdasher!!



If any members have a favourite shop - please feel free to write a review and I can put it into the newsletter for others to enjoy!