



ARCHIVE 2020

Notes from GtP Meeting 14 February 2020 by Jacqui Jones

It was lovely to see so many of you at the meeting for the AGM, the draft minutes of which have been sent separately.

After the AGM, we enjoyed a talk from Margaret Armstrong who told us about the genesis and evolution of the Quilters Guild and how she got started with patchwork and quilting. She also introduced a new P&Q term - PhDs (Projects Half Done!)

There will be a session at Rosemary's house on Monday 24 February from 10.30am – 12/12.30pm to see a demo and collect kits to make a needle case and a bag for the Exhibition Sales Table. Rosemary said it is perhaps better suited to those who prefer hand sewing. There will be tea, coffee and cake as well! If you are interested in attending, please contact Rosemary ASAP by email rosemarywilkinson@btinternet.com

The winners of the 30th Anniversary Bursaries are listed below. At the meeting it was announced that we had 32 applicants but, upon checking the forms, I found that a couple of members had completed 2 forms so we have 30 recipients

Catherine B

Janie T

Julie P

Pauline L

Janet H

Christine W

Margaret S

Coralie N

Jacqui J

Celia C

Jenny T

Ruth Sr

Deborah McL

Ann H

Ann W

Terry S

Gill N

Julia K

Wendy C

Helen W

Dawn S

Kathleen McM

June H

Jane W

Carol S

Mary P

Elizabeth H

Fiona W

Mary M

Madeleine H

The results of the ballot to select charities which will receive the net profits from the Exhibition were announced after lunch and the 2 chosen charities are The Sepsis Trust and The Air Ambulance Service.

The Anniversary Workshop applications forms were collected at the meeting. The places on the workshops will be allocated after the meeting according to members' preferences and the names of the members attending each workshop will be announced at the March meeting.

During the AGM, Gloria announced details of the 2020 Chairman's Challenge which is to make a quilt or other quilted item which has either:

1 or 2 adjacent sides adding up to either 30 inches or 30 centimetres; or

30 blocks in total

Gloria will be checking measurements! The quilts will be displayed at the 2021 AGM when members will vote for their favourite and Gloria will award a small prize to the winner.

Jill P is running a workshop on Faces Bags at the meeting on 17 April and everyone is welcome to join in, there is no limit on numbers. The sign-up sheet and needs lists will be available at the next meeting.

Gloria will bring the needs list for the Mary Mayne Scrap Quilt Workshop to be held on Thursday 30 April to the March meeting.

Sue has a sewing machine for sale. It's a Juki TL98Q, a wide throated, industrial strength, straight stitch machine which has only been used on her mid arm quilting machine. She has all the attachments and the manual. If you are interested, please contact her.

Thank you to everyone who donated fabric for the Exhibition Sales Table. Just needs folding up now.

DIARY DATES

17 February 2020 10.30 am -14.30 pm Doughty's Fabric Sale

Charvill Village Hall, Park Lane, Charvill, Reading, RG10 9TR

Saturday 7th March 2020 Bucks Spring Regional Day

Park Community Centre, Jubilee Square, Buckingham Park, Aylesbury, HP19 9DZ

Speakers :Sarah Hibbert–Measure Twice, Cut Once and Sandie Lush–From Old Cloth to Whole Cloth

Saturday 21 March Chiltern Textile & Embroidery Group Textile Showcase 10am – 3pm

Tylers Green Village Hall, High Wycombe, HP10 8LN

14 April Chalfont quilters Open Afternoon 2pm – 4pm

Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross, SL9 9QX

Fat Quarters Quilting Exhibition: 25 –26th April 2020 10am to 4pm.

Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6HF

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 14th February 2020

1. Apologies

Jill A, Celia C, Barbara F, Sandy H, Penny H, Lynne J, Mary M, Judy M, Sue O, Shiona R, Margaret S, Carol Ss, Valerie T, Christine W.

Gloria B opened the meeting at 12.00pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM on 8th February 2019

The Minutes were voted unanimously an accurate account of the previous AGM, proposed by Heather E, seconded by Lindsey H..

3. Matters Arising

Gloria reported that the Margaret Bright Bursary will not be awarded this year because 30 bursaries will be awarded to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the group. The Margaret Bright Bursary will be back next year but the name may be changed, subject to agreement from members at the 2021 AGM.

4. Chairman's Report

Gloria gave a short report outlining the busy and varied events in 2019, the programme of speakers, block draws, coffee mornings, workshops and 2 stay-at-home Round Robins. The Chairman's Challenge was 'Finish' and many completed items were viewed at the December 2019 meeting. Money raised from the Bring & Take table was donated to The Art Room (£80) and to Hillingdon Young Carers (£40). Work has commenced on the Raffle Quilt for the 30th Anniversary Exhibition. She thanked Jackie C for organising the trip to the Knitting & Stitching Show and for researching the feasibility of other visits which sadly were not viable. She also thanked everyone, not just committee members, who have helped in many ways to facilitate the smooth running of the meetings and coffee mornings.

5. Treasurer's Report

Wendy reported upon the 2019 accounts, copies of which were distributed at the meeting. Overall the group made a loss of £890.92 for the year but this was more than covered by reserves carried forward from the previous year. At the end of 2019 there was £6,094.86 in the bank account.

However, there will be greater expenditure in 2020 with money spent on the 30 x £50 Bursaries to celebrate the 30th Anniversary and the costs of the 4 Anniversary Workshops which have been organised. Wendy encouraged all members to sign up for these activities. In response to Sally's

questions, Wendy reported that the anniversary bursaries and workshops were budgeted to cost approximately £3,500.

The net profits from the Anniversary Exhibition will be donated to charity, and the charity or charities will be selected during the February 2020 meeting after the AGM.

A balance of approximately £5,000 after the usual costs and income is projected for 2020 and Wendy reported that the Committee had recently voted to keep this as a reserve, representing approximately 1 year's expenditure.

The acceptance of accounts and Treasurer's report was proposed by Jenni L, seconded by Kathleen and unanimously agreed by members.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Coralie reported on a successful year in 2019 with all meetings well attended and with many guests, some of whom are now members. Currently there are 67 members including 1 Honorary Member which leaves 4 vacancies with nobody on the waiting list. Gloria commented that some members who have retired have asked to be kept informed of the group's activities, and the Secretary has included them in any group emails that do not include specific or sensitive information such as the AGM.

Coralie and Jane were standing down after the AGM and Coralie expressed how much they had enjoyed getting to know everyone and wished their successors well.

7. Election for Committee Posts

Gloria handed over to Jacqui Jones who indicated that there were volunteers for posts except for the Programme Secretary for 2021, Refreshment Organiser(s) and Secretary. Gloria advised that without a Programme Secretary, next year's meeting may become sit and stitch sessions and without a Secretary email communication will be limited to basic details and key reminders only.

There were no volunteers for the vacant posts in which case Gloria advised that if volunteers came forward during the year they could be co-opted onto the Committee.

Jacqui read out the names of the volunteers for the posts and then asked members to ratify all the appointments, which were proposed by Coralie Naalchigar and seconded by Jo Shipley. The appointments listed below were duly ratified.

Chairman	Gloria
Treasurer	Wendy
Secretary	Vacant
Membership Secretary and Assistant	Fiona and Elizabeth
Programme Secretary for 2021	Vacant
Refreshment Organisers	Vacant
Raffle Organisers	Julia, Jane B, Ann H and Catherine
Librarian	Celia
Committee Member for Greeting and Welcoming	Jenny

Later in the AGM, Mary and Carol volunteered to be Refreshment Organisers and will therefore be co-opted onto the Committee. The Committee will therefore be:

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Committee Member for Greeting and Welcoming	Jenny H-J

8. Appointment of Hon. Auditor

The appointment of Betty Greengrass as Honorary Auditor was proposed by Terry, seconded by Heather and accepted unanimously.

9. 30th Anniversary Exhibition

Sally gave an update on the organisation of the 30th Anniversary Exhibition which will be held on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October 2020. Set up will take place on Friday 24th October. Coleshill Hall, the church and the junior school in the village have been confirmed as venues. The German Exchange Quilts will be included and Sally asked members to contact her if they can provide details of companies who could help to display these quilts.

The group Raffle Quilt was well under way. A hall will be booked for a session for groups of members to begin to assemble the top and other work parties will be required for basting and quilting. She requested volunteers. A small quilt will also be made and will be donated to the school after the exhibition.

More information about members' quilts for the Exhibition will be available at the April 2020 meeting. It is likely that there will be space to display 2 quilts from each member and work to be submitted will need to be ready by the end of September 2020.

With 3 venues, a large number of stewards will be needed and volunteers will be requested later in the year.

There will also be a bag raffle and Terry Stevenson asked for bags to be ready for June.

Gloria thanked Sally for all her hard work on the Exhibition.

10. 30th Anniversary Bursaries, Workshops & Challenge

Gloria advised the meeting that the draw for the 30 Anniversary Bursaries would take place after the AGM closed.

She also advised that the Anniversary Workshop applications would close after the AGM and the recipients would be selected based upon members' preferences in a separate session, with recipients to be announced at the March 2020 meeting.

Gloria announced the Chairman's 30th Anniversary Challenge which will be to make a quilt or other quilted item which has either

1 or 2 adjacent sides that add up to 30 inches or 30 centimetres or
30 blocks in total

Completed items will be viewed at the February 2021 meeting and members will be invited to vote for their favourite. Gloria will donate a small prize to be awarded to the winner.

11. Any Other Business

Young Quilters' Sewing Machines: Chris M had asked the Committee to consider donating money from the Exhibition to Wycombe College but this was not possible because the recipient needs to be a registered charity. 3 machines that the group had donated to Young Quilters had become surplus to requirements and Gloria suggested that contact be made with Wycombe College to offer the machines to the college. Sally advised that, from previous experience, these machines would not be suitable for the college but they may be of interest to the local junior school. Sally added that she had been asked by the school if we could offer tuition to the children. Gloria proposed the motion that "the Committee be allowed to pass the children's sewing machines to a suitable organisation". The motion was seconded by Jenny T and passed unanimously.

Retiring Committee Members: Gloria presented gifts to the Committee Members who retired at the AGM and thanked them for their contribution.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.49pm.