

MIMRAM QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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Ladies

Christmas is a distant memory, resolutions may have been forgotten but the upside is that the days are getting longer and I have some bulbs poking their heads up, so Spring is not so far away.

I do hope you enjoyed our Four Corners evening. The demonstrators worked hard to get their presentation just right. It was all very professional and informative. It was a joy for me to be able to partake for the first time in ages.

At the February meeting we are welcoming Ann Goodwin who will be giving a talk called My Journey into Book Making. There will be a workshop where you will be making an embroidered newspaper book cover the following day at Peace Memorial Hall in Codicote. This talk and workshop has been a great success at Iknield Quilters and they are running their third workshop due to popular demand. There are a few places left for 7th February, so to book your place contact pennychatney@gmail.com

The committee have been discussing Facebook. I would encourage you to go online and let's have lots of photos and comments from you.

We have also been discussing the committee personnel. Some of us are coming off it in October this year so we really do need more people to join us. It is not an arduous job. We meet 4 times a year in each others' houses and plan a quarter of the year at a time. Please consider joining, come and talk to any of the current committee for further details. Without a committee we cannot operate. I have been very lucky to have a very supportive and capable one who has done their job splendidly.

We are now only a few weeks away from our exhibition. I do hope you are working away at finishing off and putting your sleeves on and getting ready to produce a fantastic array of the tremendous talent we have in the group.

The entry forms will be on the website by the end of this week. You need to download one form per item you want to enter. Even if you have not yet finished something, fill in your form and that alone will spur you onto finishing. Last time I entered an item, didn't get it finished in time so it will be going in this time. It still needs to get finished! You need to get your forms returned to Marie-Claire by end of February. You fill it in return it and Marie Claire will send you a proof of what will be label attached to the front of your quilt for the public to read. It is your responsibility to make sure the wording, spelling etc is correct.

Can I please ask you to volunteer as helpers for the exhibition. There will be rotas at the next meeting to fill in. There are a variety of duties and slots to be filled, again we cannot manage without your help. Don't forget to sign up to make a cake or cookies too. We always have a splendid selection so bring out your inner Mary Berry or Nigella. A separate e mail is coming regarding the Sales Table

There is an exhibition at the V & A running until 2nd April. It is called Arts and Crafts in Punjab and London by John Lockwood Kipling. He was a major influence in the Arts and Crafts movement. It is also free. Go and give yourself a treat.

There's also going to be an article in Patchwork and Quilting about the formation and history of Mimram Quilters, which I'm sure you'll find interesting. It is on sale from 17th February.

Have a good month finishing off and of course wishing all those going on the retreat a wonderful time. If it goes well there might be another one next year.

Sally x