

February meeting

It's our AGM on February 16th, same time, same place.

As mentioned at the January meeting, there will be a lot of discussion as to our priorities and our fundraising. The group may need to change tack in the future, and your ideas and feedback are essential.

We will also review the exhibition, which although it made a profit, it's not enough to fund the deficit on our Programmes for 2017 and 2018.

As part of this debate, we will need to review our fee level (sorry). And our fundraising.

Your Chair (Jan Prior), Secretary (Pam Newman) and Publicity Officer (Fiona Starkey) will not be standing again, so please give some thought as to whether you might be able to stand.

Do you have the Tea things

from the January meeting? Someone has kindly taken charge, but we don't know who!

Please remember to bring them to the February meeting.

New members

We are happy to welcome new members Margaret Birks and Heather Spalding to Bath Quilters.

Existing members, please remember to wear your name badges, so that everyone knows everyone!

Quilt competition

Groves and Banks, the biggest trade supplier of haberdashery, quilting and knitting products in the UK has launched a competition with great prizes! The winning quilt will be displayed at the Festival of Quilts, and the winner will receive two free tickets to the show plus £150 of quilting products. Jennie Rayment mentioned this at her talk, and further information will be available at the AGM.

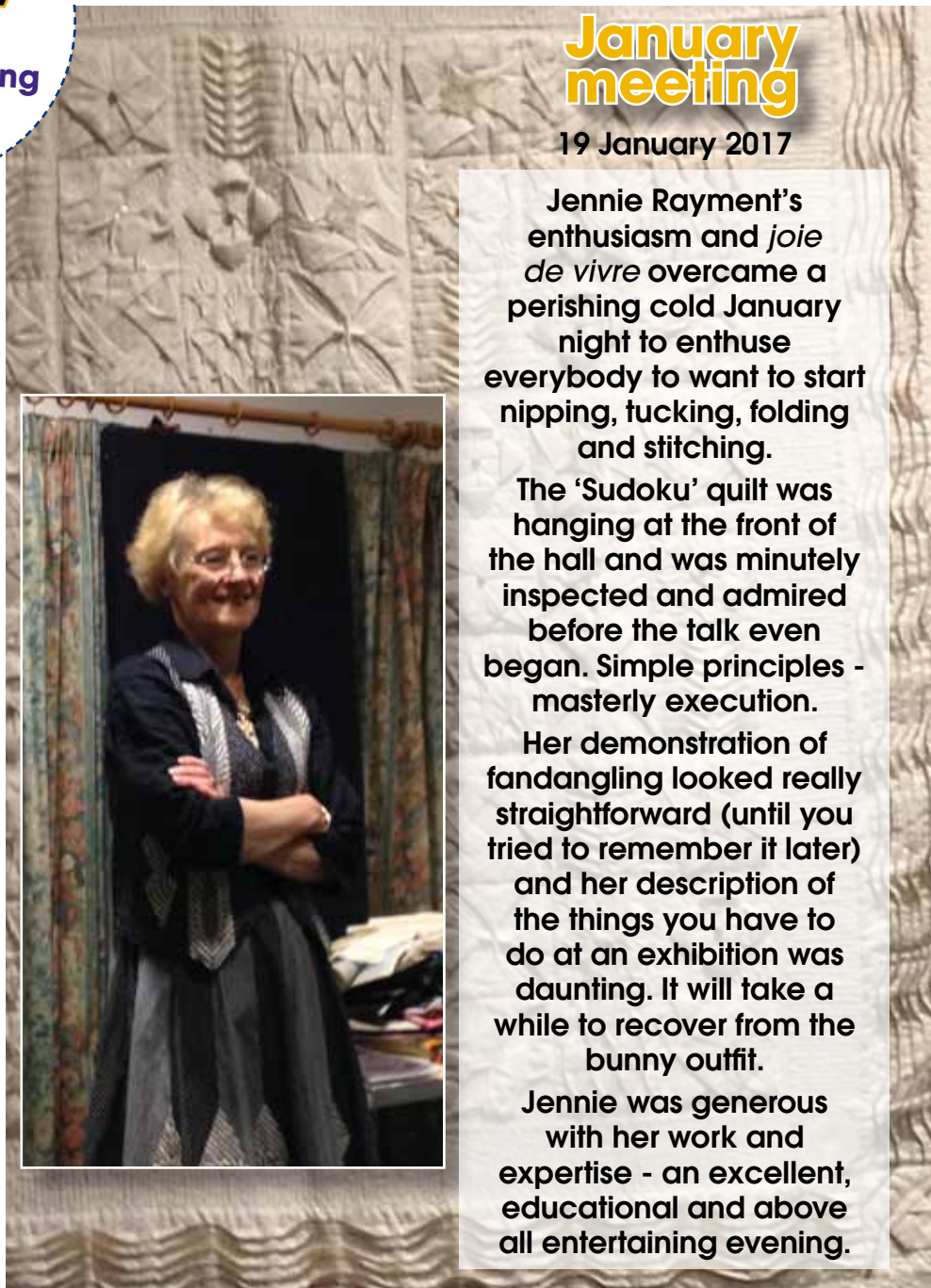
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16 February
AGM and raffle
Sewing evening
2 February

January meeting

19 January 2017



Jennie Rayment's enthusiasm and *joie de vivre* overcame a perishing cold January night to enthuse everybody to want to start nipping, tucking, folding and stitching.

The 'Sudoku' quilt was hanging at the front of the hall and was minutely inspected and admired before the talk even began. Simple principles - masterly execution.

Her demonstration of fandangling looked really straightforward (until you tried to remember it later) and her description of the things you have to do at an exhibition was daunting. It will take a while to recover from the bunny outfit.

Jennie was generous with her work and expertise - an excellent, educational and above all entertaining evening.

American Museum Quilting Bee

We are again invited to participate in the **Quilting Bees** at the American Museum. Small groups sit and quilt in the Museum on Tuesday afternoons. This is an opportunity to show your work to visitors at the Museum and answer questions from both beginners and more experienced sewers. You get to meet interestingly people of all ages from all over the world.

All you need to bring along is some hand sewing. Please contact Pat Martin (b.martin885@btinternet.com) at the next meeting for further information.

Raffle Quilt

The quilt was won by Julia Price, from Fareham Hants. She is a friend of Joan Burrluck, and is apparently thrilled with the quilt.

Charity for 2017

It's time to think again about which charity to support for the next year or two. It'll be discussed at the next meeting, so if you have any thoughts and would like to nominate an organisation, don't forget to bring some details to the meeting so that we can vote armed with information.



Upcoming Exhibitions

Anglia Textile Works. 25-March - 24 April

A group of contemporary quilters from East Anglia is exhibiting their work at the Museum in the Park, Stroud. (Definitely worth a visit-Jan)

Quilters Guild Spring Regional Day, Saturday 4 March

This is being held at St Mary's Church Centre, Bridgwater. There are speakers, raffles, traders and a good chance to meet like-minded people.

This event is open to all. Further information at the AGM.

Quilts UK 18 - 21 May

Three Counties Showground, Malvern

With the advent of the Festival of quilts, we sometimes forget what a charming Quilt Exhibition this can be. Deadline for entries is 3 March.

This year's theme: "Gardeners World".

Stand hire

Did you know that the Club's Quilt stands are available for hire to other clubs and societies? Spread the word as it all helps with the funds.

2016 exhibition

The October exhibition was very well received by visitors, with particular attention being paid to the unusual 'Fine Cell Work' lifesize quilt on display upstairs.

Joan Wood's quilt (right) was voted the Visitors' Choice favourite and the sales stall was hardly ever unattended! A big thank you to Jose and her team for raising so much money for the club.

Thanks too to all who helped out with the setting up, running and taking down!

Challenges!

Your Committee will be putting together a list of possible challenges for the year. Your input is welcome - please email Jan at jprior1005@aol.com if you have any suggestions.



Bath Quilters

usually meet at 7.30pm in St. Lukes Church Hall, Wellsway, Bath, BA2 2BD but there are exceptions, so check the listing for a particular meeting. email: bathquilters@yahoo.co.uk telephone: 01225 446385



Above: Fine Cell Work's quilt, Above right: Joan Wood's Visitors' choice from the exhibition and Right: a busy sales table.