

Mimram Newsletter

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It is officially Spring but if the wind I listened to last night is anything to go on I would think we are in the grips of mid winter.

What a wonderful talk we had last month. Michele gave us a rare treat by sharing all her great experience with applique, together with a wonderful show of slides she has collected over the years. I also enjoyed seeing the beautiful quilts and hangings Michele brought with her, she is so prolific. Thank you Michele.

The Exhibition committee has met for the first time planning for next year's event taking place on 18th and 19th March 2017 in the Civic Centre. Please put this date in your diary and start making or finishing off items so that we can make this exhibition, the 12th in 36 years since Mimram Quilters' inception, the best yet. We will in due course give you more details and information of what is required, but don't be shy or bashful, I really hope that everyone will have at least one item displayed. Start thinking what it might be.

At the April meeting Penny will be introducing us to mug rugs. Please remember to bring along your sewing kit and we will provide kits. These could be items that are displayed at the exhibition along with other items we have demonstrated since the last exhibition 3 years ago. Just give a thought to what you could bring along.

On April 16th we will be holding our first UFO day of the year at Digswell Village Hall from 10.00-4.00. We already have a few signed up for the day but there are some spaces left. The more people we have the cheaper it is for the day. Bring along your own lunch to keep maximum sewing time available. I will bring tea, coffee and biscuits.

Tips: Accuracy is the name of the game with patchwork. I liken it to a jigsaw puzzle. If the pieces are not cut accurately they will never fit into the right places. Cut accurately and sew with an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam everything will be go together much more easily. Don't mix and match rulers from a different supplier as they may differ only a fraction but it could make all the difference between fitting or not. When making up units for a block check and trim to the correct size each time, before incorporating into the block. It will save a lot of 'reverse stitching'. (Unpicking)

Enjoy the rest of your Bank Holiday and see you next week.

Sally x