



'quilting with friends'

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### ***Hello fellow quilters!***

Another quilting season is nearly here and as Rabbin Burns often said 'the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley'. This letter was due out a couple of weeks back but time just slipped by. It was nice to see so many of you during the summer; I didn't really get the chance to have the withdrawal symptoms I was expecting!

**CLASSES** – Classes are detailed on the enclosed leaflet. You will notice that the cost of classes is the same as last year at £10 for the evenings and £20 for the whole day classes. Packs are available for the classes if required. Can't make up your mind about the colour variations needed – then just tell me what your main colours are and I will do the rest. Clarencefield Quilters classes are held every second Wednesday evening from 6.30 – 9.30pm and there is a full day class once a month on a Thursday. Remember to bring your packed lunch!

**BOOKING FOR CLASSES** – is on a first come, first served basis. Bookings are now being taken for the classes taught by Kate and myself. Bookings on the form enclosed or by telephone or email accepted.

**SHOP** – The shop is regularly open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 – 4pm and at other times by prior arrangement including evenings and weekends. Motto is – "If we are, we are open". There are now almost 400 new bolts of fabric in the shop here at Mouswald House. Although fabrics have risen in price by an average of 25% per metre I am intending to keep the price at £8 a metre. Fabrics from New Zealand are here and the exciting new shrink fabric from China is on the shelf at £12 a metre but you really don't need much of it to get the new effect. Warm and natural wadding is still our main choice of wadding at £9 per metre. (90" wide).

**QUILTER IN RESIDENCE** – Thank you for the kind words on my appointment as quilter in residence at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. My work is voluntary and should last for 12 – 18 months. The first of seven quilts is currently on display in the front hall of the hospital. The project involves working with people with Alzheimer's Disease and I am finding it most interesting and terribly emotional. Their talents and energy are endless and I am having such fun putting quilts together both with them and for them.

**MYNDIN QUILTS** – Again linked to the Alzheimer Project, Myndin Quilts are a project where we will make quilts for people with dementia just the same as we make Linus Quilts. However, there are no restrictions on what type of fabrics or decorations we put on them. The pilot for the quilts is being run in Dumfries and Galloway and depending on how we get on, they will broaden the horizons to take in the rest of Scotland next. Anyone interested in helping with the pilot, i.e. making quilts, should get in touch with me.

**EXHIBITION** – The seasonal exhibition of pupils work, craft tables and fabric sale will be held in the McFarlan Hall, Clarencefield on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 10 – 4pm. Free entry – teas and homebakes £2.

We look forward to seeing you all either at class or at the shop, or at Solway and Clarencefield Quilters groups during the coming season. Thank you so much for your support in the past and your continuing friendship.

Keep quilting,