

## News, 21 May 2018

Just back from **2018 Quilts UK** at Malvern with two **3rd** place awards, for both **Small** and **Large Wallhangings** with '**Larger Than Life**' in the former, '**Walled Garden**' in the latter; see both in my Gallery. A pleasing result, when winners Annalize Littlefair and Liz Jones are among the competition!

Usual bit of fabric shopping and a haul including 30 metres of Bond-a-Web, which might last till Christmas!

## News, 26 June 2017

'**Framed**' (see my Gallery) won a **Judges Merit** in the Theme category at the **2017 Quilts UK**, where I also showed my first attempt at a 'modern' quilt, '**A la Mode**'.

I don't have an entry in this year's **World Quilt Show**.

**Anne Williams** is the Editor of **The Quilters Guild Journal** and she also contributes a series called "**Quilt as Desired**" (that famous final phrase on a quilt pattern/instruction sheet!) to **Today's Quilter (TQ)** magazine.

I've known Anne for many years through the **Mead Quilters** group I belong to in my home village of Wheathampstead in Hertfordshire. So I was delighted when Anne asked to feature me and some of my work in the series in **TQ**.

About the time she popped in to visit me I had just finished '**Framed**' (see above) and she chose to headline it in **TQ** along with my thoughts, tips and opinions about free-motion quilting.

## News, 10 March 2017

Yet more news about '**Humming Bee**' etc. We trekked off last week to Penrith (**PENRITH!**\*) in Cumbria for preview/opening evening of the "**New Quilting**" exhibition at the **Rheged Discovery Centre Gallery**. Lovely venue, event spoilt slightly by lack of name badges for contributors — so we (and others) didn't know who was who — and the lack of a catalogue!

But they had given me a whole wall, just near the entrance, maybe 20 ft. long by 8 ft. high for my 3 quilts, which though not really innovative, were possibly selected for the 'WOW' you get with colour (especially against a black background) and maybe the unusual piecing.

## Me and my Wall . . .



We went back on the Friday afternoon for some quiet peaceful photography and met **Marijke van Welzen** (note the similar surname!) who makes beautiful quilted clothes; had a good chat and later gave her a lift back into Penrith. I've put a link to her website on my site, she makes wonderful quilts.

### News, February 2017

More news about '**Humming Bee**'! It is to be the December illustration in the **2018 Quilters Guild calendar**! That'll be handy because also this week I was asked to do a workshop for Fitzwilliam Quilters in Northampton . . . in September 2018, so that'll be the first entry in my copy of the calendar! Also, this will be my third quilt to appear in a QG calendar - '**Dent de Lion**' in 2006 and '**On Green Pond**' in 2016 were the previous two (both are in my **Gallery**).

## News, January 2017

At the end of 2016 I received a surprise invitation to exhibit some of my recent Quilts in a '**New Quilting**' exhibition in the Gallery at **The Rheged Centre, Redhills, Penrith\*, Cumbria CA11 0DQ**

So, opening night is 2 March 2017 and The Exhibition will be open every day, Friday 3 March – Sunday 23 April, 10am-5pm.

'**Poppy Day**', '**On Green Pond**' and '**Humming Bee**' will be on show among a few dozen other quilts by such luminaries as Alicia Merrett, Kate Crossley, Sara Impey, Elizabeth Brimelow and the wonderful Sandie Lush.

Quilts packed ready to go about 5 February, route planned and hotel booked, and we're going to stay up there for a few days' sightseeing . . . last time we were in the Lake District must have been in the early '90s!

\***Withnail and I** fan? You'll appreciate our excitement about the Venue!!

## Old News

I've been lucky to have had quite a few successes in quilt shows, I have over 30 rosettes on a board in my 6 ft x 8 ft sewing room.

'**On Green Pond**' (see it in my **Gallery**) had an Honorable Mention (Highly Commended in UK) in the Traditional category at the **2013 World Quilt Show** which toured the USA.

'**Humming Bee**', see my **Gallery**, was awarded another Honorable Mention green rosette in the **2015 World Quilt Show** in the Traditional category, again!

Really chuffed, and for the UK quilters who had about 30 quilts there, and well done to Sandie Lush for winning the Traditional category for the UK.

. . . and then I thought, how would it do in the **Festival of Quilts**, the most important UK quilt show, held at the NEC, Birmingham, August 2016?

So - entry fee, insurance, transport to and from - it went to the NEC.

Some wonderful quilts there, BUT . . . '**Humming Bee**' was **Judge's Choice** for **Dawn Cameron-Dick**, a well known and respected quilter, tutor and judge. So, chuffed, again, thank you Dawn.

So, altogether, an enjoyable piece of work, which was appreciated by others in many (unknown) ways.

Did you spot the bee and the butterfly?