

NW Region Newsletter JULY 2018

Hi, well Summer is truly here, with beautiful blue skies & scorching heat. Perhaps a trifle too hot, but we should not complain as it makes a difference to our normal grey skies & rain.

Thankfully things have gone a little quiet on NWR front, but I'm sure that will change!!

I have been assured that the Branch & Regional Committee Officers new generic emails will arrive very shortly, HO have had to set up 1000 email addresses so far! They will be sent directly to Branches, and therefore **I would ask you to let me know your branch officers email addresses to enable me to amend my records, and of course I will send out the Regional Officers details as well.**



We must ensure that all emails when sent out to groups are sent as blind copies (BCC), and that all our records eg. NWR Website are amended to meet the new legislation.

I have received several queries regarding Gift Aid. Terry has informed us "When a branch collects the Guild subscription it is only doing so as an agent of the Guild. None of the monies paid in respect of the Guild subscription stays in the branch, therefore, the branch cannot claim gift aid on the Guild subscription. **It can only claim gift aid on the monies paid in relation to the branch subscription.** This is a HMRC ruling, not the Guild's." He will also include this info in with the notes to treasurers that accompany the 2017/18 year-end returns.

Most of the branches have replied to the vote on the three choices re Regional Day 2019, and it seems that combining the AGM & Regional Day for 2019 is the winner by a long way. Obviously, this will come with its own set of problems eg date & venue etc. It will have to be held in Sept/October in respect of the AGM, but I have been advised that this period could be tricky for traders due to big shows/events. This will be discussed at the next Regional Committee meeting in August, and I will feed back to you asap

Meanwhile I am sure Merseyside are forging ahead with their plans for Regional Day 2020.

We will also be discussing this year's Regional AGM which will be held at Barton Village Hall on Saturday 3rd November. Again, more details will be issued after the Regional Committee meeting.

The updated & improved NWR Website is still being worked on and will hopefully be up and running by the middle of July.

I have been advised that the 100 Hearts project is gaining momentum, and that the NWR hearts will be included in the Knitting & Stitch Show in Harrogate in 22nd- 25th November. I did ask why they will not be shown at other venues in the NW, but apparently all the venues they approached only want to exhibit them in November, which makes sense but is very disappointing and would not work logistically. Hopefully NWR members will visit the show, as I will if possible, and meanwhile I will try to gain more venues in the NW area.

I recently visited North Wales Branch and was met with a lovely 'Welsh Welcome'. It was their 45th Anniversary, so plenty of food and a glorious cake. I was invited to present 25yr badges & certificates to two lovely ladies Margaret Griffith and Elsi Prytherch, who were very proud to be in the Embroiderers Guild and said they have enjoyed every single moment.

There were demonstrations from Colour Craft, who were selling some of their wares- very dangerous for me I'm afraid! And I managed to get around to speak to most of the members, and some new recruits. Hopefully I will visit them again.



I am looking forward to visiting Lytham St Annes Branch in October for their 35th Anniversary (More Cake) and will try to fit in any more invites coming my way.

This year's Summer School went well again with full capacity and great tutors. There were the usual few blips, which were ironed out and solutions will be factored in for next year. Its great to see members attending for the first time, and hopefully many will return in future years. Waddow Hall staff are fantastic, the foods great and the accommodation is being improved all the time. The Venue is set in beautiful surroundings, but as a listed building has restrictions such as fitting a lift! However, we are assured that when funds and planning allow, this will be dealt with. Our thanks go to Hilary Cresswell for organising this event.



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Booking forms
Summer
2019 will be
emailed to
Branches on
September
will also be
available at
AGM in

November.

I expect that Branches are either winding up for the Summer break and/or planning fun events, which will hopefully include National Stitch Day on Saturday **4th August**- which is strangely based on Hearts again. I know some branches have given me details, and I hope these planned events help to promote the Guild and show the public the Love of Stitch (just realised where the Hearts fit in!!)

Sue -NWR Chair

On a sad note, we recently heard of the passing of a very valued and talented long- time member of Parbold Branch. Kathleen Slinger, was a fantastically skilled Gold worker, but She was always up for experimenting in all aspects of contemporary textile work. One of her beautiful pieces of Goldwork won the Broiderers Cup and was chosen to decorate the cover of a past NWR Journal.

She will be sorely missed, but I know she felt that her life was truly blessed and happy- and not many of us could say that.