

NW Region Newsletter November 2018



The NWR AGM went well, barring a few hiccups which we will resolve for future years. Attendance was pretty good with all but 4 branches represented.

We can certainly use the venue for future AGM's or events as the hall is adequate in size and has good facilities.

Muriel Campbell spoke to us on behalf of the Board of Trustees. She gave an informative and passionate report, and answered questions put to her by members. Details will be contained in the minutes which will be available on the NWR Website in due course. The website address is <http://nwregionembroiderers.org/> Please see poster which I would ask you to display & encourage your members to visit.

One of the biggest changes to the Region has been agreed that the NWR Journal will not be printed this year. We only just cover the cost of printing with advertising revenue, the information is out of date by the time it is printed, it is very time consuming to gather information, proof read & edit.

The take up of sales is very poor, and wasteful on the environment.

I am aware that some members prefer a paper booklet, but all the information previously contained in the journal will be available on the NWR Website, which I can update and add information when required.

I am hopeful that most branches will have an IT Rep or a member who is able to access the website, which incidentally **does not need a password** and is open to the public- so a great way of

attracting new members. Any interesting information can be printed out and put on your notice boards for all members to view.

The NWR website will contain all the information which was previously contained in the journal, but will be up to date, informative and relevant.

The Broiderers' Cup was won by Nicky Parmenter and her work will appear on the NWR Website Home Page and in Newsletters for the next 12 months.(see above photo) Well done to her.

The Amy Williams award was won by Valerie Cockcroft from North Wales, a very worthy winner.

Three 25yr badges were presented, and again the details will appear on the NWR website.

I am away for two weeks but I intend to tackle the information etc when I return.

We have voted in three new committee members, and sadly said goodbye to Jennifer Graham (Secretary & IT) and Sue Turner (Area 1 Rep)

The new committee members are Bev Elliott (Secretary), Tori Riley (ITrep) and Mary Seaman. I am sure they will do a good job and be an asset to the Region.

We have vacancies for an Area 1 & 4 Rep, and YE Rep.

Please consider taking on these roles. You do not need to attend Regional meetings, but just liaise with the branches within those areas, and with the three Young Embroiderers groups. It is important that branches feel included, and as the NWR covers a large area we must make sure all those branches feel they have someone to advise & help them when necessary.

Just contact me if you wish to discuss anything or even better to volunteer.

Next year the AGM will be incorporated into the morning business meeting at the NW Regional Day. The event will be held at Crofters Hotel, The A6 Cabus, near Garstang on Saturday 28th September. We still intend to have trade stalls, EG stall, displays of work and the usual competitions. The Rose Bowl theme is 'Twist it, Turn it'

We will also have a speaker in the afternoon. The ticket price (TBA) will include a two- course hot lunch.

Information will be sent out next year as usual, and details will also appear on the website when finalised. **Please note this is a one-off as no branch stepped up to organising 2019.**

Merseyside branch are progressing well with organising 2020 Regional Day which will be held in the Spring as normal, with the Regional AGM in the Autumn.

It would be great if a branch will volunteer to host 2021 Regional Day, Please, please consider this and contact me.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year, and I hope to see you all either at the Regional Day or at one of your meetings next year.

Sue Chisnall-Sumner- NWR Chair