

NW Region Newsletter January 2019



I hope you all had good Christmas and New Year celebrations- now to tackle the forthcoming year.

We are a good way into updating the NWR website with branches 2018-2019 programmes and current branch officers. I am hoping to feature a couple of branch reports every month, so I will be asking for a report from you!!! I will contact the two selected branches soon. We will be able to include a word document and jpeg photos.

As mentioned in my November newsletter please encourage your members to look at the website on a regular basis, you will be surprised at the content. NW Tutor/Speaker list, events, exhibitions, news, branches details and information.

The website address is <http://nwregionembroiderers.org/> . Please display the poster sent with November's newsletter.

If you have members who either struggle with computers or do not have access please make an effort to include them. 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. If necessary, any interesting information can be printed out and put on your notice boards for all members to view.

I recently attended Pendle Branch's Christmas bash, a report with photos is on the NWR website. It was a lovely visit with a very lively branch and good fun.

I am due to visit North Lonsdale, Glossop branches and Altrincham after the New Year, so really looking forward to that. IOM visit will be a biggie in July.

I would love to visit your branch so don't feel shy in inviting me- I do not bite!! (only sometimes?)

The Regional Committee are working towards the Regional Day/AGM on **Saturday 28th September**, and we will let you know the details later.

Bookings for Summer School are looking much better now, with Wendy's workshop now fully booked and only four places left on Jenny's. Please contact Hilary as soon as possible to secure your place.

Thanks for responding to my plea, as it is important that we continue with Summer School in the future. It is an ideal event to renew friendships, meet new members, learn new skills and have some fun and 'me-time'.

Currently it is only open to EG members. If no further bookings by the end of January, we will open it up to non-members. We will contact you to confirm if it is necessary to open-up it up, as you may have a friend or family member who is keen to attend.

We now have a great Regional Committee, but still need an Area 1 & 3 Rep, and YE Rep. Note my error in November newsletter (not Area 4 as Ann Cornes looks after that area-duh!!)

Please consider taking on one of 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.

Also, it would be great if a branch would volunteer to host 2021 Regional Day. Please, please consider this and contact me, as I really cannot commit NWR to holding a further Regional Day. It would be very unfair as I am unlikely to be Regional Chair at that point in time.

Following last year's successful 100 Hearts project, the Guild have devised a new project for 2019- Home. The details were sent out before Christmas, and it would be wonderful if again the NW participated. There are more details on the Guild Website.

HO are working hard to provide an improved website which should hopefully be easier to navigate, and up date the data base- which is proving to be a mammoth task. Please bear with them on this.

I have recently been sadly advised of death of Brenda Baxter who was a very active member of N Wales Branch from 1982. She will be sorely missed by those who knew her as she was such a very inspiring lady. Please read her obituary on the NWR website for more details.

To end on a happier note, despite a lot of hard work in my first year as Chair, I have 'strangely' enjoyed my role as your Regional Chair and hope that I along with the Regional Committee can continue to help and support all the NWR members during 2019.

Sue Chisnall-Sumner- NWR Chair