



Spring seems to be on its way??- a time for inspiration and new starts.

The NWR website is proving to be a great source of information, with up to date Tutors/Speakers list, events, branch 2018-2019 programmes and contact details.

I am hoping to feature a couple of branch reports every month and our first one will be a report with photos from Manchester Branch about their stand at Event City, followed by a report from Preston Branch on their latest exhibition, and then I might be asking for a report from you!!! Please keep on eye on the website.

The idea will be we feature a report (Word document) with photos (JPEG) of any special event you have held eg Open Day, Exhibition, Party etc.

Please encourage your members to look at the website on a regular basis, you

will be surprised at the content. It is also available for the general public to view- **so potentially new members**.

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 try 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**. If necessary, any interesting information can be printed out and put on your notice boards for all members to view.

I recently attended Altrincham Branch meeting (the report with photos are on the website) and had a very enjoyable time.

I am due to visit North Lonsdale, Glossop and the IOM branches in the forthcoming months.

I would love to visit your branch so please send in those invites and I will try my best to attend.

The Regional Committee are well into working towards the Regional Day/AGM on **Saturday 28th September**, details for the tickets, competitions etc will be sent out in the next few months. **If you have any members that feel they could steward please let me know, as we will be short on the ground with just the Regional Committee members.**

Summer School 2019 is now fully booked, and I would like to thank the branches for promoting this and responding to my plea for more interest.

We now have a great Regional Committee, but still need an Area 1 & 3 Rep, and YE Rep. In addition, we would love to have new members join us to learn the ropes and support the existing committee. It is not all hard work, and the more committee members the lighter the load. In fact, it's a very enjoyable & rewarding job.

We hold four mid-week meetings a year, normally at my house and although we discuss business matters, we also have time for a little chat & cake.

So, if you are interested please contact me to discuss- everyone is welcome - experienced or not.

The Guild are working very hard to up date their systems, and I am sure at the end of the day it will make life easier for us all.

I hope members are embracing the **HOME Guild project** as we have many talented members in the NWR and its great to showcase this to the other regions.

Please send me details of any '**National Stitch Day**' events you are holding on or around **Saturday 22nd June**, when the theme will be stitching into and around the word **HOME**.

I will be attending the Guild AGM in Newcastle on Saturday 6th April, as I had an offer I could not refuse, to go with members from Glossop branch and stay in Berwick!!! Can't wait!!!

I have also been invited to go to the Scottish Regional Day (I might pick up some tips for ours???) so myself and a friend are off to Stirling on 26th April.

I would like to thank all members for their support to myself and the Regional Committee, without you NWR would not be so successful.

Sue - NWR Chair