



This year seems to be flying past and Summer is around the corner- or so we hope!

The NWR website <http://nwregionembroiderers.org/> is now up to date in respect of all the NWR branches details and their 2018/2019 programmes.

This has been slow progress as I was not aware of all the changes to officers' email addresses. This has now been sorted, and hopefully I can collate branches 2019/2020 programmes in a much more timely fashion- **I shall be on the case come September/October time.**

We now have 4 branch reports under **Information** on the NWR website, and they make great reading. I have now approached Parbold branch, who will send in a report plus photos after their Open Day on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

In the last few months I have visited Altrincham, North Lonsdale and Glossop branches, and made to feel very welcome- Thank you. My reports are on the Blog section on the website.

I have 3 more visits planned this year, Cheshire Borders & Chester, IOM and Manchester branches.

Summer School 2019 is looking to be a great weekend, and I'm looking forward to seeing some familiar faces, and meeting new attendees. Its extremely important that we encourage new blood, and that members are still keen to attend this annual event. If you don't use it you lose it!!!

If your branch is holding an event for National Stitch day 22<sup>nd</sup> June '**HOME**', please send me details. I can then collate the details and send to HO. I have recently sent the poster designed by the Guild to all Branch Chairs, which can be adapted with your event details. You can hold the event anytime around the date specified. The idea is to promote the Guild, your branch and the joy of stitch.

There is also of course the **HOME** Guild Project, for which the details were sent to branches recently.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the E-Contact is now out from the Guild and should have been sent to all members- please contact me if you have not received your copy. Also ask your branch to print out a few hard copies of Contact and of course this newsletter, for those who are not on the Internet- **we must encompass all members.**

I attended the Guild AGM in Newcastle on 6<sup>th</sup> April- it was a fantastic weekend, spent with lovely people- I do intend to put a report on the website- but my feet have not touched the ground since then!!! The 2019 AGM minutes, trustees & finance reports are on the Guild Website.

I attended the Scottish Regional Day in Stirling on 26<sup>th</sup> April along with Caroline Percy. This proved to be quite an experience, great speakers, good food and company, and Caroline won a raffle prize (thankfully not the sewing machine, which would have proved tricky on the train home)

We have made good progress in organising NW Regional Day/AGM on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Speaker & traders booked, and all displays & raffle sorted.

I will be sending out all the documents to Branch Chairs in the next few days, with deadlines for returns. The Rosebowl theme for 2019 is **'Twist it Turn It'**, and as this is a combined event, we will be including the Broderers competition and Amy Williams award details. So, lots to look forward to and get involved in.

Just a reminder that the venue, Crofters Hotel does provide B&B and it maybe that members wish to stay on the Friday night. I will include contact details with all the above forms, to enable members to book directly with the venue.

As you know the Guild Presidents, Jan Beaney & Jean Littlejohn have completed their term of office, and we have now been informed that Alice Kettle has agreed to become the Guild's new President. This is fantastic news, and if you are not familiar with her work, just google it.

The Guild have vacancies for trustees, and more details will appear on the NWR website regarding this, and any other important news.

The Regional Committee are working hard in respect of all NWR members, but we really need some additional members. So, I would ask you to consider joining us- please contact me for further details.

Sue -NWR Chair