



Ted's Threads

October 2025

Welcome to another stitching year, especially if you are a new member.

AGM

We held a short annual meeting, as our constitution requires, on 18th September. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing committee for their hard work and commitment. The new committee was introduced:

Chair Deborah Mather mellifera@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer and Librarian Ruth Williams tedtreas2526@gmail.com

Secretary and Membership Secretary Liz Summers tedsec2526@gmail.com

Joint Programme Secretaries Marion Wallace and Jane Kitanosono

It was made clear that new committee members are always very welcome and after the meeting Jane Robertson offered to be on the committee as a general member. (Thanks Jane) There is still room for more, so if you'd like to be on the committee please speak to one of us.

Committee news

The new committee met before the AGM to discuss the most pressing issues. We talked about the Harrogate trip, the Christmas meal, the Fire Procedure and future speakers and workshops. If you have any suggestions for speakers or workshops, please let us know. We also discussed the charity we will support via Sales Tables this year. This will be the Summerhill Community Food Hub.

Register

Please note that for Fire Procedure purposes, we **MUST** keep an accurate register of who is in the building. You need to **sign in** when you arrive (by ticking next to your name) and **sign out** when you leave (by putting a line through the tick). You should also write £2 in the box when you pay. Ladies who have paid weekly fees in advance for the year still need to sign in. The sheet and money pot will be **on the stage**.

Outing to Harrogate

We will be going to the Knit and Stitch Show at Harrogate on Thursday 20th November. The coach will leave the Brooms Road Car Park in Dumfries at 8am prompt. We will also pick up at the bus stop near the Gretna Outlets on the way. **No lunch** will be provided on this occasion. We will have plenty of time to look around, returning to Brooms Road at 8pm. This trip will cost £33 per person, including coach fare and show admission. This can be paid to the Treasurer via BACS, reference Harrogate. We do need 50 people to make this viable, so please advertise among your crafty friends. Please sign up or contact Deborah if you would like to come with us.

Christmas meal

Our Christmas celebration meal will, once again, be at Mabie House Hotel on 18th December. Further details, prices and menu choices will be shared nearer the time. Our Christmas challenge is 'Star'. Any size, 2D or 3D, as long as a star is involved.

September Talk and Workshop



On 18th September Kate Slaughter of Kate's Kloths came to speak to us about her life and work.

Kate has been passionate about textiles all of her life and this has led her to designing her own range of textile art kits along with a unique range of hand painted yarns. Inspiration is derived from the beauty of our landscapes and nature, especially in Northumberland and Cumbria.

Members enjoyed the opportunity for retail therapy.

Some of us attended her 'Fabric Manipulation' workshop on 19th September, which was most interesting and enjoyable. Kate posted this image on her Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/kateskloths.co.uk>

Talk this month

On 16th October Alys M-Marsden will be speaking to us on the theme 'Down, Under and left a bit' and her workshop on Friday 17th will be entitled 'Barking mad'.

OCTOBER			
2nd	Workday		
9th	Workday		
16TH	Speaker	Alys M-Marsden	Down, under and left a bit
17th	Friday Workshop	Alys M-Marsden	Barking Mad.
24th	Workday		
30th	Workday		
NOVEMBER			
6th	Workday and Sales Table		Sales Table organised by Greta, although she needs volunteers to help out with setting out tables and selling items. Supporting Summerhill Community Food Hub.
13th	Workday		
20th	Harrogate Trip		It may be possible to run a workday at Heathhall if there is enough interest from ladies not going on the trip.
27th	Workday		
DECEMBER			
4th	Workday		
11th	Workday		
18th	Christmas meal	Mabie House Hotel	Speaker Anita Jeffries from Northumberland Sampler House.