



TED's Threads

March 2026 Edition

A message from the committee



A **BIG** thank you goes to our very own Penny McWilliams and the lovely Kevin for their fantastic presentation on Early Modern historical costume. Kevin's rendition of the very flamboyant Landsknechte (German mercenary) was an absolute treat.

New equipment – a new 'stand with magnifying glass' has been purchased so now we have three available to use.

Something to remember – there will be **no** TED meeting on May 7th as Heathhall Community Centre will be hosting the local council elections.

TRIP TO FARFIELD MILL

We will be organising a trip to Farfield Mill in Sedburgh on May 28th, 2026 – please note the date change as we were unable to book a coach for the 7th. We will leave Dumfries around 8.15am, arriving there around 10am. Pick up points from Annan and Gretna can be arranged if needed. Coffee and cake will be ready upon arrival in the Tea Room, after which various options can be considered by attendees. These include:

- A visit to the craft gallery to see a range of jewellery, ceramics, visual art, textiles, glass and much more.
- Exhibitions as follows:
 - Metamorphosis – a textile competition exhibition.
 - Nothing Lasts – sculptural ceramics.
 - Common Land - a reflection on physical terrain using clay, earth salt and water.
 - Our Upland Commons – a celebration of the nature and culture of these places, and the work that's being done to support 'commoning' and nature recovery in these precious upland landscapes.
- A visit to the Mill Shop.
- A visit to their second hand book shop.
- A visit to the Tea Room.

As space in the tea room is limited it is advisable that you take a packed lunch.

Marching into new beginnings
and blooming possibilities.



We would hope to leave around 3:30pm to be home to Brooms Road carpark for about 5.30pm.

If we have 50 signing up for trip we will charge £25 per person (which will include money for the driver's tip). If you want to go a sign-up sheet will be made available at the next few meetings - a £10 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. Cash payments are to be given to Liz Summers, or alternatively BACs payments referencing 'FARFIELD' can be made in the usual way.

Past Events

Japanese Book binding workshop: Some of our members enjoyed a lovely day learning about Japanese Stab Binding. All stab bindings are characterized by an exposed spine with sewn patterns ranging from simple to intricate. These patterns and the number of holes are often derived from the country of origination. For example, the Japanese and Chinese prefer 4 holes, whilst Koreans like 5 as the number is more favourable in their culture. Members created some wonderful books of their own.



Future Events

Mindful Mandalas And Slow Squares: on the 19th and 20th of March we welcome Lindsay Roberts (The Border Tart) for both a presentation and a workshop linked to stitching and mindfulness. Lindsay's emphasis is on delivering workshops that 'are a good way of learning and experimenting in a relaxed environment and with like minds'. The workshop on Friday runs from 10am to 12.30pm however members can stay all day if they wish to continue their sewing into the afternoon.

Members' Contributions



Jan Johnson has created this wonderful dragon using a variety of stitching techniques.

Dragons symbolize a complex blend of power, wisdom, chaos, and transformation. In the East dragons are often revered as benevolent creatures, whereas in the West they are frequently depicted as malevolent - often guarding treasures and challenge heroes. Whichever this is I am sure you agree it is a masterful piece.

TED Programme 2026

Please note some dates may change over time – if so, the committee will inform you as soon as possible.

	Activity	Venue	Time	Speaker	Additional Notes
MARCH					
19th	Speaker	Heathhall	2pm	Lindsay Roberts	Mindful mandalas and slow squares 2pm
20th	Workshop	Heathhall	10am – 12.30pm	Lindsay Roberts	Mindful Mandalas and slow squares 10 – 12.30 Members can stay all day if they wish to continue their sewing into the afternoon.
26th	Workday	Heathhall			
APRIL					
2 nd	Workday	Heathhall			
9 th	Workday	Heathhall			
16 th	Speaker	Heathhall	2pm	Anne Brooke	Whole Hole Stitch
17 th	Workshop	Heathhall	10am – 3pm	Anne Brooke	Abstract painted hoops
23 rd	Workday	Heathhall			
25 th	The Gathering	Perth			
30 th	Workday	Heathhall			
MAY					
7 TH	NO TED MEETING DUE TO COUNCIL ELECTIONS				
14 th	Workday	Heathhall			
21 st	Workday	Heathhall			
28 th	Trip to Farfield Mill				

