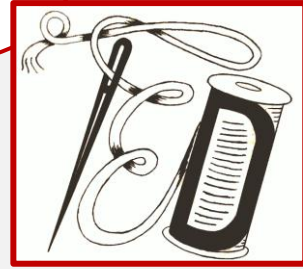


 **TED's Threads** 

 **February** 

**2026
Edition**



A message from the committee

Thank you all for your valuable contributions with regards to ideas for our forthcoming away-day next May. Your contributions were many and varied so the Secretary has now been tasked with looking into the logistics and prices for each so that we can choose the most viable. Watch this space for regular updates.

Another BIG thank you also goes to Mary who has kindly donated both a light box and a 'day-light' lamp to our equipment collection – for anyone to borrow whilst working at Heathhall.

Feedback on TEDs Threads – Thank you for your comments on last month's edition. You will now notice that the font has been changed, as well as the paper background colour, so our newsletter should read more easily. You will also notice that the 'programme schedule' has an additional column denoting the timing of events – we hope you will find this helpful.

Scottish Stitch And Textiles - The Gathering

The committee of the SST are delighted to invite you to The Gathering of 2026 to be held at the North Inch Campus in Perth on 25th of April. The ticket price is £30.00 per person. You will need to take your own packed lunch with you, although tea and coffee will be made available.

Further information includes:

- The competition is "Images of the Commonwealth". This could be linked to a Commonwealth country or to the Commonwealth games; or perhaps you are inspired by the combination of blue, pink, purple tones against a steel grey base which forms the 2026 games tartan.
- Display of work from ISG's and Individual members.

- There will be the usual book stall, raffle and traders. Please could each ISG supply a raffle prize of approximately £10 - £12.
- Confirmed traders so far are Pembertons, Paintbox threads, Doodlecraft, Susan Briscoe and Wemyss School of Needlecraft.

If you would like to attend, please email tedsec2526@gmail.com with the following information:

- Names
- The fee of £30 can either be paid electronically in the usual way to our Treasurer referencing The Gathering 2026 or can be handed to Liz Summers (the Secretary) in cash.
- A sheet will also be affixed to our noticeboard at the next Heathhall meeting if you would prefer to sign up that way – monies must be paid to the secretary at the same time.

Names need to be given to the Secretary by 5th March 2026

Past Events

CORNERS:



First and foremost the committee would like to apologise for any inconvenience and misunderstandings around both the date and time of last month's 'Corners' event. We will endeavour to ensure this will not happen again. Please be advised that in future dates for 'Corners' events will be advertised well in advance and always begin at 11am, when the majority of members are present.



Sales Table: Thanks to Greta for organising and managing a very successful charity sales table. Along with donations we raised a whopping £250 for Nith Inshore Rescue - <https://www.nithrescue.org.uk/>

Future Events

Medieval costume – So what did they wear?: On the 19th of February at 1:30pm Penny McWilliams and her glamorous assistant Kevin will be presenting (and modelling) a range of historical costumes (including undergarments) made using a range of authentic techniques and exquisite embroidery.

Japanese bookmaking workshop with Stephanie Lightbown – now full: Stephanie Lightbown is an artist and photographer based in Scotland. Her work is inspired by the natural world, with a focus on abstraction, texture and form. Her work aims to blend traditional craftsmanship, such as bookbinding and embroidery, with modern technology, incorporating digital design and laser cutting, often taking the form of three-dimensional box art.

Members' Contributions



Moon Gazer Hare:

This wonderful hare was created by JoAnn using a kit bought from the Harrogate Knit and Stitch Show. Fun to make and really effective!

See JoAnn for details or alternatively follow this link for a similar kit.

[Hendricks and Co Digital Sewing Patterns | Scrappy Animals](#)

Friendship knows no bounds!

Margot and Margaret epitomised the friendly helpfulness of TED last week. Anne pulled out a total ‘bird’s nest’ of Sashiko thread from which she had been randomly pulling and cutting lengths.



Between the two they spent over an hour patiently detangling it, whilst Ruth and Lorraine talked Anne through the correct way to open out a skein. Who knew there was a simple right way to do it!

PS – Anne’s husband went on to complete the job at home.



News from Abroad!

Our beloved Linda Watson is off cruising again. Messages received suggest that after surviving a rainy day in Lisbon she has moved on to Funchal - where she has been terrorising the locals careering around the streets in a motorcycle sidecar!!

TED Programme 2025-2026

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
FEB					
19th	Speaker	Heathhall	1.30pm	TBC	Medieval costume – Penny 1.30pm
26th	Workday/workshop	Heathhall	10am – 3pm	Stephanie Lightbown	Japanese book making. Small hall. 10am – 3pm
MARCH					
5th	Workday	Heathhall			
12th	Workday	Heathhall			
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
26th	Workday	Heathhall			
APRIL					
2nd	Workday	Heathhall			

9th	Workday	Heathhall			
16th	Speaker	Heathhall	2pm	Anne Brooke	Whole Hole Stitch
17th	Workshop	Heathhall	10am – 3pm	Anne Brooke	Abstract painted hoops
23rd	Workday	Heathhall			
25th	The Gathering	Perth			