

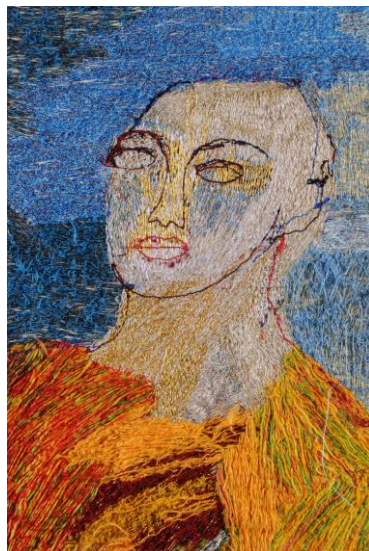


Embroiderers' Guild

# KEEPING IN CONTACT

*Sharing news and events across the Guild during this period of lockdown and shielding*

***Keeping in Contact*** – This publication is a supplement to Contact Monthly



**The Knitting & Stitching Shows**

**Self Portrait Competition**

**Sponsored by Pfaff**

At a time when the organisers are unable to greet thousands of visitors at **The Knitting & Stitching Shows**, the **Self Portrait Competition** hopes to bring the stitching community together virtually, with a series of textile portraits which will be shown on their website plus a limited-edition magazine celebrating three decades of The Knitting & Stitching Shows.

Entrants will need to create a self-portrait to the size specified in the rules, in any textile medium they wish. Everything from cross-stitch and embroidery, to screen-printing, feltwork, beadwork, a quilt or a knitted jumper is welcome. As long as it has textiles as the basis, you can enter it!

*Your work does not have to have been made recently; portraits made in the past are welcome, alongside more recent pieces.*

Entries need to be submitted using the online entry form, where you upload a high-resolution photograph of your self-portrait.

All entries will be shown as a gallery of images on a page of the K & S website. The judges - Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn - will choose one overall winner and one runner-up.

The main prize of £1,000 will be awarded to the winner of the Adult category. There will also be prizes for one adult runner-up and for each of the children's age groups.

There will also be a 'People's Choice Award' sponsored by Barnyards, voted for by the public via the organiser's website. Prize to be confirmed.

**We encourage you to start work on your portrait now**

**- and we look forward to seeing your faces**

### **DATES AND DEADLINES**

**Friday 20th November - Deadline for entries**

**Friday 27th November - Entries online**

**Friday 4th December - Winners announced**

**Full rules and terms of entry** can be found online - [Download Here](#)

**The entry form** will be available online - [Download Here](#)



# ThreadIT is now live

## We are open and stitching

Our virtual branch is open and we are ready to welcome members.

When Guild members renew this year, they are offered a YEAR's free membership to ThreadIT.

**If you accepted the offer**, you should shortly be receiving your ThreadIT discount coupon which gives you access to a year's free membership.

Did you renew but **didn't take up the offer**? Or are you a **life member** who didn't need to renew? You are still entitled to the offer of ThreadIT membership for a year.

Email us at [threaditenquiries@embroiderersguild.com](mailto:threaditenquiries@embroiderersguild.com) to receive your ThreadIT discount coupon.

Give us your name, your Guild membership number and your branch (if you have one) and we will issue you with the ThreadIT discount coupon.

If you **joined the Guild this year as a new member**, you are also welcome of course. The ThreadIT branch fee will be due and the discount coupon does not apply to you. What will you get for your ThreadIT branch fee? - 24 hour access to our online community, regular posts in the blog, a resource and reference library and spaces where you can meet and chat with other members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Perhaps you are **unsure about renewing your Guild membership**, given Covid-19 and our current way of living. You can still join us in ThreadIT. Ask us for your ThreadIT discount coupon (via email above), click on the button below. Go to the shop on the menu and choose the option - "ThreadIT and Guild Membership". When you enter your coupon number, you will receive the discount and you can renew your membership at the same time.

[Join ThreadIT Here](#)

Looking forward to welcoming you inside

## Oxford Branch News



In September we held our first meeting since March (and probably our last for a while).

Sixteen people came to sit with us in the hall in Iffley Village and we had another sixteen participating through Zoom.

The speaker was Sarah Maddison giving her talk entitled '64 Packing Cases'. The talk lasted about an hour and we were shown slides both of her work and her inspirations at home and abroad.

I particularly liked the intricate pictures whereas my helper on the computers (male) enjoyed the landscapes.

After the success of this meeting we are continuing with the balance of the 2020 meetings on line with one stitch and chat and the other two with speakers. We also held a Zoom workshop with Janina Maher as the Rule of Six had come in by the time it was due to be held.

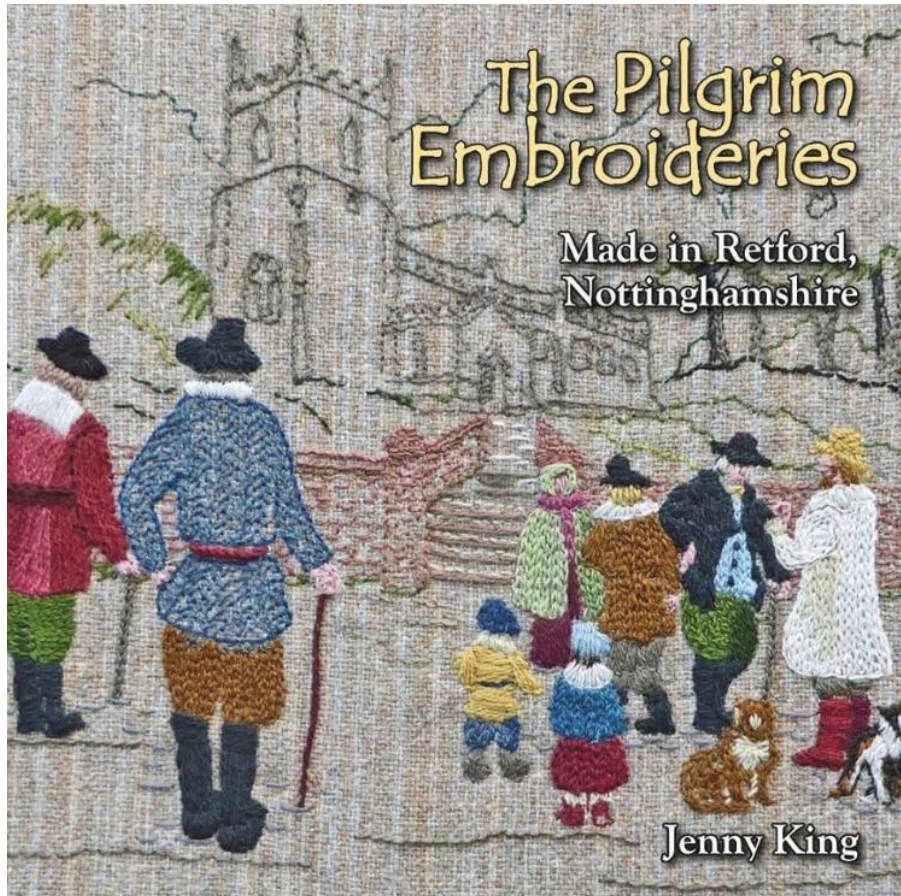
She showed us how to make Coptic Stitch Books. All the materials were delivered during the previous week so that once the demonstration was finished we could actually get on and make a book.

Although Oxford branch has only met once in the last six months, the branch Facebook page and the branch blog have been running a virtual exhibition of work done: 'Before, During, After' including a shoal of very colourful fish which will be swimming through our next actual exhibition. [Come and see them swim here](#)

Jane Treavis

## **The Pilgrim Embroideries**

**Made in Retford, Nottinghamshire by Jenny King**



This book charts the making of the Pilgrim Embroideries to commemorate the Mayflower 400 celebrations.

The five large, detailed embroideries have been designed and embroidered by Jenny King and a small group of local needlewomen known as **The Pilgrim Embroiderers**.

The book explains the processes undertaken and the embroidery stitches used, and it especially highlights the development of community involvement and friendships made during the two years of construction from idea to completion.

The embroideries are to be donated to the churches that can be found along the Pilgrim Trail in North Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire.

**To order a copy of the book**, please phone 01777 702972 / 07751083873 or

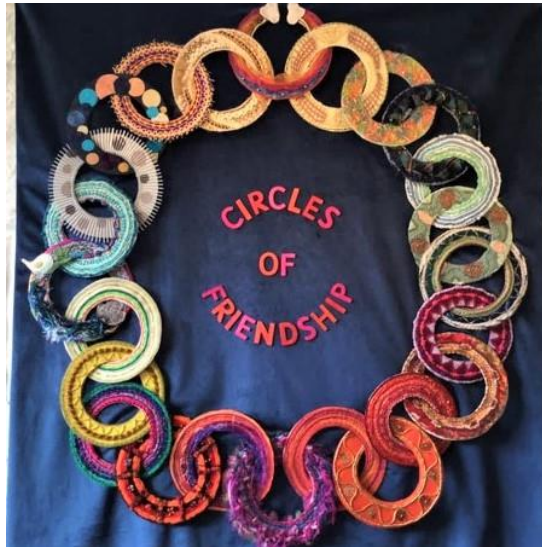
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Paperback/softback 43 pages, 44 full colour photographs

**Renfrewshire Branch**

**Circles of Friendship Project**



Back in March, members of the Renfrewshire Branch were asked to create circles that could be linked up once they were able to meet again.

Although this isn't possible just yet, their friendships continue at their virtual meetings.

Here are their wonderful circles all linked up together.

You can also find a beautifully made [compilation video on the branch's Facebook page showing each members circle](#)

### **Keep in Touch**

We'd love to hear how you keep in touch with your fellow members, including branch on-line activities and any projects or ideas that you have to keep everyone involved. Please let us know so we can share them through 'Contact' and 'Keeping in Contact'.

Please email Pat Tempest on [contact@embroiderersguild.com](mailto:contact@embroiderersguild.com) with your experiences.