



Newsletter



December 2021

Minutes AGM 2020/2021

A short AGM was held on December 4th 2021. Apologies for absence, Frances Lyndsay-Hills, Sue Tatton-Brown, Rosalie Sinclair, Heather Starbuck.

We are now a totally independent group as the Embroiderers Guild no longer supports separate groups. Fortunately we banked with Barclay's Bank and never changed to the Unity Bank, so we kept all our funds.

1. We conquered Zoom and have been able to run a full programme since September 2020. Since the August Garden Party, a monthly meeting has been held in person. It was decided that assuming it is possible will continue to meet at Patcham on the first Saturday of the month. Tables will be wiped with antiseptic wipes before and after sessions, windows opened for ventilation, and hand-gel used before using shared items, but masks will not be worn
2. Since 2019 some members have not returned but new people have joined us. Membership now stands at 19. (24 pre pandemic.) It was suggested that present members could encourage friends and neighbours to join us. There will be a £5.00 charge for visitors for up to 2 sessions, before they need to decide to join the Brighton Embroidery Group. Membership Fee is £25.00 and £5.00 per session attended.
3. The South- East Region has now become Stitch Together and are running Zoom meetings, plus in person stitching activities.
4. SE groups including Brighton Embroidery Group, are part of the Stitch Together Cluster. Most SE groups are not affiliated to the Embroiderers Guild.
5. Our website brightonembroidery.org remains the same, but with addition of 'Textiles for Everyone' as you log into the website. The email address also remains the same, begwebmaster@btinternet.com
6. We now have our own insurance policy, Safeguarding Policy and Risk Assessments for the Brighton Embroidery Group and Young Stitchers. Email Carolyn for a copy if you wish to view them, but copies were available to read at the AGM.
7. We now have our own Constitution.
8. Jill has organised an excellent programme for 2022.

Carolyn Brown Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

1. Membership of the Brighton Guild was approximately 24 members
2. As we are no longer in the Embroidery Guild we have set up as an independent group.
3. And our new name is Brighton Embroidery Group.
4. The membership is approximately 20 members and the membership fee is £25.00 per year.
5. This money is used only by us and should be paid annually by Bank Transfer or Direct Debit.
6. The cost of the Rooms for meetings, £9.00 per room am/ or pm
7. Workshops were held on Zoom and basic Zoom membership paid for. Zoom workshops and talks took place both with outside speakers and our own members.

8. We have purchased 2 new Bernina Sewing machine for the use of members and young stitchers.
- 10 Young Stitchers. We keep a separate account. These accounts are available for reading and perusal.
- 11 The last 2 years accounts have been audited by an independent auditor. Richard Brown. Accountant. A copy of his email. Is available

Helen Stark Treasurer.

Young Stitchers. Organised and run by Sue Lacey and Pauline Azhar.

1. Two meetings have been held with 5 eager new members.
2. During lockdown kits were delivered at half term and during the holidays but time has passed, and these children have grown older and found other activities on a Saturday morning.
3. The Young Stitchers Group is advertised on the local Facebook pages so numbers should increase,
4. They have enjoyed creating pizzas, wonky vegetables and Christmas Bunting.

Susan Lacey. Young Stitchers leader.

Committee members were duly elected

Chair- Carolyn Brown

Secretary- Carolyn Brown

Treasurer - Helen Stark

Young Stitchers Leader - Susan Lacey

Programme Secretary - Jill Powell

Frances Lindsay-Hills

Terry Pearce.

Kath Barker

Carolyn Brown Secretary/Chair. Dec 2021

January 8th Meeting. 'Make an Exhibition of Yourself.' 2 to 4pm

Patcham Community Centre, Brighton. BN1 8TA

Please bring any creative textile work you have stitched during this difficult time from 2019 to 2022. This will prove that we have not been defeated by 3 lockdowns or weeks and months of being very careful. Creative textiles, embroidery, and any stitch related work, has occupied us and raised our spirits during a difficult time. We would all like to admire the work created by our talented members.

Sue Lacey and Frances L-H will set up an exhibition of all the amazing stitching you have created during the last 2 years.

Please bring your work clearly labelled with your name.

Wishing all Brighton Embroidery Group a very Happy Christmas and Healthy 2022.

We have an interesting Brighton Embroidery Group 2022 Programme.