



# Newsletter



September 2022

It was with great sadness we heard of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. There is a short token of respect on our website.

The regional Stitch Together Group decided to cancel the Celebration of Stitch on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## Queen Elizabeth II



Stitch Together joins the nation in mourning the loss of a wonderful monarch, who devoted her life to the nation and the Commonwealth. We think it would be disrespectful to hold any Celebratory event during the period of national mourning and therefore the decision has been taken to cancel the Celebration of Stitch on 18<sup>th</sup> September. We will aim to re-arrange it in the New Year.

Any tickets purchased via Eventbrite will be reimbursed as soon as possible.

The stitched portrait was done by Anne Sillifant to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> September AGM Minutes.

### Chair and Secretaries Report.

Carolyn Explained that the National Embroidery Guild, after 8 months, demanded that we pass on all our funds to them available on April 2021. After much negotiation it was agreed that we would transfer £592.87 to the Embroidery Guild. We are now a fully independent Brighton Embroidery Group.

For full details contact me at [begwebmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:begwebmaster@btinternet.com)

In January and February 2022, we again met on Zoom but returned to meeting at Patcham in March. All future meeting will be held at Patcham Community Centre.

Carolyn then reminded members about copyright regulations, and it was agreed, by a show of hands, and the 12 members present, a majority of BEG members, that the following would be added to our constitution.

**At all times, every member of the Brighton Embroidery Group must take personal responsibility for the risk, and any financial consequences that an individual breach of copyright incurs. The Officers of Brighton Embroidery Group and members of the Committee will not be held responsible for any such risk or costs incurred if copyright is breached in any way.**

### Treasurers Report

Helen reported that although we made an annual loss from September 2021 to August 2022, due to the payment to the Embroiderers Guild. However, we do have a small working capital. The financial statement was made available to all members who attended the AGM and will be audited in due course. Helen reminded members that their name and meeting reference should be on any bank transfers.

### Programme Secretary.

Jill created and handed out forms of assessment for the 3 tutors who ran workshops during the past year. All tutors were much appreciated and had a favourable report. Jill also asked members to vote on Wendy Dolans Topic, for the May 2023 10am to 4pm Workshop. This will be a Klimt inspired full day workshop.

### Young Stitchers.

Sue reported on the continuing young stitchers, who meet on the first Saturday in the month from 10am until 12am. Unfortunately, although many children were fascinated by our stall at the Patcham Duck Fair, only 2 attended in September. Sue will continue to advertise. More children have attended at various sessions during the past year.

The AGM closed at 2.30.

### **Creating A Poppy**



We had 5 new people attending who were very keen to join BEG..

One of them commented that she has learnt 'more in 2 hours than many efforts at home'. Due to the number of possible new members, we have decided to trial a beginners and members session from 1pm until 1.50pm, when we will have a BEG member available to assist anyone who cares to attend. We will trial this until Christmas. Dianne and Carolyn have offered to assist.

### **Next Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 1 to 4pm.**

We will start the next meeting at 1pm. Dianne and I will be there to assist our new members who might need some extra help with their 'Poppy' stitching. Other members are of course welcome to join us. This will give us 50 minutes to assist anyone who needs a little help.

There will be a charge of only £5.00 for the afternoon, which includes Ann Sillifant's session.

### **'Creative Dorset Buttons' and 'Stitching on Paper' with Ann Sillifant 2 to 4 pm**



Members can choose which they would like to participate in:

The paper embroidery involves hand stitching strips of decorated paper onto a prepared background and adding birds, fish, butterflies, flowers or beads which can be also added.

The Dorset buttons involves adapting the traditional Dorset button technique to create a posy, tree, angel or motif using a metal ring and buttonhole stitch.

Please bring with you basic sewing equipment, scissors, crewel needles if you have them and Perle threads or crochet cotton, plus beads etc if you wish, but we will supply threads and rings for the buttons.

Perle thread will be available for you to use as Heather Starbuck has generously offered her own Perle thread and rings for us to use.

Anne will have cards, soluble fabric packs and beads for sale. She does not have a card machine for payment, so please bring cash or cheque.