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Val Slater

The sad news of Val's death came from Jo Lamb on the 18th April.

As many of you will know Val had been suffering from breast cancer, for which she had refused treatment, for the past four/five years.

Jo last saw her at a luncheon party in July, where after lunch she began to tire quickly, and they exchanged greetings at Christmas. She had been taking strong pain killers for some time and also had the discomfort of the growth. Even so she had conjured up enough energy to have a final holiday in America with her sister, Debbie.

As some of you will remember she was Branch Chairman from 2003 to 2006, a Branch Member from April 1979 and a Life Member of the Guild. She was an enthusiastic embroiderer and had pursued her education at many prestigious art colleges.

Since Val stood down from being Chairman, I often saw her in Waitrose and we would chat and put the world to rights. Personally I have two strong recollections of Val, she liked things done correctly, and Val was a lady, always immaculately dressed and hair done nicely, I usually dash into Waitrose in my jeans and a t-shirt - not Val though.

Insurance for your embroideries at a Branch exhibition

All embroideries hung at a Branch exhibition are insured by the Guild. It is always a difficult task to calculate how much insurance to put on an embroidery. If anything happens to an embroidery while it is in an exhibition the insurers will only pay the maker the cost of materials and framing.

Combined Arts Exhibition 22-29 May

The Branch has been asked to take part in the Combined Arts Exhibition week at The Barn, Ruislip, please see the poster on the back page of the newsletter.

We have been given a nice position in the Barn, down the centre, so visitors will be able to walk right round us giving a good exhibition area. If you can help steward and/or can put one or two pieces of work in the exhibition, please see Gill Moore.

As members of the Embroiderers' Guild you will have received an eight page notification of the EGM that is to take place in Birmingham on the 20th June with a proxy voting form on the back.

The form looks daunting to read, so one of the Regional Chair has written it out in a bit more of a user friendly way. You have a copy and a copy of the email that came with it from EG House, in with this newsletter. Members on email have already received this paperwork.

At the June meeting we will discuss the implications of the vote so you can decide what to do.

The June meeting is also a stitching evening, please bring some sewing to do.

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Region Summer School 12th - 14th June West Dean College. West Dean, Sussex.

Tutors Kate Farrer "Cosmos" and Carol Naylor "Skyscape" More details on the Branch website

There are a few spaces left in Caol's class

Regional Day 27th June at the South of England Show Ground, Ardingly. Tickets in advance £5. on the door £7. Please see the poster at the meeting this evening, or on the Branch web site.

Traders, Workshops, Exhibitions, Madeira Project and the Branch Competition (with the theme of Alice). The Regional days, especially at Ardingly, are great days out, with lots to see and do. There are usually about 20 plus traders, this year 9 workshop (see below for details), the other Branch competition entries, plus our own of course!, the sea panel by Fay Maxwell, (some of you took part in it last year) and The Madeira Project.

For those of you who have "Stitch" magazine, you may remember Pauline Spences' article in issue 90 on Dorset Buttons, you may have even said 'I would like to have a go at those', now is your chance, Pauline is going to lead the Madeira project - the Madeira project is the workshop where you can join in at any time and runs all day.

The workshops are: Judith Bailey - Raised Embroidery, Val Toombes - Felting Memories, Myfanwy Hart - It's all done by numbers, Michael Dennis - Needlelace, Kate Farrer - Pulled work, Anne Sillifant - Metallic Magic, Goldwork - Wendy Smith, Fay Maxwell - Sea Urchins, Julie Snowden - Japanese Embroidery. All the workshops cost £5 and all you need to do is attend, you will get a kit with everything you need. Booking forms are available this evening.

If you would like to go Stella has organised a coach, so all you need to do is get yourself to Joel Street and enjoy the ride, have a lovely day, sleep all the way home then enjoy the evening looking at all your goodies purchased at the traders and finishing either your workshop project or starting another Dorset button, or both of course! most of us have to be quiet during the evening as our throats have worked over time during the day chatting to old friends.

Region Annual General Meeting September 26th
at Patcham Community Centre, Ladies Mile Road, Brighton. BN1 8TA
The Coats Competition, open to all members, is "Floral Fantasy"

Dates for your diary

May 22nd - 29th	Combined Arts Exhibition at the Barn
June 5th	Branch Meeting Stitching evening.
6th	Day School with Jenny Adin-Christie Shadow Quilting
12th - 14th	Region Summer School, West Dean
14th - 27th	Branch Exhibition at the Cow Byre Gallery
27th	Regional Day, Ardingly
July 3rd	Branch meeting Nicola Jarvis. The development of the bird and flower embroideries inspired by William Morris

Members Exhibition at The Cow Byre Gallery 'Lets Stitch Again' 14th - 27th June

Entry forms for the exhibition are ready to be given out. Please see Gillian Moore for a form if you haven't already got one..

The exhibition is open for ALL members, please do not say "my work is not good enough", you may not think so, but I bet it is and to somebody just starting to embroider it is heartening so see an embroidery that may not be absolutely perfect.

The exhibition is to be hung on Saturday evening, so at the next Branch meeting Gillian will be letting you know who you can give your entries to.

We would like to make cards for sale at the exhibition for Branch funds, so if you are happy to let us do that please let Gillian know.

National Celebration of Stitch day 8th August

The actual celebration of stitch day is on the 1st August but we have been told that the Branches can decide when they would like to hold their day, as long as it was as near to the 1st as possible, so Harrow has chosen the 8th.

We have hired the Stables which is beside the Cow Byre Gallery for the afternoon from 1pm - 5pm. We hope as many of you will come down and just sit and sew and hopefully we will get members of public coming in to see us. There will be more details nearer the time.

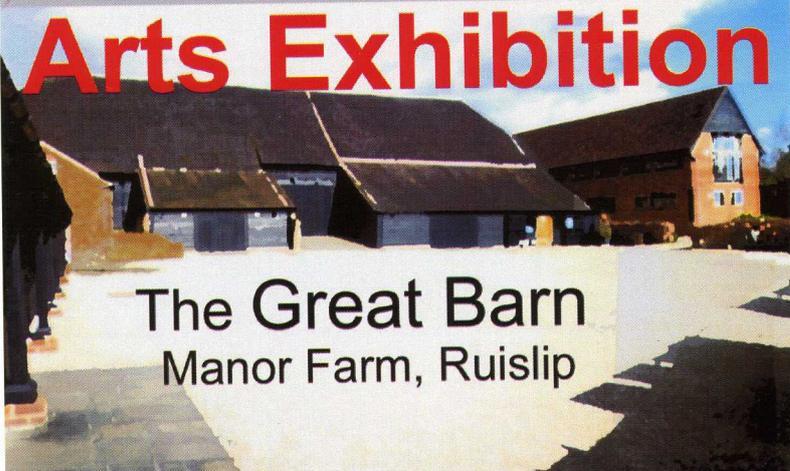
Alice in Wonderland panel for the Branch challenge at Ardingly

I hope you have brought in to the meeting this evening your embroidery for the Alice panel. The 'construction' group are meeting in a couple of weeks time to our entry together. If you have forgotten to bring it please see Gillian Meeks this evening.

Branch competition at the AGM 2nd October

This years theme is "Found Items" - which sounds interesting! all entries will be judged at the Branch meeting and AGM on the 2nd October.

Combined Arts Exhibition



The Great Barn
Manor Farm, Ruislip

**12.00pm Friday 22nd May
to
4.00pm Saturday 29th May**

Free Admission

Workshop

A group of members meet on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Eastcote Community Centre, situated at the junction of Southbourne Gardens and Oak Grove, Eastcote.

All members are welcome to drop in. We bring our own 'work-in-progress'. Several members work on the competitions, we have occasional day schools, have a demonstration of some new materials, share books, magazines and exhibition information.

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