

Chiltern Embroidery and Textile Group Programme 2025-6

Monday 10 November 2025 **online talk**

Hannah Crump – Finding Myself through Nature and Thread

<https://www.juniper-forest-embroidery.com>

Having struggled to understand her place in the world since childhood, discovering embroidery and a love of nature gave Hannah a new sense of identity. Suffering with anxiety from an early age and recently diagnosed with autism, finding balance in her daily life by engaging with the natural world has been invaluable. Her embroidery designs are heavily influenced by our role in the natural world and how engaging with nature can improve our physical and mental health.



Monday 8 December **online talk**

Suzette Smart – Textile Connections

<https://suzettesmart.com>

Suzette has been described as a stitch storyteller as whatever the piece of stitch there is always a tale to tell. Ideas and themes are drawn from connections within a landscape and the paths that lead through and home. This creates a strong sense of place within each piece of work. Suzette will share some of the inspiration and techniques she uses to create her multi layered and heavily stitched pieces of work.



January 2026 – no meeting

Monday 9 February 2026 – online talk

Anne Haigh - From a Cushion to a Robe via a Bull - Digitizing the Embroiderers' Guild Collection

<https://embroiderersguild.com/>

In October 2023 the Embroiderers' Guild commenced the huge but joyous task of digitising their collection. A chance to find out more about the Embroiderers' Guild Collection and the further progress they have made to photograph and digitise images that will then be available online via ArtUK for all to study and enjoy in glorious detail.



Anne Haigh, the Trustee leading the *Digitising the Collection Programme* will provide an overview of what the project has involved, progress to date, glimpses behind the scenes and what is planned next. Be prepared for amusing stories of practical challenges overcome and some exquisite embroidery eye candy.

Monday 9 March 2026 – online talk

Zara Day - It's never too late to be who you might have been

https://www.instagram.com/zara_day_embroidery_design/?hl=en

Zara will talk through her journey of establishing her bespoke embroidery business, Rosemaryrose, about the work and techniques. How she pivoted the business through lockdown to create online embroidery courses and to what direction Rosemaryrose is now heading looking at using sustainable fabrics and threads.



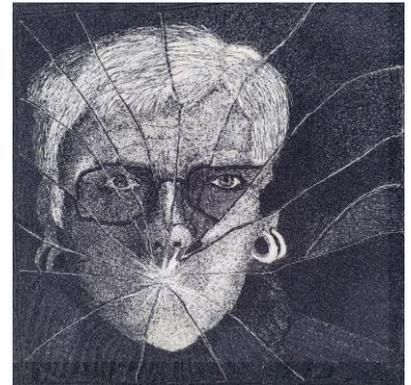
**Monday 13 April 2026 – Tylers Green Village Hall
Stitch a Name Badge**

**Monday 11 May 2026 – Tylers Green Village Hall
Learn a New Stitch**

**Monday 8 June 2026– Tylers Green Village Hall
Judith Castle - Portrait of a Life, Embroidered**
<https://www.judemooncastle.co.uk/>

An artistic embroiderer with a passion for textile art and portraiture. After studying Creative Embroidery in the 1970s, I rekindled my craft in 2015. My work, blending freehand machine embroidery and storytelling, has earned recognition at the Royal Academy and beyond.

When I'm not stitching or painting in Marlow Bottom, I enjoy gardening and golfing at Castle Royle. Sharing my journey and insights, I now give presentations to art and embroidery groups, inspiring others to embrace the endless possibilities of textile art.



**Monday 13 July 2026 – Tylers Green Village Hall
Play our Design Game**

August 2026 – no meeting

**Monday 14 September 2026 – Tylers Green Village Hall
Stitch Project**

**Monday 12 October 2026 – Tylers Green Village Hall
AGM and Show and Tell**