



Eastern Region Textile Forum  
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## ERFT BULLETIN

MARCH 2023

Dear All

The committee met on Thursday March 2023 to discuss the formal commitments of the group so I am sharing the content of our meeting that will also act as a bulletin.

Thank you to all the members who attended the Members Day organised by Catherina at St Mary's Church in Hemel Hempstead. The members who attended swapped/sold items and were privileged to have talks given by the organiser and our secretary Cherry Taylor. It was a very enjoyable day where members were able to gain knowledge and get to know each other better.

### Exhibition Update

Theme: 'Flower Power' - A celebration of the 1960's

Location: Parndon Mill - Harlow  
Date: 29 June - 6 August 2023

We have 18 members exhibiting and at present thirty two pieces for display. The labelling form is on the website and needs to be submitted by April 15th plus the £10 exhibition fee.

An advertising poster has been created and submitted to Embroidery Magazine. The advert will be in the April/May issue. The Private View which all members are welcome to attend is on Sunday 2nd July from 2-4pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Theme: Power, Determination and Vision

Location: St Albans Museum  
Date: 12/07/2024 - 03/11/2024

Frances Green and I visited the museum on 12 March 2023 to discuss the exhibition details with Sarah Kealing, the exhibition organiser. Sarah will do a presentation to support the exhibition later this year. It will be on local Hertfordshire people who made a difference.

A day will be organised in Cambridgeshire and Essex. Details to follow.  
The private view will be on 11 July 2024 from 6 - 8pm.  
Please visit the website for further details.



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### Exhibition 2025

The venue will be Hyde Hall, dates and theme to be confirmed.

### Conference Update

#### Hundertwasser Lollipop Trees - Nikki Parmenter

Venue: Boxmoor Trust Center Hemel Hempstead HP1 2RE

Date: 29 April 2023

Booking form on the website.

Please book by Friday 21 April 2023.

### Tansy Hargan

Venue: Boxmoor Trust Center Hemel Hempstead HP1 2RE

Date: 14th October 2023

### Janice Gunner

Venue: Clifton Community Hall, Bedfordshire

Date: 20th April 2024

### Magenta Kang

Venue: Anstey Village Hall, Anstey, Cambridgeshire

Date: 12th October 2024

Please note no further conferences will be booked until another member takes over the role.

### Membership

We have 50 members at present. A warm welcome to Amanda Tinkler.

### Website, Facebook

Frances continues to do a wonderful job.

### Instagram

Due to a lack of support we are suspending this facility.



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### Committee Roles

Maggie Hands has kindly volunteered to be the Secretary from September 2023 onwards. Cherry Taylor (Secretary) will take on the role of Treasure from September 2023. We need another committee member willing to take on a role and we need a new Chair.

I am very disappointed that out of a membership of fifty people no one is prepared to come forward. I was on the Exhibition committee in 2016, Secretary in 2017, and now Chair - 7/8 years of involvement. I think another individual should step up. It is good to have new blood and new ideas. Please consider my request - I have organised every conference since 2017 and attended every one.

The AGM paper will be sent out week commencing April 5 2023.

Best Regards  
Carole (Chair)