



HORSHAM CREATIVE EMBROIDERERS

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Newsletter January 2026

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a most enjoyable Christmas and send my best wishes to you all for a peaceful and creative 2026.

Last month was our Christmas meeting (seems a long time ago) and I wanted to thank you all for making it so enjoyable; I hope you all finished your Christmas decoration. Thanks especially to Teresa for our large Christmas cracker, to Michelle for our nibbles and to members who took part in the Christmas Card swap.

Michelle and Deborah worked so hard to decorate the tree for the Holy Trinity Church's Christmas Tree Festival (see below). Sadly the Festival was only open for one day; a lot of work goes into creating this display and I personally really appreciated the fact that Michelle took on responsibility for the whole project.

If you have taken part in the Cherry Blossom project can you please bring in your completed mandus so that I can send them back. I will let everyone know when and where the exhibition will be held.

Frances cannot be with us this month but I have the Raffle prizes and her story is on Page 3.

Turn the page to read what we are planning for the next few months including the Craft Fair at London Road Methodist Church.

Beth is joining us as a visitor and will be bringing her assistance dog. Hope you will all make her feel welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday,

Janet

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Craft Fair

Cornerstone Methodist Church

Saturday 14th March 2026 10 am to 3 pm

We have a table at this Craft Fair which is an opportunity not only to raise some funds but also to try and recruit new members.

I am going through the items we have to sell; many of them are Christmas related so not really suitable. If you have any items that you would like to donate so we can sell them I would be very grateful. We could operate a commission system and I will speak to the committee about this when we meet on Thursday. We could also display that are items not for sale but demonstrate a wide range of embroidery techniques.

I will try and find out the table size as that will dictate how much we can display. If you can spare some time on that date I would be grateful.

Programme for This Year

January 22nd:	Bring your own stitching project and explain to members what you are currently working on and why you love to stitch.
February 26th:	Speaker - Esther Collins www.esthercollins.co.uk Title: Inspiration from Nature: Investigating and Developing Ideas for Textile Art
March 26th:	Stitching by Request - Investigating Crewel Stitches
April 23th:	AGM
May 28th:	Stitching By Request - Crazy Patchwork
June 25th:	Stitching By Request - Weaving with Wool, Threads, Fabric or Beads
July 23rd:	Summer Outing

What's On

CT Surrey Contemporary Textile Art 'Freedom of Expression'

Exhibition Ends 25th January 2026

Denbies Art Gallery, London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA

09.30 - 17.00 (Sunday Closes 14.30)

Free Entry

Artwork, cards & gifts for sale

Free Entry, restaurant and shop

RAFFLE

Trudie's Birthday

Trudie, the little girl who lived with her grandparents, was born on Boxing Day. In a way this was quite fun because it was such a festive time anyway but it was also a bit of a nuisance for Trudie because it got caught up in Christmas and people tended to squash the celebrations into one and her birthday got lost. So, one year she decided to change things. In early December she announced, "This year I'm going to change my birthday and I'd like to have it in the Summer from now on." Everyone was shocked. "Now, now, my girl, you can't do that," said Grandad, "I think that's against the law," and the cat and the dog and the little red hen all set up such a racket that no-one could think. Her wise Granny just pressed her lips together and waited for Trudie to settle down.

But Trudie didn't settle down. She was quite determined that she was going to have her birthday in the Summer.

Christmas got closer and closer and Boxing Day with it. Trudie began to wonder if she had made a mistake but she couldn't give in.

They had a lovely Christmas Day. Grandad and Grandma, the cat and the dog and the little red hen, and then it was Boxing Day. Boxing Day morning nobody said anything but the atmosphere was rather tense.

Granny and Grandad had finally agreed that they would change her birthday to June 1st so there were no cards, no birthday presents and no cake. It was all rather quiet. Trudie remained defiant, although secretly she cried a bit in her bedroom. (And secretly Granny cried a bit in her bedroom as well).

Finally, it was bedtime. Trudie went to say good-night to Granny and Grandad. And that was it. Or was it? Just as Trudie was going to her bedroom she turned and ran back to Granny and gave her a special big hug and whispered, "Sorry, Granny" and Granny gave her a special big hug and whispered, "There, there, my duck, just think what fun it'll be on June 1st. I'll make a special cake. Good night, sleep tight."

Raffle: Haberdashery

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Snippets From Teresa

Christmas Raffle Prizes

These included three Inspirations kits. Sarah (who got one of them) reminded me that the kits don't come with instructions - these are in the magazines. If those who picked one of the other two Inspirations kits need the instructions, let me know and I can lend out the relevant magazine.

The Swan, Letter Tiles and Other Display Materials

Does anyone have accessible storage space and be willing to take over responsibility for our display stuff? While it's currently all safely stored in our loft, old age means I now need a lot of advance warning to get things out and down! This is a shame as the Swan and the letter tiles are fantastic examples of what we can do and deserve to be enjoyed.

Please speak to Teresa if you can help with this request. We will possibly need some of these display items so that would be an ideal time to effect a handover. Jan