

Lydgate Stitchers Update 2018

- Membership: Membership has remained stable with the addition of two new members – Diane Watts and Vivienne Ashton.
- Fund Raising: The group continues to support community events and raised funds at the Christmas Fayre and the Love Lydgate Plant and Cake Sale.
- Social Events:
 - Stitchers meal - At end of March 2017 the Stitchers finally managed a get-together to celebrate Christmas in the White Hart. (Better late than never!). We all enjoyed the event very much.
 - 'Lydgate in Bloom' - To help promote 'Lydgate in Bloom' a Coffee Morning was held in the Parish Hall in July. The Stitchers were invited to put up a display of work which included dolls dressed in historical costumes based around the history of mill owners and workers in the area and a display of individual textile artwork.
 - Jill's 'Leaving Do' - Many of the Stitchers attended Jill's 'Leaving Do' held in the White Hart in March this year. We will miss Jill and her wonderful artwork that has inspired us so much in our creative textile work.
- Projects:
 - Knit a House Challenge - Jennifer brought a panel of knitted buildings along to show the Stitchers. We decided to create our own panel of knitted and woven houses that when complete can be displayed in the Parish Hall.
 - Quilt – An unfinished patchwork quilt was donated to the Stitchers which now been finally finished off by Kath and Barbara and hopefully we can now use it to raise funds.
 - 'Threads of Lydgate' - Just before Jill left she painted a new picture for the Stitchers to reflect the 'Threads of Lydgate' that have helped to form the community of Lydgate. This picture has inspired us to create a large textile wall hanging which is presently on-going and keeping us very busy. Hopefully we can display it in the Parish Hall when complete.

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