

North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everyone,

Our last meeting was well attended despite the roadworks in Dale Road which did their best to confuse some of us!



We welcomed our speaker Nikki Fairhurst www.needleworkbynikki.co.uk who told us about her needleworking journey which she entitled 'out of adversity comes opportunity' Nikki told us how she came from a family of stitchers. As a child she learnt how to sew and to make her own clothes to the amazement of her teacher at school who thought her mother had done Nikki's stitching for her. After school Nikki trained as a community pharmacist and worked as such for many years until a stroke of adversity caused her to rethink this. She took some time out and began to develop her kits which she now sells online. Nikki loves all sorts of techniques, basically anything which involves a needle and thread. Her skills cover goldwork, crewelwork, canvaswork, quilting, ribbon embroidery, bead embroidery, Mountmellick (a style of floral whitework embroidery) etc etc.

More recently she has been training at the Royal School of Needlework on their 'Future Tutors' programme where she received an award for being top student and in 2023 she was invited to be part of the Embroidery Studio team at the RSN who worked on a number of items for the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Nikki's story was truly an inspiration showing how, with determination she succeeded in turning her hobby into a fulfilling career.

In the pictures you can see one of Nikki's kits (top) and a triptych piece that she completed as part of her training at the RSN.

If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please pay us a visit - look at our website

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