

TG

**"TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS
DIAMOND JUBILEE TAPESTRY"**

*Depicting the
Emergence of Women
in the 20th Century*

THE EMBROIDERED PANEL CELEBRATES 60 YEARS
OF THE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS 1928 – 1988/89 AND
HAS BEEN WORKED BY MEMBERS OF TG AND THE
ROYAL SCHOOL OF NEEDLEWORK.

DESIGNED BY MARION BEATTIE, RSN

In June 1985, the Townswomen's Guilds approached the Royal School of Needlework with the idea of working a major embroidered panel to mark the TG Diamond Jubilee.

Designed by Marion Beattie, the whole work measures 9' x 6'. The centre panel shows the preparation for a Townswomen's Guild meeting and represents any hall in any part of the country. The eight niches to either side of the centre panel depict some of the sporting and creative activities of Townswomen. The 24 outer panels represent women's achievements and contribution to all spheres of life in the 20th century.

These 24 canvases were worked by Townswomen, selected by the Royal School of Needlework from 286 members who submitted samples of their work. Two matched teams were chosen, the first to begin working the canvases, but should anything such as illness or any other emergency prevent completion, a member of the second team would takeover.

The centre panel, worked by 12 girls from the RSN, is mounted onto a wooden stretcher and the outer panels are mounted onto a second narrow stretcher. The canvases thus form a frame for the centre and complete the illusion of is looking in on 'The Guild Meeting'.

The first public viewing took place on 23 May 1988 at 'Liberty', Regent Street, London, and was attended by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP, Vice-President of the Townswomen's Guilds.

ATHLETE

Judy Simpson, Gold Medallist
Commonwealth Games
Mrs Barbara Aggett
Hayes (Kent) (E) TG 37A/15

ELIZABETH GARRETT

ANDERSON
Founder Of First All-Women's
Hospital
Mrs Maureen Briggs
North Harrow (E) TG 51/3

BIRMINGHAM

Present Address OF TG HQ
Mrs Freda Bazeley
Standish-with-Langtree (E) TG
65/24

KENSINGTON COAT OF ARMS

2 Cromwell Place, Address of
previous TG HQ
Mrs Madge Calkin
Spalding East (E) TG 63/15

NEW ZEALAND

TG Link With Guilds In New
Zealand
Mrs Belle Richardson
North Shields 'Collingwood' (E) TG
93/4

STOCK EXCHANGE

Women Now Accepted On Stock
Exchange Floor
Miss Eileen Lawrence
Bushey (E) TG 35/3

10 DOWNING STREET

First British Woman Prime Minister,
The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Mrs Barbara Impey
Luton Icknield (E) TG 34/16

OLYMPICS RINGS

Women's success in Olympic Events
Mrs Hilda Jordan
Leatherhead (A) 85/25

Appreciation

The National Chairman thanks all those who by their hard work and effort have enabled us to create a major work of art to mark our diamond jubilee. Out especial thanks go to the Royal School of Needlework; the A and B teams of Townswomen's Guilds who embroidered the panels forming the border to the central section; the 286 members who provided the original samplers, thus enabling strong teams to be formed and assuring a work of the highest standard. Also to Liberty, and other exhibitors of the completed work, who have made it possible for it to be seen by a wide audience.

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**LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS
WHO HAVE WORKED THE 24 OUTER CANVASES****GIRTON COLLEGE**

The First All-Women's College
Mrs Margaret Armstrong
Whitley Bay Monkseaton Village (A)
TG 60/21

SPACE WOMAN

The First Woman Astronaut,
Valentina Tereshkova
Mrs Shelagh Woods
Chelmsford Westlea (E) TG 21/9

**OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE BOAT
RACE**

First Woman Cox, Susan Brown
Mrs Joyce Gooding
Eastcote (A) TG 51/1

FASHION

Women Dress Designers
Mrs Valerie Twigg
Hereford Tupsley (E) TG 91/34

BARRISTER

Women Judges
Mrs Florence Lowden
Swindon Dorcan (A) 100/26

MILITARY BADGES

Women In Armed Services
Mrs Margaret Darby
Ruislip (E) TG 51/17

CLARE FRANCIS

First Woman To Sail Atlantic
Single-Handed
Mrs Nan Clough
Burnley Briercliffe (E) TG 65/6

SCIENTIST

Mrs Shirley McClintock
Otley (E) TG 1/24

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Mrs Vera Flunder
Lincoln Ermine (E) TG 42/14

THE PRINCESS ROYAL

First Princess to take part in Olympic
Three Day Eventing
Miss Hilda Archer
Harrogate (E) TG 102/9

WESTMINSTER

Address of Original TG HQ
Mrs Colleen Nicoll
Bradford Wyke & District (E) TG 1/13

AMY JOHNSON

Pioneer Woman Aviator
Mrs Mavis Kerr
Esher, Weston Green (E) TG 84/5

COMPUTERS

Advancement Of Women Into
Technological Age
Mrs Dorothy Mitchell
Eastbourne Hampden Park (E) TG
88/10

DHAKA

Children's Nutritional Unit Built With
Money Raised By TG Members
Mrs Carol Benbow
Neston (A) TG 101/16

TG BADGES

Shows TG Badge Change Over Past 50
Years
Mrs Renee Dibb
Tunbridge Wells Rusthall (E) TG 38/23

OIL RIG

Women Engineers
Mrs Ina Miles
Eastbourne Ocklynge (A) TG 88/7