

## The Selston Wall

There are many ways to record memories and a very tangible way and one which provides a lasting visual impact is to create a banner or wall hanging which can be displayed in a prominent place for all to see. We are looking into doing just this. Hopefully we will create a beautiful piece of work. The format will be in the shape of a wall with individuals designing their own "brick". Each brick will be 4 inches by 8 inches and in order for the "wall" to be exact and the "bricks" to fit, this size must be strictly adhered to as eventually all the bricks will be stitched together and mounted as a wall hanging. These designs may be worked onto a background fabric or stitched or glued on later. The background section will be 6 inches by 10 inches.

### Why is it to be called "The Selston Wall"?

The idea is that the construction will simulate the making of a wall, only instead of using bricks and mortar the medium will be cloth. It is to be hoped that many people will participate in its construction and will be invited to submit a "brick which will eventually be stitched together along with all the others to produce the wall.



### What is expected to be depicted on each "brick"?

Each participant will be able to express their own artistic freedom as to the techniques, designs and media which they use but must bear in mind that each submission must have some bearing on their memories of Selston. At a later stage there will be more specific instructions as to the physical lay out and implementation of the project. It is envisaged that there will be a workshop/course available for people to develop design ideas and to discuss and learn some techniques.

1) It will be up to each individual to work out their own design but it must have Selston Parish as its theme.

2) There are no restrictions on the craft employed except it must be suitable for textiles.

3) Examples could be as follows:

- a) cross stitch
- b) canvas work-tapestry
- c) appliqué
- d) collage
- e) fabric printing
- f) free embroidery
- g) machine embroidery
- h) knitting
- i) crochet
- j) weaving
- k) free hand drawing onto fabric
- l) use of glue and fabric

4) Here are some suggestions from which you can take inspiration:

- 1) School Days
- 2) St Helen's Church
- 3) Pubs in Selston
- 4) Houses in Selston
- 5) Gypsies in Selston
- 6) The Font in St Helens
- 7) The Common
- 8) Mining memories
- 9) Working in the factory
- 10) Rural Selston
- 11) The Nob
- 12) Inkerman

- 28) Weather/ when we were snowed in/ the hottest days
- 29) Ploughing the fields
- 30) Miss Gent's Conker tree
- 31) Bon Fire Night
- 32) Games we played as children
- 33) Your own house
- 34) Hobbies
- 35) Favourite foods
- 36) Festivities & parties
- 37) Shops
- 38) Friendships
- 39) Chapels
- 40) Selston in Bloom

Obviously there will be many other ideas for you to work on. It is suggested that you make a drawing or sketch with ideas as to how you intend to implement your "brick" ; make decisions as to how you are going to work it and what techniques you are going to employ

#### **What size are the bricks?**

Each brick when stitched to the rest will be 15cm x 10 cm (6inchesx4inches) but it must be recognised that a larger amount of material is necessary to accommodate the seams and the stitching together. The overall size before stitching will be 20cm x 15cm (8inchesx6inches). It must be stressed that the completed design on each brick has to remain within the confines of the smaller dimensions. It would be a great pity if a beautiful piece of work was ruined or obliterated simply because it strayed beyond the seam allowance. Therefore this rule is mandatory.

#### **How can I Help?**

We welcome suggestions and offers to become involved in the logistics of this project. We are open to ideas and hope that some of you will take part in the early planning stages as this will be a team effort and many hands make light work. There is an opportunity here for a shared communal effort as well as a chance to help create a lasting visual record, unique in compass and powers of recall.

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