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Emma Lee

My square features the Guildhall.

I did my very first poetry reading at The Guildhall and co-edited an anthology, "Welcome to Leicester", which included poems about Leicester past and present from writers with a connection to Leicester.

The cover image for my most recent collection, "The Significance of a Dress", incorporated my embroidery of a wedding dress.

Gilly Haines

I grew up in Loughborough – moved to Birstall at 15, so Leicester's 'Golden Mile' and Diwali featured in my teenage years – Diwali fireworks and childhood phrases, and the vivid colours of saris are the inspiration for this.







Helen Bratchell

Whenever I visit Leicester I always have to include a trip to Belgrave. The colours, shops and fabulous food keep me going between trips to India!

The Neighbourhood Centre all dressed up for Diwali is a splendid sight.

Jackie

These are all the places I remember from Leicester in the 1960's and 70's.



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Laliben

My photo is from when I was 18. I worked at Corahs and I won the beauty contest!

Julie Lovatt

It was here at the Pork Pie Library where I found my love of books and the day I met the chimps at the tea party.







Gilly Haines

An old embroidered tablecloth links to the textile industry that used to be in Leicester.

The elephants are for Twycross Zoo, and the names are all places that mean something to me in Leicester.

Helen Bale

Leicester has so many green spaces. Our parks give us a space to play and enjoy nature.



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Lena Rawal

Abstract collage of Abbey Park that represents water lilies, dragonflies and butterflies bursting with life and colour.

Avrille

This is about the Leicester Grass Roots dance group from the 60's.

The girl at the bottom right is Mandy and she has always been my best friend.



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Leicester Soroptimists

This is a picture of the makers and designers of the Soroptimists quilt block. The group in Leicester was founded in 1934.

The Soroptimists are an international women's organisation. We are active locally, nationally and internationally in partnership with other Soroptimist clubs and organisations, to improve the lives of women and girls.

The block highlights the current themes of the work we do.

Alison Fisher

My square shows that Leicestershire is almost heart shaped and my family is the most important thing to me, so this brings the two together.





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Red Leicester Choir

Red Leicester Choir: Red Leicester is Leicester's socialist choir singing songs expressive of social and political protest, and songs of worldwide celebration, struggle and change.

We meet at the Secular Hall Wednesdays 7.30-9.30. More information on our Website redleicesterchoir.com

