

An invitation to Leiden

The Knitting History Forum's 2019 conference & AGM in The Netherlands



Members of the Texel knitting team presenting their finished silk stockings at the Textile Research Centre in January

The Knitting History Forum has been invited to the picturesque town of Leiden in the Netherlands to participate in the final   of the Texel shipwreck 17th century silk stockings project led by Chrystel Brandenburg and hosted by the Textile Research Centre. There will be a full day of lectures about the Texel project, stocking production (including dyeing), how to study historic knitwear, and best practices in citizen science textile research. The venue, De Tuinzaal (The Garden Room) at the Grand Caf   de Burcht (below left), is just next door to the city's oldest monument, the 12th century castle keep (below right).



The date for the conference is:

Saturday 2 November

with the AGM to be held on Sunday 3 November at the Textile Research Centre

There will be a   25 fee to cover the cost of the venue and refreshments (tea/coffee/etc) during the day (in addition to the usual KHF annual membership fee of   25).

Leiden is a delightful place to visit with all the charm of Amsterdam but on a much smaller scale. There are great places to eat and reasonably priced accommodation. A canal tour and a walk in the botanic gardens are highly recommended. There is also a possibility of a visit to the tiny museum Het Leids Wevershuis, built in about 1560, which vividly shows the living conditions of 16th and 17th century textile craftspeople.



It is approximately 30 minutes from Amsterdam's Schiphol airport by train to Leiden. There are many trains each day from London to Leiden with the journey time between four and six hours (depending on time of day and weekday or weekend service).

Members will be responsible for organising their own travel, accommodation and food but there will be suggestions and recommendations circulated.

Please let us know if you plan to join us as soon as possible!

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Texel silk stockings knitting materials