

Textile art exhibition is full of Impetus

BARLEYLANDS Craft Village's latest studio, Craft Arena, is now holding its first exhibition, showing off the work of a group of local artists.

It will be running the exhibition of textile art and embroidery from a group of ladies called Impetus until the end of November.

Owner of Craft Arena, Denise Gannon, said: "This is our first exhibition and I'm very proud of it as I enjoy promoting the work of

local artists. There are seven women showing their work."

Denise, who lives in Basildon, says she's been stitching since she was at school and later learned about textile art, hand and machine embroidery using various fabrics while gaining city and guilds qualifications in embroidery, craft and design.

She had previously been an administrator in the NHS and left to start her own business

doing website design and computer training before deciding to follow her muse and open her own craft business.

"Craft Arena will be taking part in a national event called the Big Draw, featuring textile painting for children", Denise said, "And I'll be holding a competition for the best entry before making the designs into a wall hanging for the Burned Children's Club."

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