



# Ebor Ruggers

April 2017

## April Meeting

A working meeting with the added bonus of a lovely talk from our friends Lewis and Louisa Creed. I now have a burning ambition to visit Japan if only for the heated toilet seats.

Lewis and Louisa entertained us not only with their stories of rugging but showed us a huge selection from the many rugs they have created between them and gave an insight to the inspirations (in their many forms) from which they get their ideas. A small selection below of some of the rugs on show.



# Yarndale - Reminder

**Sunday 24th September.**

Leave Knavesmire 9.00am

Depart Yarndale 4.30pm.

Tickets £18 (including Yarndale entry)

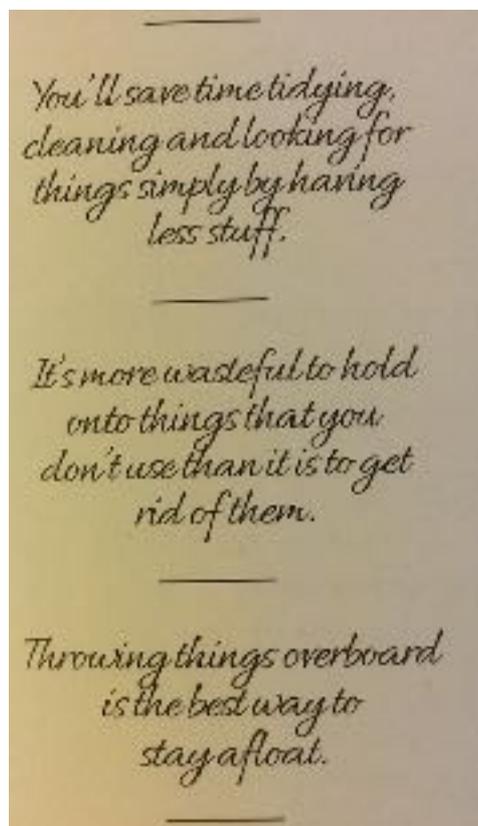
Deposit £8 to Angela,

£10 balance due at July meeting.



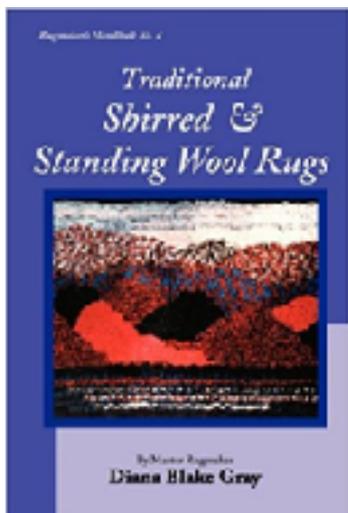
## Peggy Hesketh

Angela has collected a substantial collection of rugs, rugging materials, equipment and quilting fabrics that belonged to Peggy. There will be a silent auction for the rugs and donations for the other items, all money collected will go to a charity nominated by Peggy's daughter, Anne.



## BOOK REVIEW – JAN HAINES

### TRADITIONAL SHIRRED & STANDING WOOL RUGS.



I had it in mind for a long time to look into the different methods for making standing wool rugs. Eventually I came across this book by Diana Blake Gray which I found very informative not only in the history behind the rugs but also how to go about making them. I have tried all manner of rug making from crochet rugs to locker hooking, millefiore – better known as quillie rugs and plaited, sewn etc. the list goes on.

I think from reading this book that standing wool rugs are quite diverse in the ways they can be produced and how fast they grow. Also the different ways the scrap fabrics can be introduced to bring waves of colour into your rug and with a little thought when selecting your colours you can produce some stunning rugs and wall hangings. You don't really need any special

tools for this although there are quite a few on the market, but my experiments show from using this lovely little book that really a crochet hook a long sewing needle some crochet thread and a very fine (2mm) Tunisian Crochet hook. They need no backing are reversible and easy to clean. Small pieces of work can be created (ideal if you are taking something to do on holiday and don't want to take a large rug) the small pieces are then embedded among other larger areas to give the rug structure and grow to the size you want it to be. You can use cotton fabric although this does take rather a lot more than wool, right up to thick blankets and all thicknesses between.

It is a book you can go back to many times and it has found a home amongst all my other rug books on my bookcase.

**(The book is now on order for our library)**

## Stencils

Jan has a set of stencils with both letters and numbers on them that she will bring to each meeting for members to use. Very useful when designing!



The newly reorganised shop

## Durham Rug Makers

Durham Rug Makers have invited us to their annual open day and craft fair on **Saturday 7th October** at Bowburn Community Association, Durham. If our group would like, we can also have a stall (for a small charge). Angela will be asking members for their thoughts at the May meeting.



## May Meeting

A working meeting. Please bring along completed to work to show.

