



Ebor Ruggers

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MEETING DATES

**4th August STOP PRESS -
DON'T FORGET!!**

This is an all day meeting 10am-4pm. Please bring a plate of food to share. You are also invited to bring along your completed Variations projects for display. In addition there will also be one of our ever-popular swapshops, so have a good rummage round at home and declutter your world!



Frances' beautiful "Swedish Swirl" rug, inspired by the colours of the Swedish flag and using hooked, prodded and plaiting techniques.

Choose2Reuse Fair 25th August at the Designer Outlet

If you have an hour or two to spare between 10 & 6 we would be very grateful for your help on our stall. You could combine it with grabbing a bargain at the shops! See us at the next meeting if you can help out.

Read more about the fair at

<http://www.york.gov.uk/environment/waste/events/>

As we know, the Great Yorkshire Show was sadly cancelled after just one day due to adverse conditions. But not before we got a mention from "Dizzie B Hooked", a ragrug maker based in Saltaire. In her blog (dizziebhooked.wordpress.com) she writes:

"The other event I wanted to see were the [Ebor Ruggers](#); one of their members was kind enough to pop by and say hello during the arts trail, so when I saw they were going to be there, I wanted to return the favour. They could not have been any friendlier, and I would very much like to join one of their meetings sometime."

You would be most welcome, Dizzie B!

York 50+ Festival

As part of this year's festival we are welcoming visitors to our October meeting. This will include an all-day session of individual workshops on the theme of "Christmas Rags to Riches".

Could YOU offer to run a table demonstrating suitable crafts? Projects might include decorations (including table decorations), wreaths, hangings and gifts made out of any recycled fabrics. There are lots of gifted folk out there - please don't be shy about sharing your skills with everyone!

An interesting article about the evolution and development of the festival can be found here:

<http://www.yorkassembly.org.uk/50+FestivalLaunchApr12.pdf>



**We present the first in a new series of Members' Profiles...
No 1: Margaret Hockey (pictured right)**



Pinterest

Have you discovered the delights of pinning? No, not turning up the hem on an over-long pair of trousers, but the latest phenomenon to sweep the online world. So what's it all about?

Well, Pinterest is best described as a virtual pinboard or scrapbook. It allows you to organise and share all the images that you discover on the web. Not only that, but you can browse pinboards created by other users and get inspiration from people who share your interests.

For crafters it is an Aladdin's cave, and just typing in "rag rugs" brings up a host of wonderful images.

You don't have to upload any images yourself; you can just enjoy looking at what's already there.

Find out more at [pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)

How long have you been rugging? 3 years

What got you hooked? I went to a "10 York Crafters" exhibition in the Cemetery Chapel where Lewis and Louisa Creed were demonstrating rugging. They told me about Ebor Ruggers who were meeting the following day & so I went along. And the rest is history..!

What do you like about this particular craft? I like the recycling element, and it also gives me the excuse to trawl around charity shops and car boot sales. The downside is that I've now lost a bedroom to my huge stash! I also enjoy the social aspect of Ebor Ruggers, meeting up with everyone and being inspired by their latest projects.

Do you enjoy any other crafts? I love knitting and run a U3A knitting group. I also make brooches from recycled buttons and beads.

Any plans for the future? I can't wait for my two grand-daughters to get old enough to learn how to rug and knit!

Tell us something surprising about yourself! I once wrote a children's book featuring photos of the Gypsy and Traveller children that I worked with. It was called "Where's my Teddy?"

Thank you Margaret.

Next month....it could be **you!** Our roving reporters will be out and about at meetings looking for more victims, er, sorry, members to interview. You have been warned...

FROM THE ARCHIVES - JUNE 1997.

Ebor Ruggers members had been choosing a new logo. They voted Pat McBurney's design the winner - this is the one that we still use today. The newsletter that month featured the following "interview" between Pat and the editor.

Ed: So what gave you the idea for this witty and distinctive design then?

P: Well, er, the Jungian archetype is complex obviously, but basically the original stone cross carving depicts this Viking warrior brandishing his axe and sword. As these bear an uncanny resemblance to a hook and prodder I thought maybe the museum curators, who are mainly blokes so have no idea, just hadn't realised. Plus the Vikings practised a type of hooking in which loops were pulled through a textile backing, know what I mean like eh?

Ed: Sorted.

If you have any items for inclusion in the newsletter please contact Anne Bush at purplelupin@gmail.com or Margaret Hockey at mhockey53@hotmail.com