



Ebor Ruggers

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MEETING NEWS

3rd August Summer picnic at Stillingfleet Lodge 12-3.30. Please meet at the entrance to the gardens at 12 o'clock. Entry cost will be £4.00. There are facilities to make your own tea or coffee, plus cakes to enjoy, all available for a donation. Bring your own picnic, rugging work, and something to sit on. Let's hope the fine weather holds and we look forward to seeing you there.

More information about the garden and nursery, including directions and a map, can be found at www.stillingfleetlodgenurseries.co.uk

7th September Deborah Hastings workshop "Knitting & Rugging combined". This will start at 10.30am and the cost will be £30 including lunch. If you haven't yet paid for this could you please do so as soon as possible. The materials that you will need are:

Two polyester duvet covers (single or double), preferably one patterned and one plain, in colours that complement each other.

A pair of sharp scissors

A cutting board if you have one (we can also use our Ebor Ruggers one)

Knitting needles – 6.5 mm and 7mm

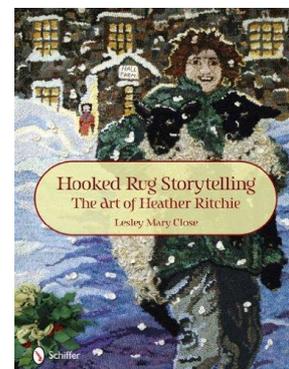
THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

A report from Heather Lamborn

What a change from last year when we were flooded out on the first day! This year it was oppressively hot on Tuesday and Thursday, but a little cooler on the Wednesday - thank goodness, because that was the day that the school parties came and the stand was three rows deep in small people trying to 'have a go'! Many thanks to those who came to help; I think everyone had a good time. The other exhibitors are always friendly and prepared to share their skills so we have added a few new ideas to our portfolios!

As always, we were able to evoke memories for many of our visitors, and in some cases I felt we might have made a bigger contribution to those who had particularly searched us out. There was plenty of interest in Ebor Ruggers leaflets, even from those who lived at some distance. HL

On the subject of shows, it was great to bump into several Ebor Ruggers at the Driffield Show on 17th July. This is a wonderful day out - it's worth going for the Handicrafts marquee alone! Many congratulations go to Peggy Hesketh who won a second for her lovely locker hooked rug.



We have recently acquired the above book for our library - it tells the story of how Heather Ritchie started rugmaking, the techniques she uses, her work in the Gambia with the blind, and the inspiration behind many of her rugs. Filled with beautiful images of so many of her fantastic rugs, this is a must-read for all ruggers and I am definitely going to have to get my own copy!

We are also delighted to be able to tell you that Heather is coming to Ebor Ruggers in September next year to give us a talk: "My Life in Rugs".

The Rug

I cannot paint a picture great
Nor pen a classic book.
My hands are made for simpler art,
I dye, and cut and hook.

I thank our Father for the gifts,
To beauty seek and mind to will.
From meagre stores and simple tools
The use of hands and skills.

One gently warming thought have I,
As love's sweet labour ends.
My little gift may softer make
The footfalls of my friends.

Members Profiles no 6: Kay Tester, our treasurer (pictured right)

How long have you been rugging Kay? About 18 months.

What got you hooked? Mum had seen a demonstration at Souter Lighthouse and we both became interested. Then I discovered the Ebor Ruggers website!

Who taught you to rug? Jenny Barnes, an excellent teacher. She made it look easy and achievable. I started with a mini-mat.

What do you like most about this craft? The upcycling element - the fact that you can make use of things not good enough for any other purpose, for example donating to charity. My husband is a golfer, so I use his old golfing jumpers!

Do you enjoy any other crafts? I like crochet, knitting, sewing and cross-stitch - so many crafts, so little time!

When do you like to do your rugging? In the evening and on Saturday afternoons while my husband watches football on television. I escape into my newly-created craft room!

Recently you completed a swim for charity. Tell us how you got on. In June I took part in the Great North Swim which is a distance of one mile across Lake Windermere. This is the second year I have attempted the swim. Last year I did it in 1 hour 2 minutes. This year I was determined to come in at under an hour, and managed 49 minutes, so I was thrilled. I raised £200 for Martin House Hospice - thank you to all who supported me.

Many congratulations Kay on your fantastic achievement! And congratulations too to our very own Margaret Hockey who correctly guessed Kay's time and won a garden voucher.



Now that summer has finally arrived our thoughts are turning to holidays...if you should be visiting Bonnie Scotland this year, check out the charity shops over the border. We hear that they are excellent hunting grounds for pure wool jumpers!

Thank you to Heather Lamborn for the following story which shows how a sense of humour can still prevail even when faced with extreme hardship:

The "Bag Muck Strike" at Denaby Main Colliery took place in 1903. The miners were only paid for the coal, so when they hit a seam of stone or shale they were not paid, sometimes for days, for bagging the muck. Although it started at Denaby Main, men came out from most of the south Yorkshire and nearby pits.

During the miner's strike, families were evicted from the tied hovels that the colliery provided for them. 'There goes my beautiful Turkey carpet,' one man was overheard to say as a policeman deposited a tattered old hearthrug, woven from bits of old rags, on the road in front of him. (Mexborough & Swinton Times 9th January 1903).

WOOLFEST 2013

Early in the morning on 29th July a group of us boarded a coach in York and set off for our day in Cockermonth. Travelling together were people from Ebor Ruggers, York Feltmakers, York & District Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, and various knitting groups. It was lovely to meet so many different crafty folk! The weather was kind and we enjoyed the beautiful scenery en route. We all had a wonderful day browsing the stands, admiring the animals and resting our feet while listening to some great folk tunes and watching the clog dancing. Naturally most of us made a purchase or two as well.... This year the rugging world was well represented by Cilla Cameron and Jennie Stuart Anderson. Woolfest attracted more than 6000 visitors over two days and raised more than £2,700 for charity. Here's to next year!

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