



Ebor Ruggers

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MEETING NEWS

2nd August:

Ebor Ruggers summer picnic at the Bee Loft, Angram, by kind invitation of Heather Lamborn, from 11am until 4pm. Please bring your own lunch. Members of Woodhorn Matters will be travelling down from the Morpeth area to join us, so let's have a good turnout and welcome them in style! Directions for how to get to the Bee Loft are attached, either by email or post, depending on how you receive your newsletter. Here's hoping for a lovely sunny day (although there is shelter if the weather proves inclement) – see you there!

6th September:

Heather Ritchie will be visiting us to talk about her work in the Gambia with Rug Aid. Voluntary donations will be taken to go towards Rug Aid. You can read more about the wonderful work done by this initiative which was started by Heather at www.rug-aid.org



One of the highlights for me from Le Grand Depart of the Tour de France was to see the wonderful themed knitting that sprang up all over Yorkshire. Bunting in the Tour's colours hung everywhere and here in York there was some great yarnbombing in Rowntree Park and other places too. The fantastic bike above was created by the charity knitters of St Chad's on Campleshon Road. The riders passed by here as they were setting off.

Not quite rag rugging perhaps, but I know that there are some keen knitters at Ebor Ruggers!

MEETING REPORTS

June – Workshop with Jenny Barnes “Working with what you’ve got”.

This workshop proved very popular, and we all had a wonderful time releasing our inner child and painting, sticking and cutting. Jenny introduced us to the basics of colour work and then it was on to experimenting with design in a bolder and more freeform and creative style than perhaps we normally use. Then, when we were all satisfied with our designs, we transferred them onto hessian ready to begin hooking. Many thanks to Jenny for coming to see us again and for leading such a stimulating workshop. Also a big thank you to Susan Jordan and helpers for providing us all with a delicious lunch.

July - Making mini-mat packs and strawberry tea.

This was primarily a working meeting, but some of us spent time making up new mini-mat packs to sell on behalf of Ebor Ruggers club funds. We decided on different packaging for the packs this time to give them a new fresh feel. We also enjoyed some strawberries and cream – the fruit had been picked the previous day at the Balloon Tree near Stamford Bridge. Highly recommended both for pick your own fruit and for the delightful new café!

“Whenever my mother would start a rug, my father would say: ‘Well Mother’s got a mat in the frame – now we’ll not get anything to eat’”

Practical Hooked Rugs by Stella Hay Rex 1949

Woodhorn Matters 21st Birthday Exhibition

Several members of Ebor Ruggers enjoyed a delightful day in June visiting Morpeth to see Woodhorn Matters 21st birthday exhibition at the Bagpipe Museum in the Chantry. It was a wonderful display in a lovely setting, and Wendy, Ruth and Karen made us very welcome – the Buck's Fizz was most appreciated!

One of the items on display was the amazing Lindisfarne Mat, made to complement the award-winning Turning the Pages exhibition held at Woodhorn Museum in 2000. Hooked in velvet and wool by 10 members of Woodhorn Matters, it took 300 hours to complete. You can see it on the right hand side of the picture.

Another impressive millennium project comprised a series of 21 squares joined together to form panels depicting significant events from each 50 year period from 1000 AD to 2000.

Do have a look at our Facebook page for lots more photos from this stunning exhibition. Simply go to our website at www.eborruggers.com and click on the link to Facebook.



The lovely ladies from Woodhorn Matters.



Above: Courage and Remembrance, by Sheila Wilson.

Mum

I remember home-baked bread
Kitchen table, hot jam tarts
I remember you made me stilts
And the lads flat carts
I remember my favourite kilt
Being turned into a rug
For you needed some green
Then you gave me a hug
I remember outings like Seven Hills
Where we fished now and then
Ilkley Moor, Cow and Calf
And our annual visit to Shipley Glen
You would take us for walks
When the evenings were warm
And you'd buy us Fry's Five Boys
From the shop at the farm
I remember plot toffee, Guy Fawkes, bonfires
Catherine Wheels and sparklers every November
But today I remember to say thanks for being there
And providing me with these happy memories to
remember.

Marion Barker

York Art Gallery is being refurbished and won't be open again until 2015, but fear not, there are some excellent local art exhibitions being held throughout the summer for all of us art lovers.

Dunnington Art Group is holding a free exhibition in the Reading Rooms on August 1st & 2nd from 9am to 5pm. Refreshments available.

The annual Poppleton Art Exhibition takes place in the historic Tithe Barn between 23rd and 25th August, admission free. There will be a preview on Friday 22nd including wine and canapés at a cost of £5.

The Great North Art Show will be taking place between 30th August and 21st September in Ripon Cathedral. This showcases professional and contemporary artists with northern connections and admission is free.

Finally, at the Mercer Art Gallery in Harrogate, and on until October 12th: Art and Yorkshire: from Turner to Hockney. This free exhibition features works showing the influence of Yorkshire on such artists as Turner, Atkinson Grimshaw and Barbara Hepworth. This sounds like a must-see and a great reason to pay a visit to lovely Harrogate.

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