



# NEWSLETTER

## February 2010



### Meeting Dates

**6th March 2010**

**10th April 2010 - dyeing workshop**

**1st May 2010 - morning workshop with usual meeting in the afternoon**

**5th June 2010**

**3rd July 2010**

**7th August 2010**

**4th September 2010**

**2nd October 2010**

**6th November 2010**

**4th December 2010**

The meeting in February was very well attended. Elections were held for a variety of posts within the Committee and at the end of the Newsletter there is a list of those who "volunteered"! Thanks to everyone.

Lots of discussions were held with regards to future meetings. The layout of the room will be altered to encourage sharing of skills. It was also suggested that it would be helpful if everyone could wear name-badges. It would certainly help me to remember who's who! Some people already have badges and I think some even managed to have hooked versions they had

made. It'll be great to see what people come up with.

We are hoping to have a topic for most meetings. If you have any suggestions or are happy to share your skills please let someone on the Committee know.

A giant New Year Swop was then held after the business meeting with many people going away from the meeting with lots more than they came with! Tracy, Rachel and Gladys came to the meeting for the first time and left with lots of fabrics to try their hand at rugging.

**August 2008 - Ebor Ruggers Exhibition at Huntington Memorial Hall**

Remember some members of the group have rugs and brooches in the exhibition planned so keep this in mind when you are thinking of new rugging projects. The exhibition is on until 27th March.

"Home" which is at The New School House Gallery in York. Some of us managed to get to the preview evening on 11th February and the exhibition is well worth a visit. It includes ceramics, paintings, textiles and silver work. Having our work included should help to raise awareness of rag rugging and of Ebor Ruggers and will hopefully encourage new members to join our group. Thanks to Jenny for organising this. Future exhibitions are

**THERE'S STILL JUST TIME TO SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION TO THE TREASURER - A BARGAIN AT £7!!**

## OTHER NEWS ITEMS

When thinking of the newsletter I thought it would be good to have a picture of any work that had been brought to the session. What do you think?

I also wondered if we could get together a photo album of people's work. This could then be kept in the Library we have and could be a great source of inspiration for all members. If you think this is a good idea and have some photos you would like to include, bring them along to the next meeting. Please write on the back your name and the date it was made and any other info you feel would be of interest.

Linda also asked me to remind you that there are meetings for the East Riding Rugging Group which are now held the 3rd Sunday of the

month. They are held in the Community Centre in Driffeld (near Lidl and behind the Council buildings). All are welcome.

What about an Ebor Ruggers Web-site? At last months meeting this was discussed and it was felt that it would be a good idea. Do you or any friends or family have any experience of this? Does anyone know of a school or college that might take it on as a project? Any ideas and contacts would be welcome. If anyone could take this project on let someone from the Committee know.

## REMINDER

Woolfest is coming up fast. I usually save up any birthday money so I can have a good spend when I go! It is on 25th and 26th June this year in Cockermouth. More info will be given nearer the time.

## Dates For Your Diary

☺ 07/03/10 -

Manchester Textile Fair,  
The Armitage Centre (off Moseley Rd),  
Fallowfield,  
Manchester,  
M14 6HE.

[www.textilesociety.org.uk](http://www.textilesociety.org.uk)

☺ 25/04/10, 03/10/10, 28/11/10 -

Leeds Vintage Fashion Fair,  
Leeds Town Hall.

[www.leedsvintagefashionfairs.com](http://www.leedsvintagefashionfairs.com)

☺ 20/03/10, 04/12/10 -

100% Handmade (a designer maker fair),  
Riddings Hall,  
Christchurch,  
Ilkley.

## THE RAG RUG RAVE IN RICHMOND!

In November I went to my first rave!! (Honest!) Heather Ritchie runs the Rug Aid Project and ran the rave to fundraise for her work and to raise awareness of the Project. Other raves were held throughout the UK by other rugmaking groups. I bet you didn't realise that ruggers could be ravers! Heather has a permanent workshop in the Gambia where adults and children who are visually impaired are taught the techniques needed. Through making

and selling their work it is hoped that the families involved can have an income other than begging on the streets. Heather had examples of the rugs made. They were fantastic. Please have a look at the website, if you can, [www.rug-aid.org](http://www.rug-aid.org).

PS The Station at Richmond is well-worth a visit - good coffee, interesting shops, free parking and there are some good charity shops in Richmond as well!! I'd never been before but will be going again when the weather gets better.

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