



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/ MARCH 2012

33 people attended the meeting in February despite the warnings of imminent snow! Mind you we did finish early and it certainly did snow.

Many thanks to Susan Jordan for organising the willow weaving and 10 members of the group made some wonderful obelisks. Some photos of the obelisks "in situ" would be great to see.

OUR FAME SPREADS FAR AND WIDE.....

Shirley Duffin and Cynthia Milnes have written about a workshop that they ran in Wales for 16 people.

"Hi everybody. My name is Shirley Duffin and my friend is Cynthia Milnes and we are both members of Ebor Ruggers. I was on holiday in Wales at my nieces where we had a look around the recycling centre at Ystradgynlias. Tracey, my niece, showed some of my work, door mats and dog beds, to Caroline (the boss) and she asked me if I would do a workshop for them. A date was fixed for Saturday October 29th 2011. Advertisements were put in the papers and up in the surrounding villages, resulting in 16 places being booked.

I asked Cynthia if she would like to come and do it with me. We drove

down to Ystradgynlias on the 26th with the car loaded up to the roof with everything we thought we would need, samples of rugs, hooked and prodded, christmas trees, wreaths, brooches, dog baskets, cushions, hessian, tools and materials to cut up and not forgetting the dog Roxy who was wedged in her basket in-between the bags and boxes!

The day went very well. They were very enthusiastic including the man who told his wife she wasn't doing it properly, so she pulled it all out and went home. She did come back and pick him up!

At the end of the day everybody went home very happy with their practice piece and 2 brooches, one made of zips and one made of ties or fleece. Some of them wanted to carry on with it and form their own group. Caroline said there was an empty room in the centre that they could use.

They were all surprised about what could be used in recycling. Woolen coats, fleece, zips, buttons, t-shirts, jumpers, ties, broken jewellery, almost anything can be recycled.

It was a new experience for both of us, as well as them, as we have never presented a workshop before. They all wanted to know when we were doing the next one! Thanks to Shirley and Cynthia for this. I can't wait to hear about the next one.

Meeting Dates

As you may have seen there is a diary enclosed so no need for this section now!! BUT for info:

- 12th May 2012 - Locker Hooking with Anne Lancaster in May only £20. Open to complete beginners as well as experienced ruggers.

Anne Lancaster will demonstrate the technique using light weight fabrics and yarns, both of which most of us have lurking in the backs of cupboards or drawers.

Angela will have some pictures of completed items and further details at the March meeting.

Please see below the results of the workshops organised by Susan Jordan and Kathy West at Rufforth Primary school After School Art Club. Margaret Hockey helped and Jenny joined us for a guest appearance. Thanks Susan for the photo.

AND DON'T FORGET - IT'S THE AGM ON SATURDAY 3/3/12 AND SWOP SHOP! BRING ALONG ANY FABRICS/MATERIALS YOU ARE HAPPY TO SWOP WITH OTHER MEMBERS.



OTHER INFORMATION

• The Starbeck Cone Exchange www.coneexchange.org is on Hookstone Park in Starbeck. You can trade old specs, mobiles, stamps, printer cartridges and holiday change for craft materials and eco materials. Or you can pay cash and the proceeds go to saving an area of the rainforest. They were at the Choose to ReUse fair and among the items on offer were clean sacks at 50p each which are ideal for rugging. It is off Hookstone Chase and the turning is between Morrisons and The Rowan Tree Pub in Harrogate.

• Some info from Durham Matters :

TYNE VALLEY MATTERS
RUG EXHIBITION

To be held at WYLAM INSTITUTE on Saturday 31st March 2012 - From 10am to 4pm

Tickets £5 including coffee, tea and cakes. Children Free.

Proceeds to AZURE a local charity providing housing and work for adults with learning difficulties.

We hope there will be a plant stall and a rug selling stall.

All welcome - Chris Steele has tickets available. Chris Steele
m.c.steele@btinternet.com
Tel:- 0191 5841616.

JUMBLE SALES

The 2012 Jumble Sales will be held on the following Saturdays at Sheriff Hutton Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm:

14th January

11th February

28th April

19th May

16th June

1st September

20th October

24th November

There is also a book sale on Sunday 11th March, 11-3pm.

AND another great source of materials are the Deanne Gee Memorial Fund Jumble Sales held at St Luke's Church Hall on Burtonstone Lane in York. Phone 01904 655177 for details. Dates for 2012 are:

14th March

11th April

9th May

13th June

11th July

5th September

10th October

7th November

All are at 6pm.

There is also a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 27th October between 10am and 1pm at St. Luke's.

Our best wishes also go to Sue Winfindale - hope you are feeling better soon Sue.

Dates For Your Diary.

- **10/3/12** - From the 3-10th March it is York International Woman's Week and Ebor Ruggers will be demonstrating and encouraging people to 'have-a-go' at Bar Lane 10.30-3.30 on the 10th. If you would like to help with this please grab one of the Committee who will let you know more.
- **10/3/12** - York Does Vintage at The Merchant Adventurers Hall in York. For more details ring 07824559272 or nowardthenevents@gmail.com
- **21/4/12 and 22/4/12** - Introduction to Hooky Rag rugs, a workshop led by Lewis and Louisa Creed at York Castle Museum. £8 per person for one day payable on the day. To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333.

VARIATIONS PROJECT

From Jenny:

I launched this at the February meeting and thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic response - almost all the packs were taken up. No doubt others will be needed at the March meeting so I have prepared some more. I will not be at the April and May meetings but I don't want to leave people unable to get extra packs during this time. SO if anyone wants a pack but either can't get to the March meeting, or the shape they want is not available, please let me know not later than 14th March, how many packs they want and whether square, circle or rectangular hessian shape is required. This will give me time to make the packs up and ensure they get to the April/May meetings. Normal service will be resumed from the end of May. Thanks! Jenny 01904 652222.