



Ebor Ruggers

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Meeting News

2nd February - Chris Oakenfull and Heather Lamborn will talk to us about the origins of Ebor Ruggers. This promises to be a fascinating glimpse into the history of our club. Meeting at the usual time, 12.30 onwards, talk to start at 1.30pm.

There will also be a bonus swapshop table at the meeting, so why not take the opportunity to have a clearout of your stash?

Details of all meetings, exhibitions and workshops can be found in the new diaries and also on our website under "Events".



Stonehenge in Snow, by Louisa Creed

Variations - a message from Angela.

If you haven't yet done so, please let me know how many Variations projects you have done or are working on, and what shape they are. This is for planning how to hang and display the exhibition. Labelling and pricing of rugs will be at the meeting on 6th April.

Criteria for work to be included in the exhibition:

- work created post April 2010
- anything using reworked textiles
- all items to be for sale
- first item per person to be displayed, additional items on reserve

Demonstration table:

- Volunteers needed to help at the table/making tea and coffee/generally interacting with visitors
- Help for two hour slots; let me know what you can do please

Times of the exhibition are as follows:

- Friday 12th April Preview 6 - 9pm
- Saturday 13th April 10am - 6pm
- Sunday 14th April 10am - 4pm

You can phone me (01904 758510), email me (angela@btinternet.com) or tell me in person.

Pricing:

Given the collective nature of our Variations theme, and the need to make sales manageable, "Variations: Circles and Lines" will be offered for sale at £50. This is in line with the "Doormats" exhibition.

- The maker will receive £40.
- 15% of the selling price ie £7.50 to the Cemetery Chapel
- 5% of the selling price to Ebor Ruggers
- Reworked textiles other than Variations please add on 25% to the price you wish to receive

Finally, if you haven't been to the Cemetery Chapel since the last exhibition, it has been beautifully refurbished with a marble floor and underfloor heating which makes it much warmer. It also has all new furnishings. We can no longer use the walls or window ledges to hang or lean anything against though, in order to protect the plasterwork.

Looking forward to a great exhibition! Many thanks, Angela.

Members' Profiles No 4: Maggie Hague (pictured right)

How long have you been rugging?

Nigh on twenty years! Although there have been a few gaps, some longer than others. However, I only joined Ebor Ruggers about two years ago.

What got you hooked?

I went to a demonstration of various crafts at the Treasurers House and was inspired. I bought some hessian on my way home but it turned out to be the wrong sort for rugging! Those were the days when there were more fabric shops in York than today. Being a bit of a hoarder of craft objects that just might come in useful one day, I already had a prodder. My first piece was done in blacks and reds, an abstract design. I do wish I'd kept it...

Do you enjoy any other crafts?

I've enjoyed crafting all my life and have tried my hand at quite a few - patchwork, embroidery and jewellery for example. Some were more successful than others, shall we say! At the moment I make one twelfth scale dolls and sell them to dolls house shops.

Where do you find your inspiration?

I find the work of Kaffe Fassett inspirational - quite a few of my rugs have square motifs. I'm also intrigued by faces, and they've found their way into quite a few of my designs, my green man for instance.

Tell us something surprising about yourself.

I used to sell pencils to Harrods! I was stunned and delighted when they put in their first order. The pencils had little wooden beads for heads and were decorated with plaits and a little mob cap.



SALES TABLE

Our sales table raises a great deal of revenue for the club both at our regular meetings and when we go out and about giving demonstrations and generally spreading the rugging message.

Cynthia, Shirley and Margaret have been running the table since its inauguration in 2010 and have now decided to take a well-earned break. We all give them a grateful "thank-you" for their sterling work in making the table look so attractive and appealing every month.

So it is time for some new faces to take over this role and we hope very much that members will come forward.

The work can be shared to help lighten the load as these valiant helpers have so ably proved. And now over to you!

The York branch of the Alzheimer's Society has contacted us appealing for volunteers to help at their "memory cafes" held once a month in York. These provide a relaxed environment for people with dementia and their carers. They ask if we might arrange a demonstration or support a rag-rugging session for their organisation. If you feel you could help with this most worthwhile cause either contact a committee member or call the Alzheimer's Society on 01904 658106.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Susan Winfindale, a member of Ebor Ruggers for nearly ten years. During her time as a member she played an active part in all the club's activities and helped to organise the tea rotas. We extend our condolences to her family.

Cilla Cameron has a new blog solely devoted to proddy mats at <http://www.onlyproddymats.blogspot.co.uk/>. There are lots of books on hooked mats, but few specifically about proddies. So she has decided that it would be a good idea to record the proddy mats made in the UK firstly on the blog, and then perhaps incorporate the images and information into a book or booklet sometime in the future.

If you would like proddy mats you have made or own to be included on the blog, email Cilla at priscillacameron1@googlemail.com for an information sheet.

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