



Ebor Ruggers

February 2018



February Meeting

Another well attended meeting with an entertaining, interesting (and sometimes very technical) talk from Jon of Natural Born Dyers. Lovely inspiration, not only to grow but also to forage for plants to dye our own fibres and materials with lots of comparisons of the different shades and effects that can be achieved. Jon gave plenty of guidance and advice, demystifying the seemingly complex process of dyeing.



Bunting

Kath launched the clubs 'Bunting' project. As many members as wish to are invited to help create bunting for our proposed Open Meeting in June. For those that missed the announcement, templates, instructions and hessian along with some materials (feel free to use your own) will be available again at the March meeting

although completed triangles should be given to Kath or Roisheen as soon as possible ready to be sewn together.

Bring and Buy Table

A new initiative for our new venue. A monthly bring and buy table for items generally related to rugging, spare tools, fabrics, completed work for sale etc. You decide your price, 10% of the profit goes to the club, the rest is yours! This will be on a trial basis.

New Venue

Don't forget, as of the next meeting, 10th March. Ebor Ruggers will meet at St Andrews Hall in Bishopthorpe.

To get there;

By Car - Leave the A64 at Askham Bar, keep in the right lane all the time and turn across the front of York College signposted Bishopthorpe. When you reach the Bishopthorpe village sign, about half a mile, take the first left into Church Lane and you will see the church ahead of you. Turn left into the car park before the road junction ahead. Sat nav YO23 2QG.

By Bus - No 11 FirstYork bus from Railway Station, the stops are a two minute walk from the hall. There is also a No. 21 Harrogate Coach Company bus but this takes much longer.

Couple of things to note;

Rules of the hall - no stilettos please for those of you intending to dress in your best dancing shoes!

Storage - We have **NO** storage at the hall. The kitchen is well equipped so we can still enjoy our tea/coffee & cakes. However whilst the swap table will continue, please take items back home when you leave if they have not been grabbed as we will have nowhere to put them. Jan will continue to run the shop, kindly storing everything in between meetings.

Diaries - The committee decided not to issue the small diaries any longer, dates for all meetings to January 2019 were published in a previous newsletter, are listed on the Ebor Ruggers web page and the next meeting date will also be notified in the monthly newsletter.



AGM

Please come along with ideas for workshops, talks, events. Your committee needs you!



Jill Pearson

Friday the 16th February dawned a beautiful sunny, mild day driving over to Octon, near Driffield, across the stunning Wolds dusted in snow and snowdrops in full bloom along the roadside and in little patches of woodland along the way. The roads were quiet, the countryside respectful as though it knew our destination.

Cynthia, Elizabeth, Shirley and Angela, on behalf of Ebor Ruggers, attended. ER were even given a mention in the eulogy.

To anyone's knowledge Jill never made a rug, but her attendance and enthusiasm and loyalty at so many of our meetings and her helpfulness throughout was never in question. According to Adrian, Jill's partner of 27 years and her mother, Frances they never saw the light of a rug but Jill bought the tools and squirreled the materials away as we all do. I think we all count ourselves fortunate to have known Jill, full of life and living everyday as she always did.

It was a sad day but at the same time it was a huge celebration of Jill's life. Her very presence, even in death, touched everyone attending, young and old alike.

It was a large crematorium but not big enough for how many friends wanted to pay their respects to Jill, there was standing in the aisles and 270 came.

At the humanist ceremony Eva Cassidy was played singing Over the Rainbow, a well chosen and gentle song for 53 year old Jill.

Dates for Diaries



▶ Check out the Bee Loft website, plenty of new and exciting workshops. www.thebeeloft.com

▶ A wool show, Leeds Grammar school. 7th & 8th April, www.springintowool.co.uk

▶ Ebor Textiles and Mixed Media - I can't find out any more info about this one or a web page - anyone who knows more could maybe share it with members at the March meeting.

Next Meeting - 10th March

In our new venue, St Andrews Hall in Bishopthorpe, 12 - 4pm.

Don't forget also, the AGM. Please come along to hear from the committee and consider getting involved. The group is run for the benefit of all members and the committee need your input, your ideas and your support.

