



# NEWSLETTER

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**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!**

There is so much information and news to pass on to everyone this month that I have had to go smaller and no photos this month! So sorry if everything looks a bit black and white for this edition and you may need to get the magnifier out for this one!

So with no further delay here it goes:

## LAST MONTHS MEETING

As you will all remember the weather was so bad last year that we had very few people who were able to attend the December and January meetings. What a difference a year makes! We had over 28 people who came to our first meeting of the year and, as usual, the place was full and a hive of activity. We are continuing to have people visiting each month with a view to joining and I think at our last count we have 64 members. It is great to see the group working so well. Over the next few months lots of activities have been planned. You may already have noticed the diary enclosed - it looks like we have another full year of events to look forward to! Anyways on with the news.....

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Following a request made to our group Susan Jordan and Margaret Hockey have written the

following about the work they are doing at Rufforth:

Margaret and I have started working with a group of children at the After School Art Club at Rufforth primary School. The children (and Staff) are really enthusiastic and fun to work with. They are prodding individual 6" squares which we will eventually make into a wall hanging. Photos will be on the club facebook page soon.

## FREE HESSIAN

We have been given some very large pieces of hessian to recycle. I will bring it all to the February meeting. It will be free to a good home - I'm sure there will be plenty of those. They can of course be cut up to smaller pieces if you want less, so make sure you bring your scissors!. Jenny

## FACEBOOK

Ebor Ruggers now have a Facebook page - follow the Facebook link on the Ebor Rugger's website main page at [www.eborruggers.com](http://www.eborruggers.com). There is already a substantial gallery of members' work on there and we hope to upload new photos as often as possible. If you have any digital images which you are happy for us to add please contact Anne Bush at [purplelupin@ymail.com](mailto:purplelupin@ymail.com). The Facebook page will also be regularly updated with news, views and reminders, so keep checking it out! You don't need a Facebook account to view the page, so it should also serve as good publicity for the group in the wider world.

## Meeting Dates

As you may have seen there is a diary enclosed so need for this section now!! BUT for info:

- 12th May 2012 - Locker Hooking with Anne Lancaster in May £20

Full details of what to bring and what is provided will be given nearer to the event. If you wish to come to the workshop, early booking with payment is advised as numbers are limited.

## MINI MAT PACKS

These packs are a very good money raiser and are ideal for taking along to events and demonstrations, so we do need to keep the supply coming.

Therefore, A BIG thank you to everyone who brought donations of fleece material and/or helped to cut clips at the January meeting. Believe me it is very much appreciated - it's a VERY long job for just one person. Even a few clips can be put into the general reserve.

We will try to have some fleece for cutting up available at each meeting, and a few times in the year we will organise a 'bag stuffing' session, to fill the little bags with clips ready to be made up later.

Many hands make it all go faster! More in the next Newsletter.

Thanks again for your help, everyone

Jenny

## OUR FAME SPREADS FAR AND WIDE.....

Shirley Duffin and Cynthia Milnes have written about a workshop that they ran in Wales for 16 people. A full report will be in next months newsletter. There just isn't enough room in this one! But many thanks to Shirley and Cynthia for putting pen to paper. And please remember that any items of interest for the newsletter are always gratefully received.

## AGM

This will take place at the Club meeting on 3rd March.

It is necessary have an AGM but we will do our best, as always, to keep it brief and to the point. We would hope that it will not take up more than one hour of the meeting.

The Agenda is simple:

Reports from the Chair and the Treasurer

Adoption of our new Constitution

Election of the new Committee

You will find enclosed a copy of our proposed newly updated Constitution. It is necessary for Ebor Ruggers, as a properly managed club, to clearly state the way the Club is set up and run. We cannot maintain a Bank Account without one, for one thing. Due to our greatly increased membership numbers, and range of activities, the Constitution that was agreed when the Club began no longer reflects how we work and what we do. Therefore, the Committee has given the matter much thought over the past year and produced the new version. We now need to have this accepted by the Membership at the AGM.

Please read it through and come to the meeting prepared to make your vote. If you have any queries, please contact any Committee member to discuss them, or of course you can raise points and questions at the AGM.

### New Committee

As part of the new Constitution, we have altered the process by which the Committee is elected. It's never an easy process, as many people are

reluctant to come forward, for a variety of reasons. As you will see, we are proposing that we elect people to serve on the Committee and that the issue of roles of Chair, Treasurer etc are decided between the Committee when they first meet. This is a perfectly valid voting and working method and avoids the problem of possible new Committee members feeling they don't want to commit to too big a role at first. We encourage even the newest members to make themselves available for the Committee. It's nowhere near as scary as it might seem and great fun to be a part of planning for Club events, sharing ideas and trying new activities.

We are asking for nominations prior to the AGM and a nominations form is also enclosed. You may nominate yourself, or other Club members. It will greatly assist with the smooth progress of the AGM if you will complete your nominations slip and return it as directed, before the AGM itself. Please remember to obtain the prior permission of anyone you wish to nominate, including any members of the current Committee.

### An appeal from the librarians:

Now that we have lots of lovely shiny new books it would be greatly appreciated if members could keep them all circulating as much as possible by keeping them for no longer than two months at a time. Please bring any overdue books back for the next meeting. As our library is only a small one, could members please also only have two books out at any one time. This will give everyone a chance to enjoy their inspirational delights. Thank you for your co-operation!

## 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.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on the 1st February. It only costs £12 per year! If you are not able to attend the next meeting please post to Angela Gray, The Treasurer, 22 Drakes Close, Huntington, York. YO32 9GN . Please make cheques payable to Ebor Ruggers .

### A NEW PROJECT FOR 2012 (and beyond??) 'VARIATIONS'

Working on the Doormats was great fun and it proved that there is a wealth of talent among our members both those who are experienced Ruggers and our very welcome newcomers. We would like to offer a new project for the coming year.

We need to start working towards Open Studios 2013. We want to make sure that all the work we exhibit than is new to our 'public' and would also like to offer them the chance to look more closely at our rugs and designs.

'Variations' will be launched at our February meeting. As with Doormats, we will have available to all Members a piece of hemmed hessian and some instructions for taking part in the project. The project will run for a number of months so if you can't come to the February meeting you won't have lost your chance to take part.

The idea will be to show ALL the pieces made, at the Open Studios 2013 exhibition. So plenty of time to make more than one 'Variations' piece plus any other pieces of work you plan to do.

**Intrigued? You should be! See you in February.** Thanks to Jenny for the above.