



Ebor Ruggers

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A very Happy New Year to all our members!

You will probably already have noticed something different about this edition of the newsletter – it's not as fancy as usual! There is a good reason for this – I am stepping down as newsletter editor at the AGM in March, and I wanted to show how simple the newsletter could be. The main point of it after all is to keep all our members informed about upcoming meetings, and to share important or interesting news. Although I have enjoyed playing around with images and layouts (I'm strange like that!), the newsletter can just as easily be done in a simple word-processed document – you don't even have to have the coloured heading at the top unless you want to. The majority of our members now have the newsletter sent by email, so it really isn't an onerous job; it's just a question of getting the message across.

At the AGM we will be looking for at least two new members to go onto the committee. Margaret our chair is stepping down after several years' sterling service, and I will be vacating the position of secretary as well as newsletter editor. Please don't worry that by going on the committee you will immediately be pressed into service in one of these roles, but we are asking you to give careful consideration to volunteering or being proposed for the committee, as we cannot continue to run as a group without your help. Many thanks in advance.

*****FEBRUARY MEETING – VERY IMPORTANT!!*****

Due to a booking clash at the Reading Rooms we have to move the venue for our February 7th meeting only. We will now meet at St Nicholas' Church Hall Dunnington. This is situated on Church Lane, just up the hill from our usual meeting place. The following information about parking is taken from the church website:

"Please use the Church Parking Area off the west end of Eastfield Lane. (From the church, head northwest along Church St for 15 metres, take the first right onto Eastfield Lane and the carpark is immediately on your left). There is space immediately outside the Church for drop off and pick up but cars must not be left here as it blocks access for our neighbours."

RAGS TO RICHES: RECYCLED TEXTILE ART Ebor Ruggers Exhibition at City Screen, York February 10th – 24th 2015

Plans are progressing well for our 20th birthday exhibition at City Screen in the centre of York. If you would like to show your work, please bring it along to the February meeting where we will be providing materials for you to use, eg lengths of wood, eyelets, thread and webbing. Don't forget that you can exhibit even if you don't want to sell your work, and also bear in mind that we can only accept work that can be hung on the walls, so regrettably no cushions, bags etc. Items submitted to be no larger than doormat size please.

Please also provide the following details about your work – title of piece, your name, price if applicable, and materials used. We will type these up and have them laminated for that professional look! If you can't manage to get to the February meeting but would still like to exhibit do please let any member of the committee know as we can arrange to have your work collected. We are all looking forward to a successful and inspiring exhibition.

USE OF IMAGES

If you have looked at the Ebor Ruggers website you will have seen the “gallery” full of images of wonderful rugs etc made by our members. I also use various images both of members' work and of members themselves on our Facebook page. Please could you let us know if you are NOT happy for your images to be used online and on social media. Thank you.

MARCH AGM

As mentioned above, the AGM will be taking place on March 7th. As well as electing the new committee, we will be collecting your subscription for the coming year. This will be held once again at £12 – a bargain, I am sure you will agree! You can also pay at the February meeting if you would prefer.

BEAMISH TRIP WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

To help celebrate our 20th birthday we are organising a coach trip to Beamish which will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's collection of rag rugs. Friends and family are very welcome to join us. As it's a special occasion we will be paying the admission fee for Ebor Ruggers members only from club funds, leaving just the cost of the coach to pay, estimated at £14. This promises to be a great day out, but we need to know numbers as soon as possible to book the right size coach. If you can't get to the next few meetings but would like to come, please let either myself or any other committee member know.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our 2015 diaries will be available at the AGM upon receipt of your subscription. I can, however, offer you a sneak preview of our June 6th meeting, an all-day workshop featuring an exciting new technique “Quillies and Standing Wool Rugs”. So please save the date, and also it would be very useful to start saving non-fraying material such as dense or felted tweed, blanket etc, as well as the ribbing from jumpers and knitwear. All will be revealed in the fullness of time, but in the meantime if you would like to have a look at the sort of thing we will be trying (on a smaller scale perhaps!) here are some links:

<https://www.facebook.com/Standingwoolrugs/timeline>

<http://www.sandpoint.net/rafter4/stwool.htm>

Also try searching for “standing wool rugs” on Google images.

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