



NEWSLETTER

June/July 2011



JUNE'S MEETING

It was great to see that Shirley and Diane had finished one of the doormats for the exhibition and that Shirley has also found time to complete the lining for the dog basket she has. See above - looks very comfy too! There was lots of material and a few books about related crafts to swop. New members attended and are beginning their first projects. There were a few questions from them about starting and finishing work and how cushions can be made. Hopefully the workshops next month will help to answer such queries and enable everyone to share their expertise with each other.

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Last meeting saw two finished doormats produced and very lovely they are too! Thank you Shirley and Diane. I confess it spurred me on to make a start on my own (first) offering rather than just thinking about it. I HOPE to have it finished (or nearly so) by the July meeting and perhaps see one or two more?

I am very much looking forward to seeing the 'doormats' as they come along. I will be going to see the people at Gray's Court shortly and will have more information about the set-up, which I will put into the next newsletter. Thanks Jenny.

Meeting Dates

12-30 4-30pm at Dunnington Reading Rooms
Church Street, Dunnington YO19 5PW.

- 2nd July - **CHANGE OF PLAN!** The workshop with Jane Jackson and Margaret Kenny has unfortunately had to be cancelled until next year. Instead we will be having a number of workshops that people can take part in over the day (10 til 4). These will include starting and finishing techniques, brooches, cushion and seat pads, bird mobiles, button jewellery and making bunting for the picnic (we have lots of donated fabrics to use!) So come along and have a go!
- 6th August - Annual Picnic. This will be held at Dunnington and be indoors just in case! The hall will be open from 10 til 4.30. Please bring along your lunch/tea. We will be inviting other local rag rug groups.
- 3rd September - working meeting and collection of DOORMATS.
- 1st October - working meeting and if you have made something for Christmas in the past could you bring it along to show others e.g. trees, wreaths, cards etc?
- 5th November - working meeting and "swop shop". Have you some material/textiles/wool/books that you like to swop? Bring them along to exchange with other group members.
- 3rd December - "Secret Santa" and Christmas Lunch. Bring along a "rag rug related" present to put under the tree and some food to share.
- 7th January 2012!! - working meeting.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Thanks to Diane for letting us know that there is a new shop in Kirkgate, Tadcaster called Needlecase. It sells a range of knitting and sewing supplies including some fabulous buttons. Contact them on 01937 830422 or at www.needlecase.co.uk.

Just to let you know that in July the charity shop attached to the Reading Rooms in Dunnington will be open from 4pm so we can visit. So do call in and check it out.

RUGGERS EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

A4 laminated placards -
EBOR RUGGERS

11 hooked work panels -
EBOR RUGGERS

1 Rugmaking Tools display
board

1 demonstration proddy rug
on frame

1 frame stand

1 circular frame 20"
diameter & stand

4 fabric covered linked
blocks 48" x 10"

1 green inch squared
covered board 15"x15"

1 peg loom 15" width

Fabric cutter

1 green plastic storage box
containing:

4 baskets of clippies

18 rug hooks

13 rug peg prodders

Rug frames: there are a variety of frames available from 18" - 84" long.

This stock is held by Frances Owen (01904 768366) and items can be loaned to members with a returnable deposit.

EBOR RUGGERS NEED YOU!

Jennifer Rowles and Sue Beadle have found themselves unable to continue as Committee Members, due to work and family commitments. Many thanks to them both for giving it their best shot. They will continue to order and provide hessian by the metre as at present. This is a vital role for keeping the Ruggers provided with materials.

This means that the Committee is short of two members and we would welcome volunteers to join us for the remainder of this year, pending the AGM is February. You don't have to be a long-established member to be on the Committee and it is a good way to get to know other members, and familiar with what is happening with the Club. If you think you might like to be a part of this, speak to Jenny, Angela, Frances or Gill at the next meeting, or give us a call. Your help is needed.

Dates For Your Diary

- The Art Tour around Northumberland - Open Studios, exhibitions and workshops. Weekends in June and July. Contact www.networkartists.org.uk.
- The Moors National Park Centre, at Danby near Whitby, has a variety of exhibitions organised including Brigantia on Colour and Texture, Heartlands and The Inspiration of Trees. Contact 01439 772737 or www.northmoors.org.uk/inspiredby for more info.
- 21-23/7/11 - Dunnington Playing Fields Fayre has a variety of events happening over the weekend. Contact www.dpff.org.uk for more info.
- 21-24/7/11 - Art in Action, Oxford. Contact www.artinaction.org.uk for more information.
- 29/7/11 - The Arts Barge is landing at the Bonding warehouse in York and we are demonstrating on the barge for the day (10-5). This is part of the Festival of the Rivers.
- 30/7/11 - Ebor Ruggers will also be demonstrating at Bar Lane Studios (near Micklegate Bar) from 10-4. There is a cafe and a range of art on show.
- 3-4/9/11 - British Wool Weekend at The Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate.
- 2-4/9/11 - The Great Northern Needlecraft and The Great Northern Quilt Shows are also on this weekend at The Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate. Not sure if you can get a ticket for all but may be worth investigating! Contact www.eventcentre.co.uk or 01423 544544 for more details.

CLIPPINGS

DID YOU KNOW.....?

- That rag rugging was mentioned in June edition of OT (Occupational Therapy) News magazine. At the annual student conference, at the University of Cumbria in Carlisle, people were able to experience the therapeutic benefits of a range of activities including rag rugging. I always knew it was doing me some good!!!!

YOUR CLIPPINGS ARE NEEDED! Please send to Gill.