



Ebor Ruggers

July 2018



July Meeting, Saturday 1 July

Although Carol's Poppy Stool was the only completed item on show, it was much admired by the 21 members present. We were delighted to welcome back two newer members, who were soon engrossed in learning to hook under Angela's tuition. The rest of us enjoyed the cool, airy atmosphere in the hall, as well as the abundant goodies on the Swap Table.

Bishop's Palace Table

We thank Kath Gordon, Caroline Stockwell Brown and Elaine Shaw who set up and manned a table in June at the Archbishop's Palace Gala. Four items were sold on the day, and the commission covered the cost of the table hire. More importantly, word was spread about Ebor Ruggers.



Trip to Grinton, 9th October

Just one place remains on the coach for the proposed visit to Grinton and Reeth in October to visit the exhibition of rugs in Grinton Church as well as explore the delights of Reeth village, which will have its best hat on during the TIGHR Triennial Meeting. Ebor Ruggers will be represented in the exhibition together with rugs from all around the UK and abroad. Of particular interest might be the 'woolly' stalls. Payment now due.(£20).



Summer Picnic Saturday, 4 August

We have ordered the sunshine; all you have to do is bring along your lunch and a garden chair for what we are sure will be relaxed rug`making in the grounds of St Andrew's (indoors if wet). We hope to have a **super-raffle** to help cover the increased costs, so dig out those generous and exciting contributions and be prepared to buy multiple tickets! More cakes to share, please, to make the rug`making go with a bang (or maybe a squish).

Fun and Games at the Picnic

Elizabeth has promised to bring along a garden game; if you would like to add one of your own please feel free. There will also be a **plant stall**, so this might be a chance to offload your surviving surplus plants for us all to enjoy.



Another reason to bring along your purse might be to benefit from the mountain of rug-making tools, books materials and odds and ends, kindly donated by Jill Pearson's partner, Adrian. If you think you have a stash to be proud of, wait until you see this. For sale by donation, all proceeds will go to charity.



We have invited other groups to join us, so do come along to what has become a welcome summer tradition.

September Meeting, 1st September

As there will be no newsletter in August, this is my only chance to remind those of you who have lost your diaries that we are looking forward enormously to welcoming Jacqueline James to talk to us in the afternoon (from 1.30pm). Entitled 'Rugweaving: A Lifestyle Occupation' Jacqueline's talk will tell us about, well, her lifestyle.....Further information about the Scottish-born, York-based rug weaver can be found via the Ebor Ruggers Facebook page which includes a link to an article about her in the current edition of Selvedge magazine.



A Reminder of more events to come.....

Art In the Pen Saturday/Sunday 21/22 July

Held in the Auction Mart, Thirsk, the many and varied stallholders will include York Textile Makers at Stall 21, with their rugs, mats and hangings.

Ryedale Folk Museum Country Craft Weekend 18/19 August

The Folk Museum at Hutton-le-Hole will host this annual event. It may still be time to book a Demonstrator Stand. Contact Kirsty Holtby (01751 417367) if you are interested. (www.ryedalefolk-museum.co.uk)

West Riding Ruggers at the Castle Museum, York

will be part of an exhibition **FROM** mid-July to be held in the Community Room. Entitled 'Threads of War', it will contain the group's sweetheart pin cushions amongst other textile pieces relating to WW1 and women's roles within it.

The British Wool Show, Friday 10/ Saturday 11 August held at York Auction Centre, Murton YO19 5GF

The aim is to raise the profile of British Wool and you will find wool from fleece to finished items, equipment and artefacts as you explore the stands. There is a cafe and a large free car park as well as a shuttle bus from York Station. The Sheep Man and his woolly friends will also be performing an entertaining show.



Workshops at The Beeloft, Angram near York

You might just have time to sneak into a workshop on natural dyeing on Friday 27 July or if felting floats your boat, there will be an opportunity to make a felted vessel on Tuesday 18th September. Alternatively, join in the Wednesday Workings every month from 2-4pm. Full details of these and other autumn delights at www.thebeeloft.com.



Roisheen has discovered this intriguing advert.....

BBC2 are casting for a new history programme to be filmed over 6 weeks in September/October. They plan to immerse a group of artisans in a replica of the Arts and Crafts setting and equip them with traditional tools to make artefacts indigenous to the era, in our case, presumably, rugs. This could prove to be your 16 minutes of fame!

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And Angela would like to celebrate the diversity of our group

I never thought I'd be mentioning football here, but, in the same way the England football team has brought the nation together, so we celebrate the diversity in our rug club.

Traditional Rag Rugging is the basis on which Ebor Ruggers was founded 23 years ago and nothing has changed since then apart from the imaginations and design skills of the rag ruggers.

Style varies tremendously between members and each person has a recognisable "signature". Working with worn and loved wool, which, as it has been washed many times before, is probably shrunken enough, plus other fabrics, the ethos of the club remains reuse, recycle, remake, as in times gone by. Occasionally some members use a frame.

We now have several members who work in the style of American Rug Hooking using a frame and finely cut strips of wool flannel (worms). This results in very fine embroidery style stitches and in this way, very fine detail can be incorporated. The flannel is purchased as a new item and so must be washed and shrunk before use and in many cases dyed to suit whatever the maker is creating.

We welcome your views as a valued member of this diverse and ever-evolving club.

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