



Ebor Ruggers

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MEETING NEWS

1st March AGM and working meeting. The meeting will start as usual at 12.30pm and the AGM will begin at 2pm. During the meeting there will be a "silent auction" of old and antique rugging tools collected over the years by the late Dorothy Humpleby and brought along by her husband John. Proceeds from this will go to John's chosen charity, Cats Protection (formerly the Cat Protection League). Don't worry if you haven't a clue how a silent auction works, all will be revealed on the day!

This meeting's raffle will also include rugs made by both John and Dorothy and all the money taken for the raffle for this month will go to the same cause.

We hope to see as many people as possible for the AGM this year to support our club. As you know, two members are leaving the committee this time and so we need some new faces. Please do consider filling these vital roles – Ebor Ruggers would cease to function without the work of the committee.

*****FINAL REMINDER*****

If you haven't yet paid your subscription for the year ahead and wish to remain a member please pay at the March meeting. If you are unable to attend and are not sure of where to send your subs, please contact me either via the email address at the end of this newsletter or on 01904 612401

Our February working meeting was very well attended and the swapshop table which is now held every month was also a hive of activity. Keep those unwanted bits and pieces coming in! Please can all members remember that our meetings don't officially start until 12.30pm as this is the time from which we have use of the hall and not before. Thank you for your co-operation.

Margaret Hockey and I are organising a coach trip with our knitting group to visit mills in the Bradford area on Wednesday 2nd April. We will be calling at Coldspring Mill, Texere and Edward Hill, followed by tea at the Wetherby Whaler. The cost will be £22.50. We know there are lots of knitters out there, and on the basis of the more the merrier we are inviting Ebor Ruggers along too. Do let us know if you would like to join us!



Lakeland Trees by Susan Jordan

2015 Birthday Celebrations

Next year will see the 20th anniversary of the formation of Ebor Ruggers, and we would like to celebrate this historic occasion!

Angela has suggested a trip by coach to Beamish to view some of their rugs and if possible to have a talk by one of the curators about the collection. Beamish has probably the largest amount of historical rag rugs anywhere in the UK as well as tools, historic patterns and all manner of objects associated with rag rugging. Most are held in the archives so this would be a wonderful opportunity to view them.

Other ideas that the committee came up with were a special birthday picnic and an exhibition of our work at Dunnington.

But we want to hear from our members about how you would like to celebrate, so do let us know your ideas!

The Magic Carpet

The edge was as black as the coal on Da's face
The centre a diamond of red
It would keep our house safe from the Devil's embrace -
Or at least that's what Granny B said.

We sat in the middle and shut our eyes tight
Our Billy and Scruffy and me
We chanted our spell for a magical flight
And promised we'd be home for tea.

Goodbye to the pithead, the cold and the rain
As over the rooftops we flew,
We're off to see beasts on the African plain
And deep oceans of amethyst blue.

We swooped and we soared over mountains and vales
Dined with sultans and rajahs and czars,
Rode on elephants' backs, heard the song of the whales
And saw dragons with eyes bright as stars.

Then back through the sunset, the sky glowing red
To our house through the dusk of the day
For a kiss from our Mam safe and warm in our bed
And to dream of those lands far away.

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Heather Lamborn is running a workshop entitled
"Colour confidence: shading, pictorials and sculpting"
for Ebor Ruggers members on Monday 10th March.

There are just 2 spaces left for what promises to be
an inspiring workshop, so please either contact me or
speak to any committee member at the March meeting
if you are interested. First come first served! The
cost will be £20, bring your own lunch.

Two jumble sales to tempt you this month:

6th March at 6pm St Luke's, Burton Stone Lane
29th March at 2pm Thornton-le-Clay Village Hall



A prodded rug from about 1900

Further to the recent articles in the newsletter about the history of rugging, Angela Gray has sent me the following....

"I think this is probably the fairest and most likely account I have come across: http://www.academia.edu/948911/A_History_of_British_Rag_Rugs I am with the author in that I have come across more men than women who have worked on the rugs, or clipped and cut, however that is not so true now. There is a list of titles at the end of the article should anyone wish to further research the subject.

I have just bought the new Lynne Stein book "Rag Rug Creations" and it begins with an interesting history. The oldest surviving rag rug in Britain apparently used army uniforms worn at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. It would also seem that pulling fabric loops through a backing fabric were probable in Coptic textiles around 2000BC. Examples of rugs were evident in Danish Bronze age graves and somewhat later in Viking and Celtic tombs."

Thank you Angela – it's a fascinating topic!

Email addresses often get changed nowadays, so don't forget to let us know if you alter yours, and also if you move house or have a new phone number.

Many thanks.

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