



# NEWSLETTER

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## YORK OPEN STUDIOS

The picture above, with John and Lewis in the foreground, gives some idea of this fabulous and very successful event but do visit the website for more photos.

We displayed our rugs in the wonderful setting of the Cemetery Chapel and had lots of visitors. They loved the exhibition and many stayed quite a while to chat and to have a go. We really hooked them! (sorry!)

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped - planning, gathering rugs and materials, making calls, setting up, manning the

exhibition and clearing up. It was all time consuming but also mostly fun and very rewarding. Particular thanks go to the working group who put in so much time and thought to getting everything working so well and all the details right.

Final figures are not in yet but we are hoping to more or less have covered our costs which is a huge achievement.

A number of visitors completed feedback forms, which have been sent to Open Studios organisers, or spoke directly to us about how much they enjoyed our exhibition. Some of the comments included :

## Meeting Dates

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

- 7th May - All day Workshop (10-4pm) - Ali Rhind - Ali will be talking about using rag rug techniques for 3D work e.g. cones and for cushions, seating, pouffees and stools. Please contact Gill Barker for more info.
- 4th June - Working meeting and swap shop
- 2nd July Workshop - Jane Jackson and Margaret Kenny - please see enclosed details. This will run from 10-4pm and will cost £40 which includes lunch and expert tuition from 2 experienced and talented ruggers. A working meeting will be held as usual in the afternoon.
- 6th August - Venue to be confirmed.

Have you any ideas of events or workshops that you would like for next year? Would you like to share your skills with the group? Are you attending a workshop and could tell the group about it? Then Sue and Jennifer, our events organisers, would love to have a chat with you! Please contact them asap. All ideas welcome and don't be shy!

"Impressive"

"This Ebor Rugs has been the highlight of visiting lots of the Open Studios. Thank you."

"Lovely people, beautiful venue/space, stunning pieces. Thank you so much - really enjoyed it. Had a little go myself, bought a starter kit for my niece and was inspired

to go home and have a go myself". Thanks to Jenny for this report on the Open Studios event. All in all well worth the effort. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

WHAT NEXT? I hear you all say! See over for more details of what everyone can get involved in doing and you have til September to do it!!!

## OTHER NEWS ITEMS

WE ARE NOT  
DOORMATS

(but we do make them!)

- This is a new group project for Ebor Ruggers. It's to produce work for an exhibition as part of the York 'Over 50s Festival' this year.
- The Aim - for each member to make one small rug of a given size (or more than one if you want!)
- Pieces of ready-hemmed hessian will be provided. Design and materials are up to you.
- The idea is for all pieces to be the same size and shape, which will show the variety of designs to best advantage and create a high impact display.
- Hessian pieces and instructions will be available from the 7th May meeting onwards.
- Finished rugs to be collected in at the 3rd September meeting.
- ALL rugs will be exhibited at Gray's Court Café, York,

from 27th September till 13th October. This is an opportunity for everyone - from brand new members to experienced ruggers.

- And no, you don't have to be 50+ to take part. Let's ALL have a go!
- This will be a selling exhibition. Instructions will include information about preparing your work for hanging, plus contact number (s) for help and advice if you are unsure about anything. As with York Open Studios, commission will be 20% (half to Gray's Court and half to club funds to help cover the cost of materials/hanging expenses).

Any questions, call Jenny Barnes (01904 652222)

Regarding the newsletter - does everyone feel that they need the contact details below on each newsletter? Without this we could have more space for information and news. Let me know what you think. Any info for inclusion in next months newsletter would be gratefully received.

## Dates For Your Diary

- 30/4/11 - Festival of Vintage 10-5pm at York Racecourse entry £4 (under 16's free)
- 18/6/11 - Woodhorn Matters Picnic. If you are interested in going please contact Gill Barker. Morpeth is well worth a visit - plenty of good charity and coffee shops!
- 25/6/11 - Woolfest. Kay Pearson is organising a coach trip to this fantastic event which is held in Cockermouth. It will cost £16 (there is also a £6 entrance fee). The coach will leave Askham Bar park and ride at 8.30am and leave Woolfest at 16.00pm arriving in York at approx. 18.30pm. A great day out. Bring lots of spending money!! Please contact Kay on 01757 703086 if you are interested.
- 5/8/11-7/8/11 Potfest at the Pens. Open daily 10-5pm at Skirsgill Mart, Penrith (postcode CA11 0DN). More info at [www.potfest.co.uk](http://www.potfest.co.uk)

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