



NEWSLETTER

Nov/Dec 2011



*MERRY
CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!*

I know this may seem a bit early to say but we will be celebrating Christmas at our meeting on 3rd December!

November's meeting was very well attended and we had a few new people join the meeting which was great. We also had some children come along and they really managed the techniques well. Even hooking which isn't the

easiest to teach or to master! As a result we now have some new members. Many thanks to everyone at the meeting who spent time with the "newbies" and imparted their skills and wisdom to them.

Hopefully our next meeting will be as well attended as this one and that the snow stays away. Last years meeting, you may remember, was quite quiet due to the heavy snowfall we had had for most of the week.

There will be no newsletter in December.

Meeting Dates

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

- 3rd December - "Secret Santa" and Christmas Lunch. Bring along a "rag rug related" present to put under the tree and some food to share (please see over for more info).
- Also on this date NSPCC COFFEE MORNING. A few of the club members will be arriving early for our December meeting/Christmas lunch. We have been asked to do a small talk demo and at this coffee morning. Again, we can offer items for sale so anything not sold at Bar Lane can be held over till this event.

The following are all the dates for the next year. As you will see not all are the first Saturday of the month due to Bank Holidays etc.

- 7th January 2012
- 4th February 2012
- 3rd March 2012
- 14th April 2012
- 12th May 2012
- 9th June 2012
- 7th July 2012
- 4th August 2012
- 8th September 2012
- 6th October 2012
- 3rd November 2012
- 1st December 2012
- 6th January 2013

Further details of what will be happening on those dates will follow as soon as they are finalised and a list given to each member.

CHOOSE2REUSE Fair

17th December, Harrogate

Please bring your doormats (or any other rugs you would like to sell) to our meeting on 3rd December.

We do have some helpers but if anyone else wants to come along that would be great. Please let one of the committee know on 3rd December.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

We have a similar situation to the November meeting - a charity coffee morning taking place in the hall. We have been asked to go along, set up a stall and be prepared to talk about Ebor Ruggers. Hopefully the Coffee Morning will clear as quickly as they can, which they did last time, and we can then have our own celebrations.

Food/drink to be brought by everyone - if anyone not sure what they have agreed to bring or need to bring please phone Jenny on 01904 652222

Secret Santa - an absolute maximum of £5 but it does not need to be this much. Some pieces of interesting fabric from your store, or a small something you have made will be very acceptable.

MINI MAT PACKS

We need to keep these coming, as they are a good fundraiser and always popular when we do demos and fetes. Donations of pieces of fleece for cutting up will be very welcome - even if it's only a few bits left over from a rug, as we mix all the colours in. Also, cutting up takes a lot of time, so help with this will be very welcome too! We will be trying out a 'clips corner' in the New year, when fleece for cutting

in to clips will be brought to meetings and anyone who is willing to do so can spend a little time cutting a few clips up. Every little helps!

CLIPS AND STRIPS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

We are getting asked to do more and more of these and materials are disappearing very quickly! All members are asked to donate any spare cut clips or strips e.g. left over from a completed rug or odds and ends of fabrics suitable for strips, so we can keep our supply going.

The demonstration events and taster sessions are a great advertisement for the Club and are very enjoyable to run. If any member feels they would like to come along and see what goes on, just have a word with one of the Committee. Everyone is welcome, beginners included. You don't need to be an expert, and we have a lot of fun chatting to visitors. You hear many peoples reminiscences of rag rugging and even songs they sang when they were helping make a rug and cut the clips! So please do volunteer - it is well worth the effort.

NEWSLETTER HELP

If you have any info that you feel would be useful for other members please let Gill know. And many thanks to Jenny for the info above for this months newsletter.

USEFUL LINKS

Further to the Choose2reuse fair thanks to Angela for the following sites she has found that have sections on textiles - www.wasteonline.org.uk and www.wastewatch.org.uk.

Dates For Your Diary.

- **26/11/11 - 10.00 - 4.00 - Demonstrating at Bar Lane Studios.**
- We have been asked back to Bar Lane Studios to do another day of demonstration. Our last day there was great fun, we had loads of visitors who say us in the window (like real hookers!!) and came to find out more. You don't need to be an experienced ruggie to come along to these events. We are happy to see anyone, even if you can only spend an hour or so with us. It's just a question of showing how we work and chatting to people about the how and why. So bring your work and come and sit a while.
- Also, if you have any small rugging items for sale, we can offer them to sell at this event, so bring them along to the November meeting (not October please).
- **24-27/11/11 - The Knitting and Stitching Show** at The International Halls in Harrogate. Well-worth a visit and be prepared to spend! For more info visit www.twistedthread.com. The ticket hotline is 01394 288521. One of our members, Peggy, can get tickets for £9. Please let her know if you would like one at the next meeting.
- **4/12/11 - Christmas Craft Fair** - 11-4 at Victoria Hall, Saltaire. Tel no 01274 588759 or email www.htgevents.com for more information.
- **17/12/11 - Choose2Reuse fair** - 10-4 at The Pavillions, Harrogate. The fair is being organised by York and North Yorkshire Waste Partnership and will have something for everyone, from stalls and fashion shows to workshops and craft activities.
- **2/2/12 - Coffee, cakes and a chat** from 10.30-noon at Pond Cottage, Angram (just off the A64). Tickets £3.50/£3 in advance with proceeds going to Askham Richard Church Fund and Rett Syndrome UK. Tickets will be for sale at our December and January meetings from Heather Lamborn (tel:01904 738317)