



Ebor Ruggers

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MEETING NEWS

November 3rd: Working meeting

December 1st: Christmas Celebrations. More details to follow...

A heartfelt plea - Please consider lending a helping hand with the clearing up at the end of our meetings - it's hard work for just a few willing folk to fold up all the tables, put them away and sweep up....

And don't forget - We don't officially hire the hall until 12.30pm on meeting days. Tempting as it is to come early to get a head start with our work, we should wait until then before going into the hall. Thank you for your co-operation in both of these matters.



Open Studios - Stop Press!

Unfortunately, and due to circumstances beyond our control, we are not going to be able to take part in Open Studios 2013. However, never fear, we are still going ahead with our Variations project and will be putting on our exhibition at a different time, to be arranged. Using York Cemetery Chapel is one possibility, but we would also welcome suggestions for alternative venues. Please contact Angela (01904 758510) or any member of the committee if you have any ideas.

Rug Fest and Open Day

Should you be in the Durham area on Saturday 3rd November (although we really hope you will be at our Ebor Ruggers meeting!), Durham Clayport Matters are holding a free open day from 11am at Bowburn Community Centre. There will be an exhibition of proggy and hooky mats, wall hangings, braiding, knitting, weaving and spinning, not to mention a tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac, cakes and craft stall, and a chance to socialise with other rug groups. For more details, contact Pat Crossley 0191 584 8212 or Shirley Slater by email at shirley.slater@homecall.co.uk

It may seem a long time ago now, but the **Choose2Reuse Fair** at the Designer Outlet back in August was a great success. We received the following email from the organisers: "... a huge thank you to you all for your involvement in the Choose2Reuse fair last Saturday. We think that we had around 2,000 visitors in all. The feedback we have had so far from visitors to the fair has been great. A lot of people (including us) were really impressed with the quality of both the stalls and demonstrations, which has helped us to demonstrate just how fantastic reuse can be in whatever shape or form."

Many thanks to all Ebor Ruggers who helped out on our stall.

British Wool Weekend

by Susan Jordan

The Three Musketeers (aka Anne, Margaret and Susan) set off bright and early for a fun day at the Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate amongst all things woolly. We spent a wonderful day oohing and aahing over all the beautiful colours and textures. As usual we all spent too much but it was worth every penny.

We met up with quite a few Ebor Ruggers and eagerly sought out Cilla Cameron's stall where we had an interesting chat with her about her work and a demonstration of her speedy shuttle device. The colours of her hand-dyed flannel pieces were truly amazing. We wanted one of each but perhaps fortunately managed to restrain each other.

The sheep man wasn't *quite* what we'd been led to expect, but he was very skilled and entertaining nevertheless!

The show was full of interesting stalls, rag rug and textile related. It was much more manageable than Woolfest (as well as being nearer!), a very enjoyable day out. Highly recommended for next year.

Put it in your diary NOW!

(Next year's event will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September)

Members' Profiles No 3: Elizabeth Grubb

How long have you been rugging? I began rugging around seven years ago. I do remember cutting clips for my maternal grandmother in Gateshead as a nine year old. I recall that most clips were rejected as they were either too thin/thick or too long/short! This aspect of my work has not changed!

What got you hooked? I came across a flyer for Ebor Ruggers open day at Murton. I found everyone was so helpful and the work produced was simply delightful.

What do you like about this particular craft? I love the fact that that everyone can be successful. It allows for creativity and costs very little to make a start. One never needs to become bored as there are a multitude of items that can be prodded or hooked. The whole notion of recreating beautiful items from discarded fabrics remains a strong factor in my desire to continue.

Do you enjoy any other crafts? Like many ruggers I have tried most crafts. I have however usually moved on once I have mastered the particular skill. Rugging however still keeps me interested as the range is almost endless. I also enjoy working towards a 'Dorothy satisfaction level'. Will I ever make it!

When do you like to do your rugging? Any time but more often or not in the evening. I tend to make a little nest around me with rugging baskets, TV control and an occasional glass of wine and only stir to prepare for bed!

Where do you find your inspiration I have recently been introduced to 'Google images' and am finding these very helpful. Where else could one find dozens of hookable pictures of robins at the press of a button? Just as one looks at clothing in terms of rugging I also consider images be it within nature or elsewhere as possible rugs. I have often been inspired during my numerous travels around the world and have returned to create a rug as a result of a particular experience, hence the 'blue footed boobies' from the Galapagos!

Any plans for the future, rugging or otherwise? I would like to continue honing my skills at prodding and hooking.

Tell us something surprising about yourself. When I am not hooking I can be found on occasions dancing with my Molly side called Rhubarb Tarts. Maybe this is why my granddaughter refers to me as her 'hooking tart' grandma!



Elizabeth the Ebor Rugger



Elizabeth the Rhubarb Tart

Only one more Sheriff Hutton Jumble Sale to go this year...it's on 24th November at the Village Hall from 2-4pm, so get there early for the bargains!

Knitting and Stitching Show

Harrogate International Centre
22nd-25th November

Don't miss this fantastic event, a must for all lovers of textiles and creative crafts. As usual there will be lots of stall to tempt you, plus workshops and inspiring exhibitions - I am particularly looking forward to seeing the miniature knitted village!

From "Housekeepers Dictionary of Facts", a regular column in Good Housekeeping in the 1920s.

To wash heavy rag rugs:

A simple way of washing heavy rag rugs is the following – soak the rugs for five minutes in cold water, then spread them on a bare floor and sprinkle heavily with any good washing powder, scrub the rags until they are clean with a clean broom dipped in hot water. Rinse thoroughly in clear water in the laundry tub and hang on the line to dry.

Not too sure about the "simple" bit - anyone fancy giving it a whirl?