



Ebor Ruggers

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MEETING NEWS

2nd November Working meeting.

Don't forget that we are now having a table at every meeting for swaps, so have a rummage through your stash and see if there are some unwanted items lurking in there that you can bring along.

7th December Christmas celebrations

A bring-and-share festive feast! Please bring a plate of either sweet or savoury goodies to share with everyone. And rumour has it that Santa may even leave a little gift for us all....



Some satisfied customers at our October meeting

October Meeting Report

As part of our October meeting we welcomed visitors from York 50+ Festival, an event which goes from strength to strength and is now in its 9th year. Our members had brought work to show the variety of items that could be made from hooking and prodding; these included rugs, wall hangings, cushions, bags and Christmas decorations which all made a colourful and varied display showing our skills to their best advantage.

We had a steady stream of visitors throughout the day who tried their hand at some basic techniques and also other activities including making rag rug wreaths and corsages. We had some very appreciative comments from our visitors, including one who wrote on our Facebook page "really enjoyed our time with you yesterday. You were all so friendly and generous with your advice - thank you!"

Many thanks to our members who all helped to make our visitors so welcome, gave them cups of tea and coffee and gave them a hand getting started. Also thank you to everyone who brought work along for the display. And to our visitors - thank you for coming to see us, and we hope to see you again!

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page from time to time - we have 47 "likes" now and lots of lovely comments too! There are also several galleries of photos on there for you to browse through of various Ebor Ruggers workshops and events. You can either access them via our website front page, or search in Facebook for Ebor Ruggers. You don't need to be signed up to Facebook to see our page.

New library books

When we visited Yarndale we treated ourselves to some lovely shiny new books for the club, so look out for them on the library table at the next meeting:

Pictorial hooked rugs, by Jane Halliwell Green

Rugs in bloom: shading flowers in hooked rugs, by Jane Halliwell Green

Shading flowers: the complete guide for rug hookers, by Jeanne Field

Prodded hooking for a three-dimensional effect, by Gene Shepherd

The rug hooker's bible, ed by Gene Shepherd

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Jumble Fever...

November sees a bumper crop of jumble sales if you fancy a trip out to find that crucial bit of fabric...

Saturday 23rd November at 2pm, Thornton-le-Clay. Also on that day at the same time is Sheriff Hutton's giant jumble.

Then on Wed 6th November at 6pm, another at St Luke's Burton Stone Lane

Get there early for the bargains!

POETRY CORNER

Hooking Rugs and Ice-fishing by Parker Towle, physician-poet from New Hampshire

He volunteered with a dying patient
expecting to go through the five stages of grief
at the first meeting. Instead
she talked about hooking rugs:

the needle, the thread, the cloth,
the rhythmic movement of the hands.
He tried other matters in conversation --
she talked of hooking rugs

On the next visit she spoke of intricacies
and hardships of ice-fishing that her husband
had done before his death. Week after week,
hooking rugs and ice-fishing

Angered, he said to friends,
"I can't go on with this
interminable hooking rugs
and ice-fishing."

One day as they sat
in the hospital cafeteria,
she going on, he bored and vexed
with hooking rugs and ice-fishing

the room
went silent, air turned
a luminous shade of green, hooking
rugs and ice

fishing stopped. She leaned over and said,
"I could not have done this
without you,"
then on again with hooking rugs

and ice-fishing. Soon after she died. At the funeral
relatives said to him, "Thank you,
all she ever spoke about was you"



Crochet bunting and the Yarndale bus

Yarndale Report

On the 28th September three intrepid Ebor Ruggers set out bright and early from York to visit Yarndale. This was a new event taking place in Skipton celebrating traditional and contemporary crafts using wool, cotton, linen and silk in an area which is still the home of many yarn-based businesses.

After a misty drive through the Dales we arrived just as the show was opening – a wise move as it turned out, as a) we could park without too much trouble and b) we could grab a quick cup of coffee before we looked round all the tempting stands. It also meant we could have an early chat in the Knit 'n' Natter Lounge to Lucy who was one of the hard-working team of Yarndale organisers and who writes our favourite blog, Attic 24 – you can find it here:

<http://attic24.typepad.com/weblog/>

There were so many lovely yarny things of all colours and textures we hardly knew where to start looking! Not to mention several interesting workshops on offer, an Oxfam stall collecting spare wool for charity makes, and some gorgeous Alpacas. For me one of the highlights was the fantastic crochet bunting which adorned the entrance hall. People from all over the world had contributed triangles to this, and it looked absolutely stunning.

As the day wore on it became very busy and the queues for food and the loos were long, but the atmosphere was wonderful, everyone was in great spirits and the time flew by until it was time for us to return home to York.

We're already looking forward to Yarndale 2014! We all felt that it would definitely be worth having a group trip there next year – watch this space!

Sadly, John Humpleby has decided to give up running the raffle table for us. I am sure that we would all like to extend our grateful thanks to John for all that he has done for our club. The raffle table raises enough money every month to cover the cost of the hall rental, and John has carried out this task faithfully and efficiently. We hope to see him at a meeting sometime soon.

Is there anyone who would like to take on this invaluable role?

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