



NEWSLETTER

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A
right rug
pile-up!

October's meeting

Another busy meeting with approximately 30 members attending. Thanks to those who brought along some examples of Christmas rugging projects which can be seen in the photo right. I know it seems a bit early to be thinking of Christmas but you know what they say - "it'll soon be here" !! They included bells, Christmas trees, wall-hangings and Christmas wreaths. Lots of inspiration for projects for the next couple of months.



Meeting Dates

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

- 5th November - working meeting and "swop shop". We all have things lurking in our crafting store box (cupboard? room?) that we thought were a good idea at the time and if we are honest we are never, ever, going to actually use. Not even for rugging. SO, look out those items that are staring at you and making you feel guilty and bring them along. We put all donations on long tables and everyone can scoop up the treasure trove that they have just the use for. No money changes hands, it truly is just a swap shop. We guarantee you will find something to replace your own donation! Thanks Jenny for this description of what the swop shop involves.
- 3rd December - "Secret Santa" and Christmas Lunch. Bring along a "rag rug related" present to put under the tree and some food to share. 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 photo above left is of all the rugs made for our exhibition at Gray's Court. There were over 50 and created quite a pile in my garage as they waited to be hung!

Thank you to all who put rugs in to the Exhibition. They will be brought to the November meeting for you to collect. If you can't make it there please let Jenny know on 01904 652222.

MEETING 5TH NOVEMBER - IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been told that there is a big coffee morning in BOTH halls in the morning of 5th November. Apparently it is an annual event and they have the halls booked till 1pm. Seems there has been a bit of a crossover, but no matter. As many of us turn up before the usual start time of 12.30 anyway, we suggest that you come along as usual (or even earlier??) and avail yourselves of what promises to be good coffee and cake and possible bargains. Plus of course the Charity Shop will be open. What more can a ruggers want?

The ladies running the coffee morning say they will do their best to be clear of at least the big hall by 12.30 but it may be difficult. Please can we ask for your patience with this, we will start our meeting as soon as we possibly can.

DON'T FORGET THE SWAP SHOP!

The second thing about this meeting is to remind everyone that we are holding another Swap Shop. In case anyone fairly new to Ruggers is not clear, this is also a reminder that what you do is bring along anything from your collection of crafting (especially rugging) materials that you feel you have looked at long enough and will probably never need.

We put everything out on long tables and everyone can fall upon your rejects with glad cries and spirit them off home. In return, you can fall with glad cries on other peoples' rejects and take them home yourself! It never fails to give people inspiration, and often the very thing they have been looking for. No money

changes hands, it is a simple swapping exercise.

DOORMATS EXHIBITION

This was taken down on Thursday 13th October after two and a half weeks of our bringing joy to a whole host of visitors to Gray's Court. We did not, unfortunately, sell many rugs (just 2 at the last count, with a possible 3rd still awaiting confirmation). But Gray's were very pleased indeed with our colourful addition to their walls and even more pleased with the busy stream of visitors who arrived throughout the exhibition, clutching programmes from the 50+ Festival or cuttings from The Press. Some Ebor members went in to sit in the Cafe on a number of days over the Exhibition and the response from people coming to the Cafe was great. Some people came just to look, some were there for coffee or lunch but most took the time to chat about what we do and admire the rugs. Included in their numbers were a woman from Derbyshire who had come up specially, having seen the advertisement on the website, and a woman from Canada and another from Australia who had never heard of rag rugging but have gone off home to start! Our fame is spreading.

Unfortunately it was not very easy to emphasise that the rugs were actually for sale - there are limits to what can be put up in the way of posters and some of our booklets and leaflets tended to get misplaced when staff were cleaning or moving tables. But it was still well worth doing in terms of advertising our presence and we have learned much from this venture that will help us for future exhibitions.

Dates For Your Diary.

- **30/10/11** - Flare contemporary art and craft market 11-4 at The Chapel, York Cemetery, York
- **6/11/11** - Flare as above but at the Tithe Barn in Nether Poppleton.
- **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 ruggers 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. Telno 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. More info in the next newsletter.