



Ebor Ruggers

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MEETING NEWS

7th September Working meeting and Deborah Hastings workshop "Knitting & Rugging combined". The workshop will start at 10.30am and lunch will be provided for those attending this. A reminder that if you are booked on the workshop you will need to bring the following materials:

Two duvet covers (single or double), preferably one patterned and one plain, in colours that complement each other.

A pair of sharp scissors

A cutting board if you have one (we can also use our Ebor Ruggers one)

Knitting needles – 6.5mm and 7mm

We are all looking forward to an exciting workshop that will show us some new techniques to use in our rugging!



Enjoying our picnic in the sunshine at Stillingfleet Lodge.

August Meeting Report

The glorious summer weather continued with the sun shining down as we met up for our picnic on August 3rd at Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens. We set up our chairs and rugging in the midst of the beautiful gardens where we attracted lots of interest and at least one potential new member. Many thanks to the owner of the garden, Vanessa Cook, for making us so welcome.

Visitors to the garden can make hot drinks and sample delicious home-made cakes in a large room which also contains information about the garden and various cards and art works for sale. One of our members mentioned in passing to Vanessa that the walls would look good with some rag rug hangings, and her reply was very favourable. So thank you to Lindsay for her suggestion! If anyone wants to follow this up and consider selling their work in this way, please contact Vanessa Cook at Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens.

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OCTOBER MEETING – AN URGENT PLEA!

At our meeting on 5th October we will be welcoming visitors as part of the annual York 50+ Festival. As we did last year, we are offering (and advertising in the festival brochure) a Christmas skills workshop. This will give both our members and visitors the opportunity to try their hands at various festive-themed activities.

In the past we have made rag wreaths, rag birds, 3D Christmas trees, brooches and tags. We can of course do these again, but it would also be good to offer something a little bit different. Have you ever made anything Christmassy that would be suitable for this event? Could you pass on your skills to others? It doesn't necessarily have to be ragrugging, anything using recycled materials and textiles would be excellent. It would also be good to have a table where visitors were encouraged to try out the basics of hooking and prodding, so helpers will be needed there too. PLEASE do give this appeal your consideration – your club really needs YOU!

We also hope to have some of our work on display in the hall for our visitors to admire. So bring along your rugs, bags, cushions and other items.

It was great to hear from Jenny Barnes again recently. She sent us the following message:

"I discovered that Worthing Art Gallery was staging an open exhibition and tried my luck by entering three rugs (maximum three pieces allowed). I entered three very different designs, aiming to test the water for the sort of things the selectors might like. I felt that probably the rug I made especially for the event might fit the bill and so it proved - it was accepted for exhibition. Hooray! I am delighted. Worthing Art Gallery clearly not as stuffy as York - they are very keen to include and encourage local artists and are very happy to see textiles and quirky stuff. My stepdaughter also entered a 3-D sculptural piece - created from 'found' objects (she loves recycling too!) and her own artwork - and had it accepted.

This sort of initiative gives huge boost to local artists both professional and amateur and it's great to be a part of it. It's a shame that York does not do anything like this but it occurs to me that other art galleries in Yorkshire might do so. And if so they might accept entries from the whole county and not just the town or city they represent. Worthing and Littlehampton galleries, for example, accept entries from residents in the whole of Sussex. I feel sure that Ebor Ruggers can produce wonderful rugs more than capable of holding their own through a selection process and indeed many galleries do welcome entries in 'unusual' media. Wonder if some of you might give it a try?"

Definitely worth thinking about... We are also pleased to announce that Jenny will be visiting Ebor Ruggers next year to run a workshop for us, so look out for more details when next year's programme is available.

Oh we do like to be beside the seaside.... especially when it's festooned with knitting! Yes, the yarnbombers have struck again in Saltburn-by-the-Sea, so recently three of our members who are also keen knitters took a trip there to admire their handiwork. First we had a ride in the delightful Victorian cliff lift, powered by water, down to the beach. Then we strolled slowly down the pier looking at all the wonderful knitted items tied to the railings, all with a seaside theme - mermaids, seals, fisherman and many others all sat alongside each other. Naturally we enjoyed some fish and chips, a stroll on the beach and an ice-cream before returning home on the train. A grand day out! Have a look at some photos on our Facebook page - you can find the link on our website www.eborruggers.com

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Jenny's beautiful rug which will be on display at Worthing Art Gallery as part of their Open 13 exhibition which runs until 16th November.

September promises to be an exciting month for all textile lovers as there are two big events taking place not too far away from York.

The first is British Wool Weekend on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September at the Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate. This is the third year for this event which aims to raise the profile of British wool and the many related products produced from it.

We have our own meeting on Saturday of course, so you could enjoy a wildly woolly weekend!

Then on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September at Skipton Auction Mart comes Yarndale, a brand new venture which will celebrate traditional and contemporary crafts using wool, cotton, linen and silk in an area which is still the home of many yarn-based businesses.

Both shows will feature demonstrations, and there are also a variety of workshops on offer at Yarndale.

Find out more at www.britishwool.net and www.yarndale.co.uk