

Ebor Ruggers

September 2017

September Meeting

Following the traditional August picnic, the September meeting was attended by thirty members. Heather Richie joined us and was, as usual, highly entertaining. She explained all about TIGHR and previous conferences that have been held in Canada, Japan, America and Australia. If you want to partake in conferences, workshops and general meeting up with overseas visitors or indeed from this country then you have to join, it is only by joining that these things can be organised out of the funds. The only event which can be visited by anyone is the exhibition in Grinton Church.



Peggy Hesketh

Following the Peggy Hesketh auction and rug sale a total of £279.60 was raised. Half was donated to Rug Aid and the rest to York Arc Light at the request of Peggy's daughter who commented that her mother would have been very pleased.

Binding Demonstration

Many thanks to Lilly Barton, for her talk and demonstration during the picnic. A great opportunity for members to share and learn from each other.

Library

Stocks of library books are getting low. There is no limit on loan period but due to lengthy loans there is now little choice left to borrow! Please check your bookshelves for forgotten tomes and as a courtesy to other members please return books within a reasonable time.

We are presently searching for the following 'lost' books:

Grenfell - Silk Stockings and Materials

Miriam Miller - Proggy and Hooky Rugs

Crochet Workshop from Liz Pert

A few notes for the October crochet rug workshop:

Knowledge of crochet is NOT necessary!

You will need to bring yarn or jersey material (t-shirts etc.) and a hook. I will bring a few bits of material and some hooks, but not enough for everyone!

I've made 3 types of rug, all using different thicknesses of jersey material.

The blue and white rug is double thickness t-shirt. Cut across to get a loop and join with the next loop (I will demonstrate!). It's very hard wearing with no knots/joins...but a bit tricky to get the exact length of a loop to finish a round! Needs a **15mm hook**.

The pink and white rug is single thickness t-shirt. Cut up and down the front to get a long piece of 'yarn'. This is a lighter rug, easier to wash and easy to get the right length! **Needs a 10mm hook**.

The blue and pink rug is using commercial recycled jersey yarn (available online, Google zpagetti or hooked yarn). This rug used 2 and a bit cones. (The bit is the brown at the edge.) The problem with using this is you can't guarantee that the thicknesses will be the same...I ended up cutting the blue down the middle for the whole cone! So theoretically no cutting and a neater look but does NOT use up your stash! Depends on the thickness of the yarn, but usually a **12mm hook** needed.

It all depends on how thick your material is as to what size hook you need.

Jersey material is stretchy and easier to use when crocheting. but you can use non stretchy material but you need to accommodate this when crocheting, it's harder work! Hooks can be bought from wool shops and online. **The larger the hook, the looser the work will be.**

My rugs are circular - just easier to teach! You can do any shape and colour and do patterns just as you can in crochet. I'm going to teach the circular ones as you only need 3 stitches and don't have to crochet into the chain...The stitches used are chain, slip stitch and treble crochet (English) (double crochet - American).

I assure you it's very easy! If you have any questions please email me on elizabethpert@gmail.com



Christmas



At our December meeting we are pleased to welcome back Heather Richie for a workshop. She is willing to help us learn many of the techniques she demonstrated in September, including quilting, flowers, and patchwork incorporated into a rug. The workshop will run from 10.30 - 12.30 prior to the usual Christmas meeting. Please note this is a workshop and not a talk and will cost approximately £15 - this may reduce if sufficient members sign up.

Apologies for the short notice but if you want to join in please pay Angela at the October meeting. Angela would also be interested in knowing which techniques you would most like to learn.

Please also note that the normal Christmas meeting will start at 1.00. Don't arrive earlier as the workshop will still be ongoing.

Dates for Diaries

Durham Rug Makers 7th October - clashes with our meeting but details as shown.



Elizabeth Grubb

Durham Rug Makers
Invite you to a Textile Crafts Fayre
Saturday 7th October 2017
Bowburn Community Centre, Durham DH6 5AT
Admission is free
10.30am to 3pm
Exhibition of PROGEY and HOOKY mats and wall hangings
Demonstrations of:
Mat making
Spinning and weaving
Talk Pottery
Quilting
Turkish crochet
Embroidery
Get stocked up for Christmas with unusual handmade gifts
From local handcrafts people
Craft materials, textiles, yarns etc. craft books for sale
Raffle and Tombola
Refreshments and cake stall
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Working Meeting and Crochet workshop

