



Ebor Ruggers

September 2018

August picnic

Angela recalls a special day of rugging and companionship:

The dew was still on the grass when Elizabeth, my daughter Kristy and myself turned up with two car loads of all sorts from Jill Pearson's vast collection of rugging materials, books and tools.

Setting out the raffle table, sales table and members' swaps table inside, we then turned our attention to filling the grass verge alongside the car park with the contents of the two cars. It was very impressive and members spent an afternoon of discovery searching through tools and books and finding just the right colour blanket and oh, forgot to mention the yarn too, four huge boxes of it.

Meringues arrived with Elizabeth too, I think if she ever arrived without any there would be a lynch mob waiting. As well as a beautiful selection of cakes there was fruit salad and melon too.

Gradually, with all the goods laid out, members started arriving with their chairs and lunches, the atmosphere outside happy with lots of laughter. £200 was raised for Sarcoma cancer which Jill's partner Adrian had nominated after we said we would try and raise some money from Jill's treasures.





September meeting



Twenty five members and two guests listened, enthralled, to Jacqueline James' account of her creative journey from a little girl growing up amid the landscapes of the USA to becoming only one of seven professional rug weavers who who make a living from their craft in the UK.

Although some of the weaving technical terms flew over our 'hooky' heads, her colours and designs resonated with many of us and we all appreciated her generosity in sharing tips and hints of hand-dyeing as we marvelled at the many huge installations, a lot of them ecclesiastical, that reinforced her philosophy of depicting light out of darkness.

We loved the chance to handle the rug samples Jacqueline brought along to show us, two of which had never before been seen in public. It was also intriguing to learn that one of Jacqueline's hobbies is rug hooking!



Bus trip to Grinton, Tuesday 9th October

Several members handed in items for display in Grinton church during the forthcoming TIGHR triennial. The last space on the coach that leaves the Knavesmire at 9am and returns late afternoon has now been filled. The plan is to visit the exhibition and then browse the delights of Reeth in the afternoon..... retail therapy, what's not to like?

Work in Progress

It was a delight to glimpse work in progress at our September meeting, a flavour of which appears alongside and below. This amazing vintage suitcase with its post-war contents is one of Shirley D's car-boot treasures. I particularly enjoyed renewing acquaintance with this highland cow who seems to be growing in stature every month.



and look how these colours 'pop.'
What a wealth of talent lurks! in our midst.



Sale of Jill's Jill Pearson's 'bits and bobs'

The final items from Jill's stash were offered for sale by donation and the money raised, £47.40, added to the previous total of £252.60, means that £300 will be handed over to Jill's partner, Adrian, to be given to the Sarcoma cancer charity. Many thanks for the generosity of our members. For someone who never actually made a rug, Jill's legacy will live on in all of our future work.

A Glimpse into the Future

Angela showed us examples of Christmas wreaths that she and other committee members had made. The plan is to deck the hall with, not boughs of holly, but Christmas wreaths during our December meeting. These samples will be available for inspection again in October, but in the meantime, start browsing your books and favourite websites for ideas.



Elizabeth will demonstrate her version in October for those whose hands need to be held, but if you have a favourite wreath design that you would be willing to share with us, please do bring it along to the meeting; (and yes, Shirley A, we are talking about December 2018 for completed wreaths on display!). Angela and Jan will complete the wreath tuition in November.

Another October treat in store

For many of us, the least favourite part of making a rug is the finishing off of the edges. Margaret Hockey will guide us through several ways of finishing a rug at the October meeting. Please cluster round her table if you are interested in knowing more.

Forthcoming events you might be interested in:

Tuesday September 18 Felt Vessels workshop at The Bee Loft,
www.thebeeloft.com

15/16 and 22/23 September East Yorkshire Open Studios
www.eastyorkshireopenstudios2018.com

29/30th September Yarndale 2018 in Skipton
www.yarndale.co.uk

29/30th September Masham Sheep Fair
www.mashamsheepfair.com

19, 20, 21 October 10 York Crafters... Mainly Rag Rugs
in York Cemetery Chapel (01904 624272)

and finally, Lindsay has put out a plea for denim, any shade, for a project she is working on. Contact her (lindsayb1951@live.co.uk) or 01904 634561

Just a gentle reminder..... we are primarily a rug-making club (the clue is in the name).....please bring **rugging** to our meetings...

Feedback welcomed at eborruggers@gmail.com Happy rugging!

