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Hello everyone

Another opportunity for you to grab a cuppa and take 5 minutes to catch up on all our news.

We've had a very busy month with our stall at the Cathedral and the first flower show of the year. We met lots of old and new customers and after what seems forever, we had workers back at the stall. Hannah, Ryan, Jonathan and Lucy loved meeting everyone and selling our products. Hannah got a WOW for her contribution over 2 days; she is a natural at sales 😊

We have welcomed lots of visitors to the Workshops and been out to deliver a noticeboard to West Tanfield Tennis Club which they are delighted with.

There is still time to sign up for our Annual Golf Day taking place on 30th June; details are on page 14.

If you would like to send a recipe or gardening tip in, please contact [anna.smith@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:anna.smith@jennyruth.co.uk)

Have a great month and see you all again soon.

Take Care



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"I put glue on the bamboo sticks for the bug homes and I did some drilling for the bird boxes. I have done the magazine group for the April edition where I did the Spring Wordsearch and talked about upcoming events" - Annie



"I have been working on the ideas of Jubilee colours on the bird boxes and I also do a lot of detail painting."  
- Jamie



"I've been touching up products. I have been in the gardening group which I have on a Thursday. I have been stencilling bird boxes."  
- Beth

"I've been busy painting bird boxes. In woodwork I've been making bug homes." - Chris



# Our Amazing WOWs

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month James, Jamie A, Ryan, Emma L, Thomas and Andrew received Worker of the Week (WOW).

## WOW

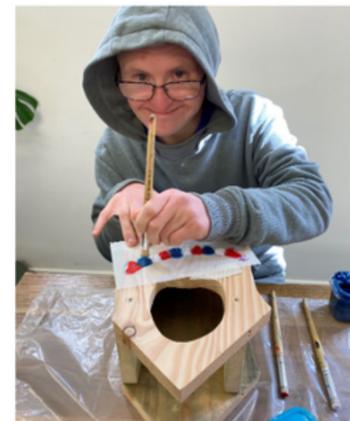


James Fisher  
Worker of the Week  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- For focusing and concentrating on his painting
- For improving his computer skills and laser cutting skills
- For his lovely sense of humour



## WOW



Jamie Allen  
Worker of the Week  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- For being so helpful clearing up at the end of the sessions
- For keeping positive when things go wrong, not getting upset
- For using his initiative, problem solving and working as part of a team in his publicity and media, and gardening groups



## WOW



Ryan Hearfield  
Worker of the Week |  
11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- For getting on with his work and painting and stencilling very well
- For always being cheery and helpful
- For his work in the design group to be revealed soon



## WOW



Emma Laycock  
Worker of the Week  
11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- For her empathy towards her colleagues especially at Monk Park Farm
- For taking on the packaging of our products and using her initiative
- For her excellent guided tours around the workshops



# WOW



Tom Hodgson  
Worker of the Week  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- For his great work packing and labelling
- For going over and above his usual work routine
- For showing us how he can be adaptable and flexible



# WOW



Andrew Wilford  
Worker of the Week  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- For his great work packing products for the Harrogate flower show
- For using his initiative and always being polite and helpful
- For his enthusiasm and work in the gardening group



# Visits and Events



**Andrew Jones MP** came to visit Jennyruth Workshops and to see what we've been doing. We gave him a tour of the workshop and Jamie showed him his incredibly detailed painting skills.

When **Jo Ropner, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire**, last visited us we tested her painting skills. This time we focused on the incredible work that our team has put in during the pandemic and shared our exciting future plans for the building.



**Venetia Wrigley, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire**, came to talk to everybody on her last day in office. She was lovely to talk to. Linda spoke to her about how wonderful it is to have girls in woodwork. "I like to talk and natter while doing bird boxes and I like to bring girl power to woodwork" says Annie. Jessica says "I like working as a team."

We also want to say a big thank you to **Venetia** for very kindly donating some money towards our Jubilee Celebration.

**Richard Compton's (Our landlord and owner of Newby Hall)** son **Orlando** visited the workshop recently for the first time. He was truly amazed by our charity! We're looking forward to his next visit.

## Harrogate Spring Flower Show

We enjoyed meeting all our customers, both old and new, but having our wonderful workers there was the highlight. It made the event even more special! It was nicely busy and everybody was very friendly. It was quiet on Saturday because it was cold and windy. We even had to get Don (Our Chairman of Trustees) to hold down the gazebo to stop it from blowing away. We're looking forward to being a part of the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show in September.



"I had a really good fantastic day! I enjoyed selling my books and we had ice-cream."

- Jonathan

"I did really well selling bird houses. I learnt how to use the Zettle and I liked talking to customers."

- Ryan

We were invited by **Stuart and April Martin** to the **Chairman's Ball** at Grantley Hall. Nicky, Simon, Anna and Shelley represented Jennyruth Workshops. It was an incredible event in support of four very inspiring charities. It was a great opportunity for our team to network and meet some very interesting people.



The **Spring Food Home and Garden Show** took place at Ripon Cathedral. It was a lovely sunny day and a great opportunity to promote Jennyruth Workshops. It was very quiet but we sold bird boxes and paint your own packs. Ripon Cathedral was such a beautiful setting for the show.





# News from the Workshops

## Bespoke Products



Christopher has been showing off his impressive woodworking skills through the bespoke projects he's worked on. He recently helped build a notice board for a local tennis club and several planters for one of our volunteers



Hannah's talent for painting shone through when making this beautiful bespoke Spring Bunting.



# William's Trip to Diddly Squat Farm

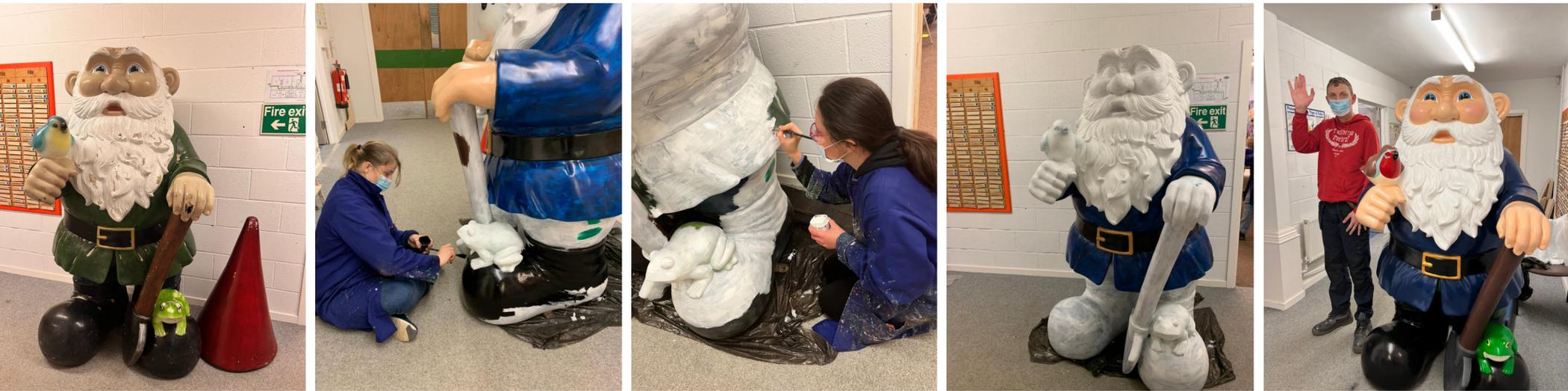


William had an exciting visit to Jeremy Clarkson's Diddly Squat Farm. In preparation, he designed and cut out, on the scroll saw, a tractor with the farm's name engraved on it. He gave it to the shop who proudly put it on display!

William says "I bought some bee juice there at Diddly Squat which is seen on Amazon Prime 'Clarkson's Farm'."



# Monk Park Farm Project



'Monk Park Farm partnered with the lovely team at Jennyruth after seeing their amazing snowman cutouts in the local area (Northallerton). Our ongoing partnership has led to many collaborations including the MPF children's wooden toys, Easter Egg Trail and more recently the introduction of a Guinea Pig Village which is soon to be unveiled at the farm.

The Easter Egg trail has been a huge success with visitors searching the farm for large cut out eggs with letters on them. Once they found them all, the children had to unravel the letters to make a word, head to the café and claim their Easter treat. The hunt was a great success, getting visitors to explore the entire farm and see all that Monk Park Farm has to offer.

The designs Jennyruth came up with were amazing, with many visitors commenting on how good they looked. They've also transformed our giant Gnome into a handsome little fella. We can't wait to see what they do to our guinea pig village.'

**- Jack, Monk Park Farm**





We've really enjoyed working on the products for Monk Park Farm and cannot wait for everyone to see their Guinea Pig Village when it is finally unveiled!



# Fundraising

There are numerous ways that you can support Jennyruth Workshops.



## Charity Golf Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Teams of 4 playing Stableford Competition  $\frac{3}{4}$  Handicap

Jennyruth Workshops Golf Classic  
played at the picturesque Ripon City Golf Club  
with Tee Times from 10.00am until 3.00pm.

A fabulous day is assured with prizes galore

- 1<sup>st</sup> three teams
- Nearest the Pin
- Longest Drive
- Coloured Ball Competition
- plus the inevitable "Wooden Spoon"

**£160** for each team of 4 players (includes two-course meal)

If you can't make it, you can still help this wonderful charity with great sponsorship opportunities.

Contact our Golf Day Organiser: Don Grundy  
Email: don.sadiegrundy@gmail.com  
Tel: 07579969261

To enter Golf Day or find out more about sponsorship opportunities, email Don Grundy on [don.sadiegrundy@gmail.com](mailto:don.sadiegrundy@gmail.com)

Fancy starting your own fundraiser? Click the link to create a Just Giving page and start raising money for Jennyruth Workshops!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=3261823>



Easy Fundraising gives people an easy and free way to raise donations for Jennyruth Workshops through online shopping

You can also add the Donation Reminder button to your browser so whenever you're shopping online – the Donation Reminder automatically lets you know when you're on any site that offers donations with #easyfundraising.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>



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Click the link below to support us while you shop:

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# BLACK DYKE BAND IN CONCERT

WITH THEIR SPECIAL GUESTS  
THE LAKE WOBEGON BAND FROM THE USA

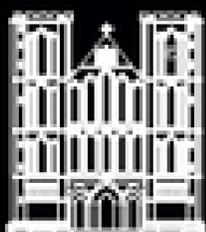


THURSDAY 23 JUNE | RIPON CATHEDRAL

DOORS & BAR OPENS AT 6.30  
CONCERT STARTS AT 7.30  
SEATING IS UNRESERVED  
TICKETS £20 ( £5 UNDER 16)

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& THE WALLED GARDEN  
RIPON H.E.L.P.  
RIPON SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK  
RIPON YMCA



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## Knareborough Mummers

After a set of fully-booked ghost walks in 2021, members of the Knareborough Mummers are conducting more tours this year, starting at Easter. We've added to our tales of hauntings with some stories learned from members of the public during the last tours. We've got creepy tales involving strange sightings in dank cellars, and levitating bedpans in a crumbling hospital. Plus some dramatic interludes, possibly involving appearances from long-dead Knareborough characters. Tours cost £5 for adults, £2.50 for under-16s, with all proceeds going to Jennyruth Workshops and other local charities. Tours are on 21 June, 17 Aug, 26 Oct and 21 Dec. Booking and other details at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/knareborough-knightmares](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/knareborough-knightmares).

Please come and support an eventful evening for good causes.

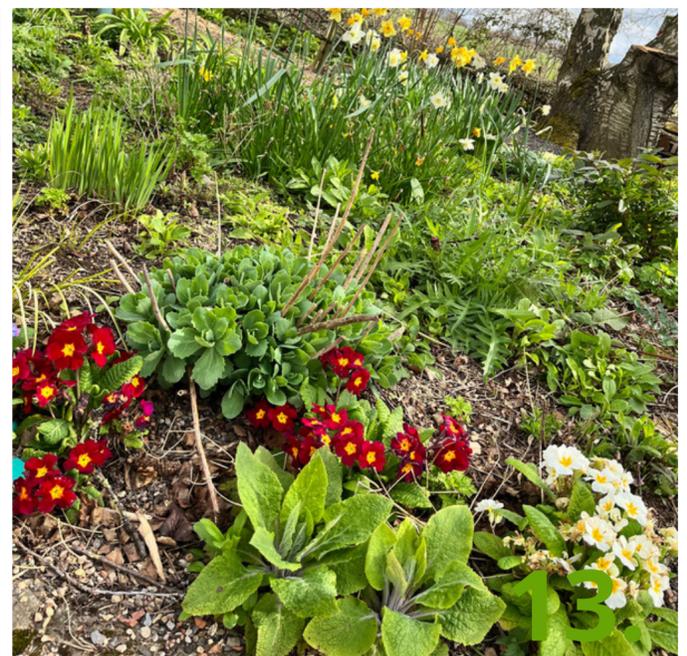


# Garden Gnowledge

Annie caught up with the Gardening Group to ask about all the work they've been doing to make the garden look beautiful.

Jonathan says "Sunflowers and Marigolds. Been weeding, planting herbs, cleaning the benches, sorting out the compost and watering planters and pots."

Haven't they done a fabulous job!

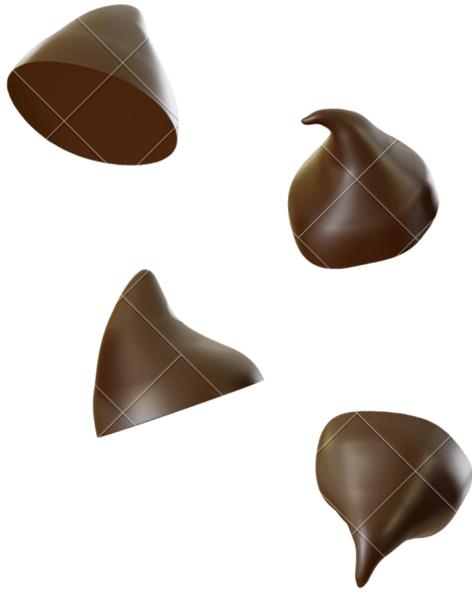




# Cooks' Corner



## Chris C's Banana and Chocolate Chip Cake Recipe



- 125g butter
- 150g caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 100g chocolate chips, white or milk are best
- 190g self raising flour
- 60ml milk

### STEP 1

Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin. Melt butter, sugar and vanilla in a saucepan over a medium heat.

### STEP 2

Remove from heat and add the mashed bananas, mix well.

### STEP 3

Add the egg, mix well.

### STEP 4

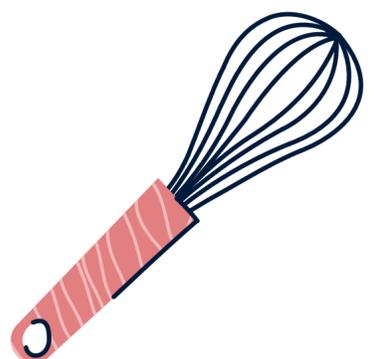
Stir in the flour and the milk. Once combined add the chocolate chips.

### STEP 5

Pour into the prepared tin, sprinkle with a tablespoon of demerara sugar to give a crunch topping if liked.

### STEP 6

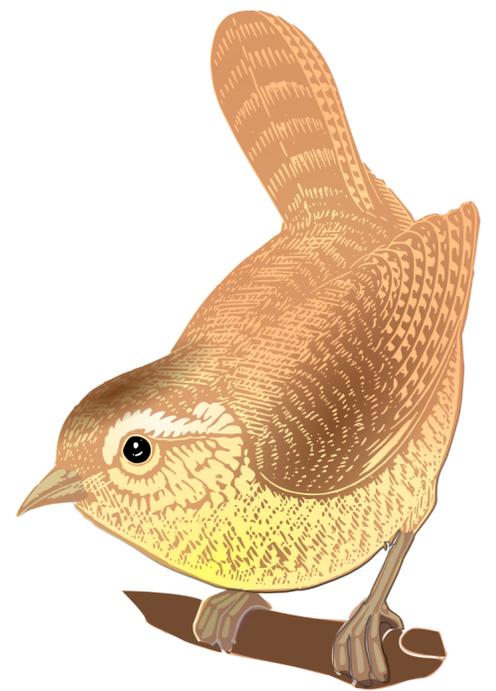
Bake at 150 C fan oven (or 170 C regular, Gas mark 3) for 45 mins, until a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool and enjoy.





# Rainy Day Relaxation

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spring	sunshine	daisys	daylight
lambs	brids	april	hayfever
flowers	may	beautiful	primrose
easter	bbq	bulbs	marigolds
chicks	blossom	buttercups	tulips
eggs	breeze	purple	
daffodils	growing		



# Jamie's Jokes

How do brand new spring flowers greet each other?

**Hey bud!**

What are a baby chick's favourite plant?

**Eggplants**

Why did the bird go to the hospital?

**It needed some tweet-meant**

What do you call a bear caught in a spring shower?

**A drizzly bear**



# Happy Birthday

## May

Lindsay Allen  
Don Grundy  
Nicky Newell  
Ryan Rhodes  
James Newell  
Emma Laycock  
Shelley Atkinson  
Andrew Wilford  
Judith Pope



## May 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.

**1st prize - No 97**

**2nd prize - No 3**

**3rd prize - No 73**



# Thank You

## Ripon Trailer Centre

Thank you very much for lending us one of your trailers for the Harrogate Spring Flower Show.



## Morrisons Ripon

Thank you very much for donating 30 Easter Eggs to our charity as a present for each of our workers at Easter.

The wonderful **Skelldale Singers** recently performed in Sharow with all the proceeds going to us. We just wanted to say a huge thank you to the fabulous choir and also to everyone who bought tickets.



# Dates for the Diary

## A note for volunteers

If you would like to help out at any of our events, especially Harlow Carr and The Autumn Flower Show, then please get in touch by emailing Avril at [info@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk).

## June



### Jennyruth Workshops Jubilee Party

**Wednesday 1st June 1pm - 3pm**

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by throwing an afternoon tea in the Jennyruth Workshops garden.

We will also be celebrating all the incredible work that our volunteers do, we couldn't do what we do without them!

### RHS Garden Harlow Carr Flower Show

**23rd - 26th June 9am - 6pm**

After such an amazing event last year we're back at Harlow Carr this Summer.

A great opportunity to purchase our beautiful habitat homes while also browsing and buying quality plants from specialist nurseries.



# July and August



## Heritage Crafts Weekend

**16th and 17th July 10am - 4pm**

Over 20 local heritage craft makers, including us, will be gathered at Fountains Abbey for the Heritage Crafts Weekend.

It's free entry for Ripon residents on the 16th July, you can collect your 'Ripon Residents Pass' available from the Tourist Information Centre.



## Harrogate MG Car Rally

**Sunday 7th August 9:30am - 3:30pm**

The MG Car Show is returning Bewerly Park, Pateley Bridge for its 36th show.

We will once again be having a stall at the event and look forward to see everyone there.

# September – December

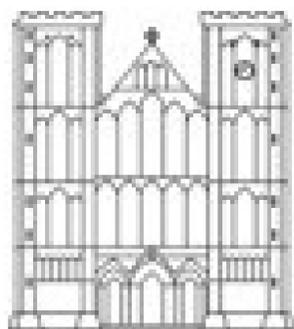
## Autumn Flower Show at Newby Hall

**16th - 18th September**

Beautiful show gardens, amazing shopping, live entertainment and a Jennyruth Workshops stall....what more could you want!



**HARROGATE  
FLOWER SHOWS**



**RIPON  
CATHEDRAL**

## Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fair

**25th - 26th November 9:30am - 4:30pm**

Join us again at the hugely popular annual Christmas Gift and Food Fair with stalls of seasonal gifts and food in the nave of Ripon Cathedral. The fair offers the perfect unique shopping experience and live music.

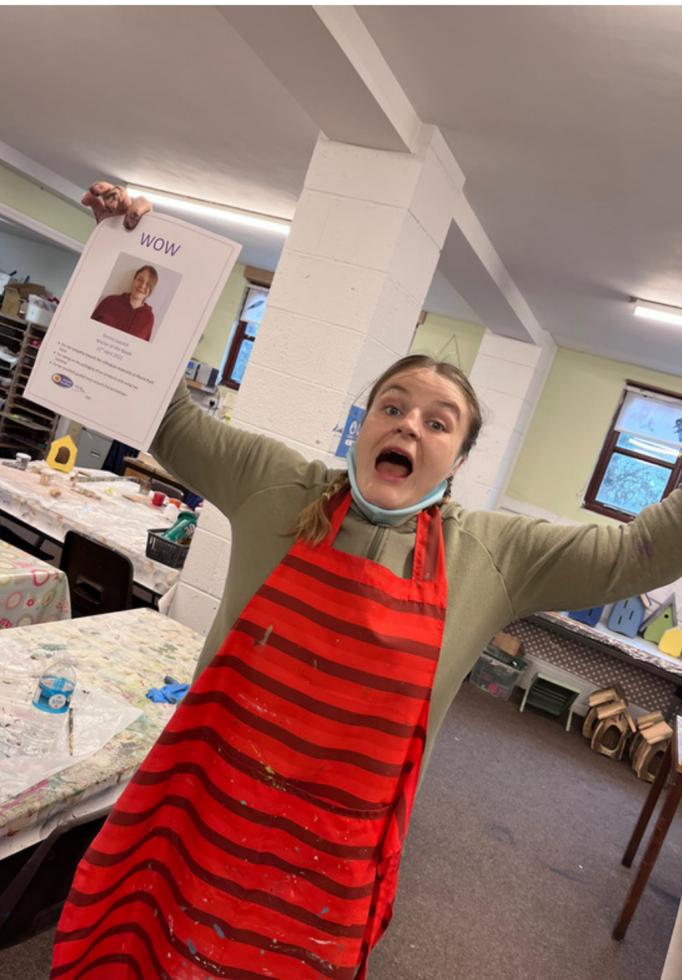
## Jennyruth Workshops Christmas Party

**Saturday 10th December 5pm -8pm**

Pop the date in your diary for our annual Christmas Party.

More information to follow, later in the year!





# A Message from



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