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Hello again

Welcome to another packed edition of The Wren.

I knew we had been busy this month but hadn't realised quite how busy. What haven't we done this month? We have been out to deliver talks and painting workshops as well as several stalls and shows.

This month has seen us doing all things Coronation; commemorative coins through to a 3D crown that is nearly 2 metres across. Look out for photos in our next edition.

Steve Dixon ran in the Mascot Gold Cup for us at Wetherby Race Course on Sunday; he has already said he will run as Loki again next year....thank you Steve, you are a gem!

Our Annual Golf day is coming up in July so if you're a keen golfer all the information is on page 20; we still have spaces for a few teams.

Until next month

Take care

Nicky

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Meet the team



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Our Amazing WOWs

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month Matthew, David, Dawn, Alex, Ryan and Hannah received Worker of the Week (WOW).



Matthew Evason
Worker of the Week
3rd April 2023



- For working really hard on his time keeping
- For doing great detail painting on the rainbow crosses

Nicky

CEO



David Marshall



Worker of the Week
5th April 2023

- For being willing to have a go at everything
- For always being helpful
- For being a superstar salesman at the Wetherby Market

CEO

Nicky



Dawn Wright



Worker of the Week
11th April 2023

- For fantastic stenciling.
- For helping to tidy the extension and doing a great job cleaning cupboards
- For settling in well on a Tuesday
- For being a great addition to the office skills team

CEO

Nicky



Alex Arnall
Worker of the Week
12th April 2023



- For being very enthusiastic during Publicity group.
- For being engaged and on task.
- For sharing some brilliant ideas.

Nicky

CEO



Ryan Hearfield
Worker of the Week
17th April 2023



- For his positivity.
- For working well in the publicity group and coming up with great ideas for social media posts.
- For good teamwork and working independently in packaging with very little support.

Nicky

CEO



Hannah Rollings
Worker of the Week
25th April 2023



- For listening to instructions and following them.
- For assembling wren boxes.
- For choosing the right-handed/left-handed sides and organizing the whole process of assembling them.

Nicky

CEO





Visits and Events

Little Bird Artisan Market in Harrogate

Hannah, Simon, Jackie, Shelley and Louise were running our stall at the Little Bird Artisan Market in the Harrogate Valley Gardens.

"I was selling the products that we make. I talked to customers about what we do at Jennyruth Workshops and why we're a special charity. I loved selling our products. I did a really good job so I was able to stay until the end of the day.

My family came to have a look at our stall and bought some Easter Eggs on sticks," says Hannah.

By Jessica Lewis & Tom Oates



Little Bird Artisan Market in Ripon

I did the little Bird Artisan Market in Ripon. I sold lots of our products and talked to lots of our customers. I bought a Hot Chocolate and a treat for working so hard. My Mum, Dad and I helped Anna, Sally and Linda to pack everything into the minibus at the end of the day.

By Hannah Rollings



Easter Workshops at Fountains Abbey

Fountains Abbey had ordered a selection of unpainted Easter decorations including rabbits, Easter eggs and chicks. They then invited us to run 2 painting workshops at Swanley Grange where we showed groups of children how to paint the decorations.

We told families what we do at Jennyruth Workshops. "My favourite part was teaching the children how to paint rabbits," said Jonathan.

Before they arrived at Fountains Abbey they were able to take part in an Easter trail around the Abbey grounds. We made 2 giant Easter Eggs to advertise where people could buy their chocolate eggs and their trail map.

"It was wet, cold and windy but we had over 60 children, come and make decorations which was fantastic," said Beth.



Talk to Supporting Older People

The Crown Hotel, Harrogate

Beth, Tom, Ryan, Ellen, Dawn, Linda and Anna went to The Crown Hotel in Harrogate to give a talk to the charity Supporting Older People (SOP). We were invited by Kate Rogata, their director, to do a talk as part of their tea and talk programme. Kate is also one of our trustees.

"Ryan and Ellen set up the tech with Anna while Tom and Dawn set up the stall with Linda and I. During the talk, Dawn and I took it in turns to do the reading then we would give Ryan and Ellen a thumbs up when it was time to change slide. Our audience was lovely and friendly. They asked us lots of questions and bought lots of our products," said Beth.



Sharow Coffee Morning

On Saturday 29th April, Nicky and Avril ran a small tabletop stall at Sharow Village Hall for their monthly coffee morning.

The villagers had been out for a litter pick and slowly began to return to the hall for much needed coffee and cakes. It was a wonderful event to meet people and talk about Jennyruth Workshops. Many people had heard of us and would like to visit Jennyruth Workshops to see our lovely workers and buy a birdbox. I enjoyed meeting friends who I hadn't seen for a while and the coffee cake was delicious! A very enjoyable way to spend Saturday morning.



Spring Food, Home and Garden Fair

Ripon Cathedral

Mum, Jerry and I went to Ripon Cathedral on Saturday 16th April for their Spring Food, Home and Garden Fair. I was there to represent Jennyruth Workshops.

My mum, Emma, and I worked alongside Nicky, Anna, Sue and Phoebe with Jerry my guide dog. The morning was a bit quiet but we talked to lots of customers about Jennyruth Workshops and sold some of our handcrafted gifts. In the afternoon, it was steady but quiet with lots of the public wanting to look at the stall and take leaflets home so they could have a look at our online shop.

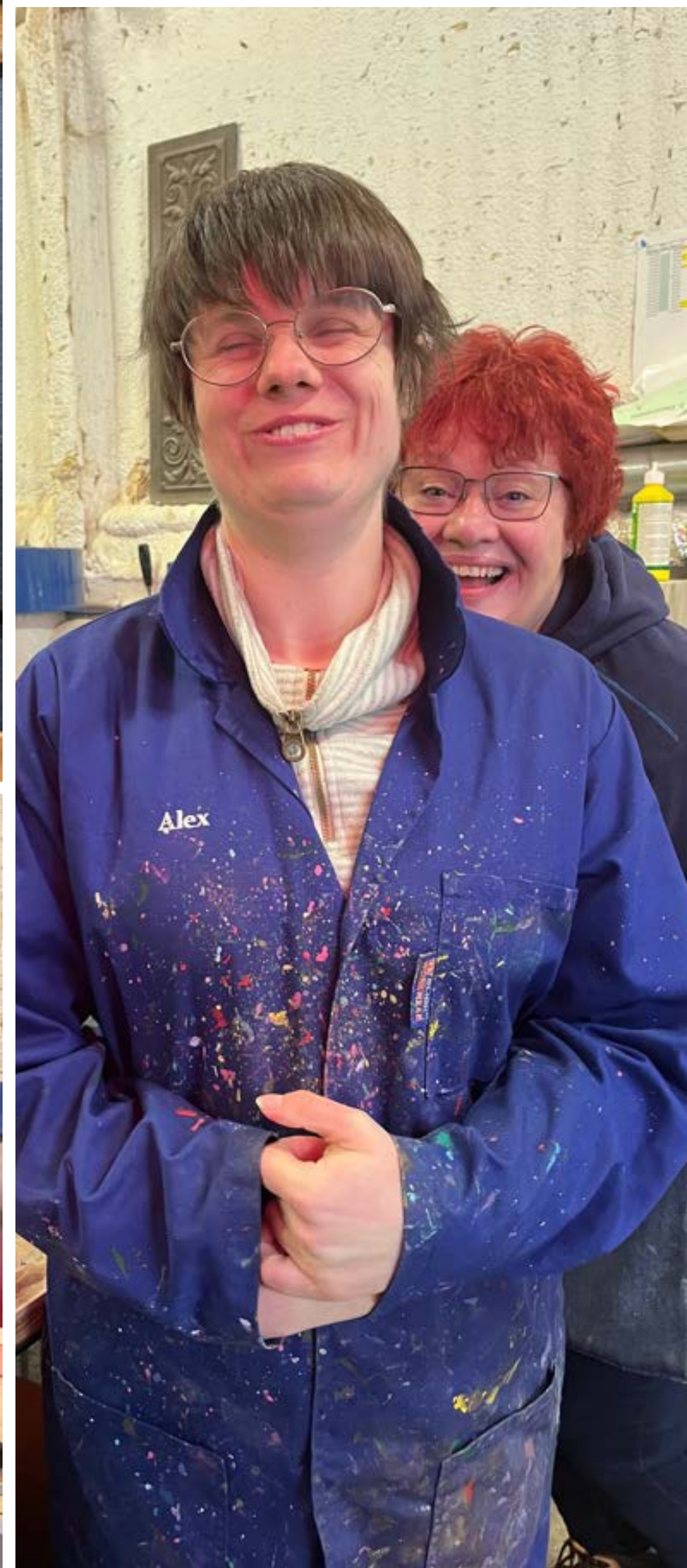
My Mum and I enjoyed our first stall with Jennyruth Workshops. I felt proud and honoured to wear my purple uniform. Jerry enjoyed two hours of working in the cathedral but felt a bit restless sitting for a while. I enjoyed learning how to use the card machine for the first time but I needed a bit of help and advice from mum to see where the green button was, to scan the products.

By Tom Oates



Rachael's Photo Snaps

Rachael was our Head Photographer for this edition of the magazine! She had great fun taking action shots of staff, volunteers and workers.







Community Matters

Harrogate BSAC Diving for All



We're pleased to share with you that Harrogate BSAC is keen to offer supported diving experiences and training for people with and without disabilities under the national BSAC Diving for All (DfA) programme.

We have been running fortnightly DfA sessions on a Thurs evening (8-9pm) at Harrogate Ladies College since Nov 22.

I am pleased to announce that we will be running our first Ripon DfA session on Sat, 4th Feb (5-6pm) – hopefully this will be the first of regular future sessions at the new Ripon pool.

There are physical limitations to the Harrogate Ladies College pool. That means that we can support a limited number of individuals there who are also able to use a standard ladder to access and exit the pool.

The new Ripon pool is fully accessible and that means we can support those with a wider range of needs in a more social environment.

BSAC is a not-for-profit enterprise and so a small charge of £10 per session is made to cover the cost of pool hire – all equipment and support is provided free of charge by volunteers at the Club.

If you would be interested in learning more then please do not hesitate to contact us directly (details as below).

Pam & Dave

Harrogate BSAC DfA Co-Ordinators

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Volunteering

Volunteer Spotlight

The magazine team interviewed Carole and Martyn to find out more about their lives and what made them decide to start volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops.

What is the reason you wanted to start volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops?

M We like working with lots of people like yourselves.

C We wanted to try something different. I like volunteering and helping in the community. Hannah showed us around the workshops and was very enthusiastic which is what made us want to volunteer here.

Did you volunteer anywhere else before Jennyruth?

M Yes, at Ripon Walled Garden. I use to support the members doing gardening and cooking things like scones.

C I also volunteered at Ripon Walled Garden. I did gardening in the morning and arts and crafts in the afternoon making things like pompoms with the members.

What work did you do before you retired?

M I worked for the police in Leeds for thirty years and spent the whole time on the beat. I then worked in Mark and Spencers for a couple of years once I retired.

C Originally, I worked in catering before I retrained as a nursery nurse. We then had a guest house in Harrogate so there were lots of beds to be changed and rooms to be cleaned.

How did you find out about Jennyruth Workshops?

M One of our workers, Rachael, who also attends Ripon Walled Garden told us about Jennyruth Workshops. We then came to your Christmas open day before Covid.

C By helping at Ripon Walled Garden, seeing your stock in Tates and the snowmen in Northallerton.

How do you support the workers?

M I work 1:1 with Tom in the morning but he also supports me as we're both new to woodwork and using all the tools such as saws, drills and screwdrivers. In the afternoon, I love doing painting with Jamie C, Chris and Ben. We like to chat while working to help support each other.

C In the morning, I work 1:1 with Julie painting trugs and bird boxes. In the afternoon, I work 1:1 with Tom in the office doing packing and we talk a lot as well.

What do you do in your spare time?

M I like gardening and volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops. We have a big family so visit them a lot and see our grandchildren.

C Similar to Martyn, I love walking and seeing the grandchildren a lot.

What do you like to do in an evening?

M I like food! I like to go to a pub that has Real Ale. I also like doing Sudoku.

C I like to go for a walk on an evening, watch a bit of TV, see friends, do a crossword and relax.

Do you have a life motto?

C Be kind to people and try to see the good in people.

M I like to think I promote that everyone has the right to do what they want without being bullied into it.

Do you enjoy watching or sport?

M I don't play sport but I used to play basketball when I was in the police. I watch all sorts of sports and support Leeds United football.

C I like Rugby Union. I do the Joe Wicks workouts on a morning. I've got a bike but it's electric to help me up hills.

Do you have any children or grand children?

C We do, we have 4 children and 4 grandchildren who all live in Leeds.



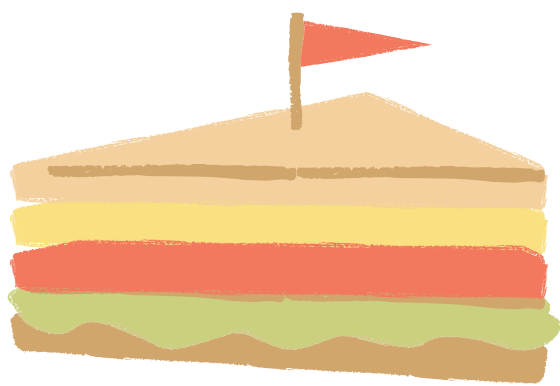
Volunteer Social

The next social of 2023 will be in June 2023.

7pm - 10pm at Copt Hewick Village Hall.

Quiz, food and good company.

Partners welcome.



"Thank you, we loved the last one!"

**"The first event was much appreciated,
thank you."**



**"I haven't got round to thanking you all for a lovely evening,
I really enjoyed it -
Count me in the next one please, thanks again."**



**Please check the events list and if
you would like to help out at any of
these please email Avril at
info@jennyruth.co.uk**

We have a fantastic team of volunteers.

We asked them what has been their favourite Jennyruth Workshops moment.....

Lindsay

"I enjoy seeing everyone achieve! "

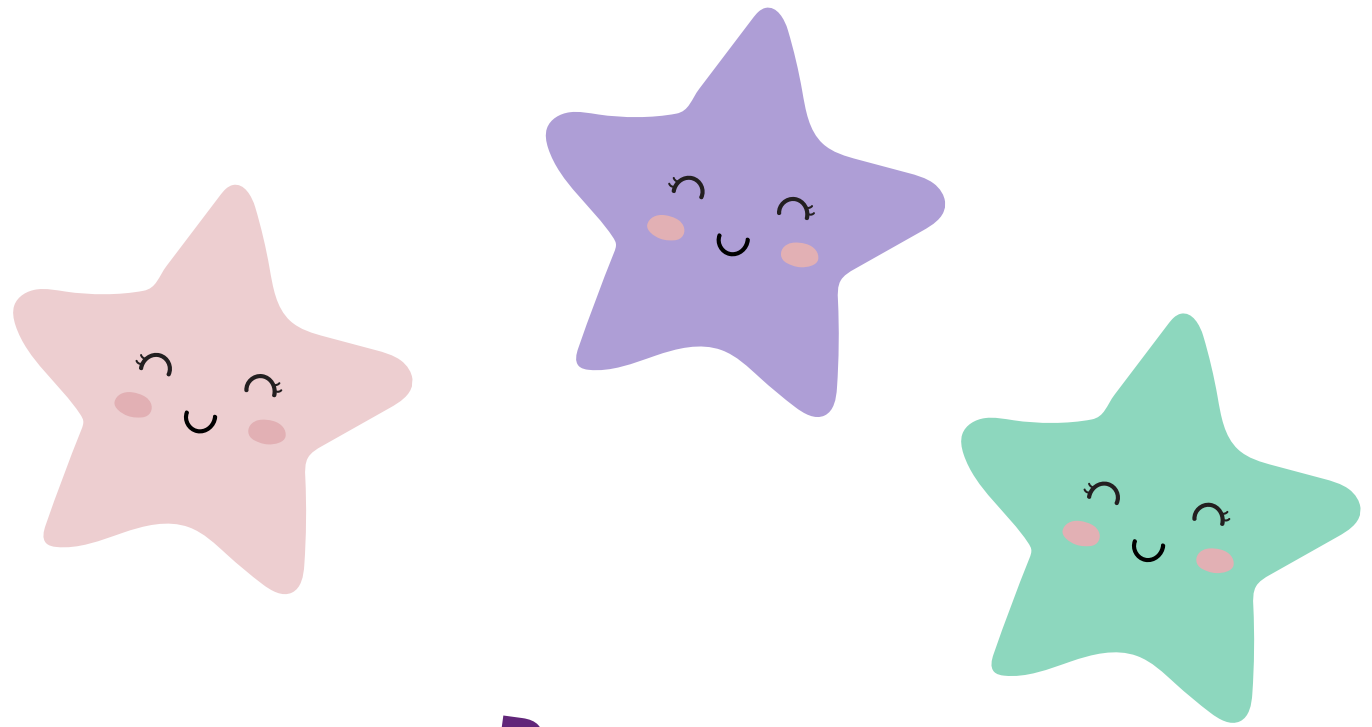


Angie

"I like coming to Jennyruth on a Friday to see everybody. I enjoy the friendliness and teamwork"

Janet

"Helping at Harlow Carr Gardens on the stall. Everyone enjoying jokes and compliments. Knowing that I smile more at Jennyruth Workshops than anywhere else."



Peter

"Working with my troublesome partner in crime Ben!"



The next edition will have more 'favourite moments' from our lovely volunteers.

Fundraising

There are numerous ways that you can support Jennyruth Workshops.

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>



You can donate via our website:
<https://cafdonate.ca/online.org/16026#!/DonationDetails>

Click the link to make a regular or one off donation!

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/>





Charity Golf Day

Monday 10th July 2023

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

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

£180 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.

All proceeds from this event will go to local Jennyruth Workshops

Contact our Golf Day Organiser:
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KNARESBOROUGH KNIGHTMARES



GHOST WALKS IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES



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COFFEE MORNING

In aid of



SATURDAY 27TH MAY

10AM UNTIL 12 NOON

**ASHFIELD HOUSE, BISHOP MONKTON
(THE OATES' HOUSE)**

£2.00 TO INCLUDE:

TEA/COFFEE/SQUASH

HOMEMADE CAKES

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A QUIZ, RAFFLE, SEVERAL
GAMES AND A JENNYRUTH MERCHANDISE STALL.**

ALL WELCOME

Mascot Gold Cup

A fantastic turn out at Wetherby Racecourse for the Sue Ryder Manorlands Mascot Gold Cup!

Our fantastic volunteer Steve, or should I say, 'Loki', raised an amazing £170 for our charity.

"Great fun.... absolutely loved it & signing up again for next year - Brilliant to get some extra exposure for Jennyruth & I will keep Loki as the name for future events....Who knows where Loki might turn up again in the next 12 months !!???!!"

- Steve



Do you love a coffee morning?



Have you always wanted to swim the length of the channel?



Is your dream to have a 24hour Danceathon?



Whatever your interest, you can add an extra feel-good factor by supporting Jennyruth Workshops at the same time.



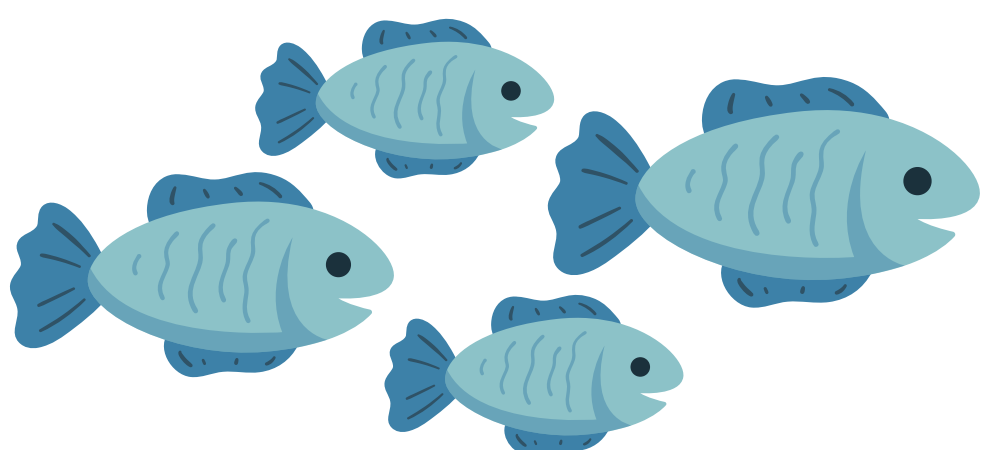


Rainy Day Relaxation

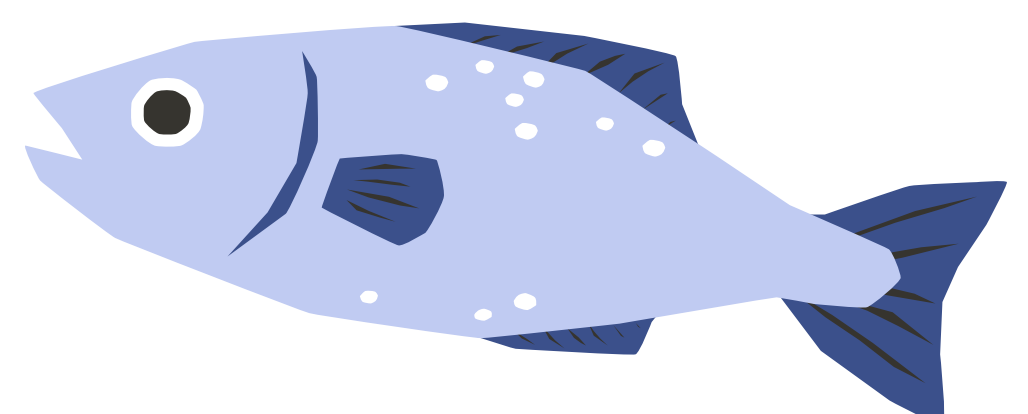


Julie's Joke

What do you get if you cross a fish with a motorbike?

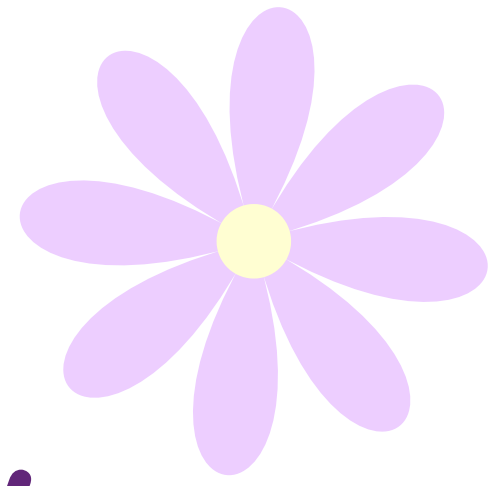


A motor-pike



Jamie's Jokes

Why couldn't the little flower ride a bike?



It didn't have any pedals

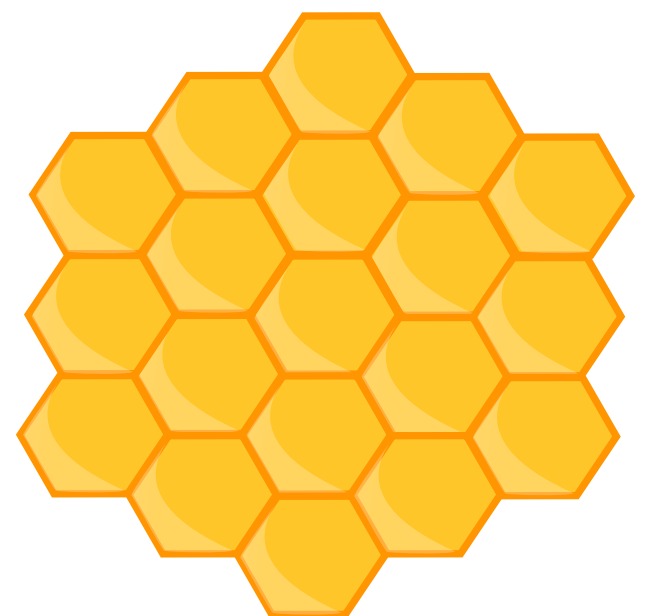
Did you know we prank one another on April the first?



Yes. I'm fooly aware

How do bees brush their hair?

With honeycombs



How do brand new spring flowers greet each other?



HEY BUD





Cooks Corner

On Tuesday 18th April, Matthew, Tom, Martin and I started the Cookery part of our Food Hygiene and Healthy Eating course with Janet and Denise. We were told that we were going to make Leek and Potato Soup. We then discussed who was doing what part of the recipe. My job was peel and chop the potatoes before they went into the pan. Before touching the food we had to wash our hands, tie our hair back and put an apron on.



On Tuesday 25th April, this morning Denise, Janet, Tom, Martin, Matthew and I. We had a chat about who was doing what with the pasta and writing things down on paper. I was working with Martin on bacon and mushroom. Tom and Matthew were making Tomato Sauce. I was cutting up the bacon, then Martin was cleaning the mushrooms and I went to help Martin clean and cut the mushrooms to put it all in the pan.

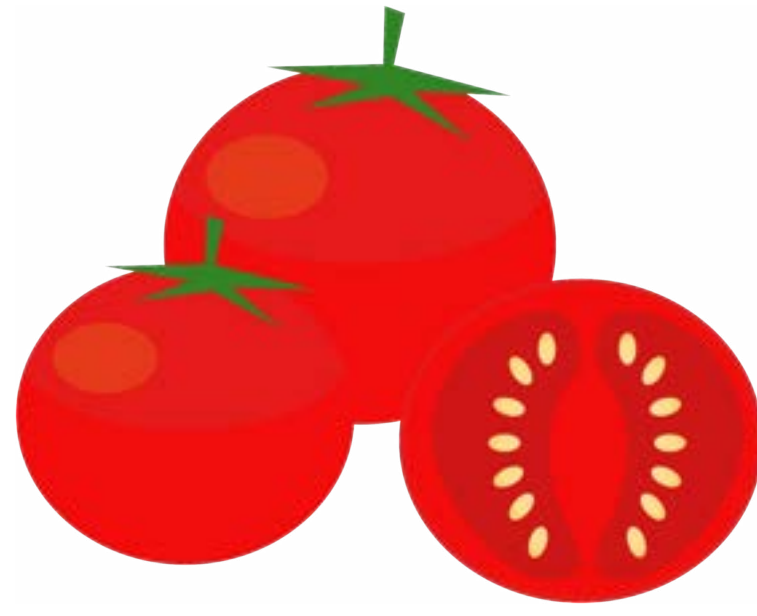
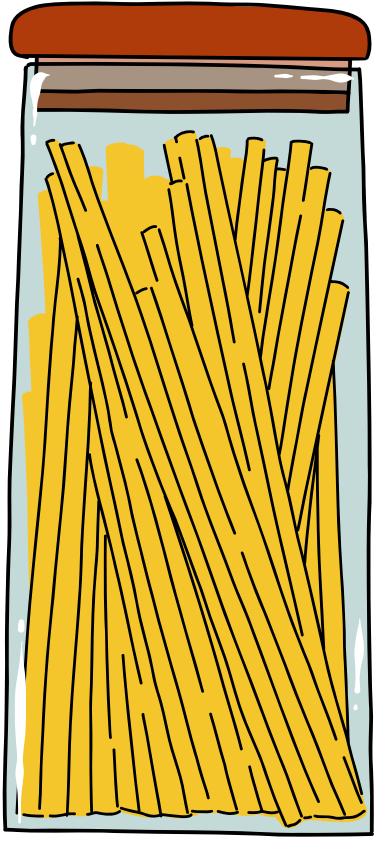


Martin kept an eye on the bacon so it didn't burn, and I kept an eye on the mushrooms in the pan. Then we put the crème fraiche in the pan and I cut up the basil. Tom cut up an onion and herbs and Matthew was cutting them as well. Tom also stirred the sauce.



I liked the mushrooms and bacon pasta because I had it before. I also liked the Tomato Sauce that went with the bacon and mushroom pasta. Tom liked making the sauce. I would make it again. Tom would like to make it again.

By Jessica Lewis



Happy Birthday

May

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

May 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.

1st prize – No 75

2nd prize – No 38

3rd prize – No 87



Dates for the Diary

A note for volunteers

If you would like to help out at any of our events then please get in touch by emailing Avril at info@jennyruth.co.uk.

May



Coronation Event Jennyruth Workshops

Friday 5th May

A very royal afternoon tea.

Rotary Club Bike Ride

Saturday 13th May 8am - 2pm ish

We will be marshalling the charity bike ride at Tollerton. Feel free to volunteer to help keep the cyclists hydrated at the water station. Last year we also gave out delicious fudge.



June and July



RHS Harlow Carr

Sat 24th - Sun 25th June 9am - 6pm

Our stall at Harlow Carr is one of our favourites! Spend the day shopping while surrounded by beautiful flowers and trees.

Charity Golf Day

Monday 10th July

A great opportunity to support a wonderful charity and have a grand day. If you're not able to make it then don't worry because there are lots of sponsorship opportunities as well.

Email don.grundy@jennyruth.co.uk to book your spot or find out more!



Great Yorkshire Show

Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th July

A great opportunity to do a spot of shopping and have a grand day out.

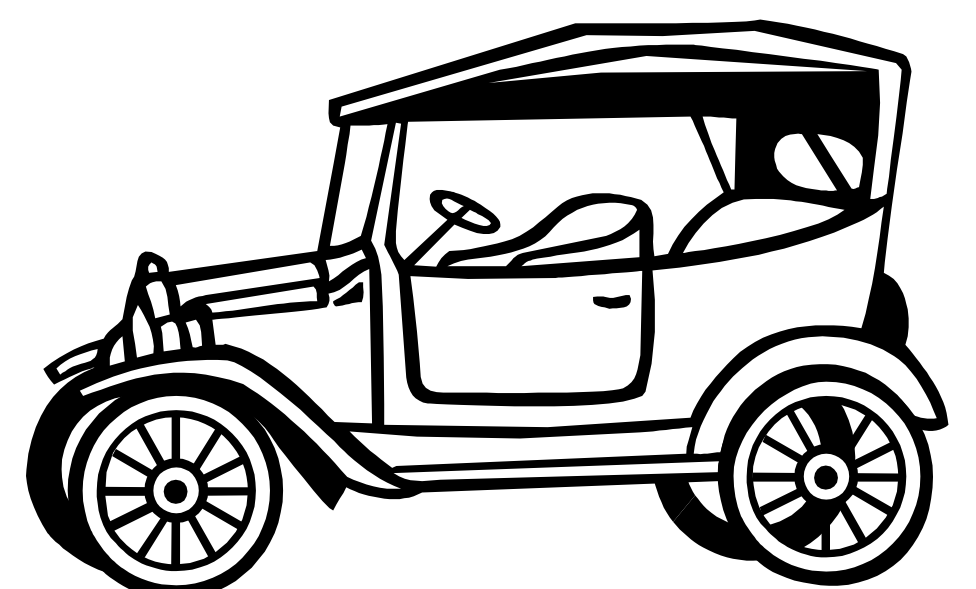
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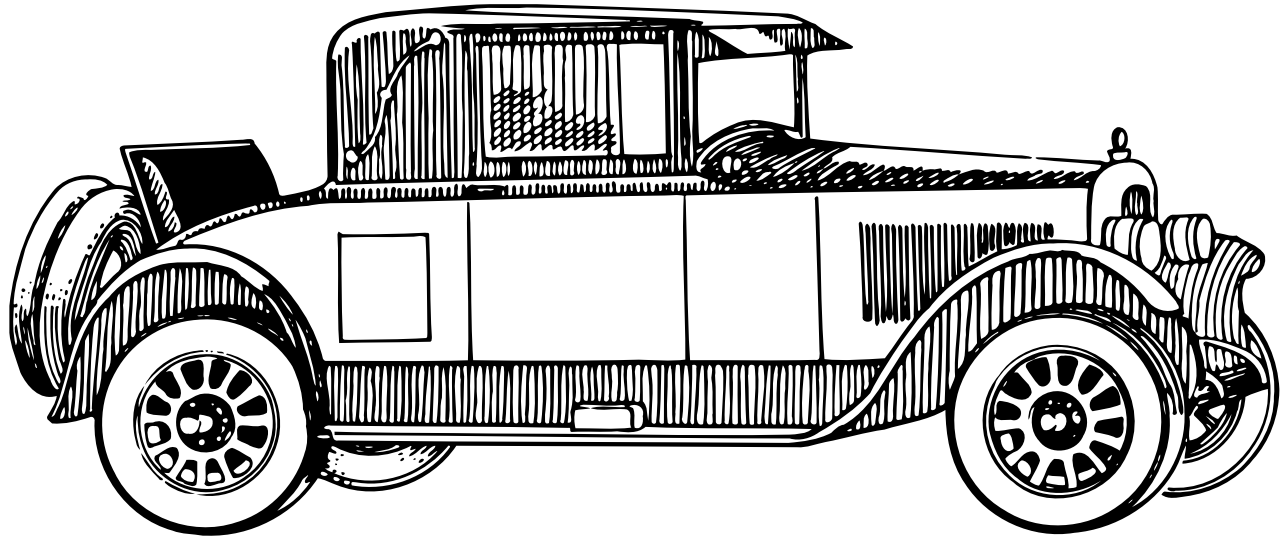
Ripon Old Car Classic Gathering Ripon Race Course

Sunday 30th July

A marvellous opportunity to see some old vintage cars. We also hold a stall to sell some of our products and showcase what Jennyruth Workshops is all about.



August and September



Harrogate MG Rally Pateley Bridge

Sunday 6th Aug 9:30am - 3:30pm

A marvellous opportunity to see some old vintage cars. We also hold a stall to sell some of our products and showcase what Jennyruth Workshops is all about.

Mini Music Fest St Wilfrid's Church, Ripon

Sunday 6th Aug 12 - 5pm

An afternoon of shopping while enjoying some fab music.



Circus Family Day Thirsk Racecourse

Friday 11th Aug 11am

A visit from the National Festival Circus keeps the whole family entertained. They will also have bouncy castles, inflatables, balloon modelling, face painting and a range of traditional fairground stalls.



Autumn Flower Show Newby Hall

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th Sept 9:30am - 5:00pm

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

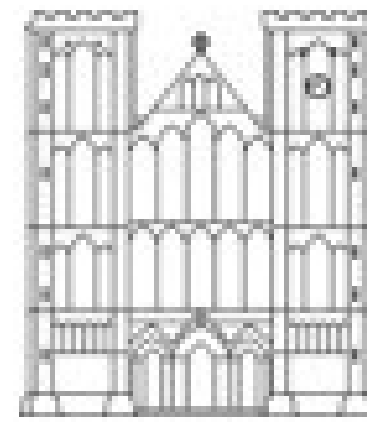


November and December

Christmas Gift and Food Fair Ripon Cathedral

Friday 24th - Saturday 25th Nov 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.



RIPON
CATHEDRAL



Coffee Morning Marton cum Grafton

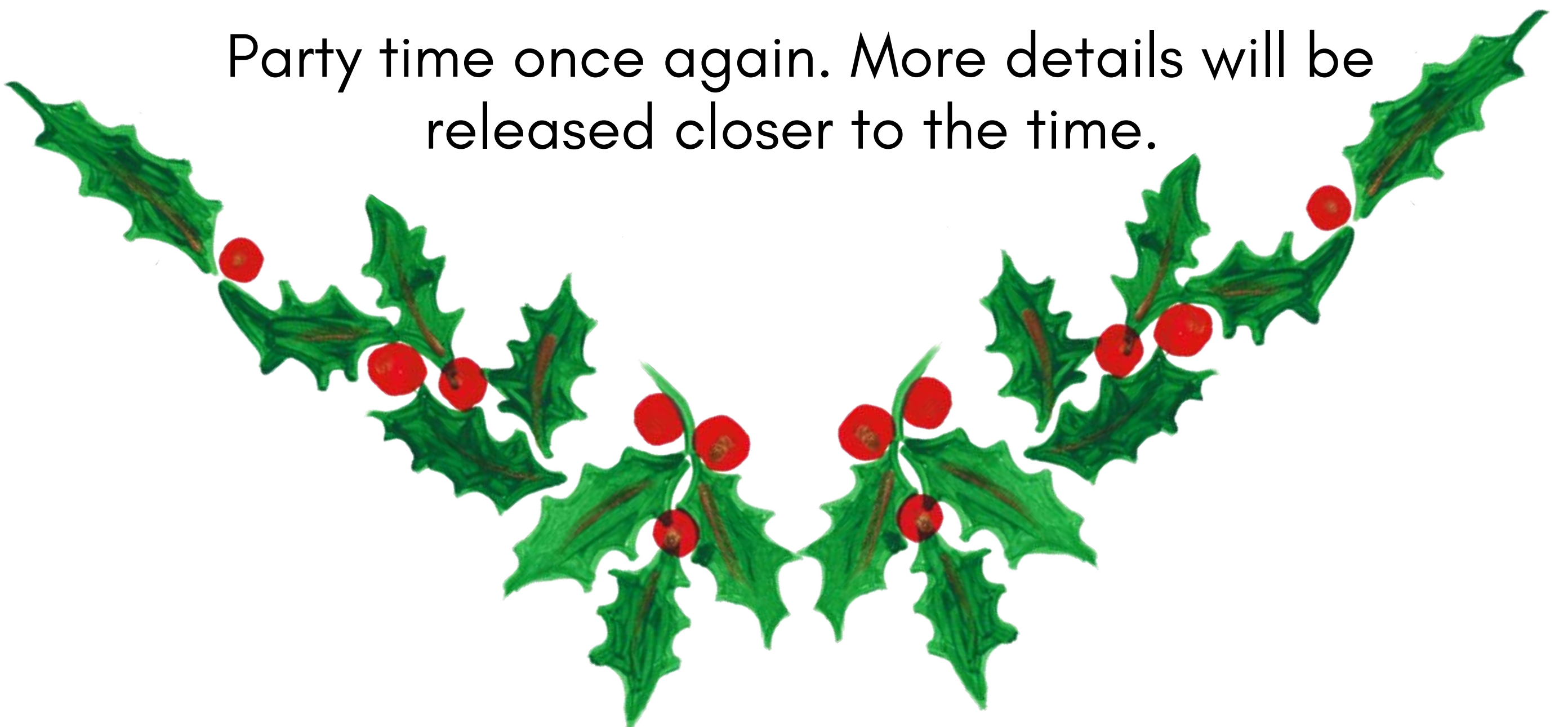
Saturday 2nd December 10am - 12pm

A cup of coffee and a catch up.

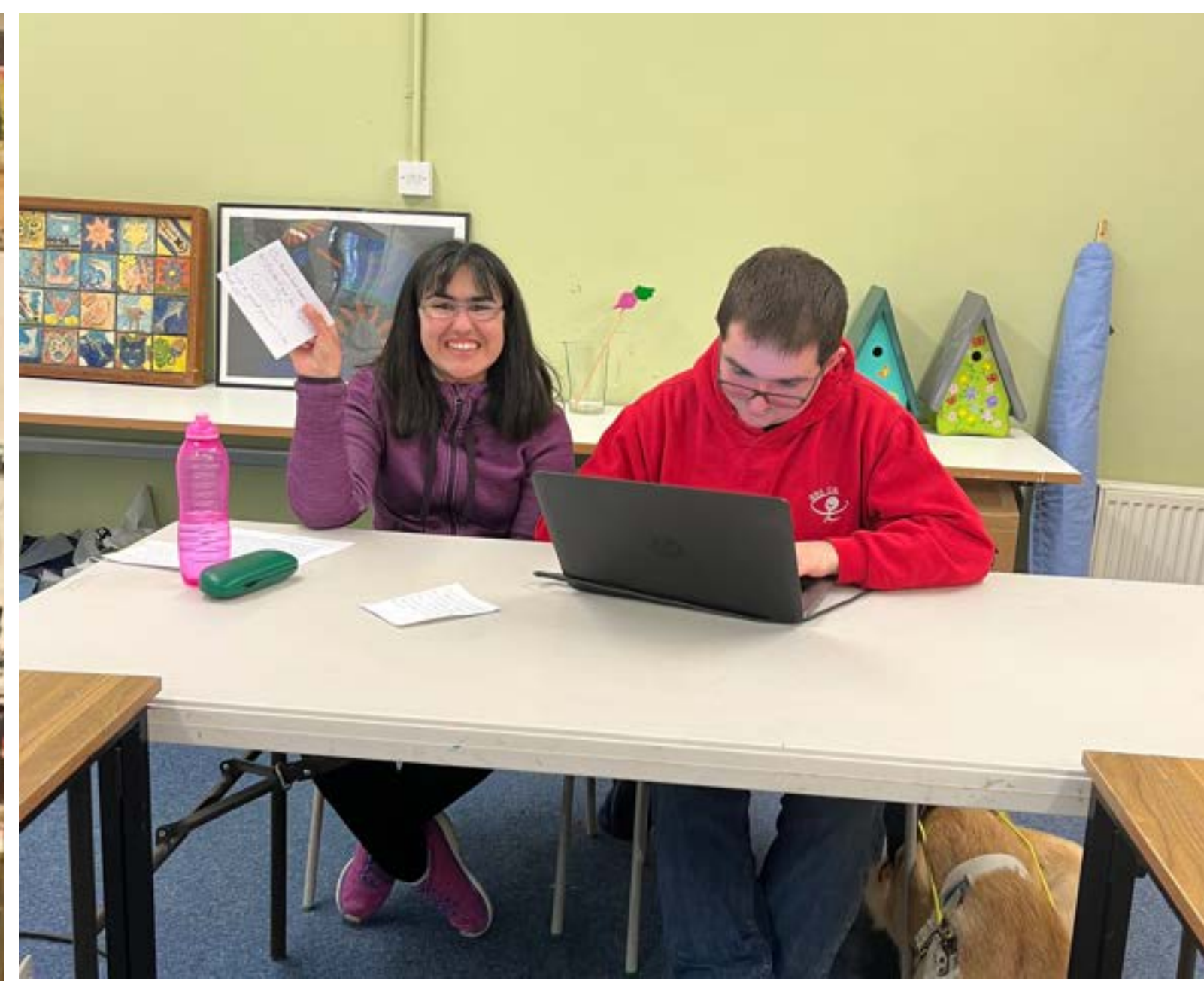
Christmas Party

Friday 8th December 2023 7pm - 10pm
Bowling Club Ripon

Party time once again. More details will be released closer to the time.







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