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Hello everyone

Here we are again with a bumper edition of The Wren just in time for Easter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Kelly and Shirin to the staff team; you can meet them on pages 12-15. We are delighted they have both joined us

We have had a fabulous month at the workshops making a variety of bespoke Easter eggs for customers and developing new products to add to our stock range which we will be showcasing at our events over the coming months; that is if staff, volunteers and workers haven't snapped them all up by then!

I hope you enjoy this issue as much as I have.

Take care



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Our Amazing WOWs

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month Julie, Pippa, Chris and Ainslee received Worker of the Week (WOW).



Julie Wright
Worker of the Week
12th March 2024



- For being an absolute star in woodwork. For not wandering around
- For predrilling and putting the screws in
- For carrying on and working without needing help, just getting on with a bit of supervision for the last hour and a half.

Nicky
CEO



Pippa Holland
Worker of the Week
1st March 2024



- For her sanding and painting which are outstanding.
- For being confident around the paintshop.
- For constructing and positioning the wood to create the new work bench in woodwork.
- For completing some super drilling.

Nicky
CEO



Chris Cerexhe
Worker of the Week
14th March 2024



- For being really helpful and enthusiastic in the cookery group.
- For being eager to try all the different food.
- For wanting to help with Tates Garden Centre trail and completing the golden egg.
- For volunteering to do someone else's job.

Nicky
CEO



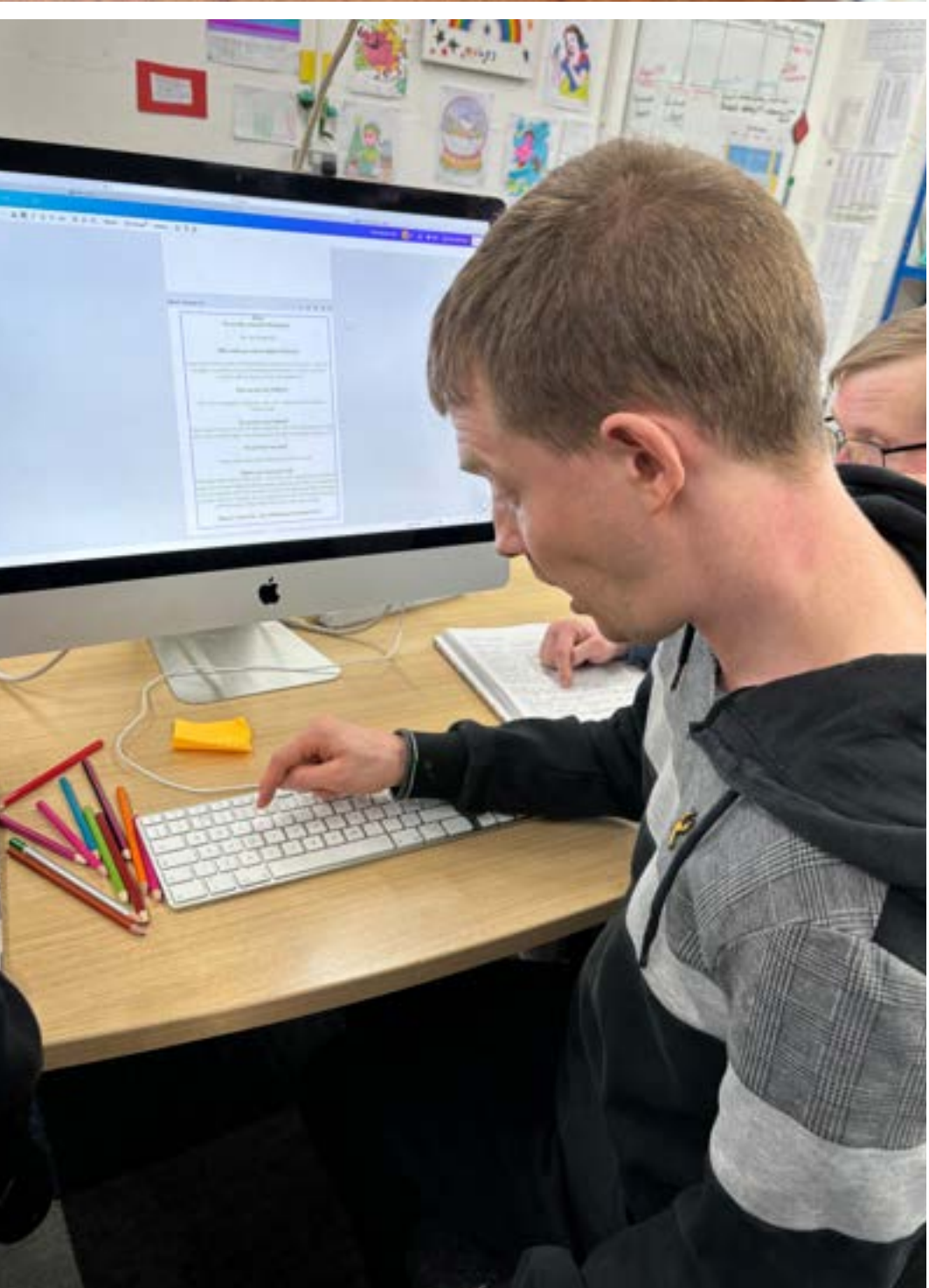
Ainslee Goddard
Worker of the Week
20th March 2024



- For being very sociable and in good spirits
- For turning a bad day into a good day
- For being incredibly polite
- For helping out with jobs and doing drinks
- For being very enthusiastic in woodwork.

Nicky
CEO

WOW





Visits and Events

Dales School

I helped out on the Jennyruth Workshops stall at the Dales School, in Northallerton, for their annual Moving On event. I was handing out leaflets to potential new workers who might want to come and work at Jennyruth Workshops in the future. I saw lots of people there who I recognised and I had time for a tea break as well.

It was nice to introduce people to the things that we do here at Jennyruth Workshops like painting, woodwork, baking, cooking, creative group, gardening, card making plus also publicity and magazine group. I enjoyed having a walk around to see what other day services offered there.

Written by Victoria Thomis



Daniel, Shaun, Ryan, Rebekah, Beth, Phe and Phoebe went to the Community Hub in Thirsk to run a painting workshop for people who have dementia.



Bishop Monkton Fundraiser

Jonathan, Anna and I went for a spud and pud fundraiser lunch at Bishop Monkton Methodist Church. They were raising money for us so we stood up and told everyone about Jennyruth Workshops. We had an awesome time having lunch with everyone. It was phenomenal! They raised over £300!

By Jamie Allen



Firefighters Return

A big thank you to Ripon Fire Service for stopping by the workshop so we could see the fire engine. As you can tell, we loved every minute of it!



Sights and Sounds

I helped out on the Jennyruth Workshops stall at Sight and Sounds in Ripon Cathedral with Rachael, Phoebe, Anna and Sally. There were lots of people. Being there made me happy and excited because we were doing lots of dancing to the music. My job was to hand out wren magnets to children and use the Zettle when someone bought something!

By Daniel Allen





News from the Workshops

Welcome to the team Kelly and Shirin!

Our magazine team sat down with our new Paintshop Supervisor and Workshop Manager to find out more about who they are and what drew them to working at Jennyruth Workshops.

Kelly, what made you decide to work at Jennyruth Workshops?

I use to volunteer here about 13 years ago. I love the place and what it stands for! I always wanted to work here but there was never a job going until now.

Does it make you smile working here?

Definitely! So many fun things happening. Just being in the room with all these characters is great. Never a dull moment!

Do you have any hobbies?

I do enjoy crafting and going for walks with my 2 dogs. I try to meet up with friends on a weekend.

Do you like going on holidays?

Oh yes! I'm looking forward to taking holidays during term time. Last year we went to Lapland, Turkey and Rotterdam.



What kind of music do you like?

I like all sorts of music. Bit of a Taylor swift fan then I love more old school music like the Carpenters.

Do you have any pets?

Ooh yes, my 2 troublesome pugs called Dave and Pearl but we've had numerous pets over the years including a dwarf hamster.

Where did you learn to paint?

At school I did GCSE Art and Pottery and I've always liked doing crafts at home.



Shirin, do you like working at Jennyruth Workshops?

Yes I do! Absolutely!

What make you want to apply for the job?

I knew some of the workers from Danceability and I knew a bit about the workshops.

I thought it would be a fun and interesting environment to work in and that I would be able to share my skills and experience!

Have you got any children?

I do! I have a daughter, Stephanie, who is an amazing midwife down in Peterborough.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like musical theatre. I'm part of Ripon Operatics and we're rehearsing for Sister Act at the moment. I play a very grumpy nun. I'm also converting a camper van.

Do you have any pets?

I have a little rescue dog called Poppy who's a terrier.

What's your favourite food?

Ohh where shall I start! Indian food - I love curry with a good pizza as backup! I spent a bit of time in Nepal building houses, hospitals and schools so developed a love of Nepalese food. We first went out after the devastating 2018 earthquake and built 2 houses in 2 weeks. It's so rewarding and we've met the most amazing and fun people. We've been back many times since to help.

What is it about the role of Workshops Manager that excites you the most?

Ohh I could give you a list!

The people.

The fact that no 2 days are the same.

The challenges of what Jennyruth Workshops represents and being part of that.

It's a new role that's yet to be defined which is exciting.



Bird Box Building Experience

Looking for an original gift idea?
How about a Bird Box Building Experience at
Jennyruth Workshops?

£99

Choose which style of bird box you want to make

Tit Box



Robin Box



Blackbird Box



... and decorate it
using a range of
stencils in colours of
your choice.



We'll provide component parts, materials, tools and tuition - along with a sandwich lunch. Your unique bird box will be finished and ready to take home by 4pm

The day will include a tour of our workshop, as well as assembling and decorating your own bird box to take home.

Arriving at 10am, your experience will start with a hot drink and safety briefing. This will be followed by a tour of our workshop where you'll meet our 'workers', one of whom will show you around and guide you through the process of creating your own bird box.

Then it's off to the woodwork area where you'll sand the wooden components of your bird box, drill and screw the box together, assemble and fit the roof. You'll add finishing touches: roofing felt, a hanging hook, and one of our trademark wrens.

After lunch you'll move on to the paint shop where you'll be able to stencil on decorations to make your bird box truly unique.

This experience is suitable for adults aged 18+.

The cost of £99 per person includes all you'll need to make your bird box and will help support our workshop. Experiences are available Monday to Friday 10am-4pm. All materials, tools and safety boots will be supplied for the day.

The experience is for one person to attend. It is possible to book 2 experiences so that 2 people (max.) can attend together, each making their own box. Please contact us to enquire about similar experiences for larger groups.

Our workshop is near Ripon HG4 5AY. Parking on site.

Additional personalisation options (e.g. name plaque, bespoke cut outs or stencils, ...) can be pre-booked at an additional cost.

For more information, to book or request a gift voucher for our Bird Box Building experience, please email us: info@jennyruth.co.uk or phone 01756 606620 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am - 4.30pm).

Please note that we will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

Have a Cracking Easter!

All the bespoke orders that have come in for Easter have been egg-cellent! The workshops has spent the past few months covered in eggs and we're not yolk-ing!



EGGCITED
FOR
EASTER

Ripon BID ordered several new additions for their Easter Trail around Ripon.



Tates Garden Centre have also joined in with the Easter fun with a floral trail.



Monk Park Farm commissioned lots of different sized Easter Eggs to decorate the farm.



Ellen's Photo Snaps

Ellen is our Head of Photography in this issue of 'The Wren'. She's taken some fabulous photos of people who 'look lovely darling' around the workshop.







Baking Bonanza

Our Wednesday afternoon Baking Group having been creating the most delicious treats this month including Cheese Straws and Carrot Cake!





Cooks' Corner

Cooks' Corner is back and here to bring you delicious recipes made by Tuesday morning's group! This month's favourite recipe was Easter Buns via 'BBC Good Food'!

Ingredients

100g plain flour
20g cocoa powder
140g caster sugar
1½ tsp baking powder
40g unsalted butter
120ml whole milk
1 egg
¼ tsp vanilla extract

Ingredients for the Icing

100g milk chocolate
200g butter, softened
400g icing sugar
5 tbsp cocoa powder
2 tbsp milk

STEP 1

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Put the flour, cocoa powder, sugar, baking powder and the butter in a electric mixer or use a handheld electric whisk. Beat on a slow speed until everything is combined.



STEP 2

Whisk the milk, egg and vanilla extract together in a jug, then slowly pour about half into the flour mixture. Beat to combine and turn the mixer up to high speed, scraping any mixture from the side of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Pour in the remaining liquid and continue mixing for a couple more minutes until the mixture is smooth. Do not overmix.

STEP 3

Spoon the mixture into the paper cases until approximately two-thirds full. Bake in a preheated oven for 20-25 minutes, or until the sponge bounces back when touched and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

STEP 4

Leave the cupcakes to cool slightly in the tray before turning out onto a wire cooling rack to cool completely.

STEP 5

To make the buttercream put the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water (make sure the bowl isn't touching the water). Stir until melted. Alternatively, melt in the microwave, stirring every 30 secs. Leave the melted chocolate to cool for 5 mins.

STEP 6

Mash the butter and icing sugar together with a fork first, then switch to a wooden spoon or electric beaters if you have them. Sift in the cocoa and pour in the melted chocolate, a pinch of salt and the milk, then mix again until smooth. Use to top cupcakes.

Don't forget to decorate your cakes with mini eggs for that delicious Easter look!



Volunteering



Would you like to be a part of a vibrant social enterprise, working with wonderful, friendly people and to feel like you make a difference?

We offer a range of volunteering opportunities at Jennyruth Workshops. These include enabling and supporting our workers in:

- office skills and educational courses
- painting wooden gifts and products in the paintshop
- cutting out wooden items and assembling habitat boxes in the scroll saw/assembly room
- work experience and voluntary work outside of Jennyruth Workshops
- talks and running stalls at crafts fairs and shows

We also have volunteers who help with fundraising events.



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



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/>

It's now been made even easier...just scan the QR Code to sign up or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to find out more.



Charity Golf Day

Thursday 4th July 2024

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

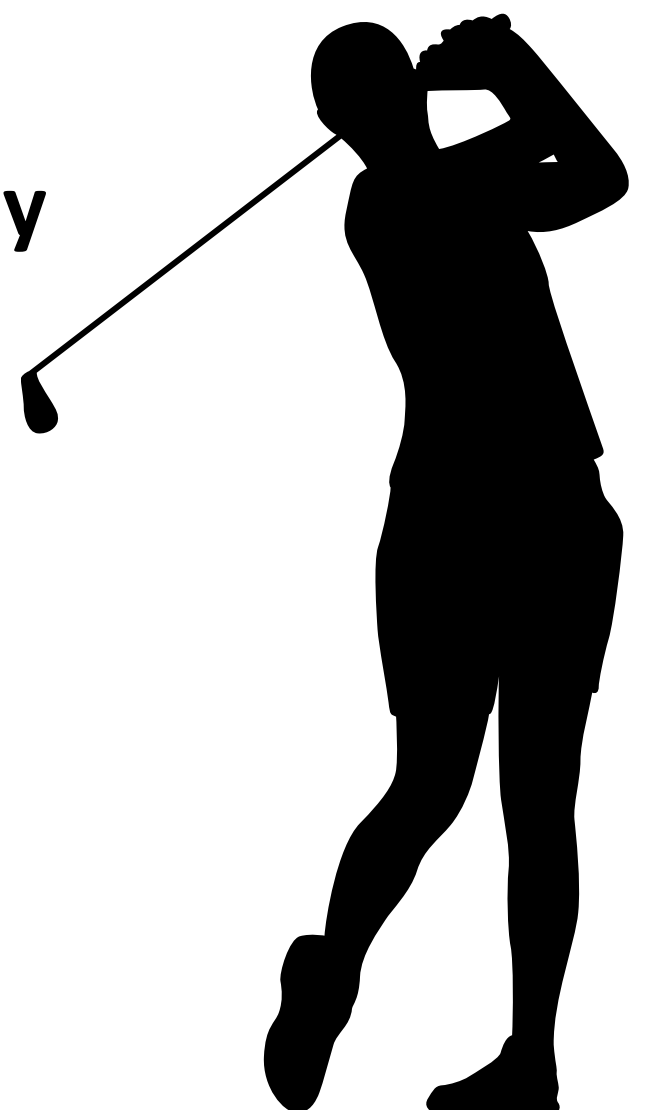
Jennyruth Workshops Golf Classic
played at the picturesque Ripon City Golf Club
with Tee Times from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

A fabulous day is assured with prizes galore

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

£200 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
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Rainy Day Relaxation

Sit back and get ready to laugh at Jamie's jokes!



Why is the mushroom the life of the party?

Because he's a fun-gi

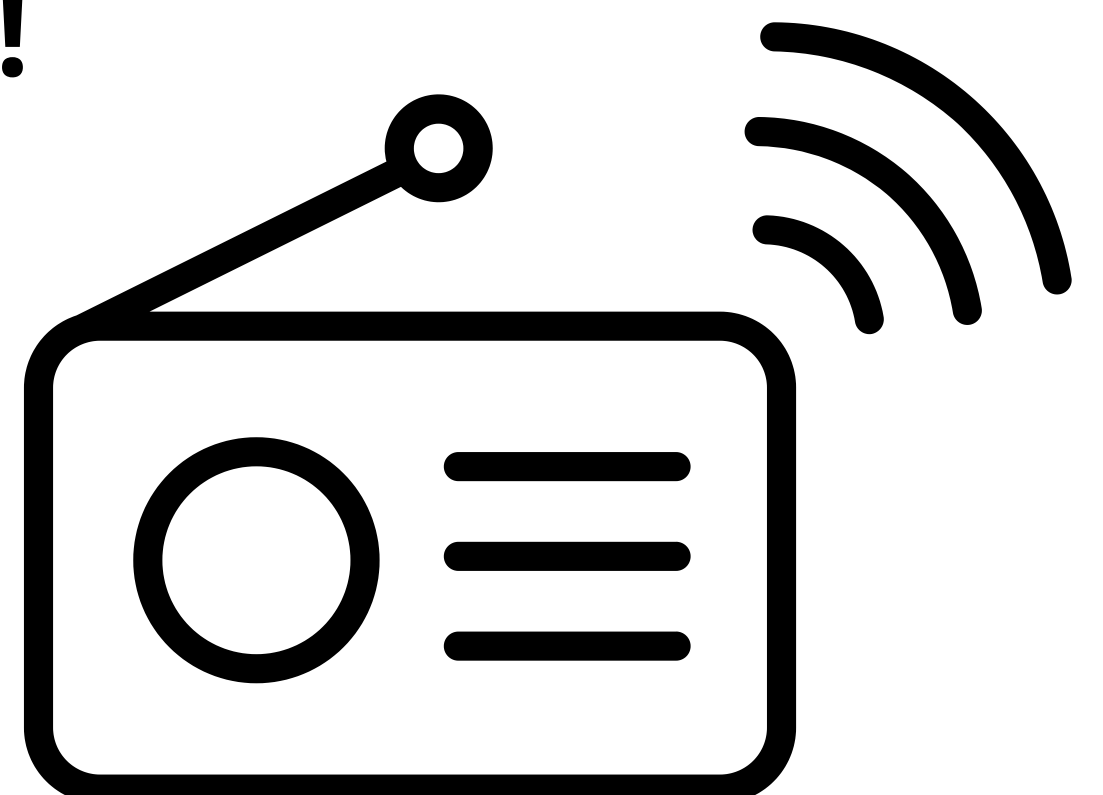
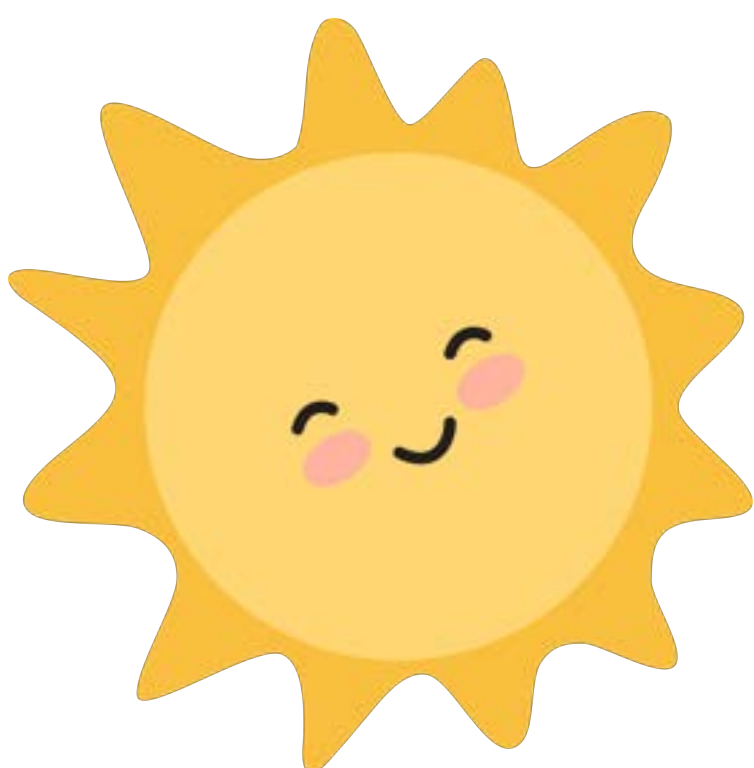
When do monkeys fall from the sky?

During ape-ril showers!



How does the sun listen to its favourite music?

On a ray-dio!





Happy Birthday



April

Janet Slater
Karen Taylor
Helen Holland
Tom Hodgson
Therese Thompson
Steve Dixon
Linda Fergus
Alex Arnall



April 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.



1st prize – No 56

2nd prize – No 81

3rd prize – No 88

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.

April



Spring Food, Home & Garden Show Ripon Cathedral

13th April 10am - 4pm

Harrogate Spring Flower Show Yorkshire Show Ground

Thursday 25th - Sunday 28th April

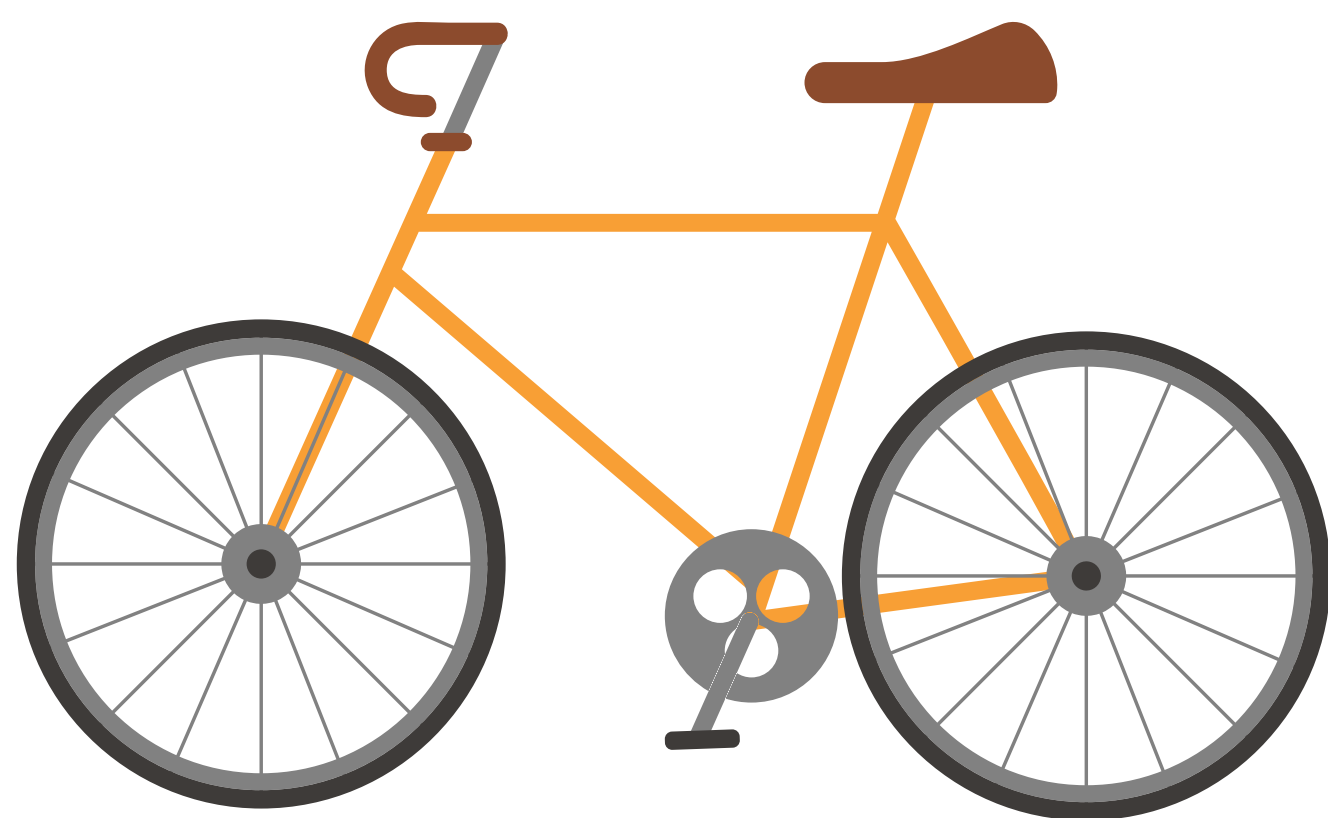
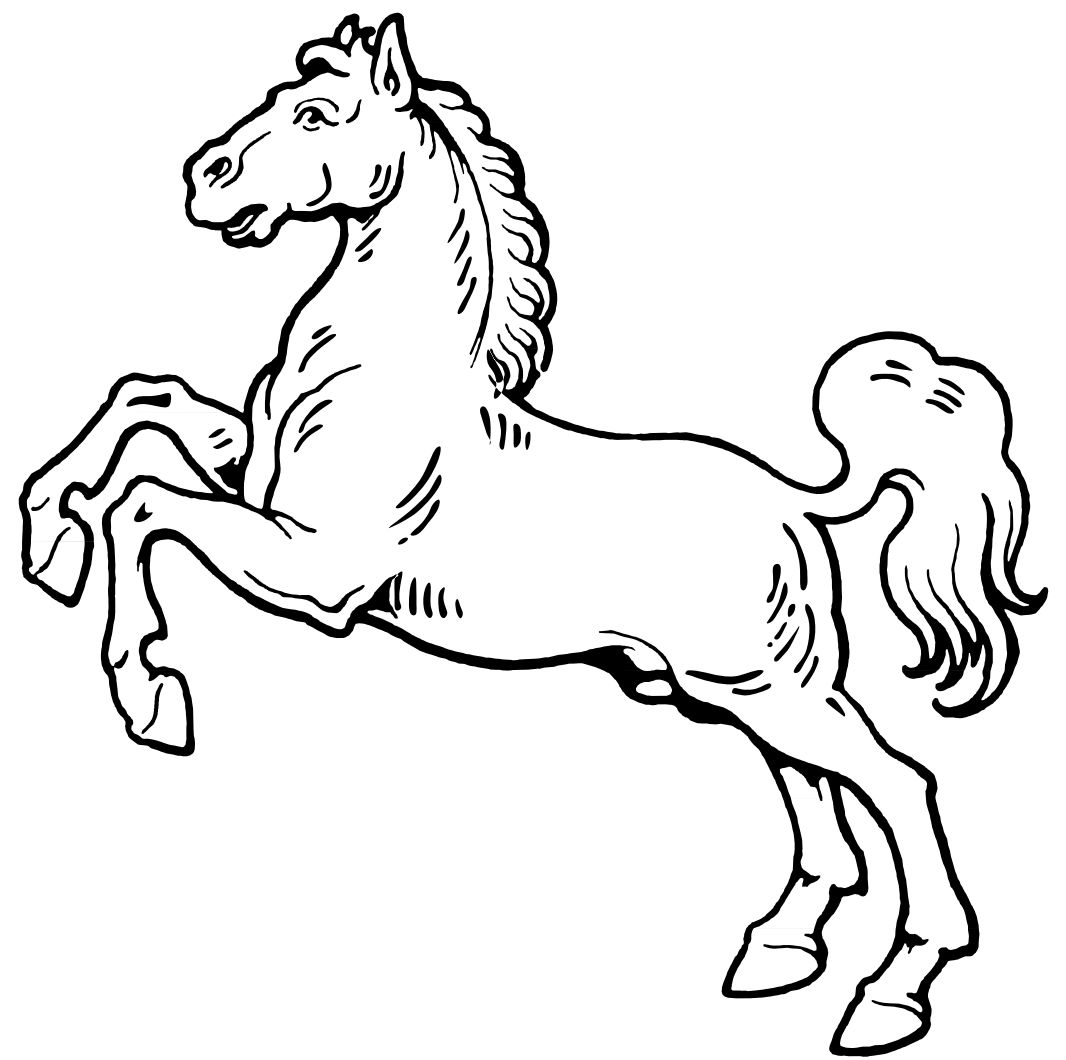


May



Saving Yorkshire Dogs
Bedale Park
Sunday 5th May

Duncombe Park Country Fair
Duncombe Park
Monday 6th May 9am-5pm



Rotary Club Bike Ride
Tollerton Station
Saturday 11th May 8am-2pm ish

Thirsk Races
Thirsk racecourse
Saturday 18th May



June and July

**Summer Garden Weekend
Harlow Carr, Harrogate**

21st - 23rd June 9am - 5pm



**Boroughbridge Lions Gala Fete
Boroughbridge**

Sunday 30th June



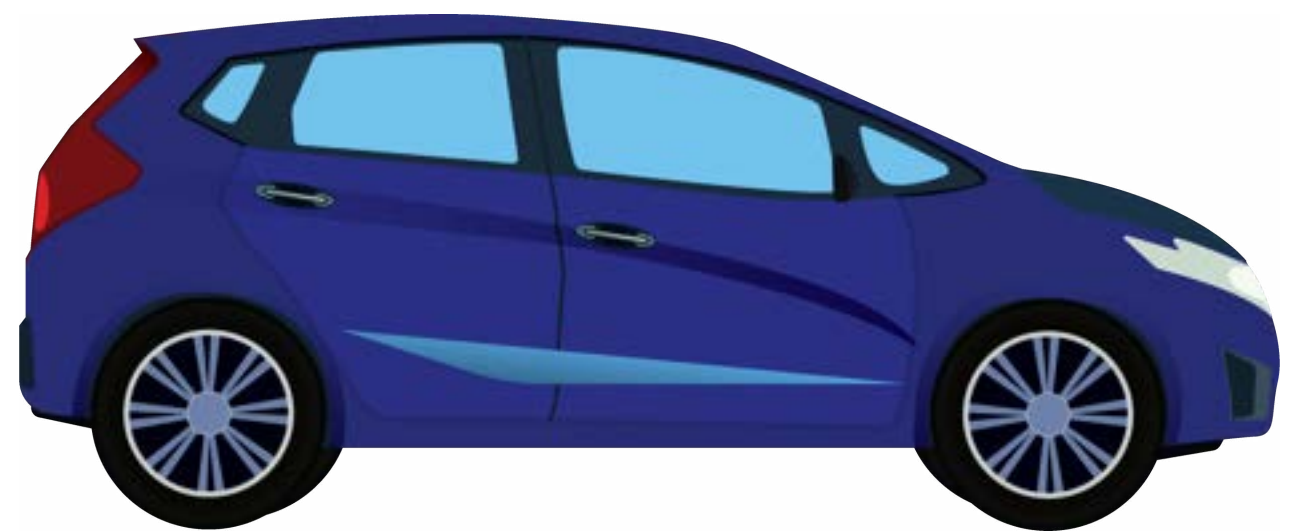
July and August



Great Yorkshire Show
Yorkshire Showground
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th July

Harrogate MG Rally
Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge

Sunday 4th August



Mini Music Fest
St Wilfrid's Church, Ripon

Sunday 4th August



Pop up Shop
Knarborough High Street

26th August - 1st September

September and October



Autumn Flower Show Newby Hall

13th - 15th September 8:30am - 5:30pm



Haxby and Wiggington Conference Haxby and Wiggington

Saturday 19th October 10am - 3pm



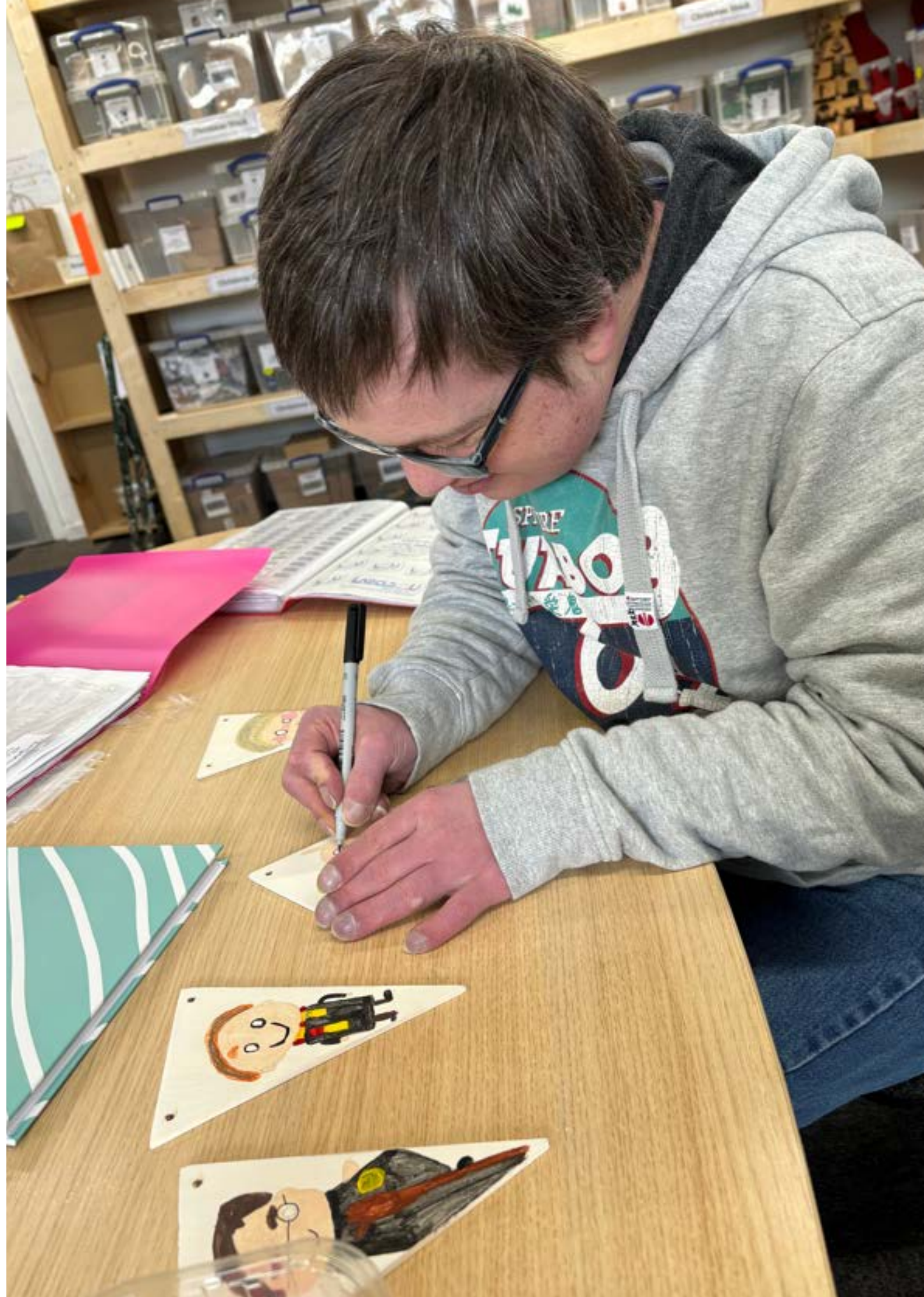
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Christmas Fair Ripon Cathedral

Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd November







A Message from

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you**

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