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Hello everyone

It seems every month flies by at the moment; this month has been no exception

We have been litter picking in Redcar, enjoyed coffee and cake at Tate's whilst restocking our display, attended too many events to mention here and welcomed the tv cameras to film Tom and Jerry following their amazing fundraising weekend; I think you will all agree with me that he is indeed a fabulous fundraiser! I'd also like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Emma and Steve Oates who worked tirelessly to bring the weekend together.

Hopefully June will bring more sunshine and less rain as we are out and about again At Harlow Carr, Scruton Village Fair and Boroughbridge Lions Gala Fete; do come along and say hello when you're out and about.

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 Victoria, Tom O, Shaun, Emma L, Jonathan and Daniel received Worker of the Week (WOW).



Victoria Thomis  
Worker of the Week  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024



- For being kind and caring towards other workers during our remembrance for Tony.
- For putting aside her own personal emotions to focus others.
- For writing some super social media posts.
- For some amazing sewing, especially dog items.
- For really thinking carefully about everything we need for the Dog Fest Show.

Nicky  
CEO



Tom Oates  
Worker of the Week  
7<sup>th</sup> May 2024



- For being a wonderful ambassador for Jennyruth Workshops and raising such an outstanding amount of money. Thank you so much.

Nicky  
CEO



Shaun, Emma L, Jonathan and Daniel  
Workers of the Week  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

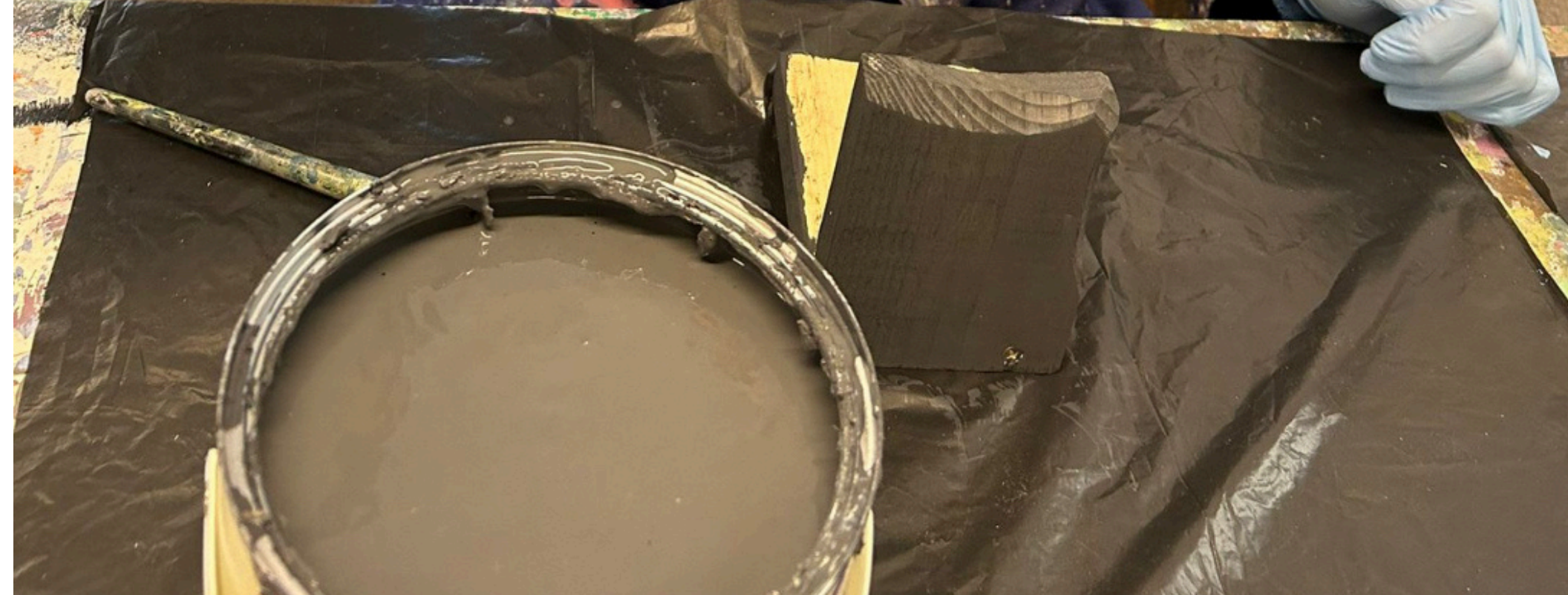


- For being superb representatives of Jennyruth Workshops at Community Works and supporting the old folk while they completed painting activities. They were all outstanding and made us proud!

Nicky  
CEO

WOW











# Visits and Events

## Painting Workshop with Community Works



Jonathan, Emma, Daniel and Shaun went to do a painting workshop with Community Works, Thirsk, working with their Dementia group.

We painted some lovely spring flowers with them. It was lovely to sit and chat with them whilst enjoying painting.





# Bedale Dogfest

On Sunday 5th May it was a barking mad, dog lovers paradise at Bedale Dogfest with Avril and Anna. I helped out at the Jennyruth Workshop stall selling our dog related products and handing out leaflets. I went for a walk to look at the other stalls which were there. I bought a t-shirt to remind me of the day. I was in dog heaven surrounded by big dogs and little dogs. Anna even got to judge one of the dog shows.

Written by Victoria Thomis



## Heslington Mothers Union Talk

We were invited to the Heslington Mothers' Union to do a talk which Beth did a superb job of! Meanwhile, Rachael was Queen of the Zettle and ran our stall.



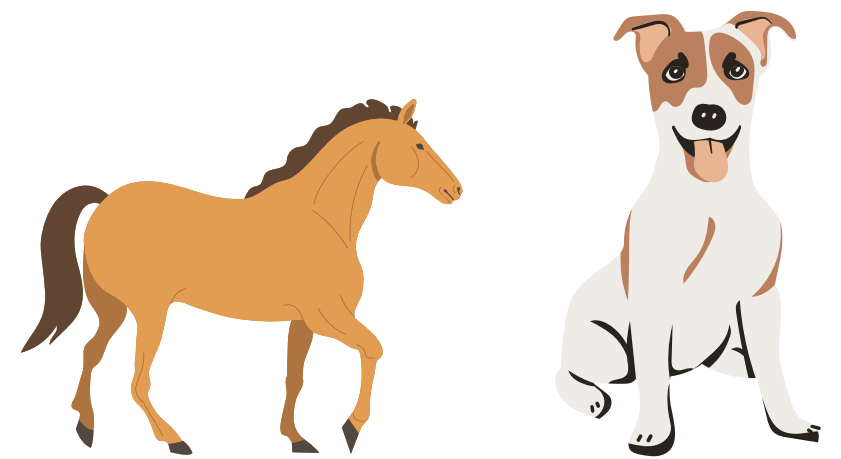


# Duncombe Park

On Monday we spent the day at the beautiful location of Duncombe Park near Helmsley, the sun was out for most of the day and our stall looked fabulous. We had many visitors and sold mini bug homes, butterflies and plant markers, we also had an order for a large bird table.



We met lots of lovely pups and their owners and handed out lots of leaflets. We really enjoyed the day, even the rain held off until later in the day.



## Springwater Moving On Event



I was handing out leaflets and telling people about what we do at Jennyruth Workshops.

We chatted to other organisers about working together on future projects.

On Friday 17th May, Anna, Jonathan, and Rachael went to the Methodist church in Starbeck for Springwater schools moving on event. After lunch, Shirin dropped Ryan and I at the church and took Rachel and Jonathan home.





# Hanson Open Day

Tim, Lucy, Astrid and Nicky went to Hanson's Open Day on Saturday 18th May. They were celebrating the opening of their new warehouse with staff, family and friends. Gary and his team made them very welcome and they had a lovely day chatting to lots of new customers and explaining that a lot of our smaller products are made from Hanson's laser ply. We're looking forward to the next one already



## Hampswaithe School Fete

On Wednesday 22nd May I went to Hampsthwaite Primary School with Anna, Phoebe and Emma S. We were doing a stall at their Summer Fayre where they were raising money for the school. The weather was horrible and very cold so we were lucky to be in the hall this time. The children had loads of different french-themed stalls including a bakery (la boulangerie), face painting, hook a duck and build a biscuit. We loved doing a stall there again as we sold lots of products and it was a lovely atmosphere.





# Irish Cup at Thirsk Races

On Saturday 8th May, I was helping at the Jennyruth Workshops stall at Thirsk Races. It was a lovely sunny day. Quite a few people were wearing dresses and suits, while I wore my purple shirt and my sunhat. I had a look at the horses parading around the ring.

For my lunch, I had a chip sandwich with salt and garlic mayo. For dessert afterwards, I had ice cream in a tub.

At least the weather was dry and fine for everyone who was there. Some of the people were wearing fancy hats. I hid my can of pop inside my handbag so that the security guard on duty couldn't see it. It was my favourite place to go for a toilet break as there were posh ladies loos there. I had my photo taken against the flower wall base.

By Victoria Thomis



## Arts Hub Donation

Ripon Charity Pantomime have been raising money for several local charities through their performances and we were lucky enough to be one of them. Ben went along to the presentation and to receive our cheque.



## Ripon Rotary Bike Ride



Jonathan and Beth enjoyed the sunshine while handing out fudge and drinks at the Tollerton Stop of the Ripon Rotary Bike Ride.

Jonathan said, "I loved handing out fudge and drinks to all the cyclists!"

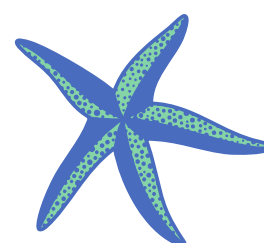
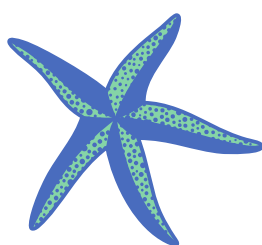
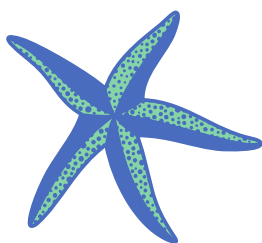




# Blue Peter Badge Club's Visit to Redcar Beach

Our timetable is always full of exciting courses where our workers can learn new skills. This time we've introduced 'Blue Peter Badge' club!

The workers are hoping to gain a green environmental Blue Peter badge and as part of their project. They enjoyed an amazing day at Redcar beach. There they were joined by Matt, from South Gare Litter Pickers, who explained all about the impact of litter in the ocean and left on the beach. The group managed to collect 3 x bags of rubbish, followed by a well-earned lunch and ice cream in Redcar.





# News from the Workshops

## Our Outstanding Outlets

Introducing our fabulous new outlet.....  
**Cathedral View Cafe, Ripon**



Our workers sat down with Helen to find out more about her wonderful cafe.

How did you find out about Jennyruth Workshops?

**I've known about Jennyruth Workshops for a very long time as you've got a great presence in Ripon! I've been to quite a few of your stalls such as at Ripon Cathedral and I know people who work at the workshops.**

Tell us more about your wonderful cafe!

**I'm the closest to the Cathedral that you can get and I've been there for about 7 years! My cafe sells homemade cakes, salads and more.**

**Our USP is that everything I sell is made in Yorkshire with the majority of it being made right here in Ripon. I also make up beautiful gift hampers which originally were only full of perishables but now I've started adding other lovely local products. I'm hoping to collaborate with Jennyruth Workshops on several products that I can add to the hampers!**





## F Tates & Sons Nurseries, Ripon



One of our biggest supporters is Tates Nurseries and The Olive Tree Cafe. Not only does the cafe make the most delicious cakes but we've also made numerous bespoke products for them.

On top of that they allow us to have a huge display of our products! All are available for their customers to purchase with all proceeds coming back to our charity.

Thank you for supporting us!

## Sharon's Barbers, Ripon

The support that Sharon and her Barbershop have shown us over the years is truly amazing!

Since she took over the barbers she has been selling our products and done such a fantastic job raising £1,000s for us.

Sharon you are amazing, thank you for everything!

So if you're ever in need of a bird box and a haircut then we know the perfect place





# Hardwick's Garden Centre, Boroughbridge

Hardwicks Garden Centre is a fairly new addition to our list of amazing outlets but were more than happy to sell a selection of our bird boxes! We want to say a huge thank you to them for their support!



# Spellow's Village Shop, Marton cum Grafton

Spellow's village shop is at the heart of Marton cum Grafton village and have been one of our wonderful supporters for several years now!

Not only do they sell a wide range of locally sourced cheeses, meats, wines and even pizza but they also sell our bird boxes and trugs.

Thank you for your kindness and support!

Check them out on Facebook to find out more

<https://www.facebook.com/spellowsvillageshop/>



If you would like to become one of our Outlets then pop an email over to [info@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk) or give us a call on 01765 606620



# Macrame Workshop

Christina, The Knotty Queen, is becoming a great friend of the workshop having run another wonderful macramé workshop last month.



"We made macramé bowls. I really enjoyed it and Christina is a lovely lady." - Chris C

"We have been learning to tie knots to make a bowl. It took a lot of patience and it was very hard to keep going without getting tangled. I found it relaxing and was very happy with my bowl." - Jamie A

We have been loving every minute of these workshops and can't wait for the next one!



# BBC Look North



A big thank you to BBC Look North for stopping by the workshop to chat with Tom Oates, one of our fab workers, and his Guide Dog Jerry. They talked about Tom's 10K run where he raised money for us, the work he does at Jennyruth Workshops and his wonderful bond with Jerry.





# Bird Box Building Experience

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



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](mailto: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.**



**THURSDAY**  
**MORNINGS**  
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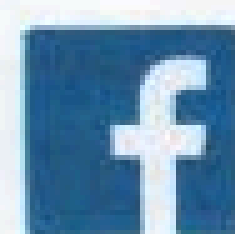
**MORNINGS**

**Stay & Play Have Fun**

**Borrow toys**

**Community House, Allhallowgate**  
**from 10 - Noon**

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# RIPON INDIE FIESTA

7th June 2024 4pm-9pm  
on the Market Square & Kirkgate

**MAGIC  
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**TOP  
LOCAL  
BANDS**

**GREAT  
STREET  
FOOD &  
DRINK**

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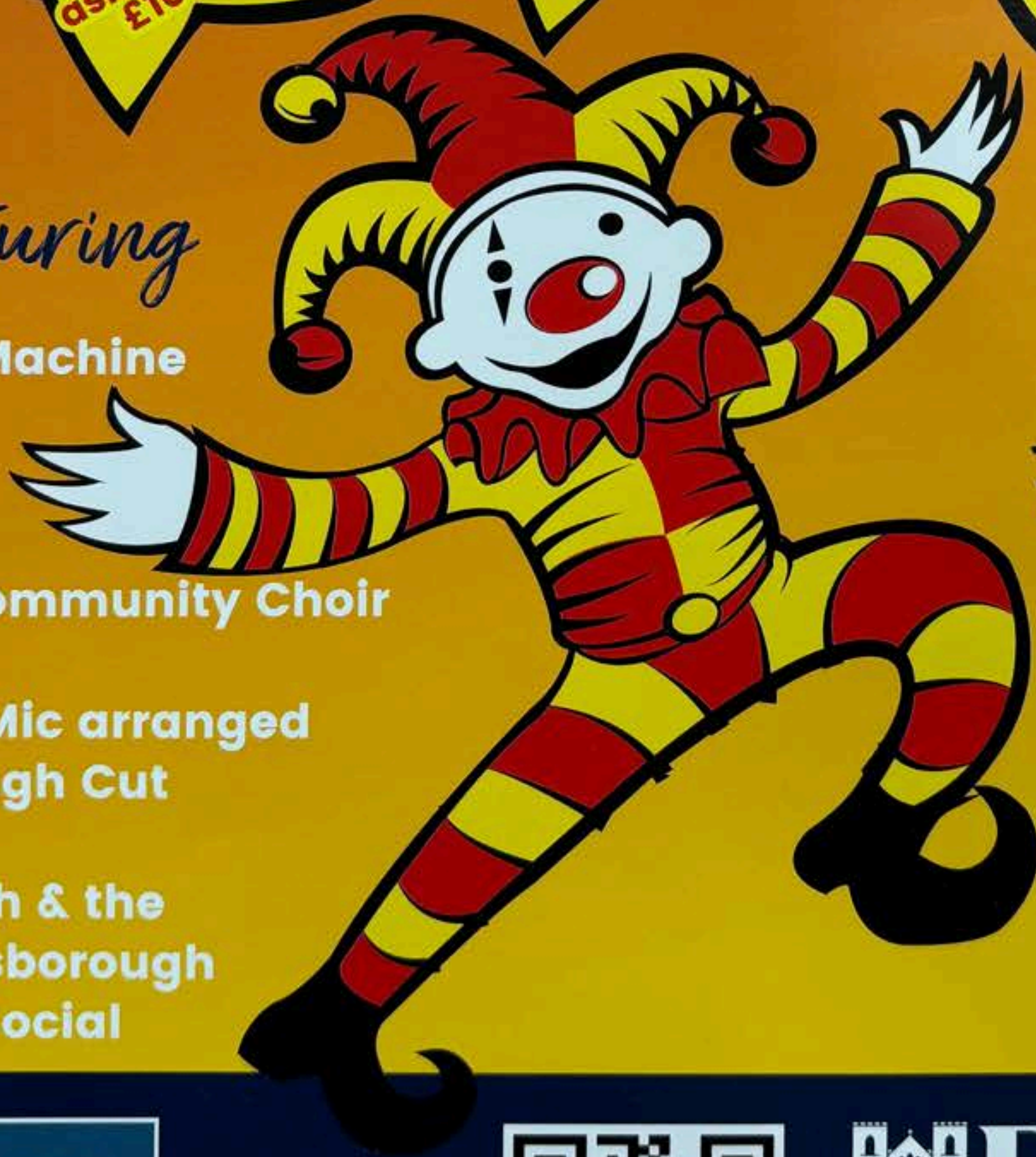
**Time Machine**

**AKA**

**AFO Community Choir**

**Open Mic arranged  
by Rough Cut**

**Hamish & the  
Knaresborough  
Vista Social**



*Food & Drink*

**Squid & Tonic  
& Portly Pig  
Syrian Street Food  
Manchega Tapas  
Mac in a Box  
Chocolate Soldier  
Messy Buns**

*...and more!*

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# Wonderful Workers

**A section dedicated to our fabulously fantastic workers! Each month we will be putting different workers in the spotlight by interviewing them about their life! This month it's all about Tom O**

How long have you been running for?

**Since August 2014. I did the Fountains Abbey Park Run.**

What hobbies do you have?

**Walking Jerry, watching TV, listening to music, shopping and meeting friends in town.**

Do you enjoy raising money for Jennyruth Workshops?

**Yes I do, we do coffee mornings at my house and I did a 10K run at Melmerby.**

How long have you been coming to Jennyruth Workshops for?

**Since 8th February 2023.**

How long have you had Jerry for?

**2 1/2 years since 19th July 2021. I passed my training with him on 11th November 2021.**

What do you like doing at Jennyruth Workshops?

**I enjoy packaging, woodwork, baking and magazine group.**

What music do you like listening to?

**Pop and rock music.**

What do you do when you are not at Jennyruth Workshops?

**I volunteer as a front-of-house meet and greet at the Workhouse Museum in Ripon on Saturday afternoons. I'm hoping to do more days soon...**





# Matthew's Photo Snaps

Although he's our chief reporter, Matthew has taken some fantastic photos for this edition of 'The Wren'.







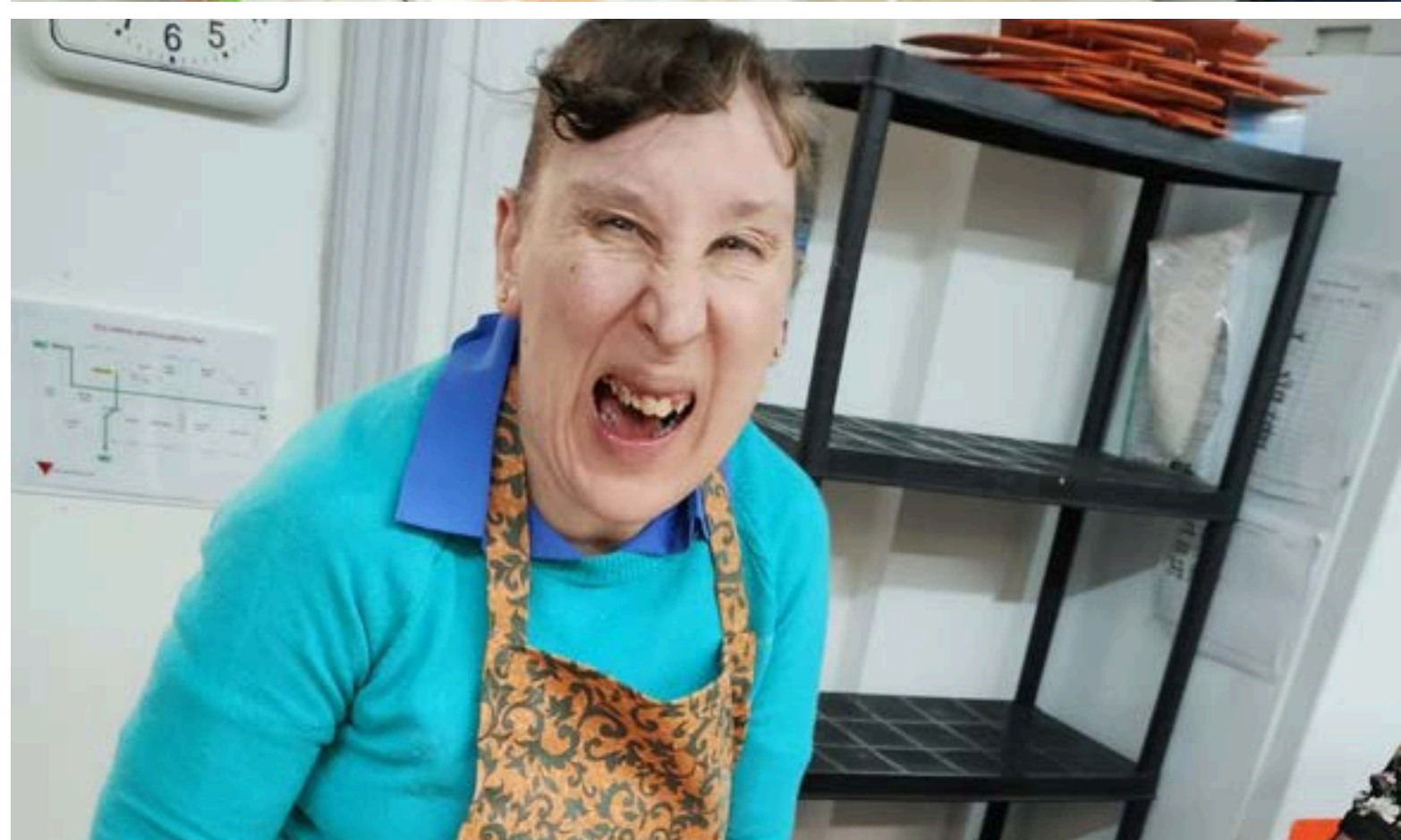






# Baking Bonanza

Our baking groups have been creating the most delicious treats this month including yummy biscuits and sausage rolls!







# Cooks Corner

**Cooks Corner is here to bring you delicious recipes made by Tuesday morning's group! Back by popular demand..this month's favourite recipe is delicious Cheese and Herb Bread.**

## **Ingredients**

8oz Self Raising Flour

Pinch of Salt

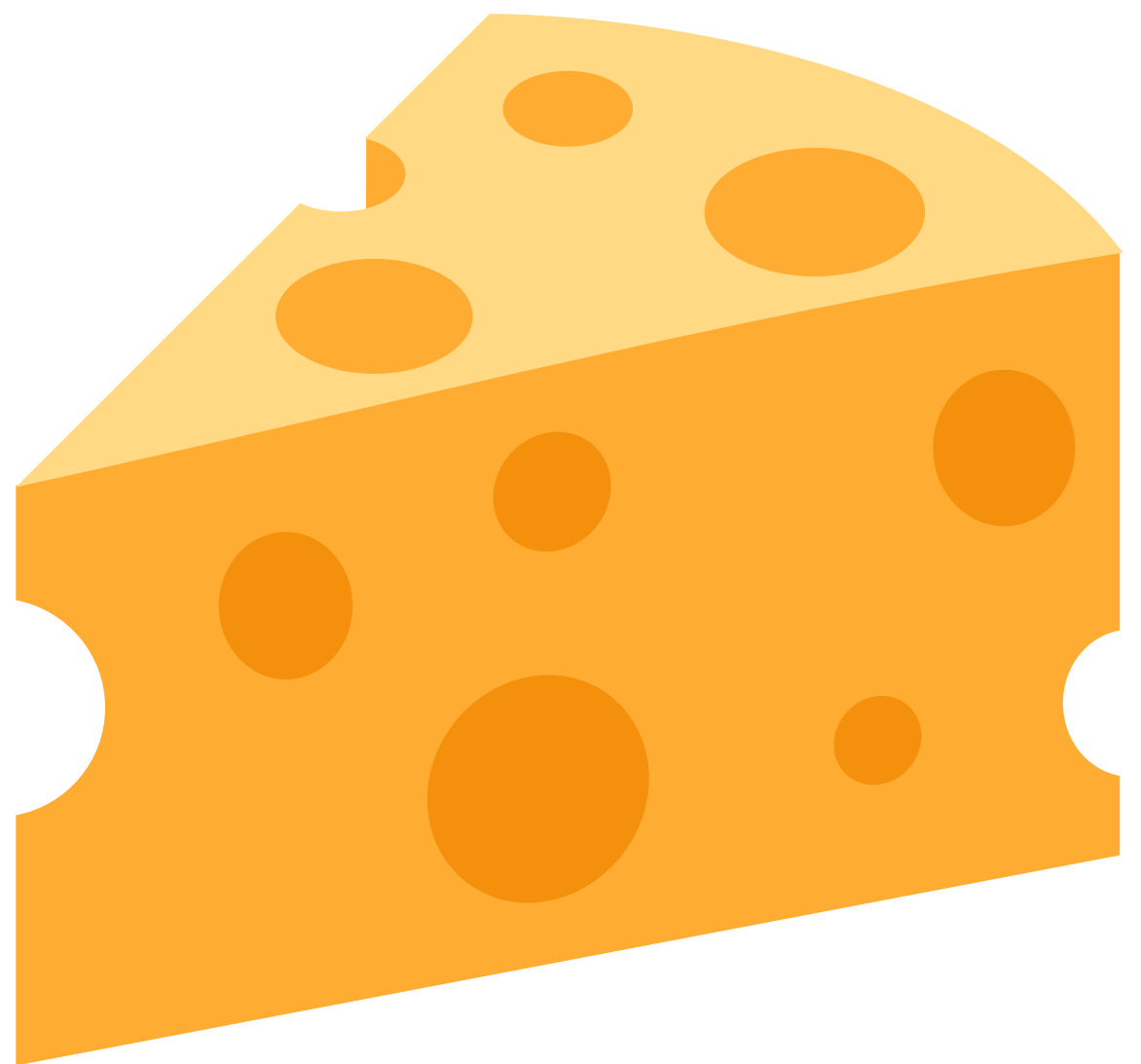
1oz Margarine

4oz Grated Red Leicester Cheese

1tblsp Chopped Mixed Herbs

1 Egg

1/4 Pint Milk

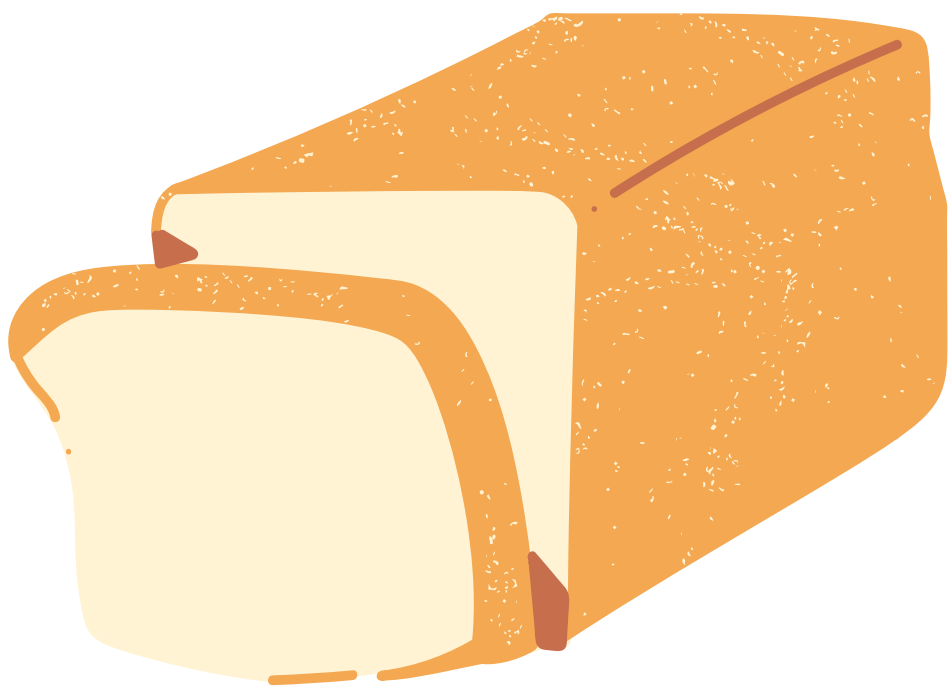


## **STEP 1**

Set the oven to gas mark 5/375' and line a 1lb loaf tin with grease proof paper.

## **STEP 2**

Put flour, salt and pepper into a bowl and add the margarine. Rub in using finger tips only.



## **STEP 3**

Stir in cheese and herbs.

## **STEP 4**

Beat the egg and milk together.



## **STEP 5**

Add the egg and milk mixture to the flour and margarine mixture and stir until you have a stiff batter. You may need an extra drop or two of milk.

## **STEP 6**

Put the mixture into the lined loaf tin and bake for 40-45mins until golden brown on top.







# 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](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk)**



# Wonderful Wolseley



This month we had an amazing team of volunteers from Wolseley join us for a day of volunteering.

Not only were they fantastic extra pairs of hands around the workshop but they also worked tirelessly to transform a particularly overgrown area of the garden into a wildlife and well-being haven!







**We can't say thank you enough for all the work they did! We want to share some of the wonderful feedback they gave us about Jennyruth Workshops!**

"Throughout the day, we were able to see the impact Jennyruth made. The dedication and enthusiasm of the staff towards all the workers was truly inspiring and it was with great pleasure that Wolseley were able to contribute yesterday, even in a small way!"

– Dom



"I had a great day and weather was kind. It was fantastic being shown around and seeing all of the different rooms and what went on in each one. Loved hearing the story behind how Jennyruth came about. Clearing and making a pathway through the trees for the workers was very hard work but we got there in the end. The best bit was seeing all of the workers walking down and along the new path. Hopefully they will have many more walks in the summer months enjoying the fresh air along their new nature pathway."

– Sam



“It was lovely to see what Jennyruth was all about on the day after seeing their products out and about on occasions in Ripon. I loved how inclusive everything is for the workers and the needs and ability of everyone can be adjusted to what they can do. The overall atmosphere was so caring and upbeat. I especially love the bug house that accidentally on purpose came home with me on the day. It looks fab hung up in my garden!”

– Jane





# 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:



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.







# Our Fabulous Fundraiser

**We want to say a big thank you to Tom for his fabulous fundraising weekend!**

His family had arranged a coffee morning in Bishop Monkton on Saturday 4th May. We were surrounded by delicious cakes, a raffle, guess the weight of the cake and of course, a Jennyruth Workshops stall.

The event was full of people who had come out to support our charity and we raised a huge amount of money!

The following day Tom ran the Melmerby 10K and in doing so raised a large amount of money for the workshops.

“On Sunday 5th May, after months of training and hard work from my PT Richard, the day had dawned on me running the 10K.

Unfortunately due to illness, Richard my PT could not run with me. So my dad stepped in and took Richard’s place.

On the morning of the run, my dad and I went to get our race number and give my medical details to the organisers. My mum, Emma and my sister, Katie went to Marshall at Wath. My dad and I lined up and waited for the run to begin. The weather started off being cooler but then warmed up, I felt comfortable up to the 4k mark. I can normally cope with running 3.1 miles every week at Park Run.

After 4K my legs started struggling. At 8K, I hit the wall at Sutton Hargrave. I began to think about some of the workers at Jennyruth Workshops who could not run a 10K distance. This spurred me on to complete the last 2k of the run.

There was a roaring applause from my family and my best friend Emma as I ran across the finish line. I completed the run in 1 hour, 7 minutes and 58 seconds.”

**By Tom Oates**



# Charity Golf Day

## Thursday 4th July 2024

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

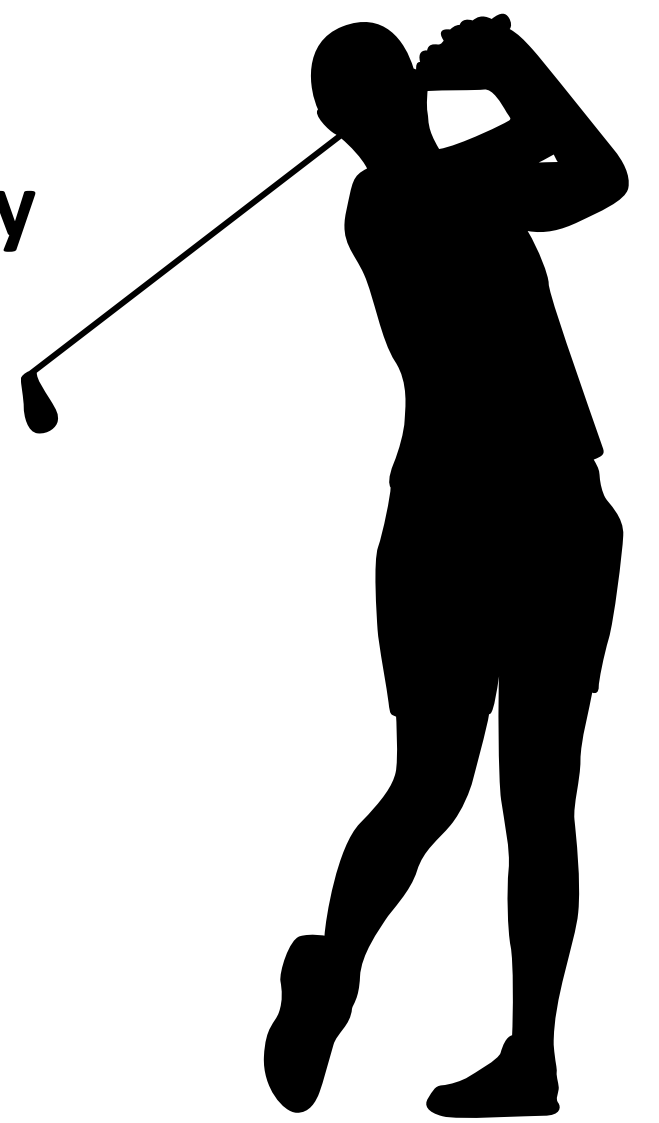
Jennyruth Workshops Golf Classic  
played at the picturesque Ripon City Golf Club  
with Tee Times from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

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](mailto:don.sadiegrundy@gmail.com)**  
**Tel: 07579969261**





# KNARESBOROUGH KNIGHTMARES CHARITY GHOST WALKS

**19 June**

**14 August**

**30 October**

**18 December**



**[ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares](https://ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares)**

The 2024 Knaresborough Ghost Walks are now open for booking, with all ticket money donated to local good causes like Jennyruth Workshops.

Knaresborough may not be huge, but it has a wealth of history and folklore, with tales of ghosts, witches and murderers. Local characters like Mother Shipton have been known to make personal appearances from beyond the grave (but her availability is hard to predict).

Unlike most other things, our ticket prices have remained the same, at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for under-16s. Tours are on 19 June, 14 August, 30 October and 18 December. You can book tickets at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares).







# Happy Birthday

## June

Sue Richardson  
Hannah Rollings  
David Marshall  
Phe Morris



## June 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.

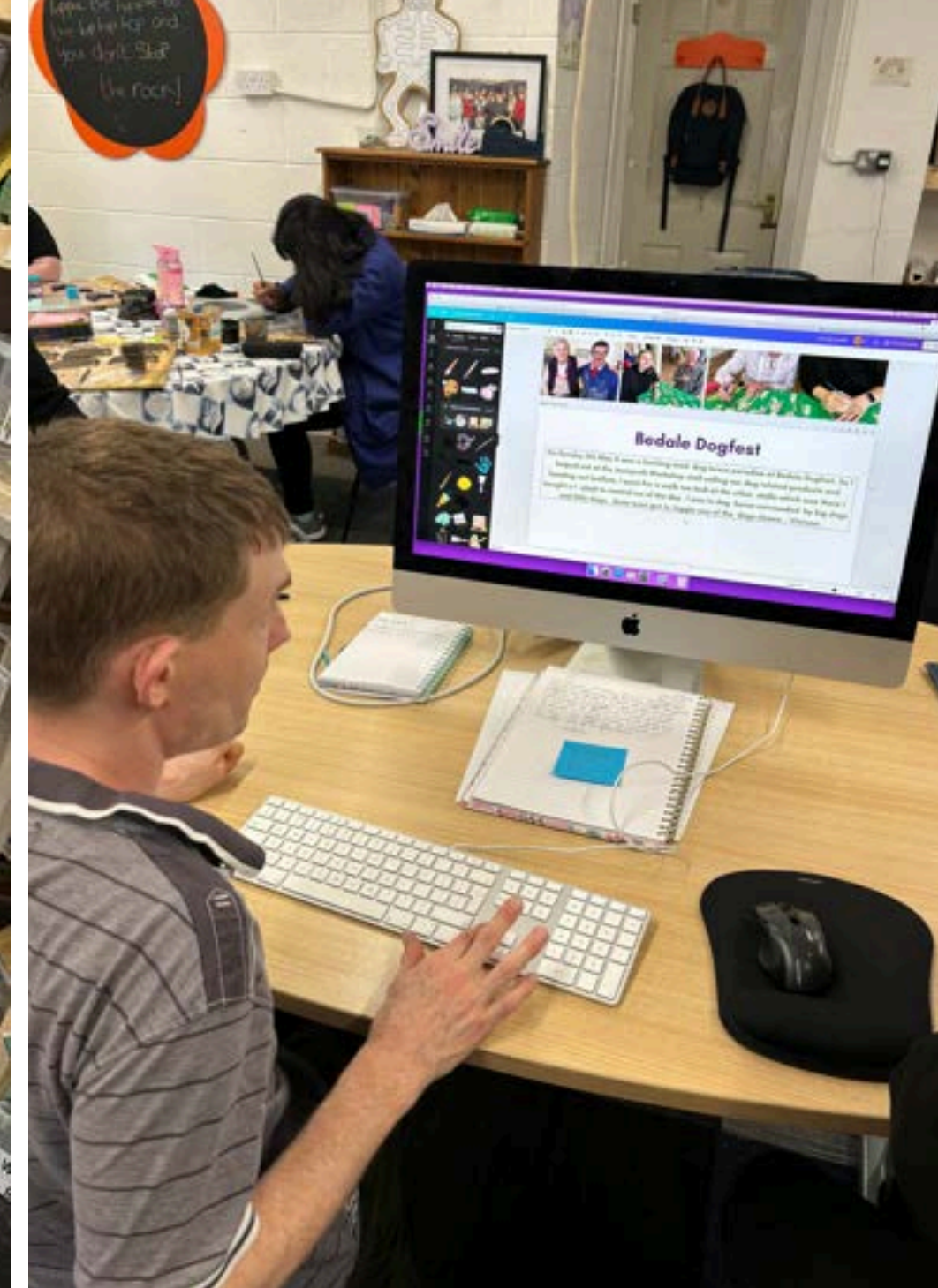


**1st prize – No 41**

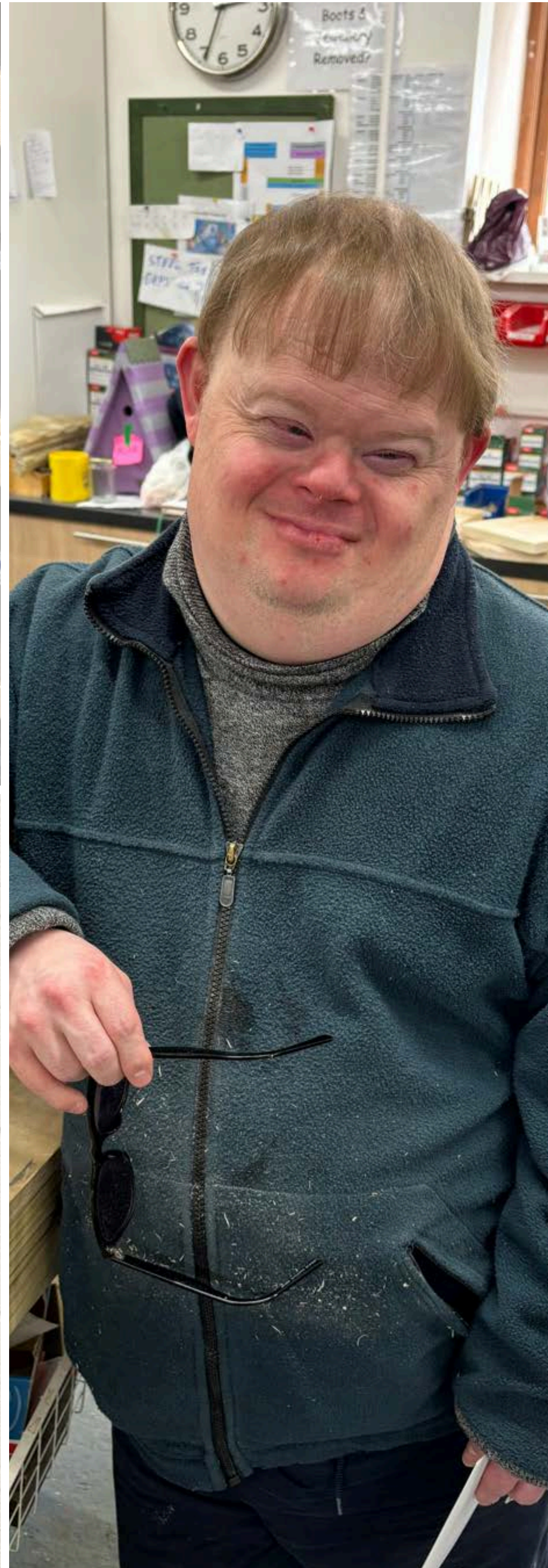
**2nd prize – No 17**

**3rd prize – No 33**











# 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@jenny ruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jenny ruth.co.uk).

## June

### Summer Garden Weekend Harlow Carr, Harrogate

21st - 23rd June 9am - 5pm



**Scruton Village Fete**  
**Scruton**  
Sunday 23rd June

**Boroughbridge Lions Gala Fete**  
**Boroughbridge**  
Sunday 30th June





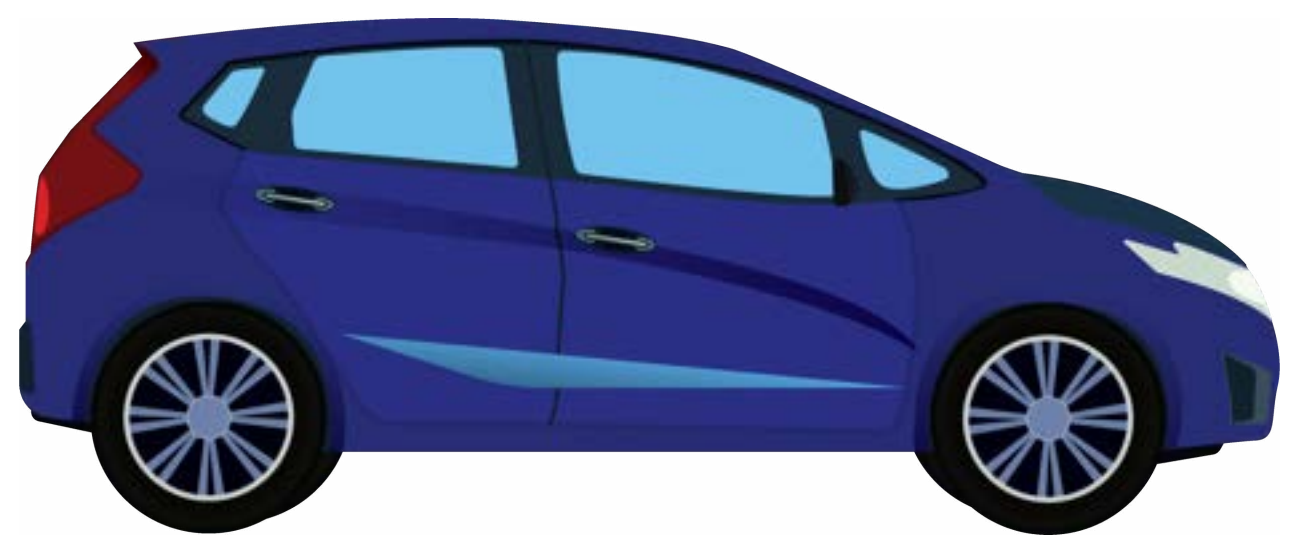
# July and August



**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**  
**Knaresborough 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





# November

**Christmas Fair  
Ripon Cathedral**

**Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd November**





# A Message from



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