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Hello everyone

Welcome to the October edition of The Wren.

We've had more trips out than usual to allow the building work to progress; from crazy golf to watching re-enactors at the Royal Armouries in Leeds. It's been very difficult to decide which photos to include as there were so many to choose from.

Now the plasterer has finished our extension is getting the finishing touches and we have begun to use the spaces; so exciting and well worth the wait

We've also been at The Autumn Flower Show at Newby Hall where we had a stall and thanks to a team effort led by Sue Turner put together a wonderful Mini Mystery Border display. We love the characters so much we will be putting Lord Carnation and his friends in our garden so that everyone can enjoy them.

I can't wait to see what delights Novembers' issue holds having read this one

Take care

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Our Amazing WOWs

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month the Publicity Group (Victoria, Lucy, Ryan H, Martin, Beth and Alex) received Worker of the Week (WOW).



Publicity Group
Workers of the Week
18th September 2023



- For working independently.
- For coming up with fantastic ideas.
- For creating engaging and fun social media posts.
- Working as a team and listening to everyone's ideas.
- For being flexible and offering to help where needed.

Nicky

CEO



Visits and Events

Autumn Flower Show at Newby Hall

Set Up Day



We had a top team to help us set up for the Autumn Flower Show! This year we were also asked to create a **Mini Mystery Border** as part of a trail for people to follow.



Day 1



Anna and Avril were already at the stall and welcomed us there.

In the distance we could hear bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace". Also at the stall were Tom (accompanied by Jerry), Jonathan, Helen, Pippa, Phoebe, Ryan and Adam.

The big sellers were the habitat boxes, and also some bat boxes. Cards and plant markers were also popular. One customer bought a 'Paint Your Own' pack which was then being sent across the globe all the way to her grandchild in Singapore as a Christmas gift.

The stall looked stunning and the goods we make were displayed beautifully. One customer said to us "your display is very colourful".

We took it in turns to have a look around at some of the other stalls. One stall that caught my attention was the vegetable stall. The onions were enormous and the runner beans were the longest I've ever seen! Ryan really loved the very big pumpkins! Tom enjoyed meeting and greeting people and handing out leaflets. Pippa was happy to help with processing payments. She also enjoyed having an ice-cream!!

Next to our stall was a fudge stall, very tasty indeed!

Another stall I saw was one selling gardening equipment. They sold (amongst other things) gardening shears, gardening forks and lots of other things that would come in handy for the garden.

Lots of people were buying some lovely plants and flowers. Also quite a lot of garden furniture was sold.

We all thoroughly enjoyed being on our stall and showing the public the quality and unique products that we make here at Jennyruth Workshops.



By Jonathan Evason



Day 2

Armed with a hot chocolate, Rachael did a fantastic job selling products and chatting to customers on Day 2 of the Autumn Flower Show!



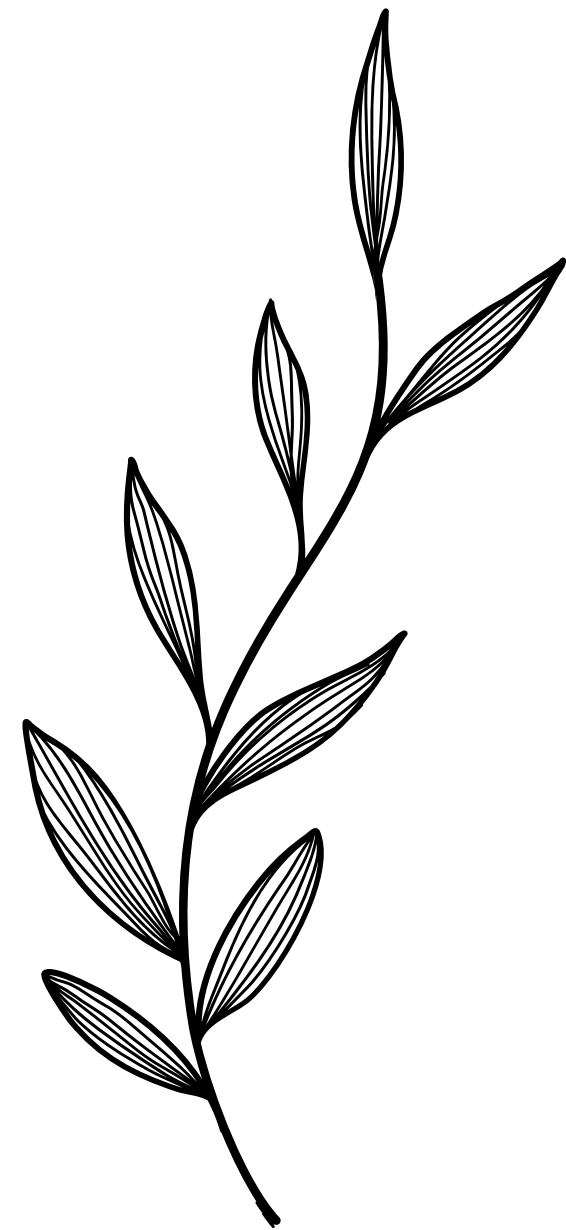
Day 3

Daniel and I sold lots of products at the Autumn Flower Show. We loved looking at all the flowers and listening to the Brass Band. We saw giant fruit and vegetables that were being judged.

By Jamie Allen



Talk to the Mothers' Union in Boston Spa



On Wednesday 6th September Beth, Linda, Debs and I went to Boston Spa to give a talk to the Mother's Union.

I helped Linda set up the laptop and turn on the projector ready for the talk. Beth and Debs worked together setting up the stall.

Last time I did a talk I stood by the screen and did lots of the talking but this time I was in charge of the laptop and making sure I changed the slide at the right time. I really enjoyed my role! Next time I do a talk I would like to work the laptop again.



After the talk we had tea and biscuits. Beth and Debs helped the customers who wanted to purchase our products. Linda and I were chatting to the ladies while having a cup of tea.

We packed everything up then headed back to the workshop. I really enjoyed the talk because everyone was very friendly.

By Jessica Lewis

Trip to Ripon Wetlands

The sun was shining so we decided to visit Ripon Wetlands. We were able to take the minibus all the way in which was great.

We spotted some Marsh Harriers hovering in the sky and there were lots of birds floating on the lake. Some geese took off and made a loud squawking noise as they flew away.



"I really enjoyed the walk and loved looking at all the birds from the hide," said Hannah .



" I liked getting some fresh air and sitting in the gazebo," said Jessica. Daniel found out all sorts of information about the animals in the gazebo.



Woodwork Mini Golf

On the 13th September we went to Harrogate Valley Gardens to play Crazy Golf. The whole group enjoyed themselves because everyone was really friendly, relaxed and had fun. There was a lot of encouragement and team spirit.

We watched skaters at the skatepark which was amazing. Their tricks were spectacular especially when they realised that they had an audience.

Andrew said, "I got one ball in one hole so I was really lucky."

"We also looked at the Japanese gardens which were really interesting because they were all Japanese shrubs and trees," explained Richard .



Chris said, "It was an excellent day and the sun was shining. I was a champion at crazy golf. I ate a gorgeous choc ice and we ate our lunch in the park."



Mark was a super duper golfer.



All in all it was a very popular day and Shaun would recommend it.



Visit to Acomb Townswomen's Guild

Jessica has had a busy month being in charge of the laptop. This time she travelled to Acomb in York with Hannah, Avril and Jackie on 19th September.



When they arrived it was drizzling, but it didn't matter because they quickly unloaded the cars and carried the electronics and stock into the church hall.

Jackie and Hannah set up the stall while Avril and Jessica got the tech ready. The projector made the image look really tiny on the screen to start off with but once we moved it onto a table further away, it was a much better size.

Hannah spoke really clearly and at the end the ladies had lots of questions and were really interested in Jennyruth Workshops.

They bought some of our stock. Jessica was in charge of the Zettle and Hannah took the cash.

Finally, we had some time for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Doing these talks can be thirsty work!



Royal Armouries

Also on the 19th September, a large group of workers and staff travelled to Leeds to visit the Royal Armouries. Matthew and Jonathan were very impressed by the swords. They were allowed to hold them so they discovered that they were very heavy.

Ben said he was very happy and liked the swords.

Martin commented, "It was interesting because I did the history of armoury. I really like the part about Vikings and cowboys."



Andrew found the Japanese swords, which were very sharp, very interesting as well as lots of guns and different ammunition.



Dawn really enjoyed it because she hadn't been there before.



Even the elephants had armour.



Daniel saw some figures that showed the battle formation. There were exercising knights.



News from the Workshops



**Our
extension is
nearly
complete!!**

After months and months of work and patience, we are very excited to announce the near completion of our extension!

Celebrations and Grand Opening announcements to come once the finishing touches are complete...

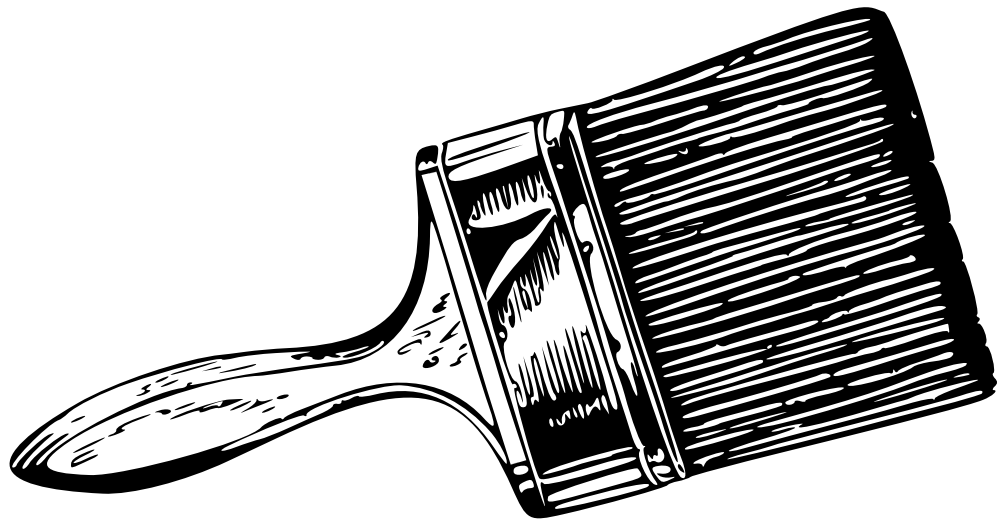
There are so many thank yous that we need to give because without these people our extension would not have been possible!

We would like to thank Tim and David Newell - the Newell Brothers - for all their work on the internal building work and fitting out of the extension.



Nicky would like to thank the staff, workers and volunteers for their patience during the build.





A big thank you to Wolsley for sending a top team of volunteers to paint our extension!





Sara and Sarah from Capita joined us earlier in the year to volunteer in our garden but this time they put their hand to painting. Thank you for taking the time to help us!

Emma and Steve also joined us from Capita and spent the day painting our corridors, transforming them from grey to white,



A huge thank you to Lee Town from Town Plastering for.....you guessed it....plastering the entirety of the extension!



A huge thank you to George and Jason from GRG Projects our excellent electricians for brightening up our workshop with daylight strip lights, sockets and fire exits.

We would also like to thank:

JSL for the steel work

MKM and Yesss Electricals for supplying materials

David Elsy for supplying various system upgrades

Danny Burgess for digging out the foundations

Calverts Carpets

Howdens for fire doors

The Screwfix Foundation

The Wolfson Foundation

SESF UnLtd

The Local Fund

Henry and Dora Needler Memorial Trust

Bernard Sunley Foundation

And everyone else who has been involved in making this happen.
WOW! What a lot of people/organisations who have been involved.

Rachael's Photo Snaps

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

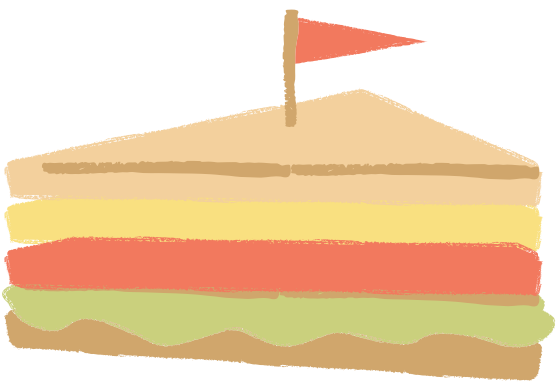






Volunteering Volunteer Social

The next social of 2023 has been postponed.
More information to come in November.....



"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

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

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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.

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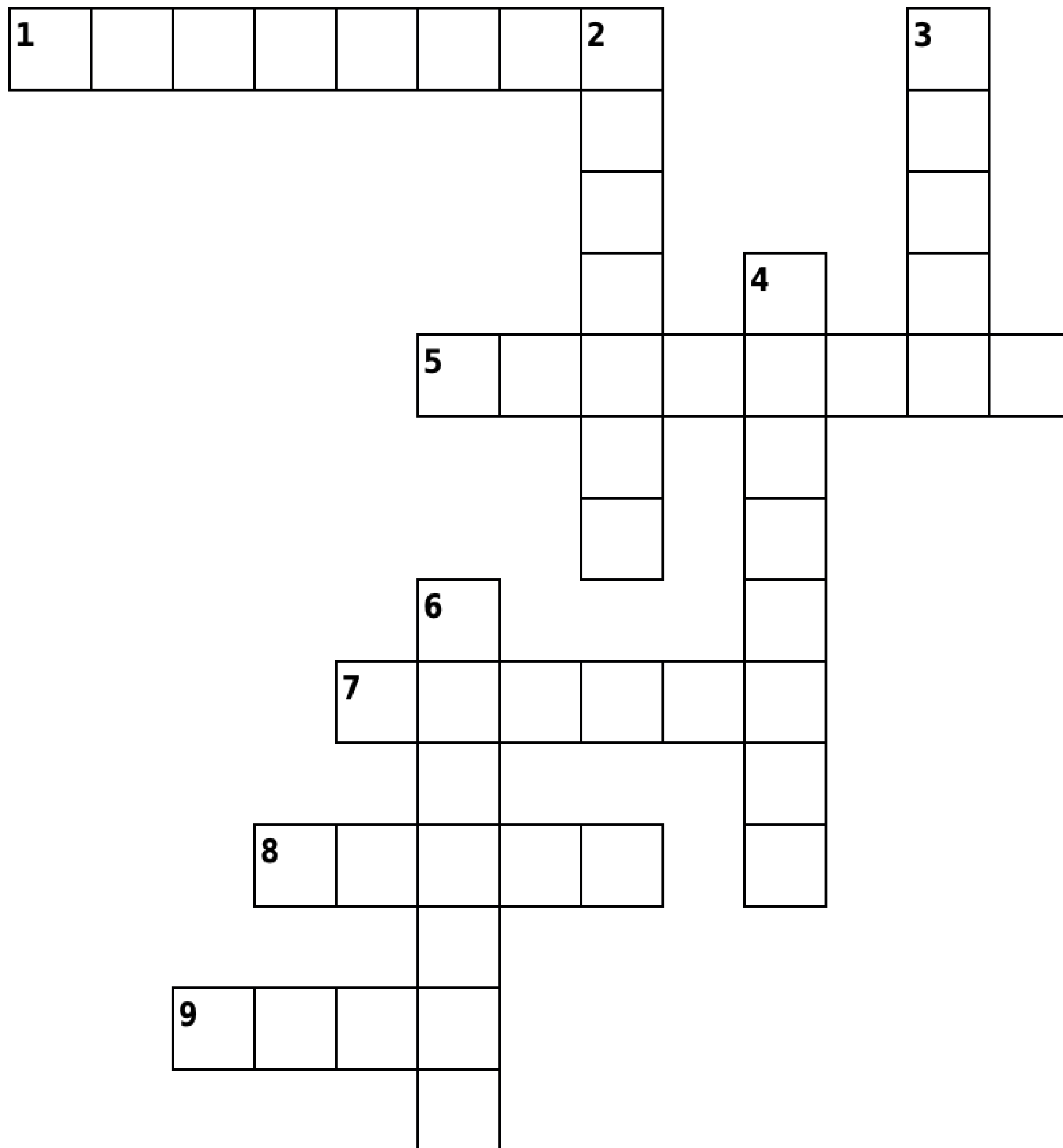
GHOST WALKS IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES



ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares



Rainy Day Relaxation



Across

1. They lay eggs
5. This animal has a shell
7. This animal makes a dam
8. They are attracted to lights at night
9. Three blind ____

Down

2. A small chatty bird that lives in hedgerows
3. They swim in water and go quack
4. They crow early in the morning
6. Small bird of prey

Jamie's Jokes



What holiday does a vampire love more than Halloween?

Fangs-giving



How do monsters cook their eggs?

Terror-fried

TRICK
or
TREAT

Knock Knock

Who's there?

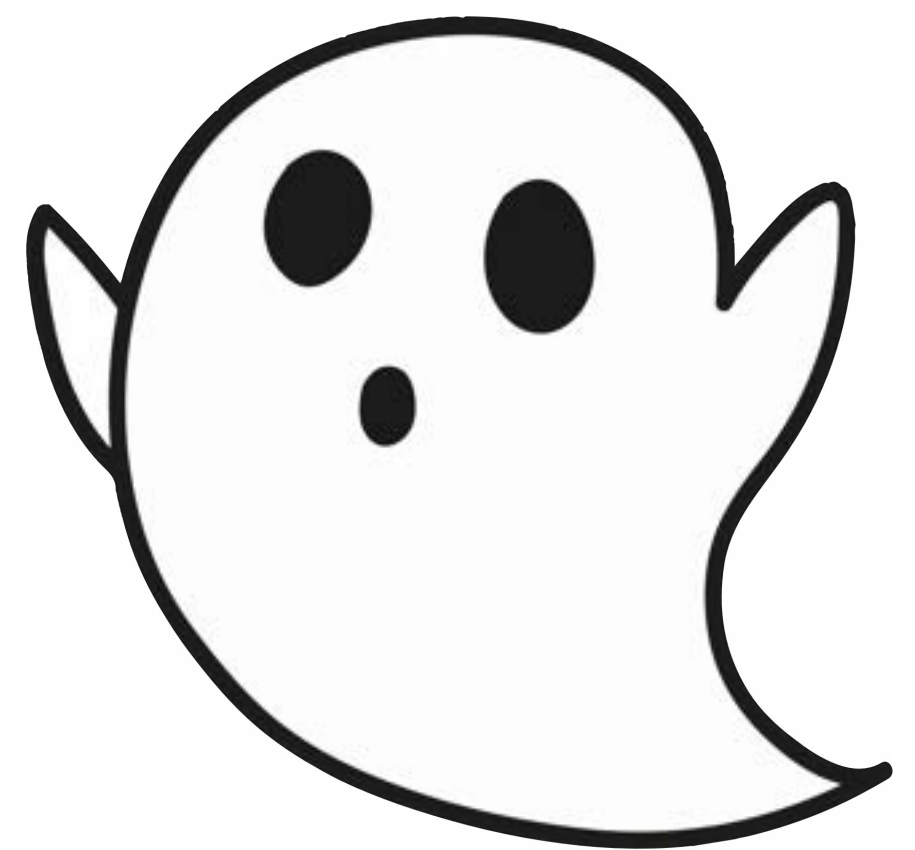
Handsome

Handsome who?

Hand some candy to me

What is a baby ghosts favourite game to play?

Peeka-boo



What do you call 2 witches sharing an apartment?

Broom-mates





Happy Birthday

October

Deborah Sleep
Henry Scrope
Ellen Hirst
Andrew Wilford
Christopher Stanfield
Trixy Slade
Ryan Hearfield
Martin Grainger
Louise Evans



October 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.

1st prize – No 19

2nd prize – No 87

3rd prize – No 95



Dates for the Diary

A note for volunteers

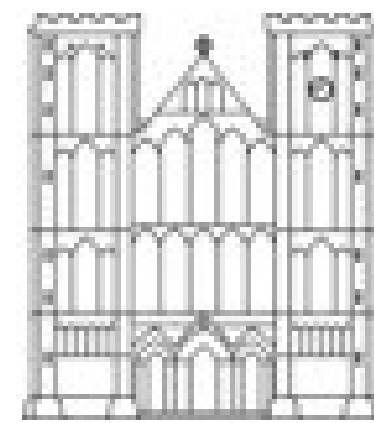
If you would like to help out at any of our events then please get in touch by emailing Avril at info@jennyruth.co.uk.

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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