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Hello everyone

Looking through this edition I realise we've been just a little busy! Anna has had a fabulous team to work with again - thank you everyone for making the magazine such fun.

We've had the first of our stalls, been out to talks, welcomed lots of visitors, had a day out at Monk Park Farm and still managed to find time to get some work done too.

Whilst we have been busy making Easter Eggs for Ripon BID and Fountains Abbey, Jamie has been brushing up on his Easter themed jokes which you'll find on page 36.

Our next volunteer social evening is on Friday 21st April; a lovely way to meet friends old and new and puzzle over Don's quiz 😊

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Take care

Nicky

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Head of Photography Rachael Addison

Art Director Jamie Allen

Chief Reporter Tom Oates



Our Amazing WOWs

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



Dawn Wright
Worker of the Week
7th March 2023



- For always being cheerful.
- For completing her stenciling so well.
- For always 'having a go.'
- For getting on with her work and not making a fuss.

Nicky

CEO



Hannah Rollings



Worker of the Week
7th March 2023

- For doing such an expert job of the talk to the WI at Roecliffe. What a star. 🌟
- For helping to sell some of our products and using the Zettle competently.

Nicky

CEO



Ryan Rhodes
Worker of the Week
14th March 2023



- For taking the initiative and wanting to help with orders.
- For listening and really improving his painting.
- For being good company and positive in the paintshop.

Nicky

CEO





Tom Oates



Worker of the Week
22nd March 2023

- For settling in so well.
- For working hard with anyone in the workshop.
- For being so enthusiastic and positive.
- For sharing so many relevant ideas.

Nicky

CEO

WONDERFUL!

AMAZING



Jonathan Evason



Worker of the Week
27th March 2023

- For always being helpful.
- For being fantastic at finishing off.
- For being open to new things and embracing new technology.
- For being great in magazine group.

Nicky

CEO



Visits and Events

The Dales School

On Saturday 4th of March, Anna, Christopher and I went to the Dales School in Northallerton to tell the students about how wonderful Jennyruth Workshops is. We set up our table inside the school with our products, magazines, leaflets and other information about Jennyruth Workshops. We saw a lot of people at the Dales School and they came one by one to have a look but also to have a chat. It was very packed and very busy. Although it wasn't a sales event we sold one of the giraffes on sticks to a parent who was looking round.

By Jessica Lewis & Tom Oates



Sights and Sounds

Sights and Sounds was a successful stall! We had the opportunity to network with lots of other people there, tell them about the fantastic work we do and sell some of our fab products.



Talk at the Jennyfields Styan Community Centre

Daniel says "I was in charge of the tech. I sat at the laptop and when Beth gave me a thumbs up, I changed the slides. My favourite part was being tech support and having tea and biscuits.

Beth says "we sold lots of products. My favourite part was when I won the raffle four times and was able to bring back lots of treats to the Jennyruth Workshops. I set up the stall with Jackie while Anna and Daniel set up the tech. I did all the talking while Daniel did the tech. Thank you for inviting us!"



Stall at Wetherby Market

We made our debut at Wetherby Market last month after being offered the charity stall by Wetherby Town Council. "It was a bit rainy but then the sun came out and it was lovely. It was a great day because we made lots of sales and I had a hot chocolate. I helped Daniel to take payments by holding the products while Daniel scanned the barcode" said Rachael.



Visit to Monk Park Farm

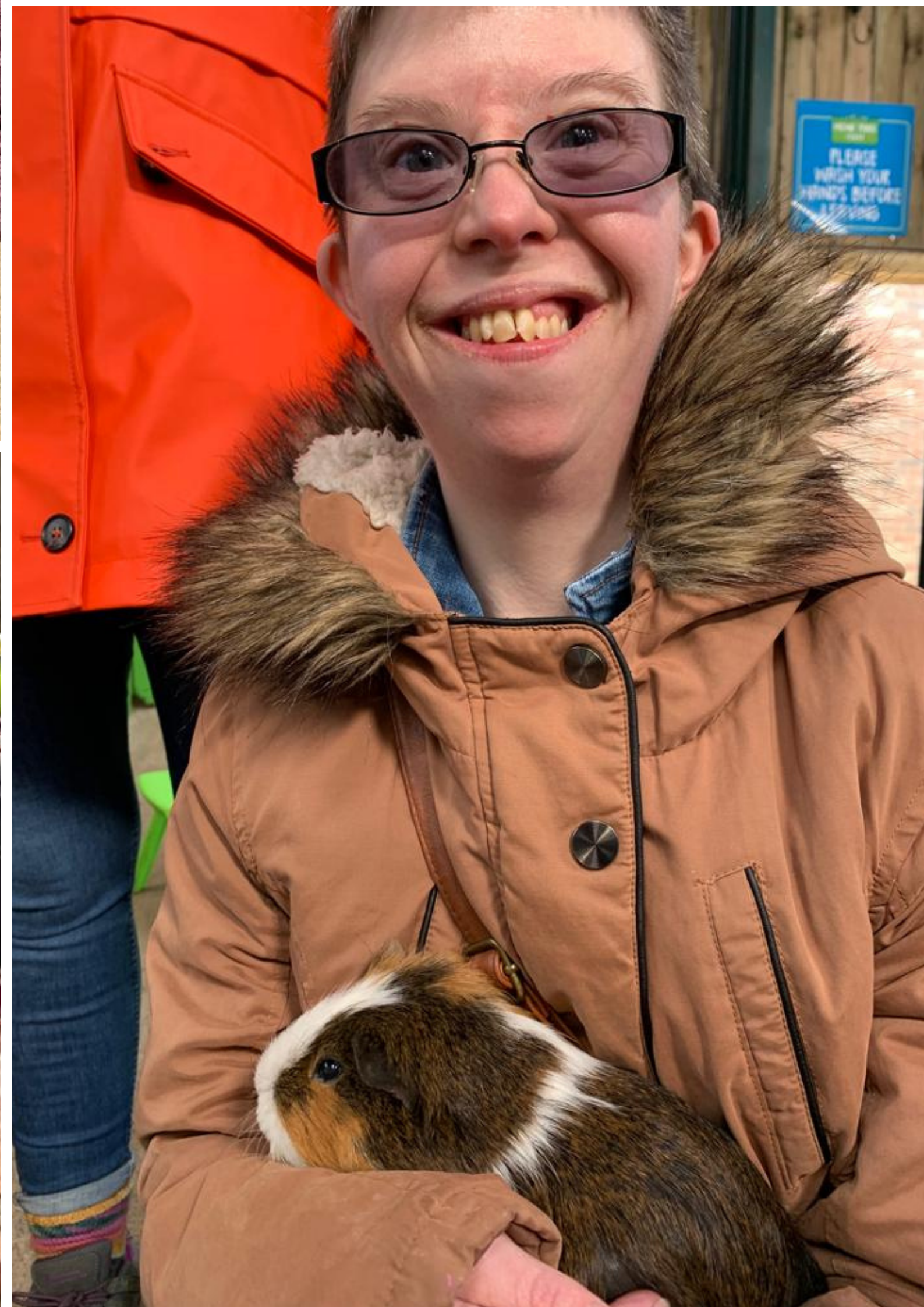
On Friday 24th March we were invited by Monk Park Farm to attend their grand re-opening. It was a brilliant day out with the whole of Jennyruth Workshops and we were given the honour of opening their Guinea Pig Village.

"I went in Phoebe's car which made me really happy" said Rachael. Tom said "I was supported by Adam and my excellent, highly qualified guide dog Jerry."

Over the past year we have been working very hard in order to create the Guinea Pig village, complete with bakery and pub, for Monk Park Farm. We gathered in the petting barn and then Andrew cut the ribbon. Rachael said "we had a big group photo for the opening of the Guinea Pig Village."



Tom said "after the opening ceremony Adam, Jerry and I went to look at the alpacas. The alpacas were very curious of a guide dog being there. After visiting the guinea pigs, we then went on a walk around the Woodland Walk. The walk was ok but some parts were very muddy and squidgy. Adam supported Jerry and I during the uneasy parts of the walk. It was also great to see the pigs and piglets. After the Woodland Walk Adam and I went to watch the lamb feeding time while some people were feeding milk to the lambs."



Jessica said "my favourite part was walking around with Linda looking at all the animals, counting our steps as we went around the farm, having a laugh and a lot of fun."

We were very lucky to be able to feed the lambs.





Jamie said "I really enjoyed feeding the lambs and stroking the guinea pigs. Going on the woodland walk was also one of my favourite parts."

We then all had lunch together in a small but covered tent. After lunch, we all split up into separate groups. Some went for a walk, some went for a drink and a cake and some went on the rides.

Tom said "Adam and I went for a short walk and went past the mucky pigs. After the walk, Adam had too many brownies in the café and I had a delicious but cold and refreshing milkshake with a decent but wholesome flapjack. After having the flapjack and drink, we popped into the shop and bought a fridge magnet and 2 key rings. My favourite part of the day was seeing all the hard work of the cute village created by Jennyruth Workshops. The funniest was seeing the pub and Guinea pig village."

"I loved walking round with Phoebe, Ben and Joan. My favourite part was seeing the goats, cuddling guinea pigs and feeding the lambs." said Rachael.





News from the Workshops

Easter Eggs for Ripon BID

Our team have been very busy, painting 40 Easter eggs for Ripon BID.

"The aim of the Ripon BID Easter window competition is to encourage visitors movement around BID businesses, we have been working in partnership with the fantastic team at Jennyruth Workshops, who have created 40 decorated Easter eggs for businesses to display and build their themed windows around. It has been wonderful to partner with Jennyruth on this project. Their workers have done a brilliant job and I loved my tour of the workshop and then the opportunity to meet some of the workers again in Ripon when they presented the eggs to Specsavers and Yorkshire Building Society. I do all we will see lots of Jennyruth workers and staff entering the competition".

Lilla Bathurst, Manager Ripon BID

Such a great project to be part of!



Spring into Ripon!



WITH OUR FREE EASTER EVENT 1st-16th April

Ripon businesses are decorating their windows around Easter Eggs painted by the talented people at Jennyruth Workshops.

- Hunt down the painted eggs
- Vote for your favourite Easter window
- Be in with a chance to win some egg-citing prizes including a family day out at Newby Hall and Gardens!



Look out for our Easter Bunny who will be visiting Ripon on Thursday 6th April & Saturday 8th April between 10am & 2pm

Enjoy all the joys of Spring with a visit to Ripon, the cathedral city of the dales



Please do share your favourites on social media using #springintoripon @visitriponyorkshire / @visitripon

Ripon_{BID}

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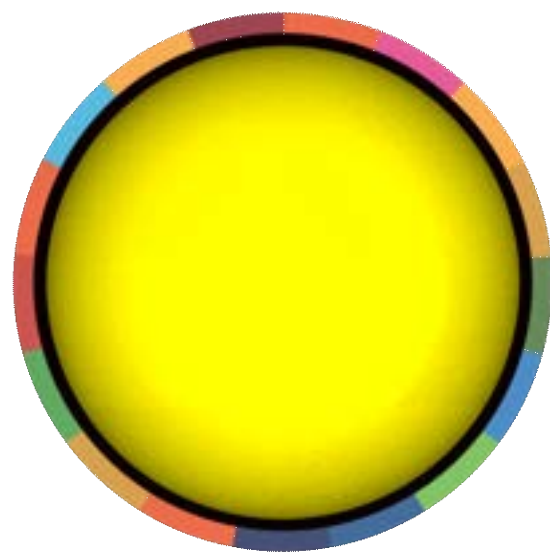
www.visitripon.co.uk

Smiley Charity Film Awards

Oh what a night! A huge thank you to all our amazing supporters who voted for our small but mighty charity. You're the reason our film made the final of the Charity Film Awards!

Unfortunately we didn't win but we met lots of incredible people including Nicolas Loufrani whose father founded the Smiley Movement and gave all these inspiring charities the opportunity to showcase what they do!

For those who didn't see our famous shout from AJ Pritchard (Former Strictly Professional) then you can watch it here:
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CqFtwxslQCn/>



Our workers shared how it felt to be a finalist at the Smiley Charity Film Awards

"It made me feel privileged" - Jamie A

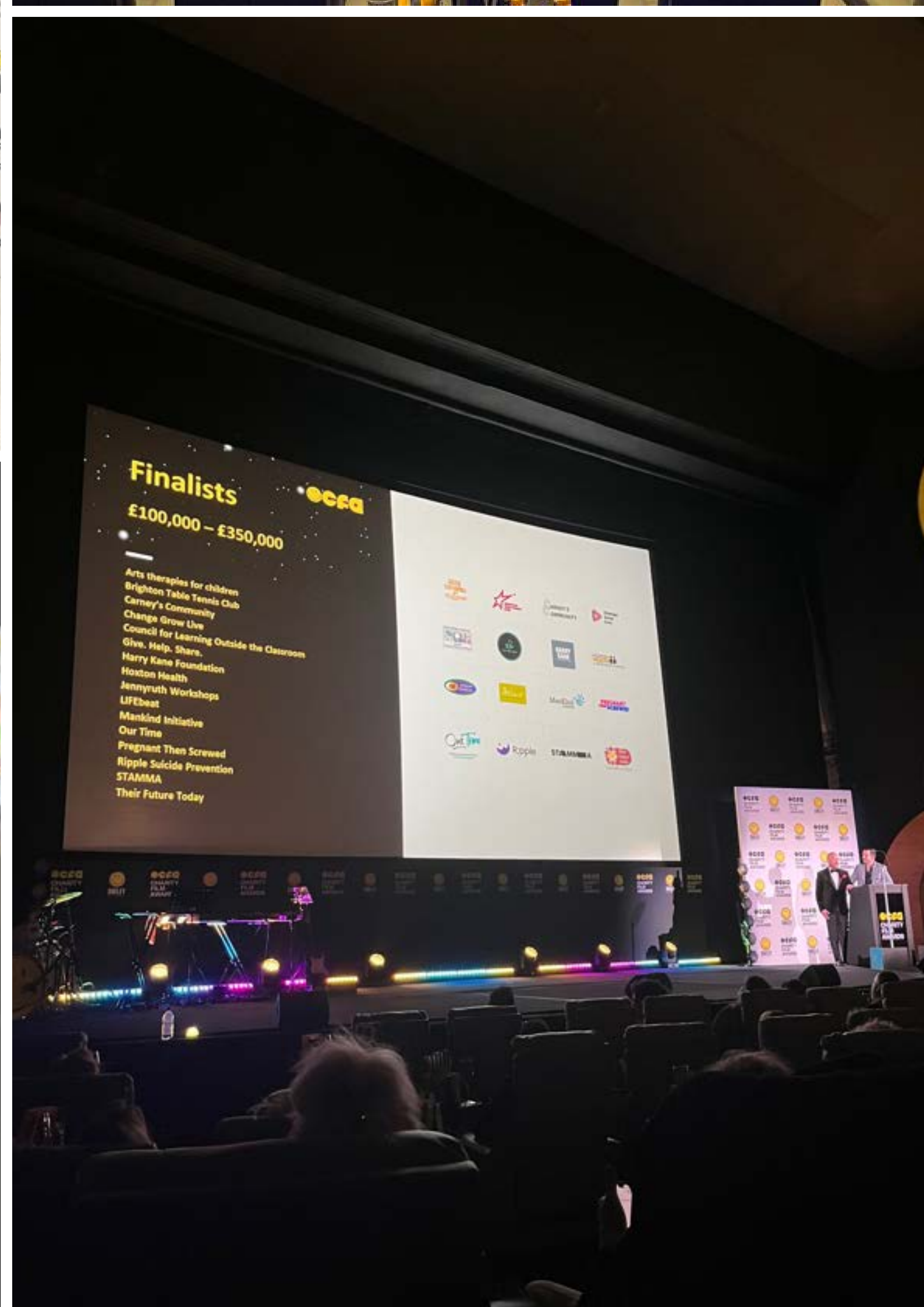
"It wasn't about winning, it was about showing people that we are small but mighty" - Tom O

"At Jennyruth we are like one big family and I just love you all so much. It looked like an amazing night and even though we didn't win we still had the experience of going (plus we're still awesome)!" -
Emma L



WELCOMES YOU TO THE CHARITY FILM AWARDS 2023

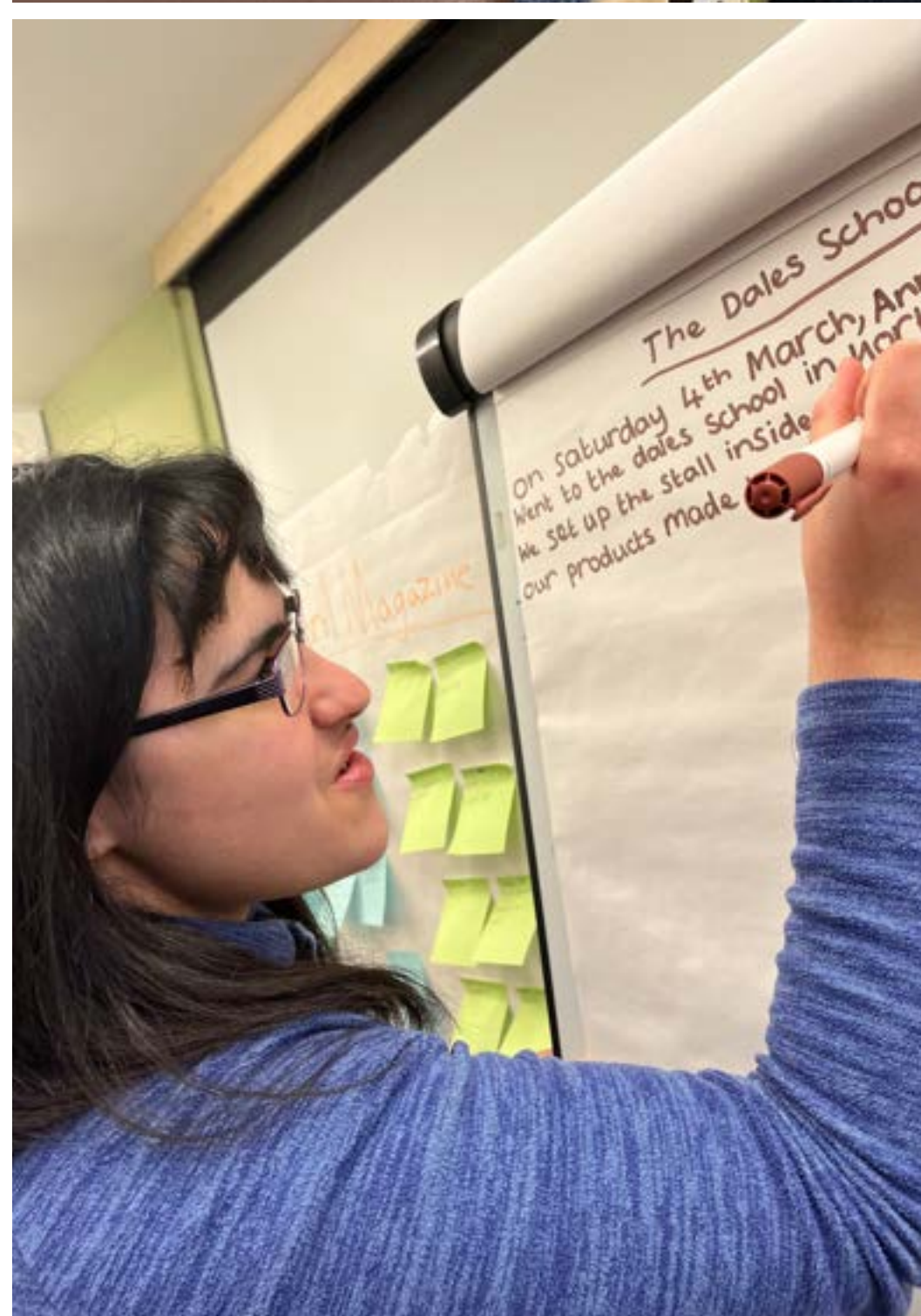
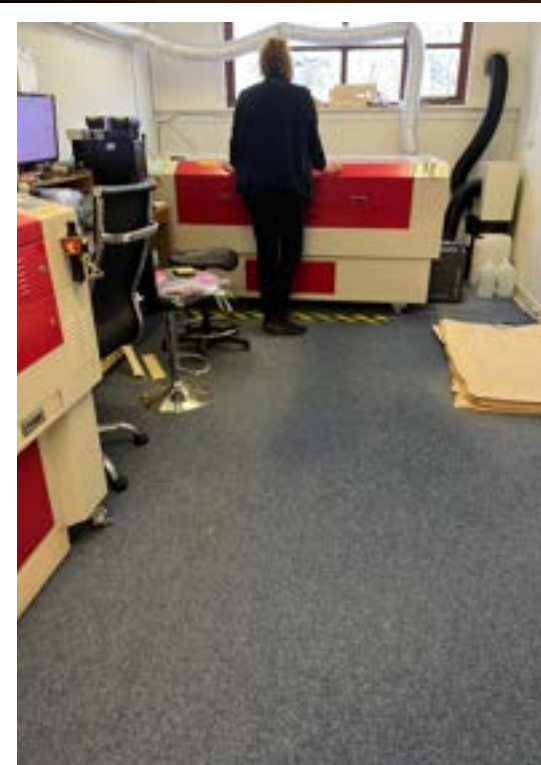
#cfa23 #charityfilmawards



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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Red Nose Day

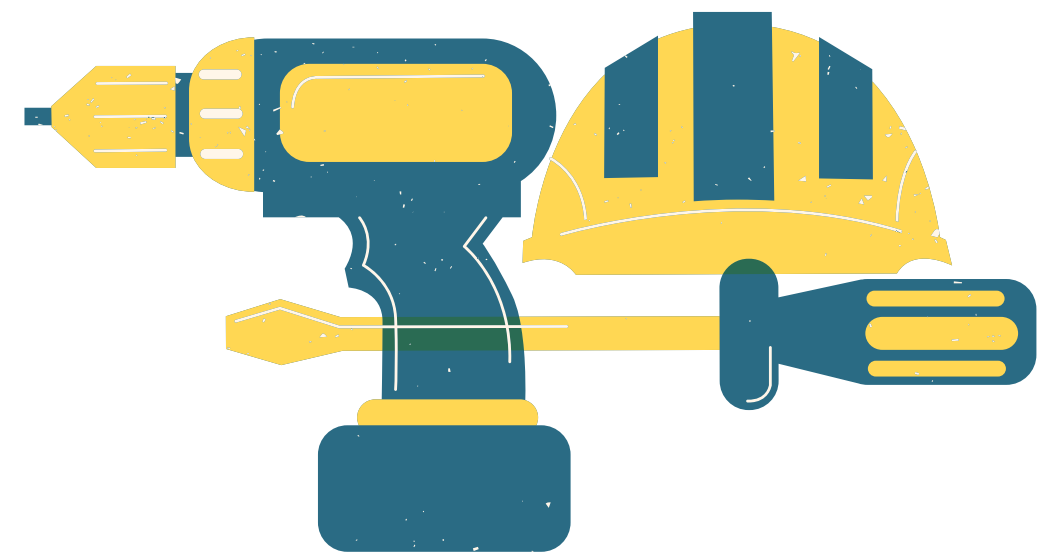
Matthew baked lots of delicious cupcakes and brownies to raise money for Red Nose Day.



Volunteering

Volunteer Spotlight - Philip

Philip started volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops 3 years ago and has been helping out in woodwork.



The magazine team interviewed Philip in March to find out more about his life and why he wanted to become a volunteer at Jennyruth Workshops.

How long have you been volunteering at Jennyruth workshops?

3 years!

Where do you live and what was your childhood like?

I live in Masham but grew up on the west coast of Ireland so a bit of a country bumpkin. I lived in a beautiful place called Sligo which means narrow place in Irish.

How did you hear about Jennyruth Workshops and what made you want to be a volunteer?

A friend told me about Jennyruth Workshops when I was volunteering at Ripon Walled Garden. I knew a few people who also came to the workshops such as Trixie and they had said what a great place it was. I love volunteering! I've always volunteered for different charities. I feel a lot better for being here.

What was your job before volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops ?

I was a computer consultant working for Oracle in Ireland. They make practically all the databases in this country.

What are your hobbies

I love gardening! I've got a workshop at home where I make bird houses, chairs and all sorts. I love walking all around the dales but my favourite place to walk is the Lake District.

Have you got any pets?

No, I love dogs but my wife's very afraid of them. I'm allergic to cats but my wife loves them. We use to have 2 hamsters called coco and pop.

Where do you like to go on holiday?

I lived in Italy for 1 1/2 years for work. I was based near Venice and would love to go back. My favourite thing about Italy was the people and the food. My favourite place to visit in England is the Lake District.

Do you like football? If so, what team do you support?

I do watch football but I'm afraid I support Leeds United.

What do you like to do to relax?

Gardening and walking but I do enjoy travelling abroad.

What was your favourite subject at school?

Mathematics because I struggled with everything else. I went on to uni and did a degree in Maths.

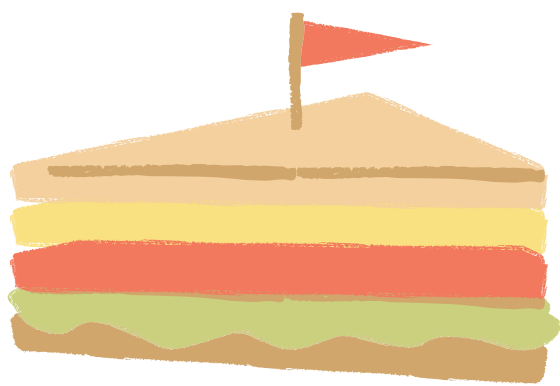
Volunteer Social

The next social of 2023 will be on 21st April 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.....

Rachel

"Helping on the stalls and learning to use the card machine. Spending time with all the lovely people."



Jo

"Helping Ryan to paint when he first came to Jennyruth Workshops and seeing him progress to an amazing detailed painter. Coming in feeling low and going home feeling uplifted!"

Helen
"Watching the Christmas video and seeing everyone together. Working one to one with Chris and Richard and seeing their confidence grow."



Louise

"I love every moment of being part of Jennyruth Workshops and enjoy working with the workers. The happy atmosphere in the paintshop and being proud to be in the team!"



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/>



Thank You Steve

The amazing Steve Dixon, one of our fantastic volunteers, is taking part in the Sue Ryder Mascot Gold Cup 2023 and is generously raising money for us in the process. The race is one furlong (220 yards) and includes 5 small fences with an 'open ditch' and 'water jump'. Made more difficult by completing the event in a dog suit.

Click to donate <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jennyruth-workshops>

A message from Steve: "As a volunteer - I am relatively new to seeing the magic of what Jennyruth Workshop offers to its workers, volunteers & staff - It's an amazing place and everyone involved there deserves all the support they can get!"

It's a few years since I last 'ran' a competitive event in the Dog Suit - so why not do something memorable and help put the Fun into Fundraising - I will also be using the race as part of my 65th Birthday celebrations. (That happens earlier in April) - Lots of friends & all my close family have been calling me a bonkers old dog for years - so - dig deep and make a crazy old dog & a brilliant charity happy!"

Thank you Steve, you're awesome!



KNARESBOROUGH KNIGHTMARES



GHOST WALKS IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES



ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares

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

Easter

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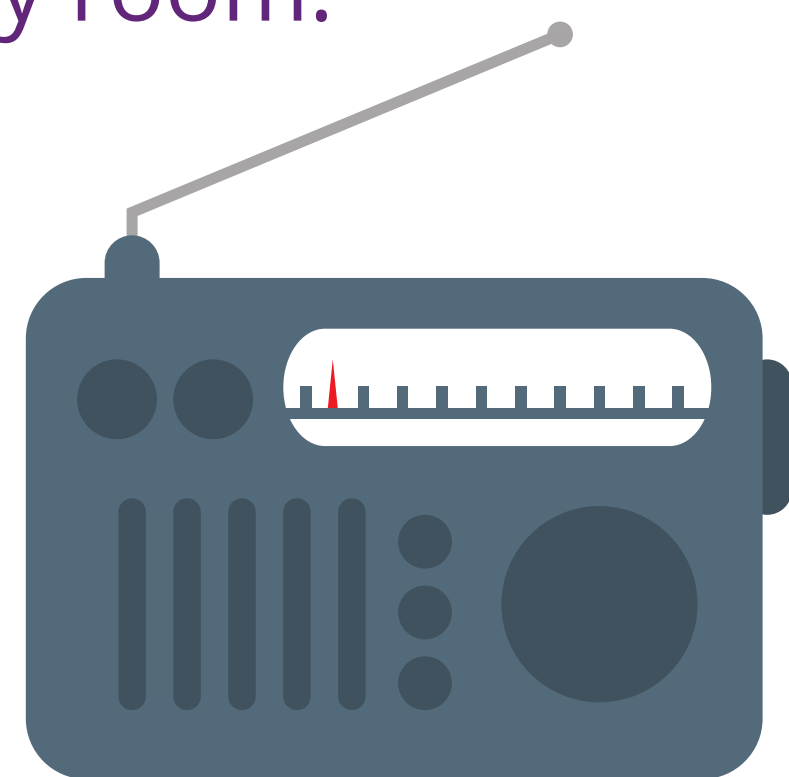


How do you relax?



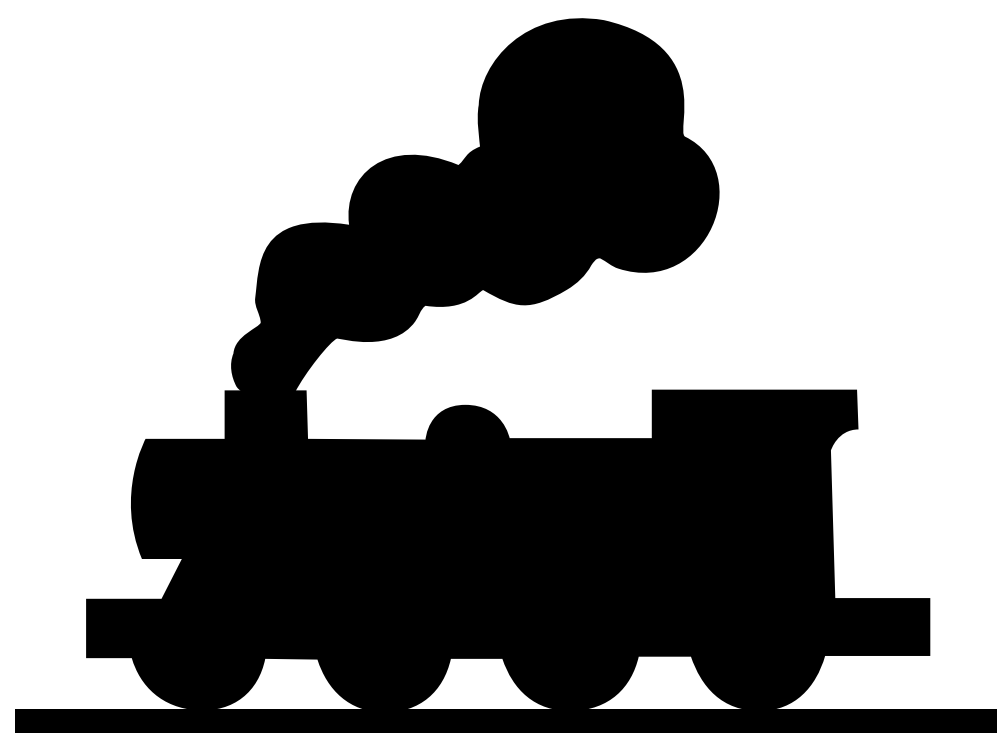
Rachael

"I put some music on the telly while I hoover. I listen to the radio while I clean my room."



Tom

"I listen to the radio or go for a walk."

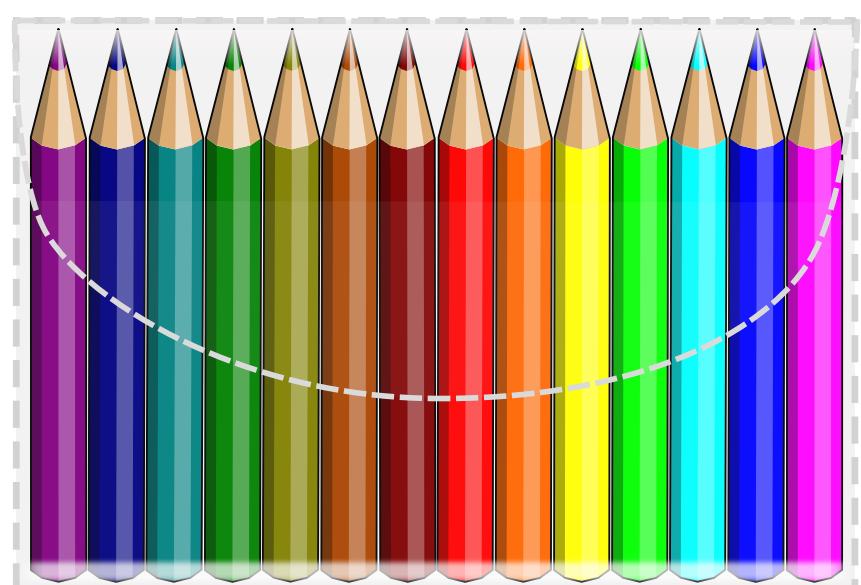


Jonathan

"Writing down train numbers and listening to the radio."

Jessica

"Walking Snickers and other exercises like swimming. I also use my stress ball."



Jamie

"Sitting down and colouring"



Jamie's Jokes

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite music?

Hip Hop

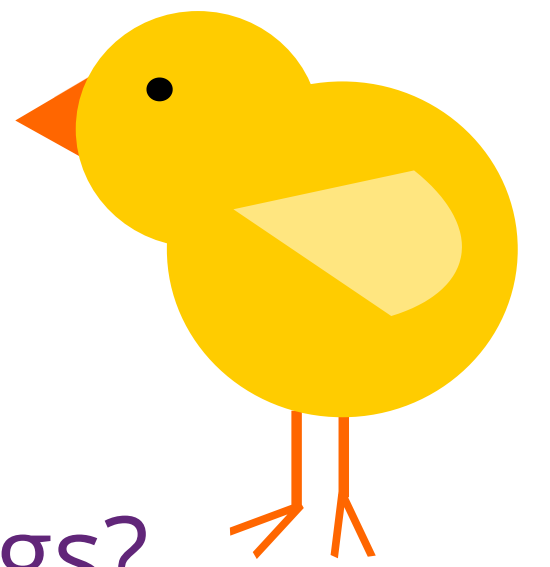
How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape?

Egg-ercise

What do you call an Easter Bunny who get's kick out of school?

Egg-spelled

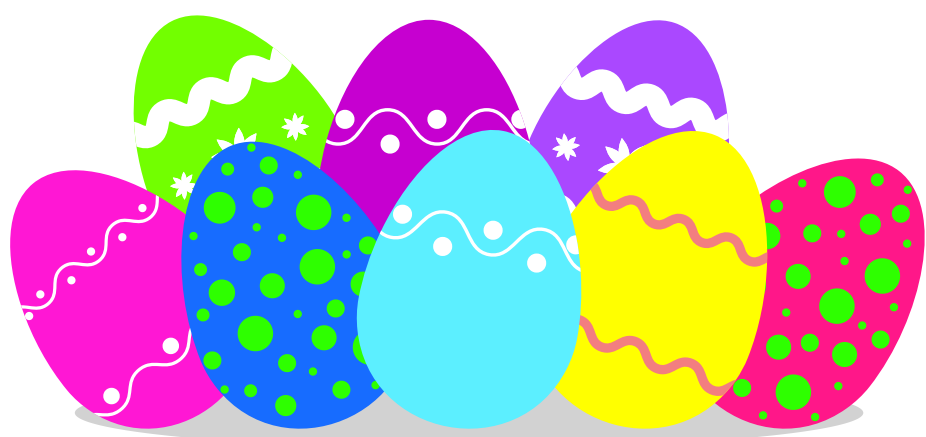
Where does the Easter Bunny get his eggs?



Eggplant

What do you call a very tired Easter Egg?

Egg-hausted.



Knock, Knock,
Who's there?

Arthur!

Arthur who?

Arthur any more Easter Eggs to decorate?







Happy Birthday



April



Janet Slator
Karen Taylor
Helen Holland
Ruth Wade
Tom Hodgson
Steve Carrigan
Linda Fergus
Alex Arnall

April 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.



1st prize – No 47

2nd prize – No 95

3rd prize – No 57

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 and Garden Fair Ripon Cathedral

Saturday 15th April 10am - 4pm

A spot of spring time shopping.

Little Bird Artisan Market Ripon

Sunday 23rd April 10am - 3pm

An artisan market showcasing beautiful handmade goods.



Sharow Village Coffee Morning Sharow Village Hall

Saturday 29th April 10am - 12pm

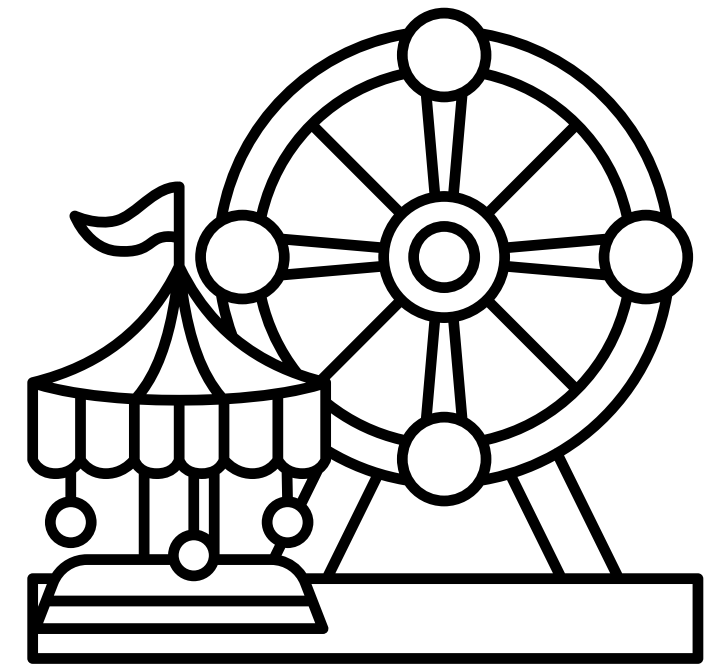
Time for a coffee and a catch up.

May and June

Duncombe Park Country Fair Duncombe Park, Helmsley

Monday 1st May 9am

A great day out for the whole family



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.



RHS Harlow Carr

24th - 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.

July



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.

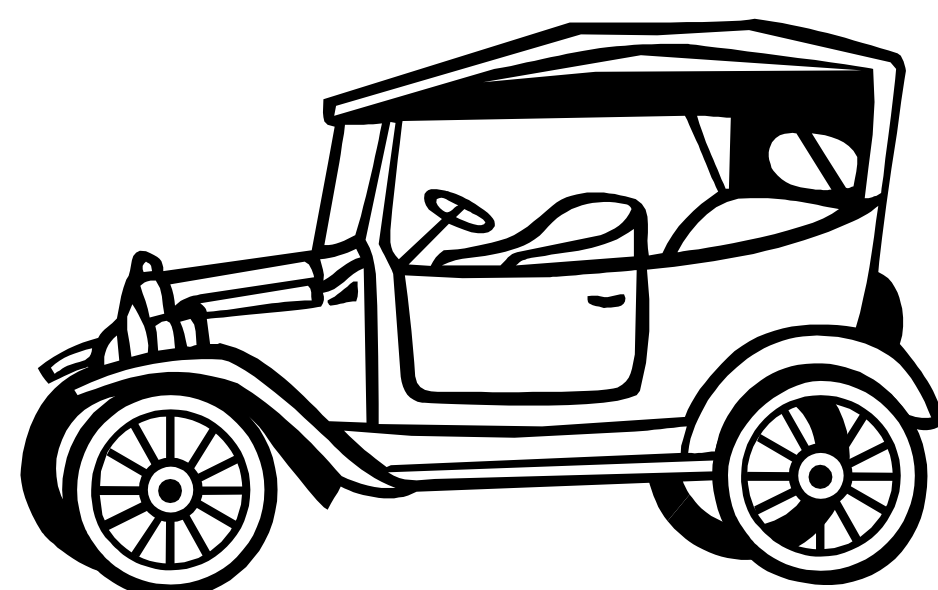
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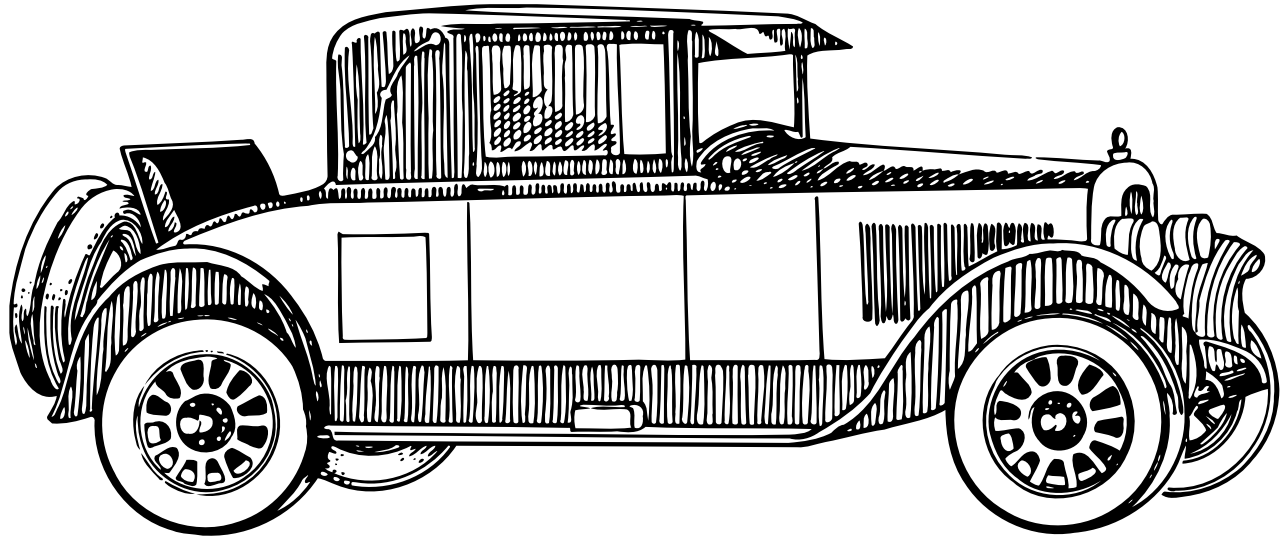
Ripon Old Car Classic Gathering Ripon Race Course

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 8:30am - 5:30pm

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

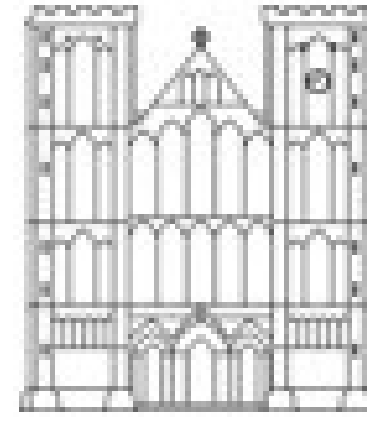


November and December

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

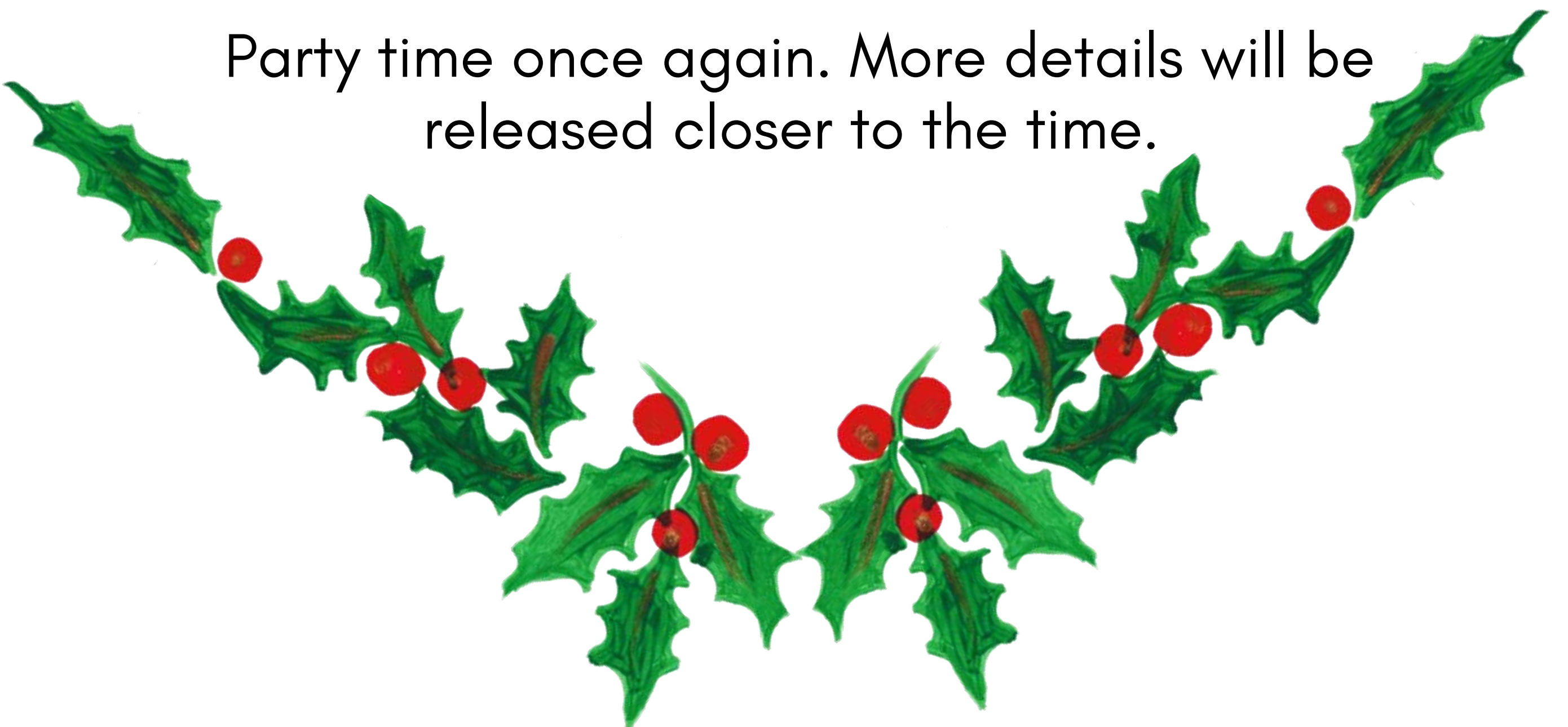
Saturday 2nd December 10am - 12pm

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.







A Message from



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