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Welcome to 2024!

Where did 2023 disappear to? It passed by in a flash with us ending the year being as busy as ever. We were out and about at lots of different shows and events; managing to squeeze our Christmas party in at Ripon Bowling Club where everyone had a fantastic evening

This year is shaping up to have plenty of opportunities to pop by and see us at lots of different events including the Spring Flower Show in Harrogate and Sights and Sounds at Ripon Cathedral.

We will also be holding several Open Days throughout the year for prospective volunteers and workers to visit, meet the team and see what we do. Keep an eye on our events list - we look forward to meeting you.

Until next time, take care



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Our Amazing WOWs

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



Julie Wright
Worker of the Week
19th December 2023



- For doing well in the paintshop while painting the Christmas gnomes.
- For taking part in the cooking course.
- For enjoying a laugh and giggle, telling jokes to the workers.
- For following instructions and tying knots to make a rag wreath.
- For working so hard to clear the machine shop and vacuuming so well.

Nicky

CEO



Hannah Rollings
Worker of the Week
5th December 2023



- For clearing the wood store with Richard because she worked really hard and did an amazing job.
- For being a super salesperson at Community Catalysts.
- For being a fair judge. She really met the challenge of judging the paintwork of the attendees at workshop.

Nicky

CEO

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Visits and Events

Leeming Bar Christmas Light Switch On

Tom O interviewed Adam about our stall at Leeming Bar's Christmas Lights Switch On.

How did it go? It went well. We met lots of different people and enjoyed telling them about Jennyruth Workshops and all of our products.

What refreshments did you have? Delicious Hot Chocolate and mince pies, that were complementary from the co-op. We definitely needed them as it was so cold!

How busy was it? It was very busy at 5pm when the lights were being switched on, then some people stayed on for a while after to do a spot of shopping.



Boroughbridge Fair at The Tap on the Tutt



Richard, Alex, David and Craig went to The Tap on the Tutt pub in Boroughbridge to set up our stall. They started to set up the gazebo and tables, then Deb arrived to help them lay out the stock.

It was very cold and dark all evening but the stall looked so pretty surrounded by Christmas lights and decorations.

Richard said, "It was great to be next to the pub because we could buy food and a hot drink. It was a great event to tell people about Jennyruth Workshops and to sell our products."

Saving Yorkshire Dogs (SYD) Christmas Fair

Avril and Anna battled the cold winter weather to make it to Masham for the Saving Yorkshire Dogs Christmas Fair.

Despite the weather, we met lots of new customers and had a surprise visit from Dawn and Julie.



Copt Hewick Christmas Fair

On Saturday 2nd December, Steve, Denise and Rachael ran a stall at the Copt Hewick Christmas Fair. Steve said, "It was well attended considering there were other events on that day. Father Christmas was popular with the children and lots of families turned up from the village and elsewhere."

Rachael was a big help on the stall chatting to customer. They sold lots of little things especially Christmas decorations and a Nativity set. It's already in the calendar for next year and we can't wait!



Marion cum Grafton Coffee Morning

The Marion cum Grafton Coffee Morning has been a Christmas tradition for Jennyruth Workshops going back years.

Coffee, cake and community, what's not to love!



ITV Studios Christmas Fair

Pure festive fun at ITV Studios for their cast and crew's Christmas Fair.

Hannah, Rachael, Avril and Anna ran the stall which gave them a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and tell them all about our wonderful charity.

Hannah was in 7th heaven getting to meet several of the Emmerdale cast as well as Father Christmas. Rachael did a fantastic job telling everyone about Jennyruth Workshops and both girls did brilliantly selling our products.



Toy Library



"Toys can be stepping stones, guiding children towards a world filled with creativity, knowledge, and joy." - H. Ty Warner, creator of Beanie Babies.

The Toy Library at Ripon Community House runs a fantastic scheme where you can hire toys (just like borrowing a library book) alongside other ventures such as their Stay and Play sessions. We were thrilled to be asked to create and deliver their new open sign as it allowed us to meet their inspiring team.



Christmas Fair at Emmaus House



Our last stall of the year was at Emmaus House in Harrogate. Thank you for inviting us to your Christmas Fair, we loved looking at the other stalls and meeting lots of lovely people.



News from the Workshops

Christmas Party

We celebrated another year of Jennyrth Workshops with our annual Christmas party!





Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair and Open Day was back with a bang and busier than ever! Thank you to everyone who came to support us, we had a fantastic time.





Christmas Video



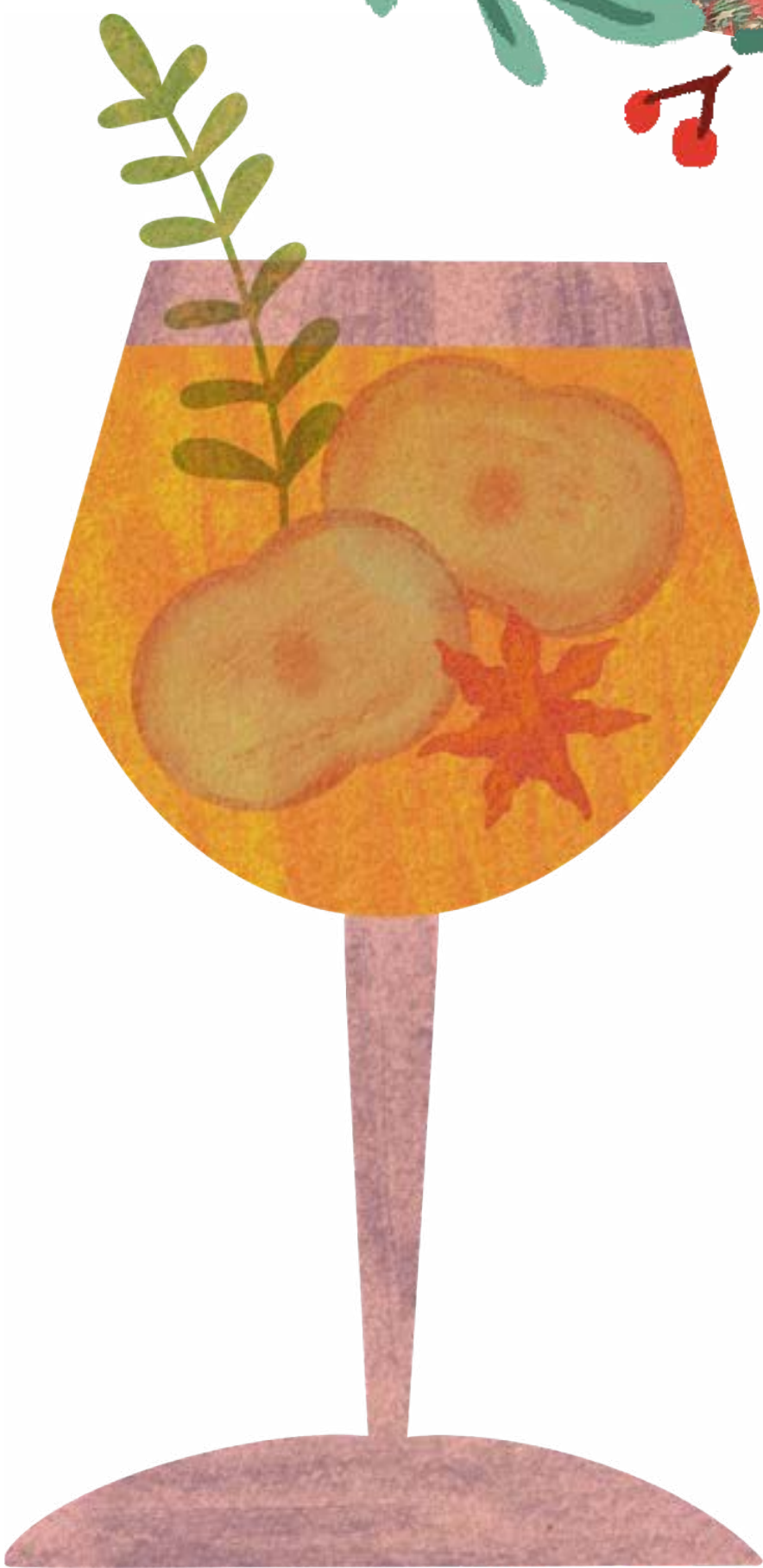
We had so much fun creating our annual Christmas Video!

This year it was a Jennyruth Workshops Christmas Carol. The workers loved dressing up and playing different characters!



Baking Bonanza

Our Wednesday afternoon Baking Group celebrated Christmas in style with delicious mince pies and Mulled Cider!



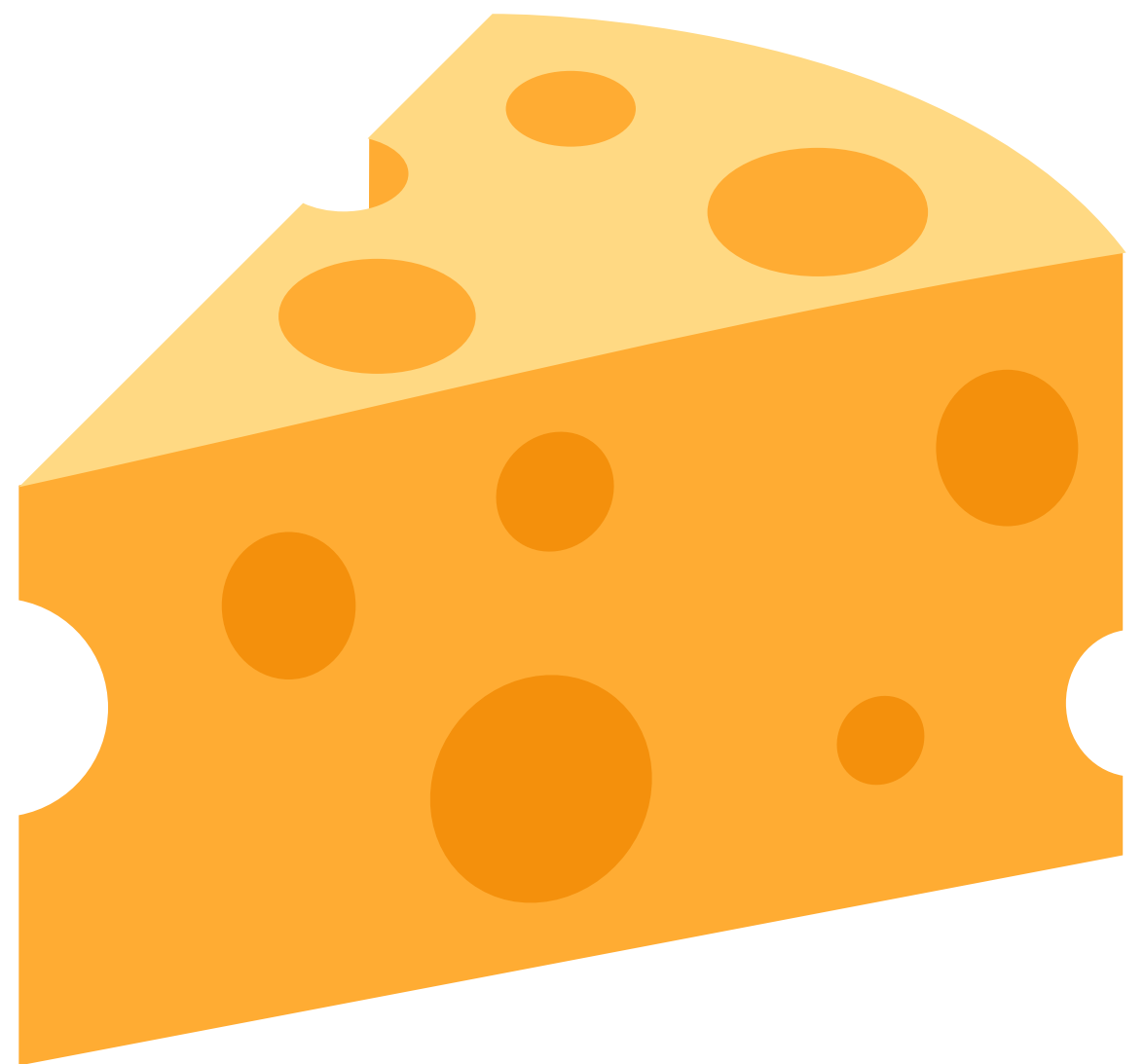


Cooks Corner

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

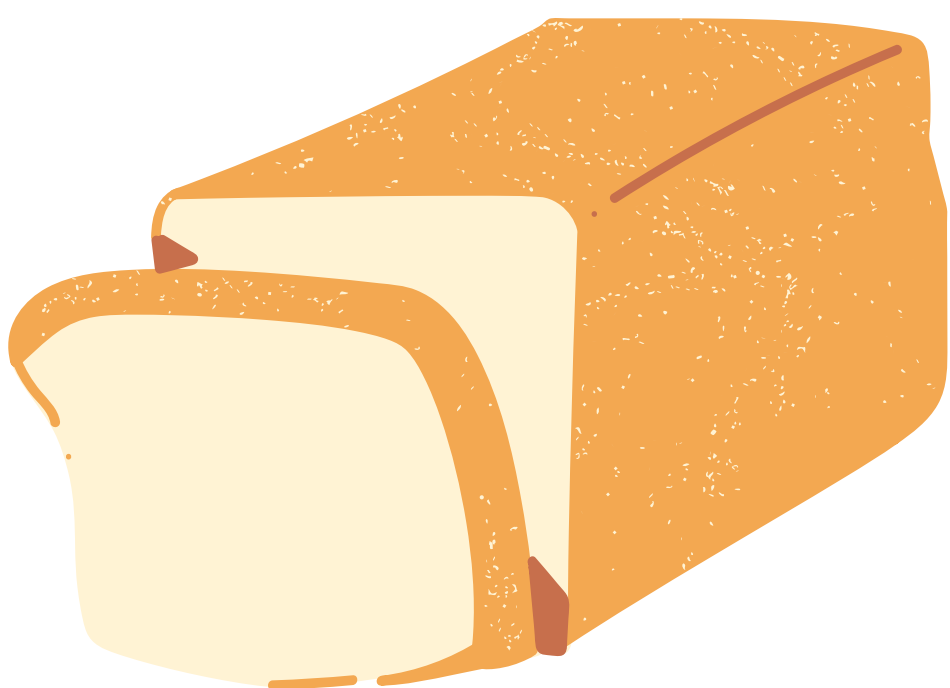


STEP 1

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.

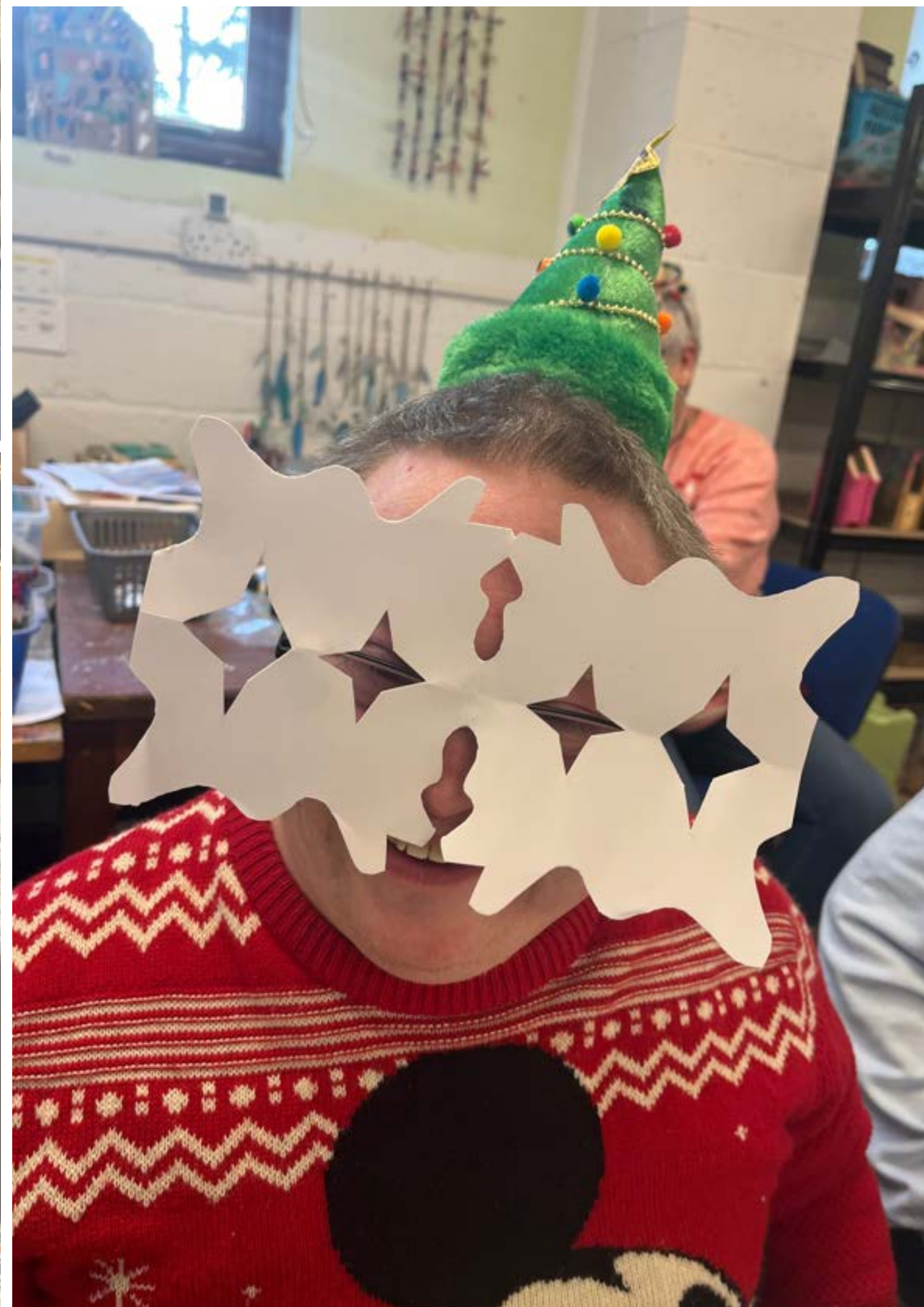


STEP 5

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

Volunteer Social

The next social will be in 2024.
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

Volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops



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

"Volunteering gives me a sense of purpose and everyone at Jennyruth Workshops is so friendly"

"Jennyruth Workshops is the sun on my face
The warmth in my heart
I would be bereft without you"

"I love volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops because everyone is so friendly and I find the morning flies by because the work is so pleasant and relaxing!"

"There is no better place. Everyone from the workers, staff and other volunteers are wonderful, it is such a happy fun filled place. Just wish I didn't have to work and could volunteer there all the time! Thank you"



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.



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ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares



Rainy Day Relaxation

I'm looking forward to my birthday this month because I like having a party - Adam

My big 60th birthday - Jonathan

Going to Edinburgh for my birthday - Carole

Summer coming! - Jackie

Happy
New Year

Working as a team - Hannah

I'm looking forward to the new timetable - Jessica

My new job as workshop manager, learning new skills and working with different people - Avril

Our 21st birthday in June - Nicky

Being in the
baking
group - Sam

Doing different
things on the
timetable and
being in new
groups - Beth

Going to
Henhaws -
Matthew

My holiday in
the summer -
Sandra

2024

The new
laser room -
Daniel

Going out for
a meal on my
birthday -
Chris

Learning in
the cooking
group -
Christopher

My parents
70th Wedding
Anniversary
Celebration -
Denise

My big 10K
run in May
- Tom

Hoping to go
to more
concerts -
Rebekah

Getting the
Machine shop
and laser
room being all
sorted -
Richard

A holiday and
getting back
to doing the
shows - Simon

Doing lots of
woodwork
and going on
holiday - Ben



Happy Birthday



January

Martin Dean
William Scrope
Adam Chapman
Richard Swearman
Josephine Mitchell
Julie Wright
Chris Cerexhe
Simon Headley
Brenda Cussons
Lucy Newell
Jonathan Evason
Richard Naish
Carol Gauld



January 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.

1st prize – No 64

2nd prize – No 49

3rd prize – No 41

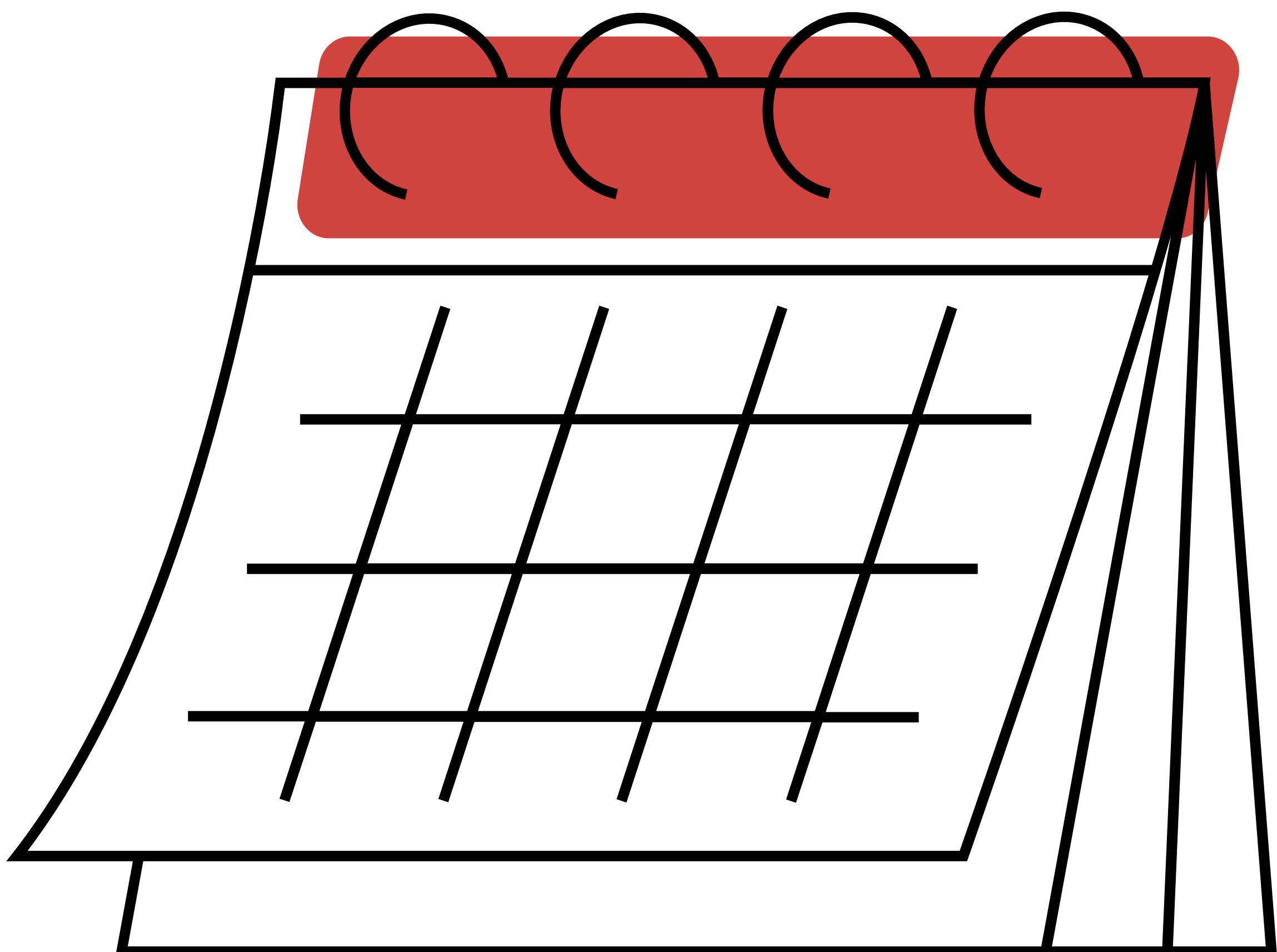


Dates for the Diary

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.

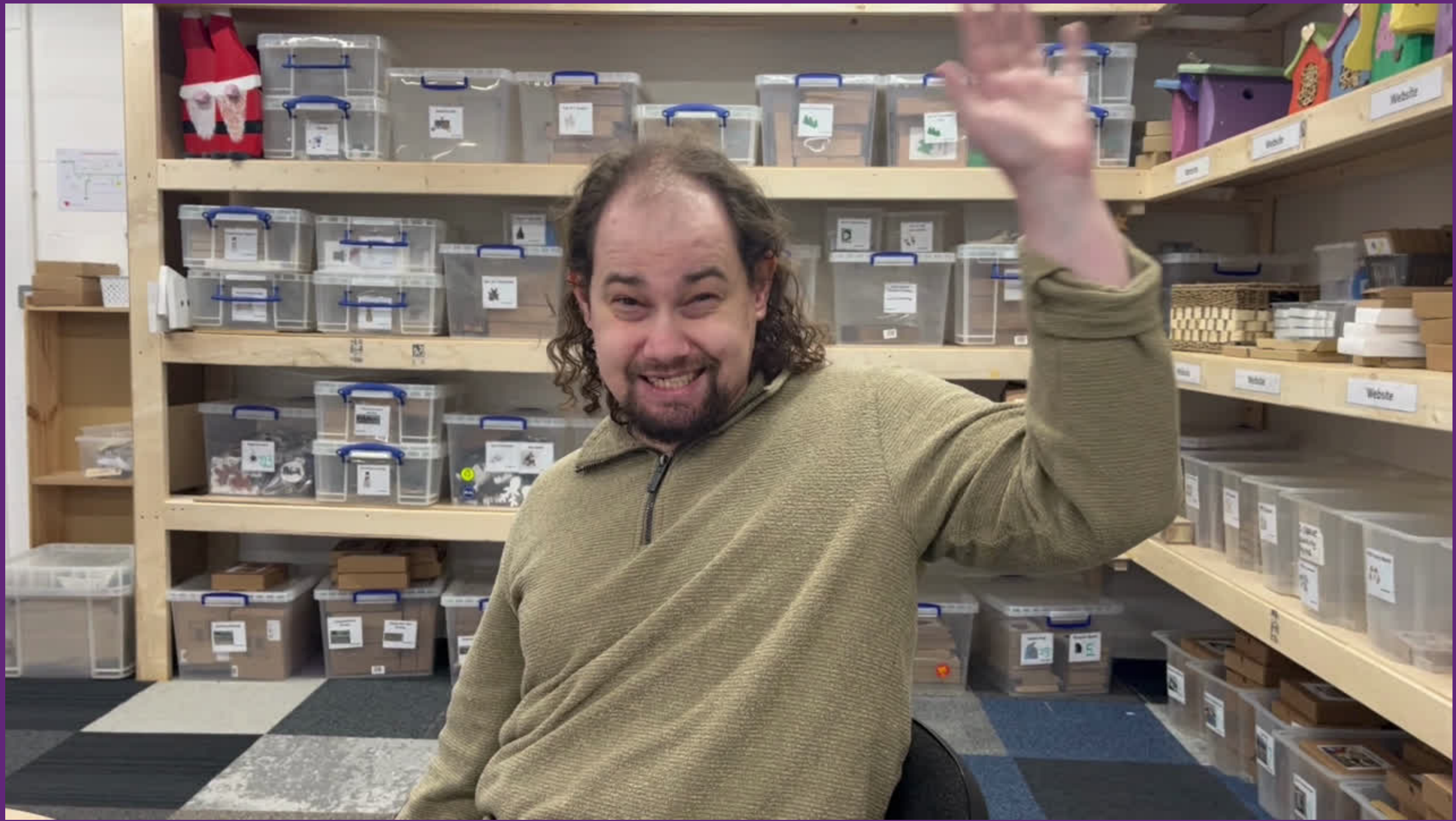
Keep an eye on our Social Media and upcoming editions of The Wren for this year's events.







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