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Hello everyone

Welcome to another bumper edition of The Wren.

This month has seen us hand out a lot of WOW's due to the exceptional work of many of our team.

Denise, you inspire and supported your design group to excel and we are looking forward to seeing their designs go into production over the coming months. I, for one, cannot wait to see what your new group come up with 😊

Jamie and Daniel showed Avril and Phoebe the ropes at their first WI talk recently; it was a great success and we are looking forward to more as the year progresses.

Read on to discover who has been to Grantley Hall and why Martin and his Mum were in London recently.

Until next time

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Our Amazing WOWs

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month Ben, Daniel, Jonathan, Sam, Shaun, Ryan H, Ellen, Christopher and Hannah received Worker of the Week (WOW).

WOW



Hannah Rollings
Worker of the Week
2nd May 2022

- For being a star at the Harrogate flower show
- For working hard drawing customers to our stall
- For talking to and entertaining our customers and other stallholders and being an excellent salesperson.



WOW



Christopher Stanfield
Worker of the Week
2nd May 2022

- For his work on the West Tanfield tennis club notice board, putting it up on-site and excellently representing JRW
- For his painting skills especially finishing off the birdboxes
- For his understanding of how we make our products



WOW



Shaun Dean
Worker of the Week
9th May 2022

- For his help and enthusiasm clearing our outside area
- For his concentration and painting in the paintshop
- For always being polite, helpful, friendly and caring



WOW



Jonathan Evason
Worker of the Week
9th May 2022

- For his work and enthusiasm clearing our outside area
- For his wonderful work and interest in the gardening group
- For helping so well at the Harrogate Flower Show



WOW



Ben Evason
Worker of the Week
16th May 2022

- For his work on his picture dominoes project in the design group
- For choosing and developing a Jennyruth garden design into a set of children's dominoes
- For working so well in the group as part of the design team



WOW



Ryan Hearfield
Worker of the Week
16th May 2022

- For his work on his nativity project in the design group
- For choosing and developing designs into a nativity set that can be played with as well as displayed on the mantelpiece
- For working so well in the group as part of the design team



WOW



Ellen Hirst
Worker of the Week
16th May 2022

- For her work on her teddy bear project in the design group
- For choosing and developing a teddy bear design into a stencil and a standing figure
- For working so well in the group as part of the design team



WOW



Daniel Allen
Worker of the Week
16th May 2022

- For his work on his dragon project in the design group
- For choosing and developing a dragon design into a stencil
- For working so well in the group as part of the design team



WOW



Sam Manning
Worker of the Week
25th May 2022

- For doing such an outstanding job in painting and constructing the bee homes.
- For being a great team player especially when he is playing basketball.

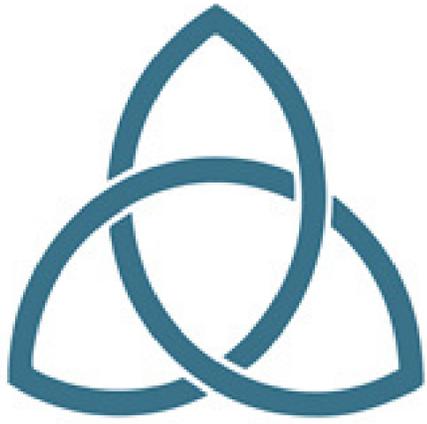


Nicky

Chief Officer

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Visits and Events



Holy Trinity Ripon

Martin, Jonathan, Matthew and I went to Holy Trinity with June and Mark to give a talk about Jennyruth Workshops.

We talked to the congregation about the work we do at Jennyruth Workshops and what we've been making.

By Bethany Evason

Jonathan said "We told them all about the extension we're building and how it will benefit the workshops. We talked about the big bespoke projects we've been working on such as Monk Park Farm. I enjoyed talking to everyone and they all clapped when we finished the talk"

This month Daniel, Phoebe, Avril and I did a talk about Jennyruth Workshops to the Thornton le Beans WI. We took along several of our wooden gifts to sell as well. I really enjoyed giving a talk to the WI group and telling them all about what we do at the workshops.

By Jamie Allen

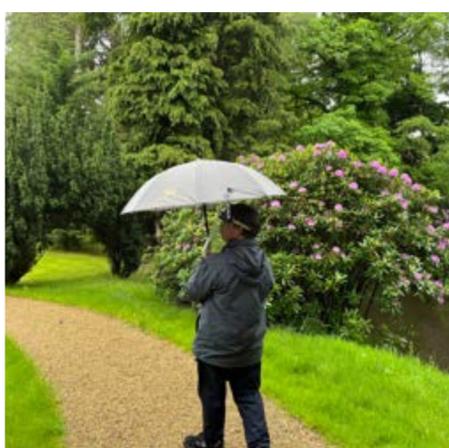


If you would like us to come and give a talk to your school or community group then please do get in touch with the workshops.

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This month the publicity group went to Grantley Hall where we were given a tour around the gardens by Paul Forrest the Estate Manager. He showed us the Kitchen garden where we were able to taste some of the vegetables that were growing for the hotel's restaurants. We were then given a presentation by Kirby and Maisie, part of the Marketing team, on the history of Grantley Hall. They explained to us that we were going to be working together on a Blog for their website about our partnership with them.

By Jamie Allen



Grantley Hall has, very kindly, chosen us as their charity. We will also be working with them on numerous exciting projects. Although we can't give too much away right now, we can announce that their marketing team will be starting a blog about our partnership that will be accessible on their website very, very soon.

'Grantley Hall is proud to support Jennyruth Workshops, an inspirational community-based charity only a stone's throw away. The team at Grantley Hall chose Jennyruth Workshops to make a big difference in a small, local community and supports their fundraising efforts in numerous wonderful ways.'

- Kirby Small, Senior Marketing Executive, Grantley Hall

Victoria, the CEO of RCL (Ripon Community Link) visited us recently. Ripon Community Link is a vibrant charity supporting adults and young people who have a learning disability.

Nicky our CEO said, "It was great chatting to Victoria, and we are looking forward to collaborating on projects in the future."

Small charities like ours are at the heart of the Ripon community and we are so lucky to live in a place that is so supportive and friendly.



"There are several Charities in the local area supporting adults with learning disabilities and Ripon Community Link is proud to partner on relevant projects which improve the lives of those whom we support"

- Victoria Ashley, Chief Executive, Ripon Community Link

The magazine team interviewed Shelley, our Volunteer Co-Ordinator, about Jo Thackeray, from HADCA, visiting the workshops.

What is Jo's job and who does she work for?

Jo is working for HADCA (Harrogate and District Community Action). She is a project coordinator for 'Volunteering City of Ripon'. Her role is to encourage people to volunteer for organisations.

Did you show Jo around the workshop and did you tell her about our products?

I showed Jo around the workshops with Emma L. We went into each room and showed Jo some products that we have been working on.

Did you discuss with Jo our fundraising and events?

We did! We explained to her about our upcoming events and gave Jo a copy of our latest magazine so she can read all about what we have been doing.

Did you discuss volunteering?

Jo discussed how she can support us to recruit volunteers. We came up with lots of different ideas.



Jonathan carried on the long-standing tradition of handing out refreshments during the Ripon Rotary Club Bike Ride. The 100km ride took place on 7th May with 315 riders. Jonathan had a brilliant time and was excellent at handing out fudge and peanut brittle.

The Rotary Club have raised a lot of money over the years for several different charities including us so we just want to say a big thank you.



Jonathan said "It went very, very well and it was a good turnout. My job was to hand out fudge to the cyclists so they could have an energy boost for the ride".





News from the Workshops

Here is the latest update from Jennyruth Workshops By Bethany Evason and Alex Arnall

We are having a jubilee party at the workshops and we have been working really hard on a special performance which our workers are very excited about. We hope you all have a lovely Jubilee weekend however you are celebrating.

We have had 2 new workers join our Jennyruth Workshops family this month. Dawn and Julie are delightful additions to the workshop team and have already shown great skill in the paintshop and woodwork.

Chris Wills has joined our fantastic team of volunteers. He has been coming in on Tuesday to help out in woodwork.

We started a new timetable this month, giving our workers the opportunity to try out different activities and work on new and exciting products. This month a new course started called CV Skills. This is run by the NYCC Adult Learning Service.



We're Hiring!

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the team at Jennyruth Workshops as a **full-time woodwork supervisor.**

Jennyruth Workshops is a productive workshop where we support adults who have learning disabilities to produce high quality handcrafted wooden products. You would be joining a wonderful team who support our workers to make a wide variety of wooden products which we sell widely throughout the local area and online. We are looking for someone who is already experienced in woodwork and the use of a variety of machinery. You will need to be a good communicator, have a warm personable manner, remain positive, professional and show sensitivity and empathy when dealing with workers who have learning disabilities, and volunteers. You will need to be flexible in order to meet the demands of this varied role.

Salary **£20185.43 PA**

Hours **37.5 hours per week Monday to Friday and occasional weekend working**

Closing date for applications **10/06/2022**

Interviews **15-22 June 2022**

Start date **July 2022**

Location **Red House Farm, Bridge Hewick, Ripon, HG4 5AY**

If you would like to take the opportunity to visit Jennyruth workshops before submitting your application, please contact us **01765 606620 or info@jennyruth.co.uk**

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Please note that CV's will not be accepted in place of the application form.



To apply visit
www.jennyruth.co.uk/vacancies

Martin's Day at Buckingham Palace

I went with my mum and her friend to Buckingham Palace.

My mum's friend drove us to London. We stopped at a couple of service stations on the way for a drink before arriving at the house we were staying at. I went to an Italian restaurant for my dinner before the big day.

The next day I put on my new suit and my Dad's tie. My mum looked lovely. We then took a car to Buckingham Palace. We had to show our invitation to a guard who showed us to the garden through a side gate. It was magnificent to walk around the gardens and hear the band playing.

We had to form a long line and the royals walked down the middle. Prince William and Kate came toward us and shook my hand. They asked me why I was here and I told them I was from North Yorkshire and I was representing Scuba Diving For All. All the Royals looked lovely and were friendly to talk to. The Royals then went inside and we tucked into the buffet which was in a big tent. The buffet was magnificent, they got everything right! Small sandwiches, cake and a glass of apple juice.

It was an honour to be invited and it was one of the best days of my life.



Fundraising

There are numerous ways that you can support Jennyruth Workshops.



Charity Golf Day

Thursday 30th June 2022

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 3.00pm.

A fabulous day is assured with prizes galore

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

£160 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
Tel: 07579969261

To enter a team on Golf Day or find out more about sponsorship opportunities, email Don Grundy on don.sadiegrundy@gmail.com

Fancy starting your own fundraiser? Click the link to create a Just Giving page and start raising money for Jennyruth Workshops!

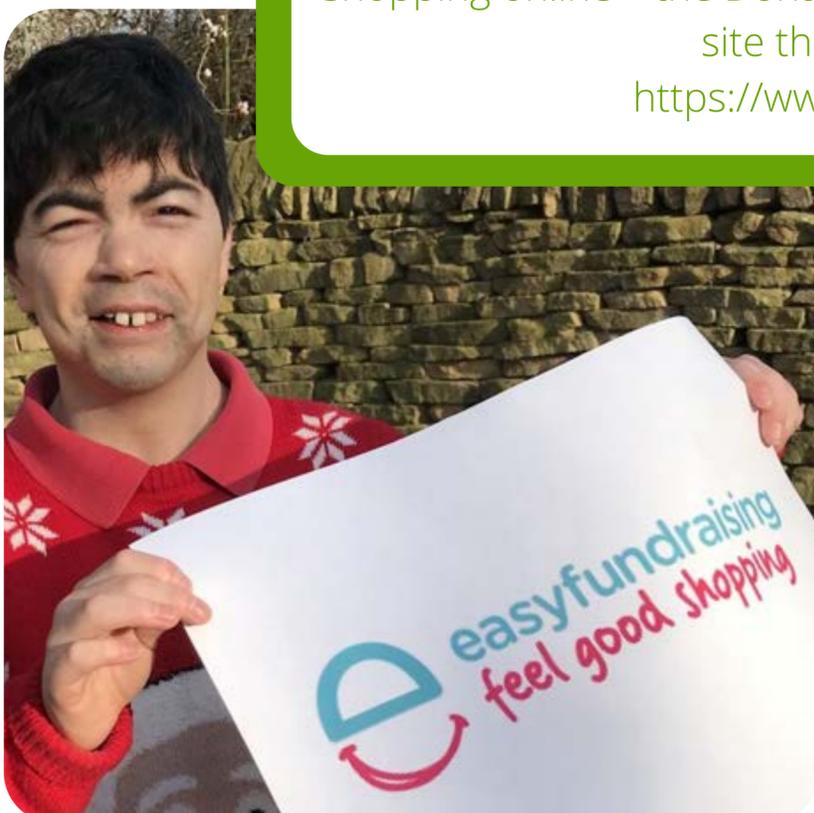
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=3261823>



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/>

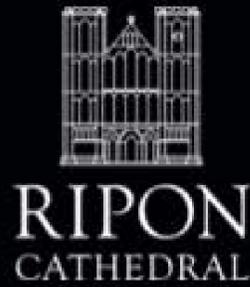


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Click the link below to support us while you shop:

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BLACK DYKE BAND IN CONCERT

WITH THEIR SPECIAL GUESTS
THE LAKE WOBEGON BAND FROM THE USA

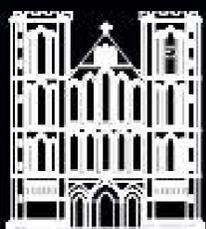


THURSDAY 23 JUNE | RIPON CATHEDRAL

DOORS & BAR OPENS AT 6.30
CONCERT STARTS AT 7.30
SEATING IS UNRESERVED
TICKETS £20 (£5 UNDER 16)

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RIPON COMMUNITY LINK
& THE WALLED GARDEN
RIPON H.E.L.P.
RIPON SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK
RIPON YMCA



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Knareborough Mummers

After a set of fully-booked ghost walks in 2021, members of the Knareborough Mummers are conducting more tours this year, starting at Easter. We've added to our tales of hauntings with some stories learned from members of the public during the last tours. We've got creepy tales involving strange sightings in dank cellars, and levitating bedpans in a crumbling hospital. Plus some dramatic interludes, possibly involving appearances from long-dead Knareborough characters. Tours cost £5 for adults, £2.50 for under-16s, with all proceeds going to Jennyruth Workshops and other local charities. Tours are on 21 June, 17 Aug, 26 Oct and 21 Dec. Booking and other details at www.ticketsource.co.uk/knareborough-knightmares.

Please come and support an eventful evening for good causes.



Garden Gnowledge

The gardening group went out to Tates garden centre to look at plants to get for the garden. Also, we had coffee and cake in the cafe. My cake was huge, gooey and covered in chocolate, it was delicious.

We were given some money by Venetia Wrigley on her last day as High Sheriff of North Yorkshire for our Jubilee celebrations. We chose to use a portion of the funds towards new plants for the garden. Thank you very much, Venetia for the very generous donation.

By Beth Evason





Cooks' Corner



Toasted almond and chocolate brittle torte

200g blanched almonds, toasted and finely ground
185g unsalted butter
200g dark chocolate, chopped
6 large eggs
pinch of salt
220g caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla paste

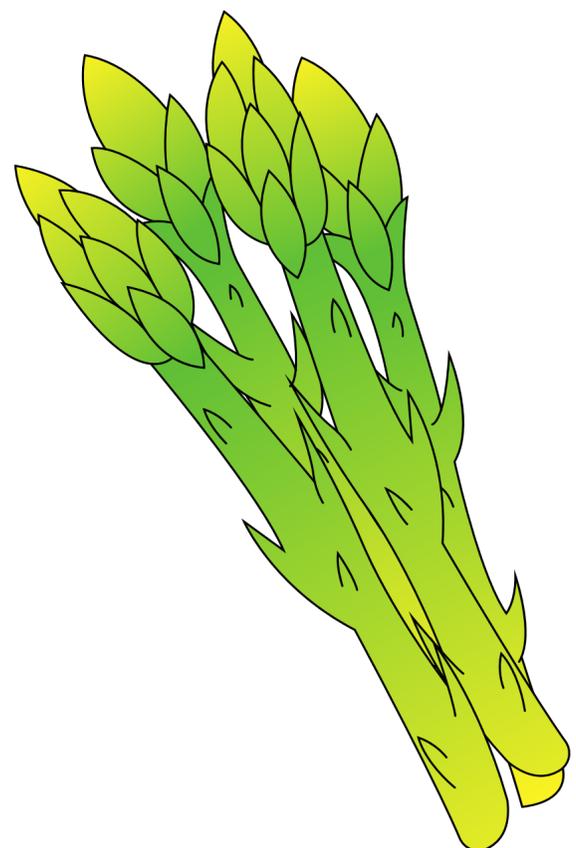
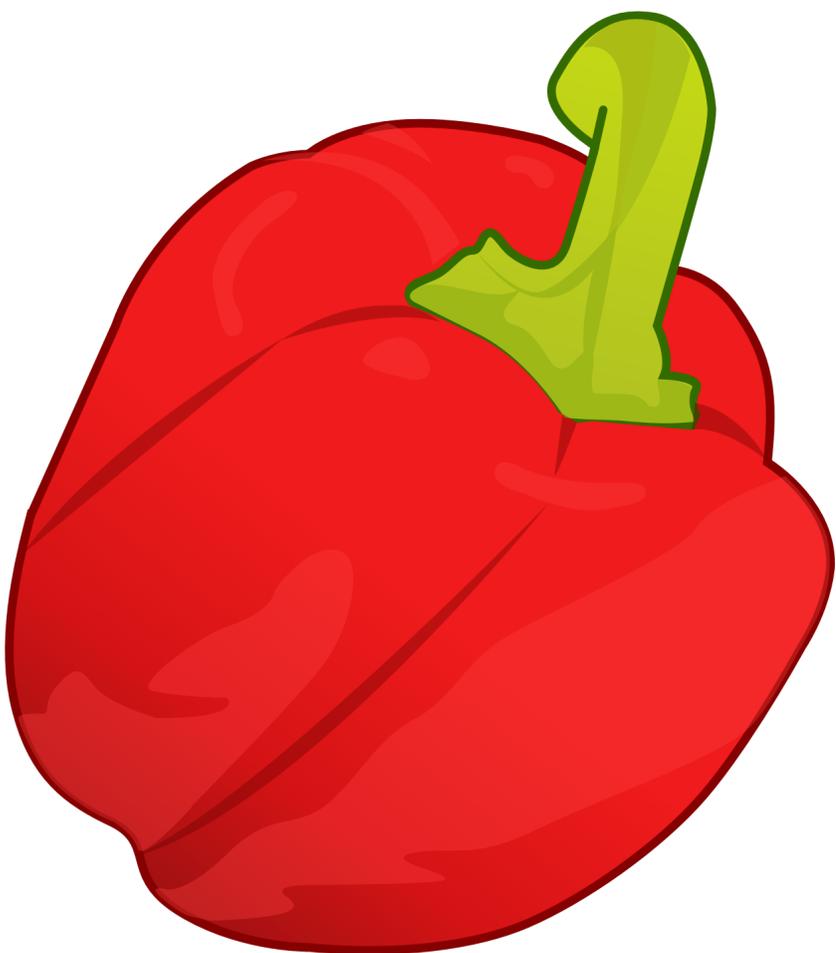
1. Heat the oven up to 180°C and line up 9" round cake tin with greaseproof paper.
2. Melt butter with chocolate over a bain-marie and allow to cool. Mix in vanilla paste.
3. Beat egg yolks with sugar until pale.
4. Beat egg whites with a pinch of salt until peaks form.
5. Fold chocolate + butter and nuts into egg yolk mixture.
6. Fold 1/3 of the egg whites into the chocolate and egg yolk mix with rubber or metal spoon to soften it. Then add rest of the egg whites and fold gently trying to keep as much air as possible. Do not overmix!
7. Pour the batter into the cake tin and place in the middle of the oven. Bake the torte for 40 mins. Take out of the oven and allow to stand in the tin for 10 mins to cool slightly.



Asparagus and red bell pepper parcels

100g asparagus
1 Red Bell Pepper thinly sliced
50g beansprouts
2 tbsp plum sauce
8 sheets filo pastry
1 egg yolk beaten

1. In a large mixing bowl, put the asparagus, pepper and beansprouts, add the plum sauce and mix well.
2. Place the filo pastry sheets out on the work surface. Spoon a little asparagus mixture over the top end of each filo pastry sheet.
3. Brush the edges with a little beaten egg yolk, then roll up the filo pastry and tuck the ends in like a spring roll.
4. In a large preheated wok or frying pan, heat the oil for deep-frying. Then gently fry 2 parcels at a time, for 4-5 minutes or until crisp.
5. Remove with a slotted spoon and let the parcels drain on the absorbent kitchen paper.



Happy Birthday

June

Sue Richardson
Anne Thewlis
Hannah Rollings
Phe Morris



June 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.



1st prize - No 16

2nd prize - No 8

3rd prize - No 40

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Dates for the Diary

A note for volunteers

If you would like to help out at any of our events, especially Harlow Carr and The Autumn Flower Show, then please get in touch by emailing Avril at info@jennyruth.co.uk.

June and July

RHS Garden Harlow Carr Flower Show

23rd - 26th June 9am - 6pm

After such an amazing event last year we're back at Harlow Carr this Summer.

A great opportunity to purchase our beautiful habitat homes while also browsing and buying quality plants from specialist nurseries.



Heritage Crafts Weekend

16th and 17th July 10am - 4pm

Over 20 local heritage craft makers, including us, will be gathered at Fountains Abbey for the Heritage Crafts Weekend.

It's free entry for Ripon residents on the 16th July, you can collect your 'Ripon Residents Pass' available from the Tourist Information Centre.

August and September



Harrogate MG Car Rally

Sunday 7th August 9:30am - 3:30pm

The MG Car Show is returning Bewerly Park, Pateley Bridge for its 36th show.

We will once again be having a stall at the event and look forward to seeing everyone there.

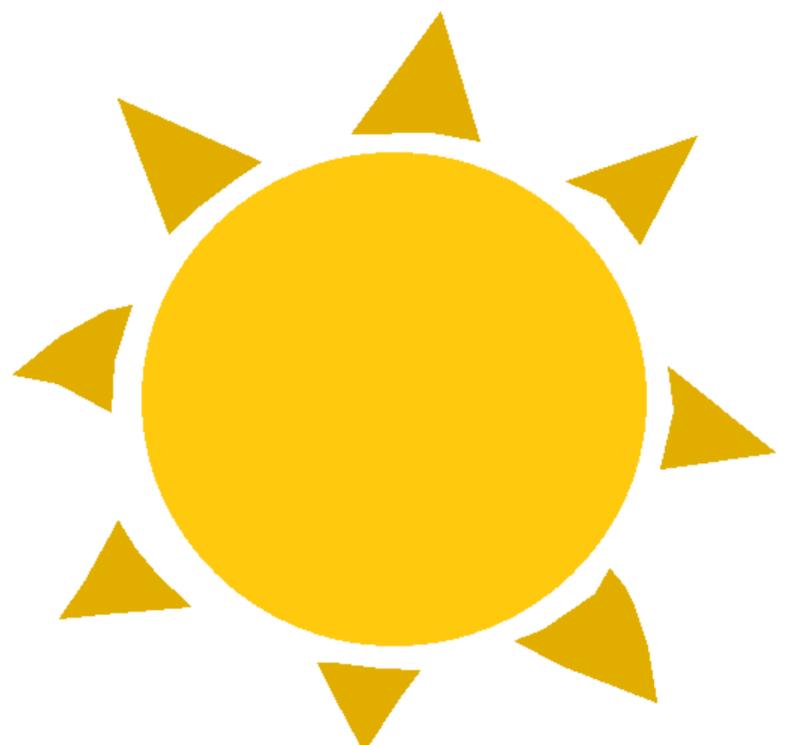
Autumn Flower Show at Newby Hall

16th - 18th September

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



**HARROGATE
FLOWER SHOWS**



November and December



Ripon Cathedral Christmas Fair

25th - 26th November 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.

Jennyruth Workshops Christmas Party

Saturday 10th December 5pm -8pm

Pop the date in your diary for our annual Christmas Party.



More information to follow, later in the year!



Ripon Poetry Festival 2022 Poetry Competition

CELEBRATE!

Poems are invited on any subject. They can be serious, significant or silly. Because this year Ripon is celebrating the 1350th anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral, we are also hoping for poems on the theme of 'celebration'.

The best of the entries will be collected in a book published during the festival. Everyone who has a poem in the book will receive a free copy of the book and be invited to read at the launch on Saturday 24 September.

There are four entry-categories:

- under 11** (*£2 entry fee per poem*)
- schools** (*£15 entry fee for up to 20 poems*)
- between 11-16** (*£3 entry fee per poem*)
- adults** (*£4 entry fee per poem or £5 for 2 poems*)

You can submit as many poems as you want.

Maximum length for each poem is 45 lines.

Poems must be your own work and should not have been previously published. All entries are judged anonymously so please do not include your name on the same page as the poem.

Closing date: 31 July 2022





A Message from



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