The Workshops

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Together Everyone Achieves More



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Doesn't time fly when you're having fun 😊

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Make a cuppa and immerse yourselves in catching up with our latest news.

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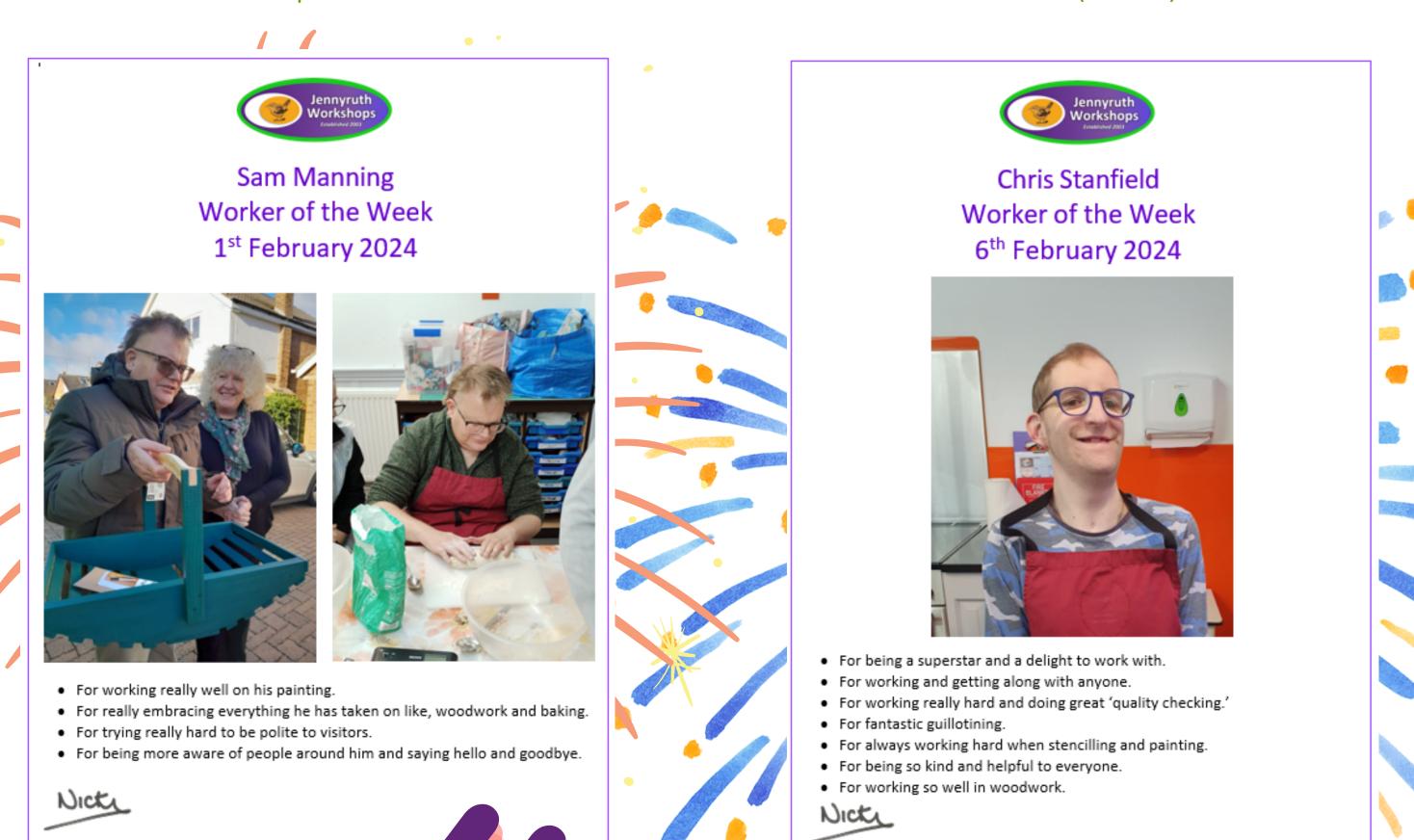
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Our Amazing WOWs

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month Sam, Christopher, William and Ellen received Worker of the Week (WOW).



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William Scrope Worker of the Week 14th February 2024



- For contributing well in communication group.
- For joining in when singing a round and especially as he really was great at it.
- For consistently producing good scroll saw work, especially the new trug handles.

Victa

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Ellen Hirst Worker of the Week 20th February 2024



- · For being brilliant in magazine group
- For taking photos with no thumbs sneaking in and keeping the camera very steady
- For remembering everything every week, moving photos and altering the size on the computer
- For being very keen in woodwork and working well on her bowl
- For always being friendly
- For being a joy and a laugh being around



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Visit from Holme Hall Quarry

"There's so much character behind the products"

"It's unbelievable!"

"There's such a great atmosphere....there should be more places like

this" 🤳

Just a few of the wonderful things Sandy, Steven and Aldo from Breedon Groups' Holme Hall Quarry had to say about their visit to the workshop this month!



What does your quarry produce and have the products been part of any exciting construction projects?

Our quarry produces limestone, about 2.2 million tonnes a year. We ship it too all over the UK where it's used in concrete and as a granular base for big factories like Amazon. It was even used during the installation of our quarry bridge and was featured on the Discovery Channel.

What is your job?

I'm the Quarry Manager and TCP Recycling Manager - **Aldo** I'm the Assistant Quarry Manager and in training to become Recycling Manager - **Steven** I'm an administrator but mostly in charge of the staff, organising events and I'm very good at shopping -**Sandy**

Do you enjoy working in a quarry?

I do because there are lots of things happening and no two days are the same. We have visits to other sites, safety meetings and a big focus on engineering. - **Steven** I've worked on a lot of sites but can't see myself working with a better team than I have now. - **Aldo**

I believe you're turning quarries into a nature area! Could you tell us more about that?

People think we just blow up rocks and go but it's all about biodiversity. After we finish working on a quarry we restore them as a safe haven for wildlife and plants. We plant trees from the local area and see all sorts of animals move into the biodiversity such as deer and red kites.

Thank you for volunteering today! What made you want to volunteer at Jennyruth workshops?

Adrian, who works on biodiversity at the quarry, saw you guys at a show and suggested we pay you a visit and purchase some of your habitat homes. It also provides you with more exposure because once the habitat homes are up we can put up a couple of signs about

your charity.

Have you worked with other charities before?

We've done a lot for charities. I've (Steven) ran the Great North Run for alzheimers and we do Movember. We support a lot of local causes. The Bluebell Hospice always have a stall at our open days and we have donated play parks, TVs and even stones to schools for car parks.

What is your favourite or most interesting part of the quarrying progress?

Blasting! Drilling holes, packing them with explosives and then blast it!

Have you found any archaeological items while digging?

The county archaeologist has to sign off before we can start removing rock. We've found pieces of pottery and Roman artefacts that end up in local museums. We've found fossils going back 250 million years ago and a glacial track, from the Ice Age, that ran straight through the quarry.



Talk to Kirby Malzeard WI



Daniel and I went to Kirkby Malzeard to do a talk about Jennyruth Workshops and what we do. The talk was to the WI. Before we started we sang Jerusalem and then introduced ourselves . Daniel did the tech, he was awesome. I did all the talking with full confidence and I had to use a headset so they could hear me. We sold a lot of cards on the stall and a few other products. At the end we had tea and biscuits which was very delicious. **By Jamie Allen**

Visit to Ripon Library

The creative group visited Ripon Library on Monday the 12th of February 2024. We took Jamie to the library for his volunteering and got some books out. We had a hot drink of tea and coffee. We got a variety of books like animals, craft, shark books nature and even WWE! WOW!

By Victoria Thomis





Macrame Workshop

A big thank you to Christina, The Knotty Queen, for running such a fantastic Macrame Workshop!

This afternoon I was making plant pot holders using Macrame. To start off we had to make a lark knot through the ring then I got two pieces of string and tied a knot three times. **By Jessica Lewis**



This afternoon, in the Creative group, I was doing a bit of Macrame and making a plant pot holder. I dyed my piece of string blue. I had to cut it into four equal pieces. I divided the two closest pieces together and knotted them, repeated another three times. We learnt how to do a gather knot to finish it off then put a plant in. I really enjoyed doing it!

By Victoria Thomis



We made Macrame plant pot holders. We had to cut the right lengths of string and then tied them into very clever knots. We learnt the larks head knot and the gather knot. I really enjoyed making the plant pot holder. **By Dawn Wright**





It was really good fun! Christina came and told us all about Macrame and showed us how to make a plant pot holder. It was lovely to take part in the workshop. **By Alex Arnall**





I had the absolute pleasure of spending the afternoon with the workers and staff at Jennyruth Workshops in Ripon. We made some beautiful plant hangers and I'm not afraid to admit I might have a bit of competition in the future!! Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. You all did amazing! I'm already planning our next project! - Christina, The Knotty Queen





News from the Workshops Easter Gifts

https://www.jennyruth.co.uk/easter-gifts





Robin Box £30

Large Trugs £23 Small Trugs £18

Flowers £5

Easter Eggs on Sticks £4

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









... 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: <u>info@jennyruth.co.uk</u> or phone 01756 606620 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am - 4.30pm). Please note that we will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

Ellen's Photo Snaps

Ellen is our Head of Photography in this issue of 'The Wren'. She's taken some fabulous photos of people who 'look lovely darling' around the workshop.























Baking Bonanza

Our Wednesday afternoon Baking Group having been creating the most delicious treats this month including Valentines Biscuits and Chocolate Cake!







Cooks Corner

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

Ingredients

2 tbsp butter plus extra for frying 1 Heaped tbsp flour Chicken stock cube Fresh herbs 1 Medium leek 1 Onion Milk Handful button mushrooms, chopped 400g Cooked chicken, shredded 225g Ready-made puff pastry

STEP 1

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C (fan)Gas 6

STEP 2

For the sauce, melt the butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan then add the flour and cook slowly over a low heat for 3 minutes. Add the milk and gently simmer until the sauce until it has a syrupy consistency. Add the stock cube then turn up the heat and stir constantly until simmering. Add the herbs. Turn off the heat.

STEP 3

In another pan, gently fry the onion, leeks and mushrooms in a knob of butter for 5 minutes, then add to the sauce.

STEP 4

Add the chicken and the sauce mixture to a large oven proof dish.

STEP 5

Roll out the pastry on a floured work surface, to a thickness of about 1cm. Place the pastry over the filling and carefully trim the edges. Cut a couple of air holes with a knife to allow the steam to escape. Brush the pastry with the beaten egg.

STEP 6

Bake the pie for about 25–35 minutes or until the top is nicely browned. Allow to cool slightly before serving





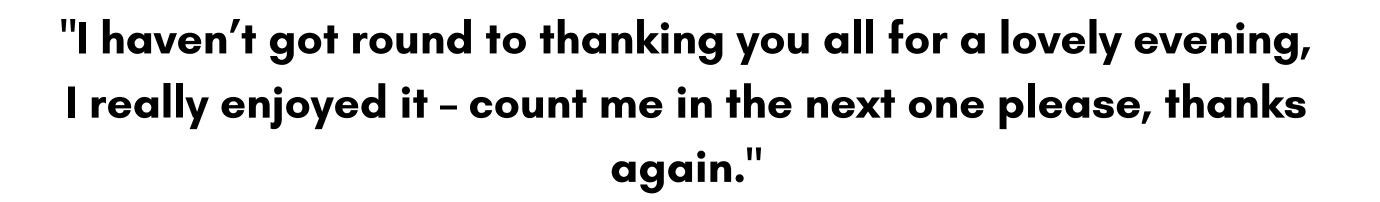




The next social will be in 2024. 7pm - 10pm at Copt Hewick Village Hall. Quiz, food and good company. Partners welcome.

"Thank you, we loved the last one!"

"The first event was much appreciated, thank you."







Sue T

Sue T has been volunteering at Jennyruth Workshops for many years. Hannah, Ryan and Jamie sat down with Sue to ask her more for some top tips on gardening and baking!

What's your favourite thing to bake?

I like trying new recipes! I can always knock up a good scone but if I've got longer then I make a fab chocolate orange brownie. It's something I know will always turn out great.

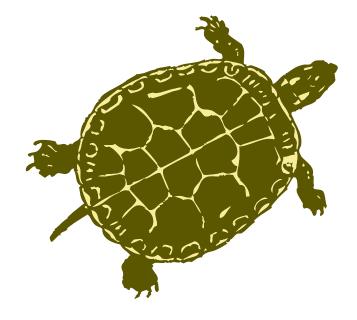
We know you're good at gardening but what are your favourite flowers? Good question! A white lily. If I'm buying cut flowers then always lilies. I love it when the snowdrops come up but I also love the height of summer when all the perennials are up and smiling at the sunshine.

Have you got any top tips for gardening in the spring?

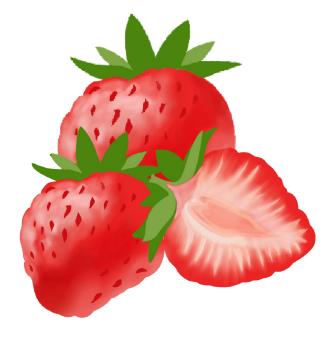
The most important tip is that when the sun's out it's time to feed your soil with compost.

Have you ever had any pets?

Yes, all my life! When I was little I grew up with two dogs and my brother had a very friendly grass snake. I had a tortoise for years called Topsy; she was a right character-that sounds quite odd for a tortoise. I painted her name on her shell and she loved



strawberries.



Have you got any funny stories about Jennyruth Workshops?

I've cried with laughter doing the Christmas and Makathon Videos. The zoom sessions with Denise, during lockdown, were great fun with all the dressing up.

Your garden is full of Jennyruth products, which one is your favourite?

I don't have a favourite because they all serve a different purpose and make me happy. I've got a circular bench that goes under my plum tree and I've got lots of bird feeders.

What is your favourite thing about helping at shows?

It's just good fun telling people about us and seeing how appreciative people are when they hear about us and what we do.

Top 5 things that make you happy?

Family, my garden, a crisp bright winter's day, a walk along the river and cheese.

What's your favourite drink?

If I've been working in the garden all day then a cold, light beer but if I'm out with my friends then Prosecco!



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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/fundraisingpage/creation/?cid=3261823



You can donate via our website: https://cafdonate.ca fonline.org/16026#! /DonationDetails

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. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donationreminder/

It's now been made even easier....just scan the QR Code to sign up or visit <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/</u> to find out more.





Charity Golf Day Thursday 4th July 2024

Teams of 4 playing Stableford Competition 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

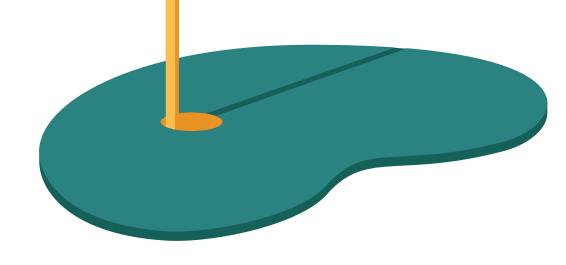
- 1st three teams
- Nearest the Pin

- 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 Tel: 07579969261



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Rainy Day Relaxation

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Happy Birthday

March

Helen Reason Tom Oates Avril Crack Mel Milnes Sue Evason Tim Newell Phil Newton Jackie Grant



Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.



1st prize - No 28

2nd prize – No 9

3rd prize – No 56



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.

March and April



Sights and Sounds of Ripon Ripon Cathedral

Saturday 9th March 11am -2pm

Tap on the Tutt Stall Boroughbridge

Saturday 30th March





Spring Food, Home and Garden Fair Ripon Cathedral

Saturday 13th April 10am-4pm

Harrogate Spring Flower Show Yorkshire Show Ground

Thursday 25th - Sunday 28th April



25th - 28th April 2024





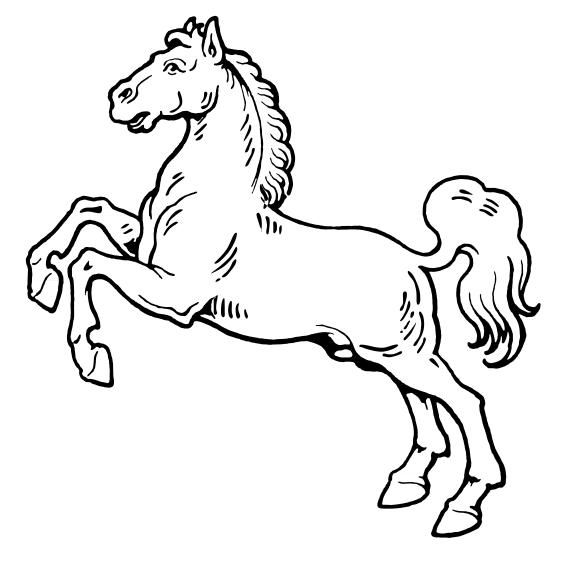
Saving Yorkshire Dogs Bedale Park

Sunday 5th May

Duncombe Park Country Fair Duncombe Park

Monday 6th May 9am-5pm



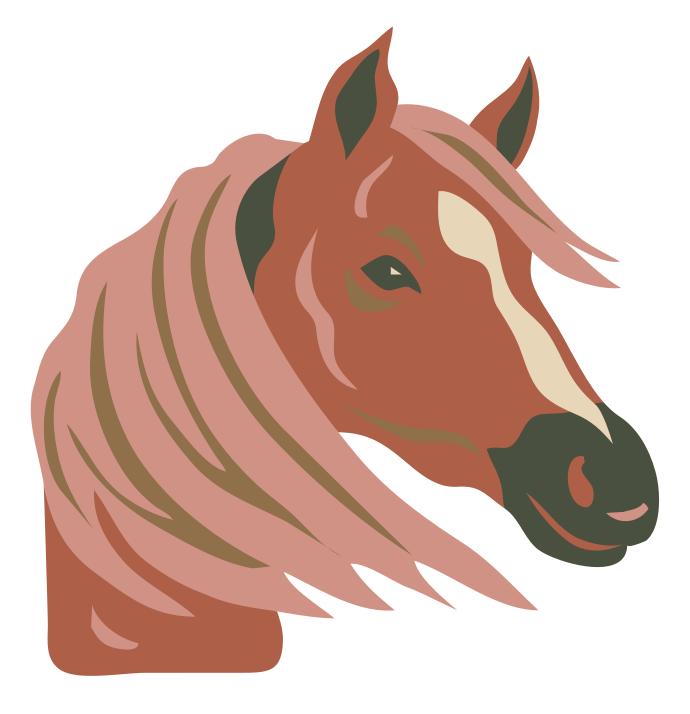


Rotary Club Bike Ride Tollerton Station

Saturday 11th May 8am-2pm ish

Thirsk Races Thirsk racecourse

Saturday 18th May





Summer Garden Weekend Harlow Carr, Harrogate

21st - 23rd June 9am - 5pm



Boroughbridge Lions Gala Fete Boroughbridge

Sunday 30th June



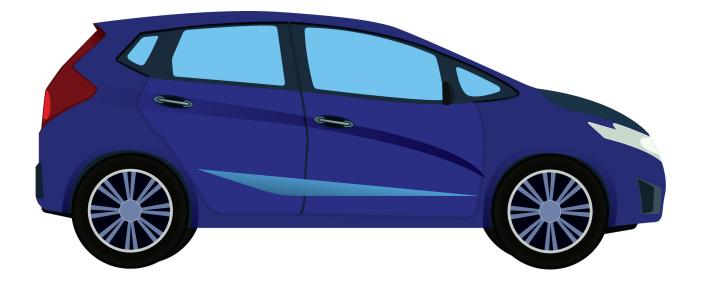
July and August



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





Christmas Fair Ripon Cathedral Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd November







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