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Hello everyone

Welcome to our latest edition of The Wren

The summer is always a particularly busy time of the year for us. Shows and showers have dominated the last month, we absolutely love the shows but are not so keen on the showers. Fingers crossed we get some sunshine for our upcoming events. If you've missed us so far, you can see us at various places throughout August and at the Autumn Flower Show at Newby Hall in September.

Back at the Workshop we have even made a start on Christmas; too early? Is it ever too early? We have drawn the line at playing festive tunes just yet though! 😊

Enjoy readying.

Take care

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Our Amazing WOWs

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

Ben Evason
Worker of the Week
5th July 2023

- For being very enthusiastic
- For working well with Peter
- For taking pride in his work
- For staying focused on his task

Nicky

CEO

Mark Maddison
Worker of the Week
26th July 2023

- For being such a big help at the Great Yorkshire Show when taking the stand down.
- For working really hard at his painting and listening to instructions.
- For becoming more chatty at work.
- For singing along to the radio and joining in.

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Visits and Events

The Great Yorkshire Show

Our debut at the Great Yorkshire Show was met with every weather condition possible but that didn't stop us from having a fantastic time.

"I enjoyed it! I saw lots of animals but it was raining the whole time. Richard drove us in the minibus and then pushed me in my wheelchair. I went with Alex, Richard and Anna to try samples of fudge in the foothill. I liked chatting to customers and showing them our products like our butterfly homes and bear hugs. I had a cup of tea and an ice-cream." - **Ryan H**

"It was lovely at the show. I saw loads of people. I looked at the sheep, cows, goats, pigs and horses. I bought an ice cream and a piece of fudge. On the stall I talked to customers and sold some of our products." - **Alex**

"We sold lots of things and lots of products. I had a cup of tea and a hot chocolate! It was raining so I didn't get to look around! I went with Anna, Don, Alex, Richard, Ryan and Rachael. I enjoyed it!" - **Daniel**

"I really enjoyed the Great Yorkshire Show even though it was really busy. I liked looking at all the animals. We saw cows, horses and pigs. My favourite was the horses because they were so well behaved. It was wet and muddy on Tuesday but dry and very hot on Thursday. We sold lots of our products especially the bird houses and trugs. The exciting new products- dragonflies and butterfly bunting- also sold well." - **Tom H**

"I went to the Great Yorkshire Show in the minibus. I liked talking to customers and looking around the stalls. - **Dawn**

"On Thursday 13th July, I went to the Great Yorkshire Show. I helped out on our stall but was also able to look around other stalls. Whilst I was there I visited the Woodland Trust who were giving out free trees for people to plant. My best bit was trying the free samples in the food hall. I had an ice cream. I enjoyed looking at the animals. I was handing out leaflets to customers on our stall. I enjoyed looking at the highland cows." - **Victoria**

Prehistoric Dinosaurs
Knights and Castles
Fairy Fantasy
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Crakehall Emmerdale Charity Cricket Match

On Sunday 16th July I was helping out at the Jennyruth Workshops' stall at the Crakehall Emmerdale Charity Cricket match. I was showing customers our handcrafted wooden products that we make and paint at the workshops. My favourite part was holding a bearded dragon and a snake plus seeing lots of dogs. I bought myself a cake and enjoyed having pictures taken with the Emmerdale cast who were playing cricket. While I was there a goat tried to nibble my trousers which was really funny.

By Victoria Thomis

It was really exciting because some of the cast from Emmerdale were part of the cricket team. Victoria, Christopher, Adam, Anna and I did the stall. My job was to sell our lovely products and talk to lots of customers. My favourite memory was when Anna and I went to see the animals. They had a snake which they asked if I wanted to hold it so of course I said yes then I ended up dropping the poor thing. I think I panicked because it moved. I also held a Guinea Pig called Maurice.

By Emma Laycock

Talk to Supporting Older People

On Wednesday 19th July, Anna, Carol, Alex, Jessica and Tom went to the Green Hut in Harrogate to give a talk to Supporting Older People.

We were given a cup of tea on arrival before Lorna introduce us to the group. Alex and Jessica spoke about the history of Jennyruth Workshops and what we do there while Tom was in charge of the tech. The talk concluded with us telling them about the new extension at Jennyruth Workshops.

We got a round of applause at the end of the talk and sold some of our products.

By Jessica Lewis & Tom Oates

Supporting older people

Real Markets at Ripley

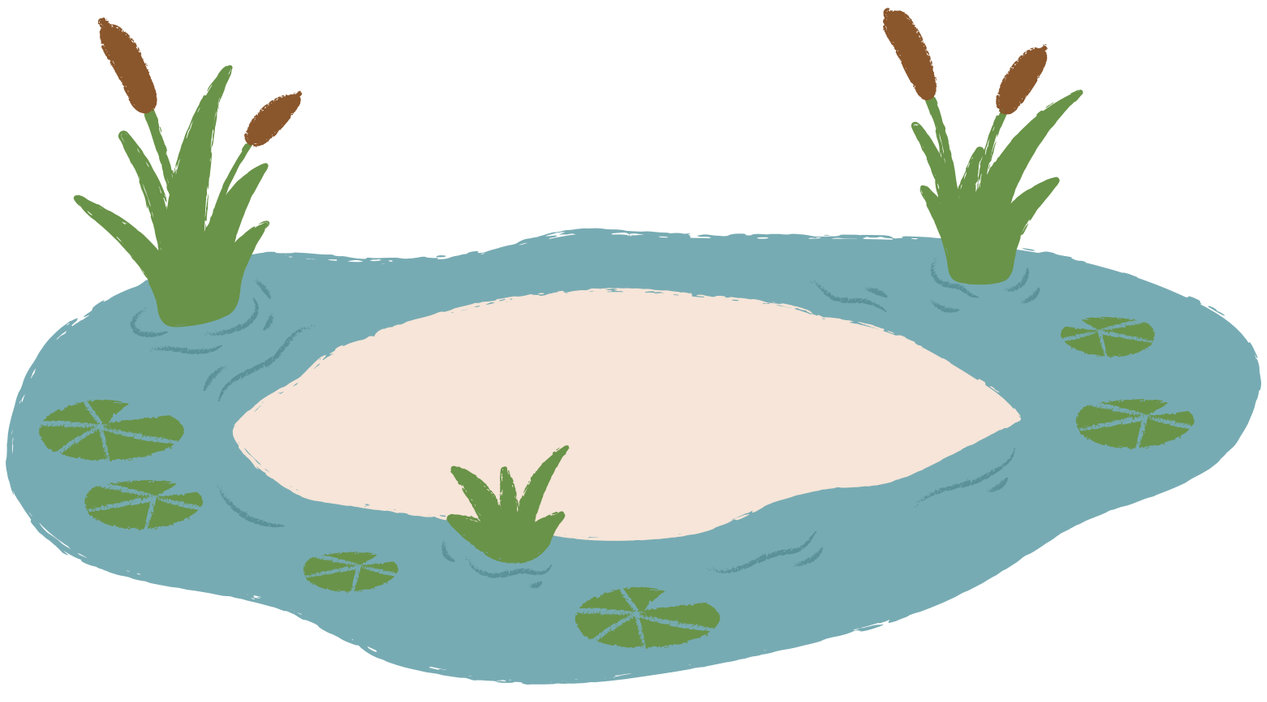
A rollercoaster of weather throughout the day but that didn't stop us from making sales, meeting new customers and catching up with some of our regulars!

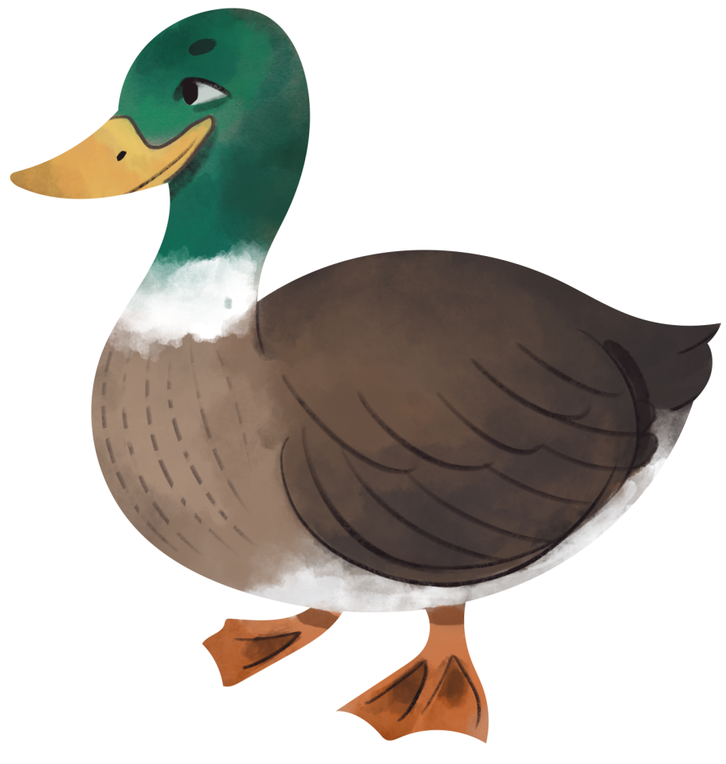
We loved being in the Ripley Castle Courtyard surrounded by delicious food stalls that, of course, we had to try out.

The Woodland Trust

Roger, a volunteer with the Woodland Trust, came to visit the workshops and give us a talk about nature and how important trees are to our ecosystem.

"I liked the makeshift pond and all the animals he put on the ground around it. I liked the pictures of the flowers. I found it very interesting learning about the different types of trees. I learnt how seeds are dispersed by animals and the wind." - **Tom H**



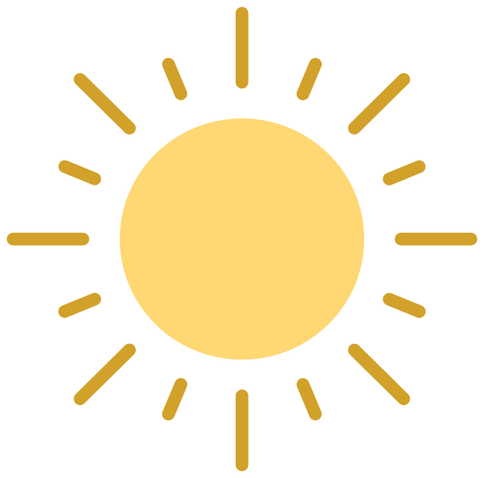


"I liked being a tree and holding a chaffinch, squirrel, butterfly and a bee. We looked at the berries on the trees." - **Andrew**

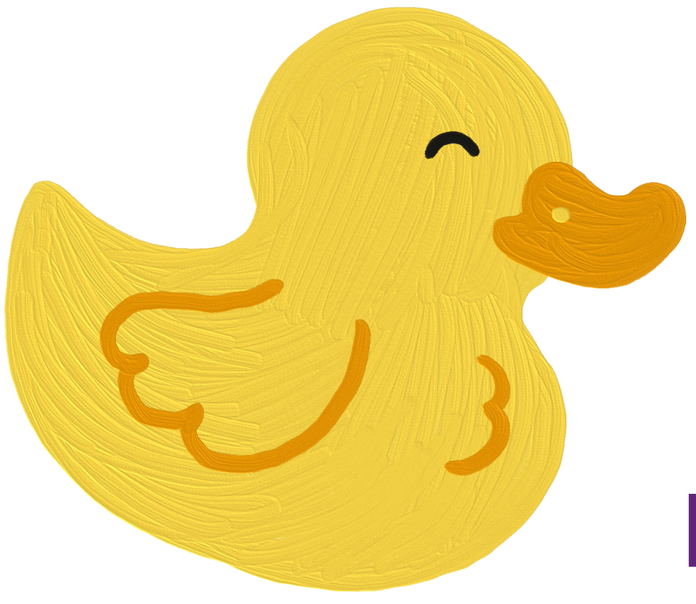
"I liked being a tree and holding the owl and the bird. I enjoyed looking at the animals in the pond and the hedgehog and fox puppets on his hand." - **Ryan H**

"I liked putting the nature pictures round the pond. I enjoyed the talk about the Woodland Trust and how the trees grow." - **Alex**

"I enjoyed learning how to use empty milk bottles to grow trees and pointing out where our hedgehog box is in the garden." - **Ryan R**

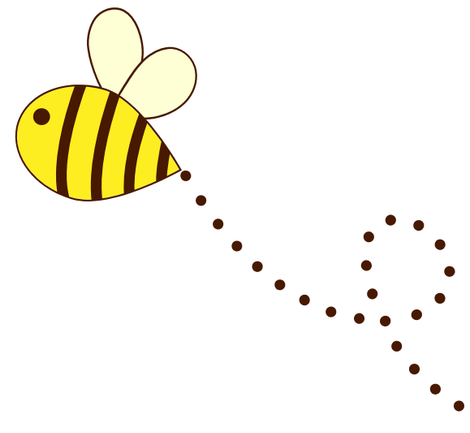


A Poem About Nature



Owls in the trees
Ducks in the water
Bees buzzing about
Green flowers are best in the garden
Silver fish in the water and the pond
I like the sky to be blue and the sun to shine
I like big trees with pears.

By Jamie C

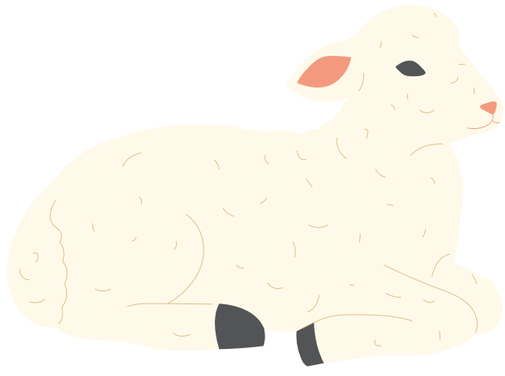


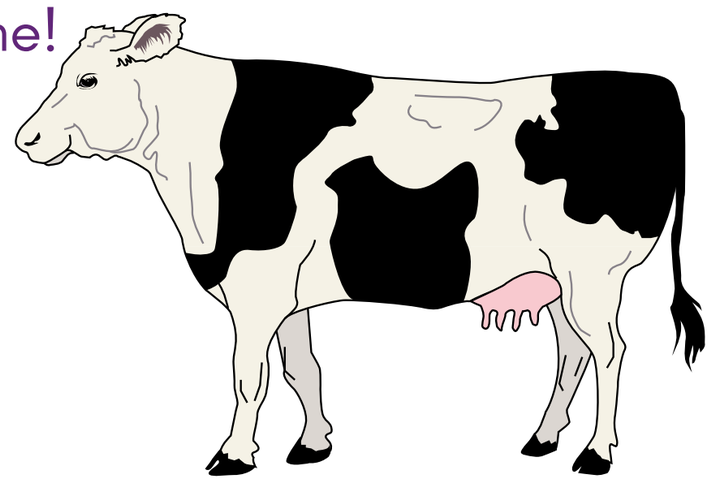
Aldborough and Boroughbridge Agricultural Show

Steve, Louise and Richard did a stall at the Aldborough and Boroughbridge Agricultural Show. The weather was very wet that morning when we were setting up the stall, but then it stopped raining in the afternoon and we sold a few products.

We talked to lots of people about what we do at Jennyruth Workshops. We also had a look around the show. Aswell as the cattle and sheep competitions, there were vintage tractors and cars to look at.

The show is a great local event that we hope to attend again next year. We'll just have to keep our fingers crossed for better weather next time!





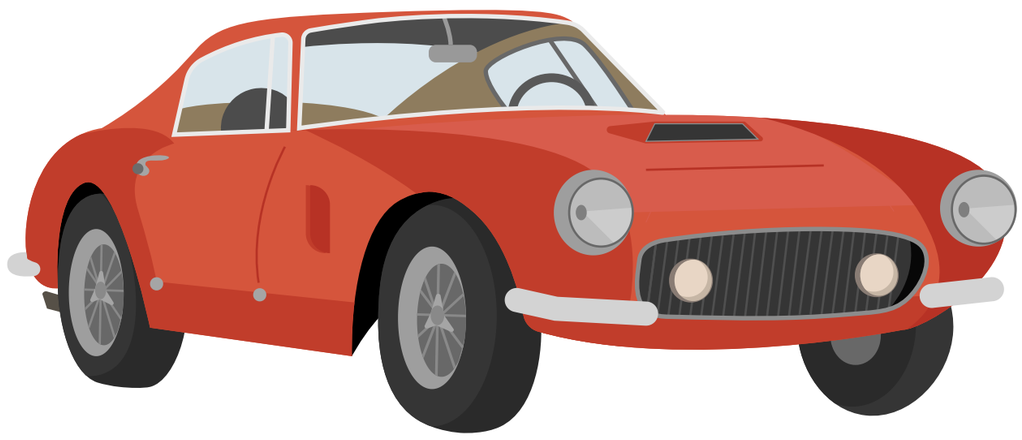
Ripon Old Car Classic Gathering

Daniel and I went to the Ripon Old Classic Car gathering at Ripon Racecourse. There were loads of cars such as Morris Minors. The weather was dry but it did get very windy, rainy and cold towards the end of the day.

We sold quite a few products including plant markers and bird boxes.

Richard fully enjoyed bringing his Morris Minor and seeing all the other old cars. There was an abundance of tea and cake which was Daniel's favourite part. Adam was impressed with all the old cars and found it interesting finding out the history of them.

By Jamie Allen



Stall at Hampsthwaite Primary School

We had a fantastic afternoon out at Hampsthwaite Primary School for their end of year fair. As well as selling our gifts and products, we had a go at 'Hook a Duck', the tombola and even a bit of a sing song.

"It was wonderful to see the children buying things from our stall. I liked walking round with Shelley and having a go on the tombola" - Alex

"I helped sell lots of products. I sang Hakuna Matata in front of the whole school." - Ryan

Victoria spotted several of our habitat homes around the playground that the school had bought from us when they visited us earlier in the year.

Trip to Newby Hall

We had great fun on our visit to Newby Hall and even managed to have a ride on the train!

News from the Workshops

Building Works

We are looking forward to moving into the extension in the next couple of months!

We've even made a start on painting!

Bespoke Products

Our team have worked incredibly hard on producing this beautiful handcrafted notice board and bench for Allhallowgate Methodist Church in Ripon. What started as a bespoke order turned into a fab community project that included the Beaver Scouts and Harrogate Garden Centre

"Allhallowgate Methodist Church in Ripon are very grateful to friends at Jennyruth for making us a new notice board, planters and a bench. These have radically improved how we look from the outside. The Beaver scouts who meet at our church are watering the plants which were kindly supplied by Harrogate Garden Centre. Our notice board is getting lots of people to stop and look at it and people are enjoying resting on our new bench. A sincere thank you from us all."

- Rev Ian Pruden, Minister for Allhallowgate Methodist Church

John and Hazel Goss, from Brighter Boroughbridge, commissioned these beautiful works of art to be displayed on the Boroughbridge roundabout.

Each picture was handpainted by local artist Josie Nicholson who also happens to be one of our fabulous volunteers!

Jennyruth Workshops:
Memories, Stories and Pictures

We would like to produce a follow up to Barrie and Jonathan's book about their travels and the early days of Jennyruth Workshops.

We are asking friends, workers, families, carers, staff, trustees and anyone with memories and stories about Jennyruth to share these stories, memories, and photographs for our book.

You can write your contribution to the book yourself or ask someone to help you at home or at Jennyruth.

You can write about:

- products you have made
- visits and trips you have been on
- your best thing about being at Jennyruth Workshops
- events and shows that you took part in
- things you have produced for **The Wren** in the last few years
- visitors you remember
- TV or Radio interviews
- your proudest times at Jennyruth Workshops
- anything that you want to share about your life at Jennyruth Workshops

Start thinking and writing now!
Talk about your ideas with each other,
a member of staff or volunteers

Gnome and Away

Jessica took Harold and Hilda (our resident gnomes) on holiday with her. They got up to all sorts of mischief and fun including trying the local cuisine and photobombing Jessica's holiday snaps!

Rachael's Photo Snaps

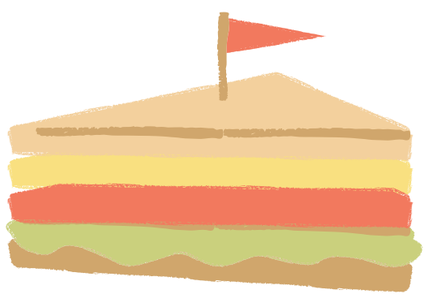
Rachael was our Head Photographer for this edition of the magazine! She had great fun taking action shots of staff, volunteers and workers.

Volunteering

Volunteer Social

The next social of 2023 has been postponed until Autumn.

More information to come.....



"Thank you, we loved the last one!"

"The food is delicious!"

"I find them enjoyable as I get to meet other volunteers!"

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.

You can donate via our website:
https://cafdonate.cafonline.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.

Thank You

A big thank you to Marton cum Grafton Open Gardens who donated £307.50 to us this year from their fundraising!

Annual Golf Day Fundraiser

Another successful Golf Day Fundraiser. We want to say a big thank you to all the teams that entered and all the amazing people and local businesses who donated raffle or tombola prizes.

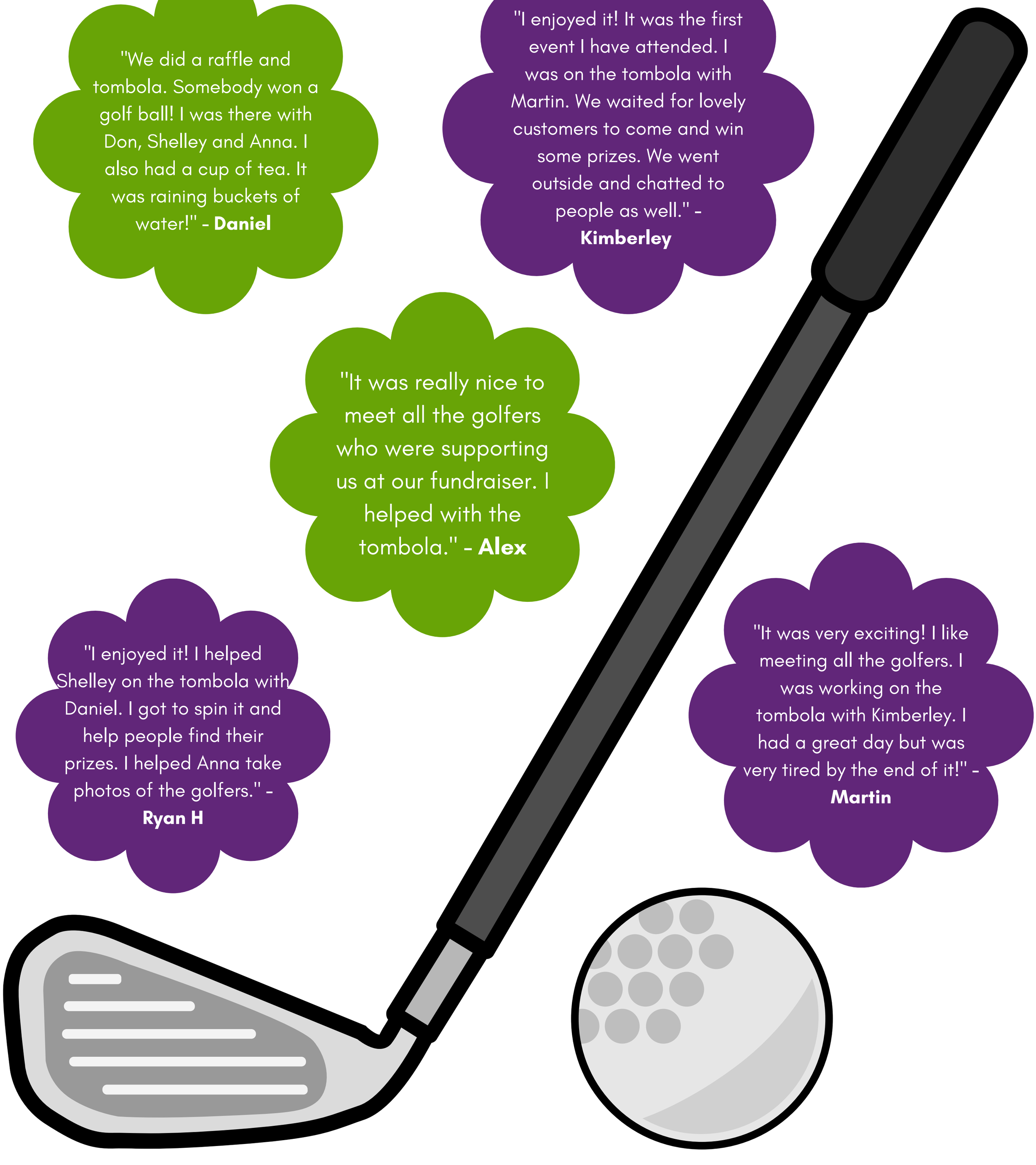
"We did a raffle and tombola. Somebody won a golf ball! I was there with Don, Shelley and Anna. I also had a cup of tea. It was raining buckets of water!" - **Daniel**

"I enjoyed it! It was the first event I have attended. I was on the tombola with Martin. We waited for lovely customers to come and win some prizes. We went outside and chatted to people as well." - **Kimberley**

"It was really nice to meet all the golfers who were supporting us at our fundraiser. I helped with the tombola." - **Alex**

"I enjoyed it! I helped Shelley on the tombola with Daniel. I got to spin it and help people find their prizes. I helped Anna take photos of the golfers." - **Ryan H**

"It was very exciting! I like meeting all the golfers. I was working on the tombola with Kimberley. I had a great day but was very tired by the end of it!" - **Martin**



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KNARESBOROUGH KNIGHTMARES

Ghost walks in aid of local charities

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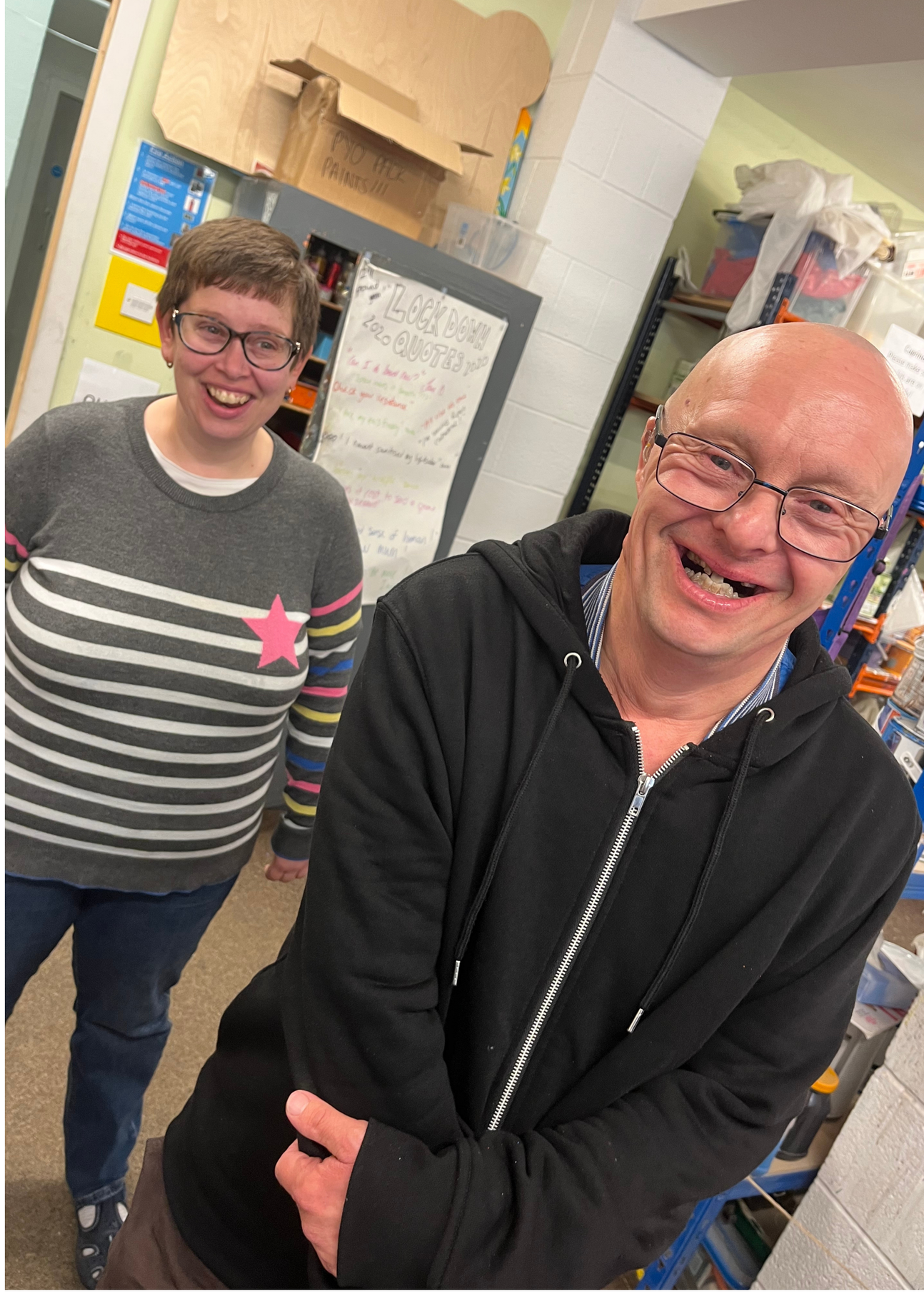
Sam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2020 QUOTES

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BRASSERIE DE LA PLACE
Restaurant

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LOCK DOWN
2020 QUOTES
OUT OF ORDER
David

Rainy Day Relaxation

Building

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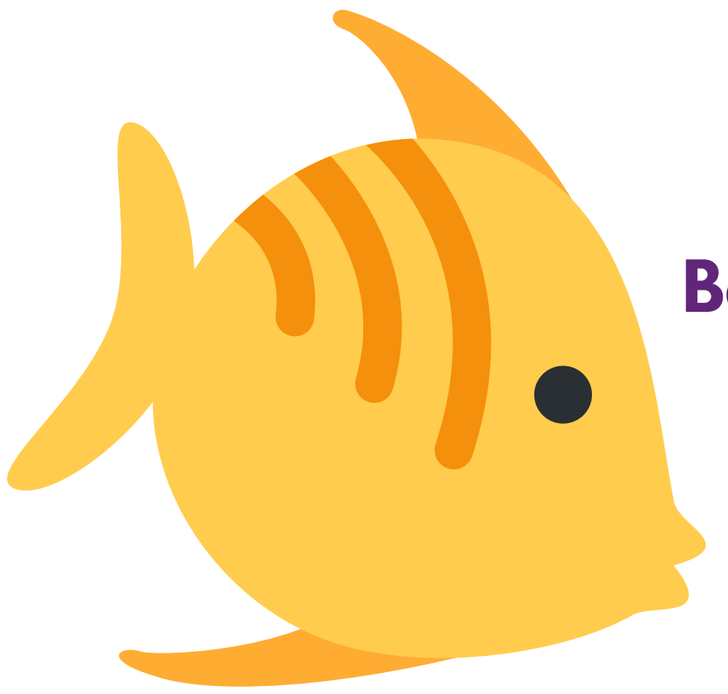
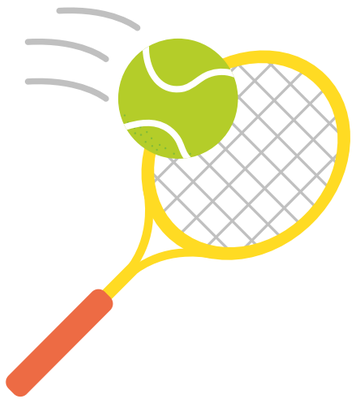
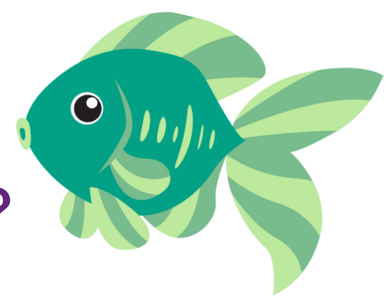
Jamie's Jokes





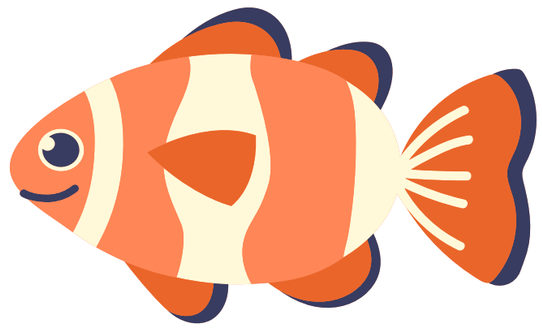
Why are fish rubbish tennis players?

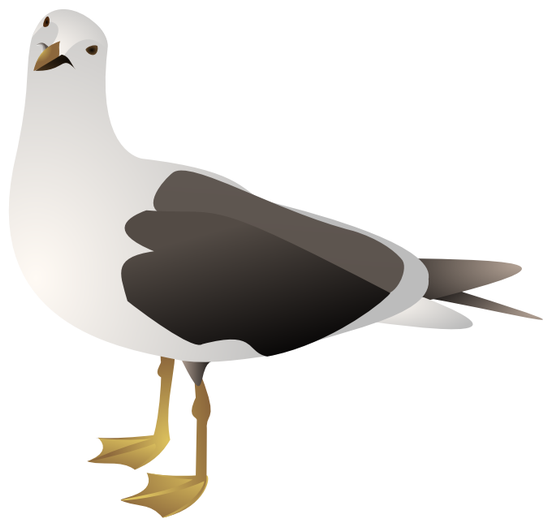
Because they always get caught in the net!



Why do fish swim in salt water?

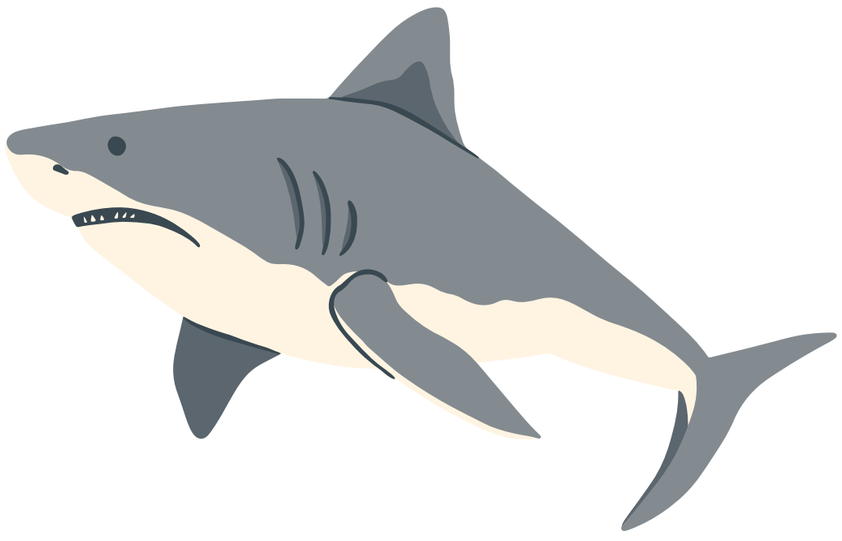
Because pepper would make them sneeze!





What did the seagull say to his children?

If you need me call me on my shell phone!



Where do sharks go on holiday?

Finland!

Happy Birthday

August

Kate Rogata
Bethany Evason
Josie Nicholson
Andrew Burns
Rachael Addison
Anna Smith
Pippa Holland
Jessica Lewis
Bob Jones
Victoria Thomis
Andy Thewlis
Chris Wills

August 100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.

1st prize – No 10

2nd prize – No 2

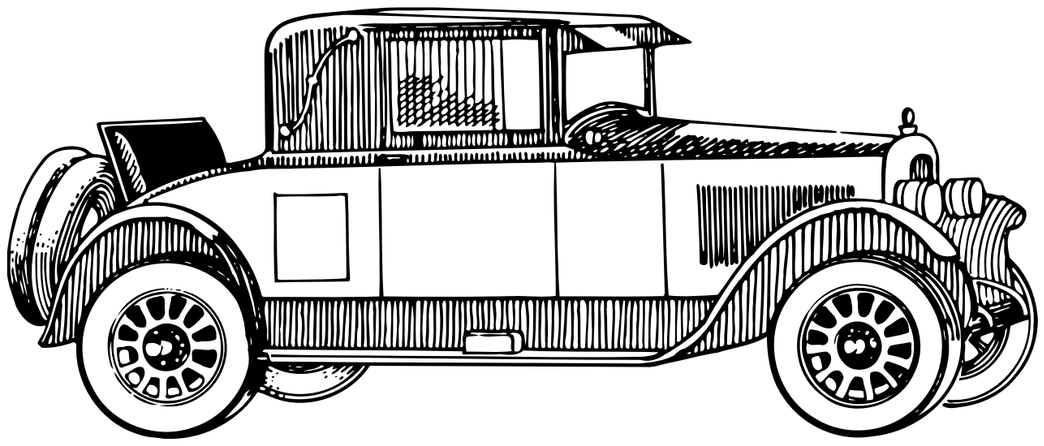
3rd prize – No 3

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.

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.

Ripley and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society Ltd
Ripley

Sunday 13th August

The show covers a broad spectrum of agricultural, horticultural, equestrian and other major attractions. We can't wait to have a stall there this year!

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

RIPON CATHEDRAL

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.

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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