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Hello everyone

Welcome to our latest edition of The Wren.

Hard to believe we're now in

October. Time flies when you're having fun doesn't it!

We're out and about again this weekend in Ripon and Sedgefield so do look out for us and come and say hello.

We're holding a Halloween painting workshop during the half-term school holiday for children aged 4-11. Details of how to book this are on page 20.

Enjoy reading, until next time

Take care

Nicky

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Meet the team



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Our Amazing WOWs

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. Last month David, Jonathan, Christopher, Shaun, Adam and Jamie received Worker of the Week (WOW).



Shaun Dean
Worker of the Week
17th Sept 2024



- For being so polite.
- For really wanting to help.
- For getting on and clearing the woodshed.
- For being brilliant at the [Pop Up](#) shop.

Nicky

CEO



Jonathan Evason
Worker of the Week
17th Sept 2024



- For being such a superstar at Newby Hall for the Harrogate Flower Show and for volunteering to come with us at the weekend.

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Christopher Stanfield
Worker of the Week
17th Sept 2024



- For doing such a super job at leading the tour for our VIP visitors.

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David Everitt
Worker of the Week
9th Sept 2024



- For being lively
- For always being happy and upbeat
- For taking his time and being very methodical with his painting
- For trying hard to complete more in the time he has

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Adam Chapman
Worker of the Week
10th Sept 2024



- For always helping out.
- For being great in cookery and trying all of the food.
- For really working hard in packaging.
- For persevering with the threading.
- For being more willing to accept advice.
- For volunteering to empty the dishwasher.

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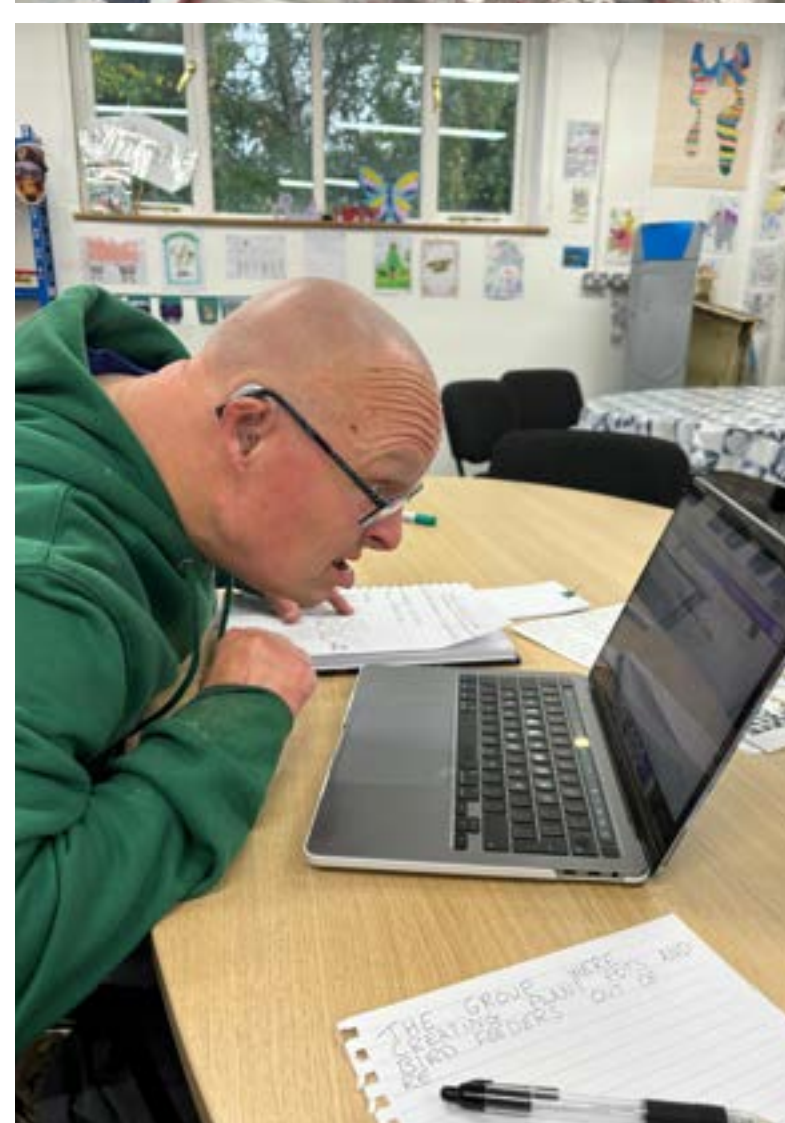
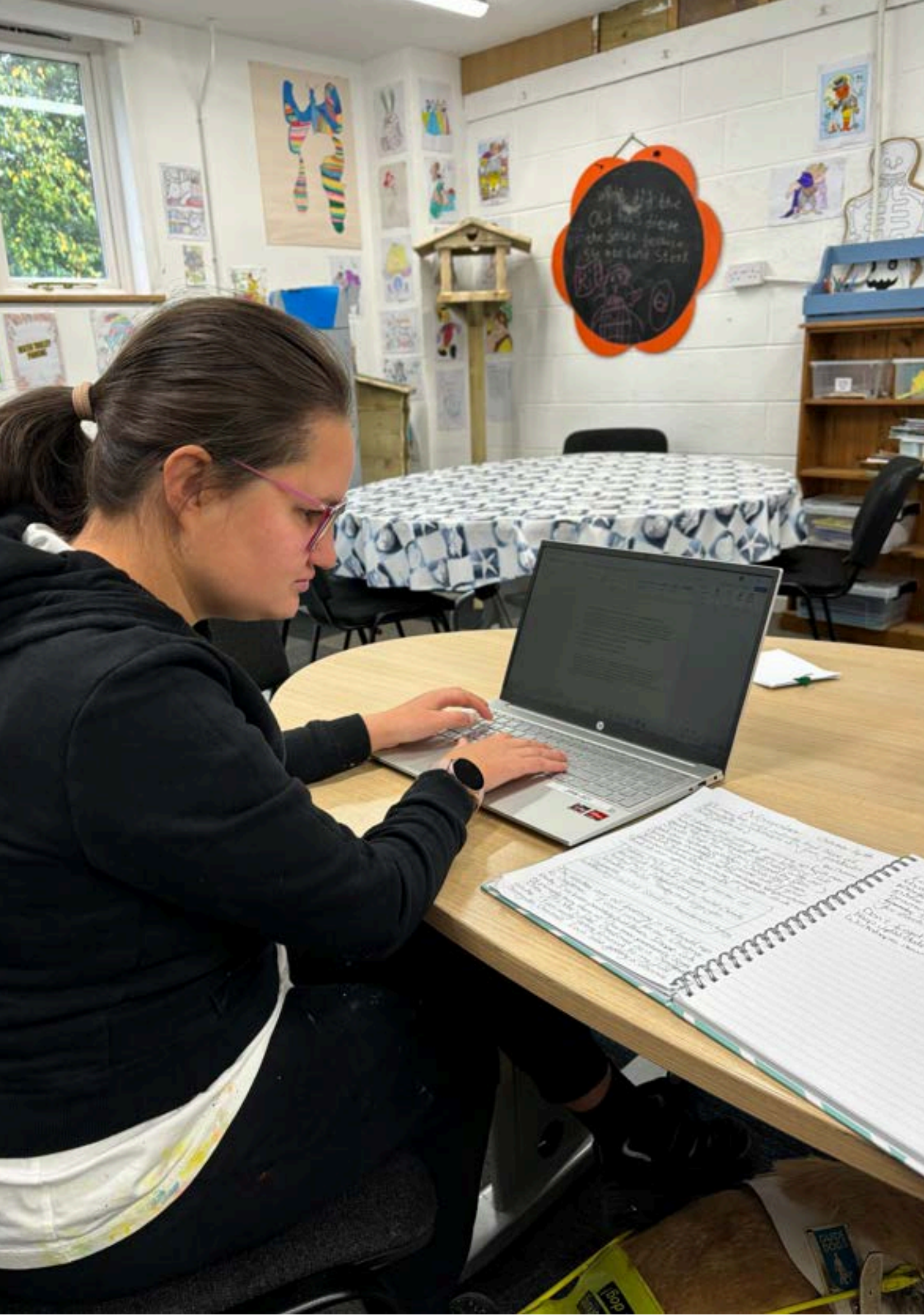
Jamie Allen
Worker of the Week
24th Sept 2024



- For helping out with all the Santa gnomes without needing supervision.
- For really getting his head down.
- For knowing what he is doing and getting on.

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CEO





Visits and Events

ITV Studios

Andrew, Jamie C, Ryan R and Ryan H were invited to the ITV studios in Leeds for a tour of the Emmerdale sets and to learn more about what goes into filming TV scenes. Anna and Richard went with them.



I loved meeting Charity Dingle! I liked being in David's shop and guessing what food was real and what was fake.

By Ryan Rhodes





Ali was very nice, she showed us all of the Emmerdale sets. We got to meet some of the actors when we had our lunch. My favourite was Charity Dingle. She was lovely and gave me a big hug! We got to pretend to be news readers on ITV Calendar News. I really enjoyed that! I liked the hairdresser set. I got to wear a cloak while Ryan pretended to cut my hair. I got to move the big cameras around and learnt that there are not any other rooms at the top of the stairs. I enjoyed it all!

By Andrew Wilford

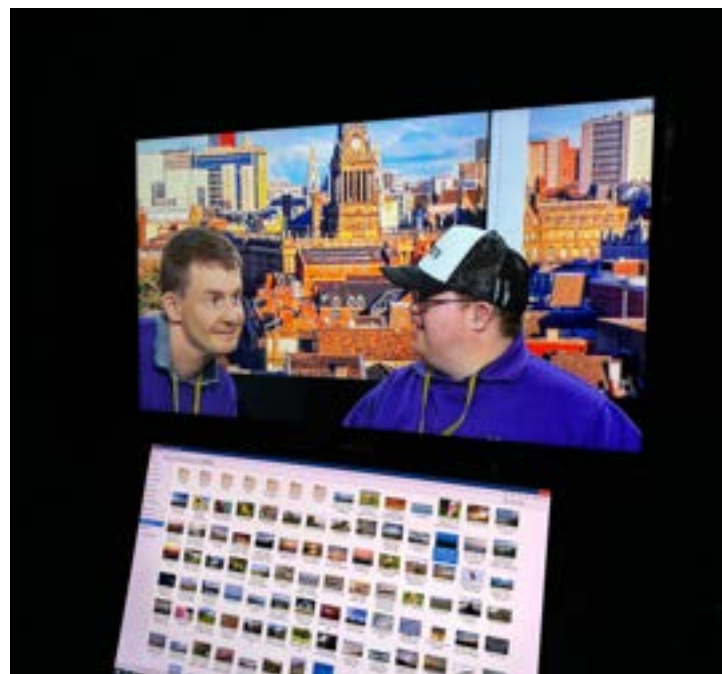




Of course we had to pop in to the Woolpack Pub for a few pints!



We experienced what it was like to be ITV Calendar news presenters!



The boys put in a couple of shifts at the salon!

Harrogate Flower Show at Newby Hall

What an amazing weekend we had at the Harrogate Flower Show at Newby Hall. Our set up crew did a great job putting up the gazebos and displaying the products.



“I was at the stall giving out leaflets and selling our lovely products. I talked to our awesome customers. I tried some beetroot risotto from the (Northern Larder) that was opposite us!”

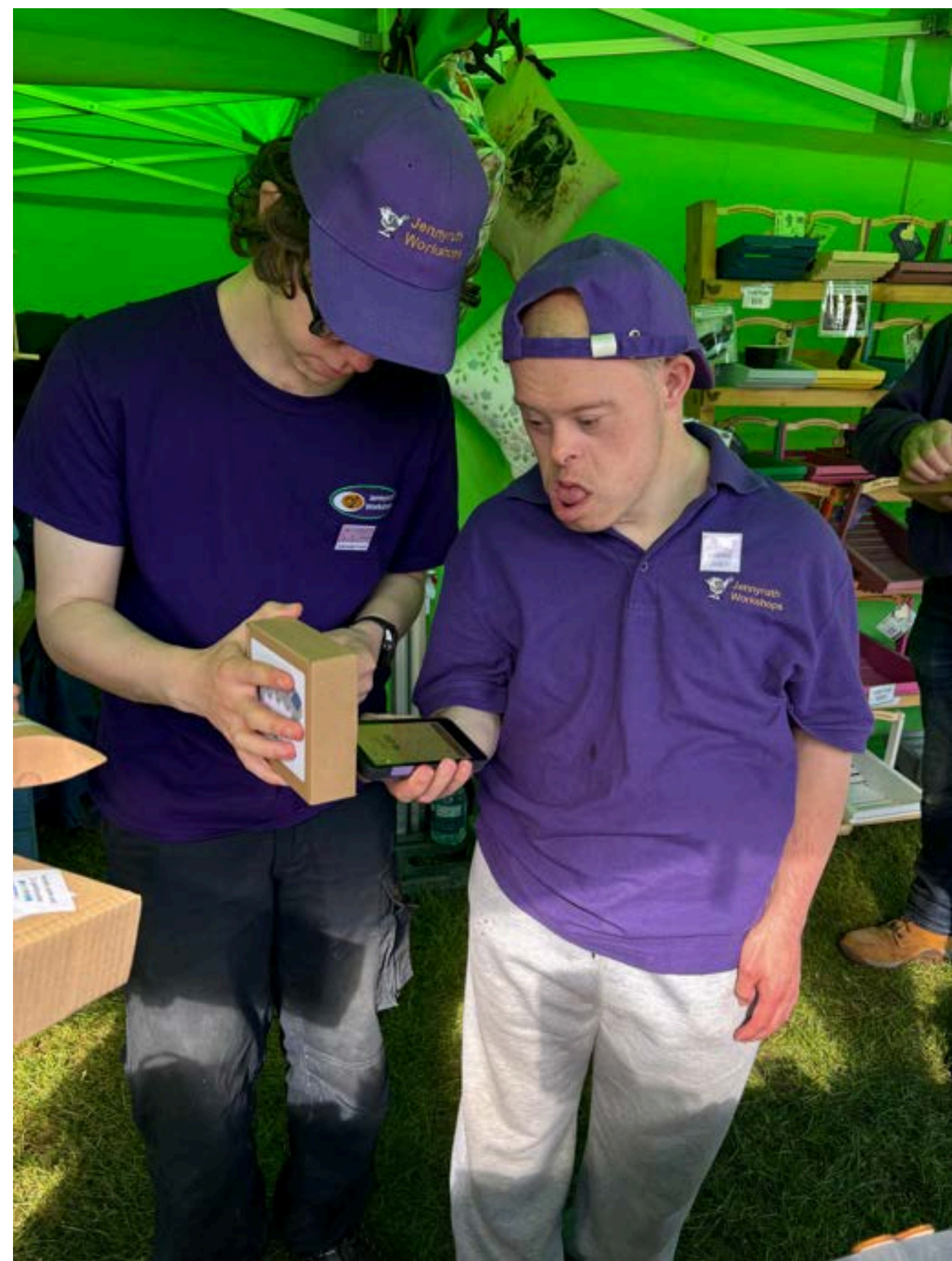
By Hannah Rollings





"Tell you what WE SOLD A LOT ! I had a lovely cup of tea, I needed it because we were very busy with customers."

By Daniel Allen





I was there from 8 o'clock till 5 o'clock on the Saturday and we did some really big sales. We sold a hedgehog home, a couple of hedgehog ramps, loads of cards and trugs. I was handing out leaflets and talking to customers. We did very well, it was great! There was a stall opposite where you could taste food and they were giving away the recipes. Avril, Phoebe and I had really big ice-creams!

By Jonathan Evason



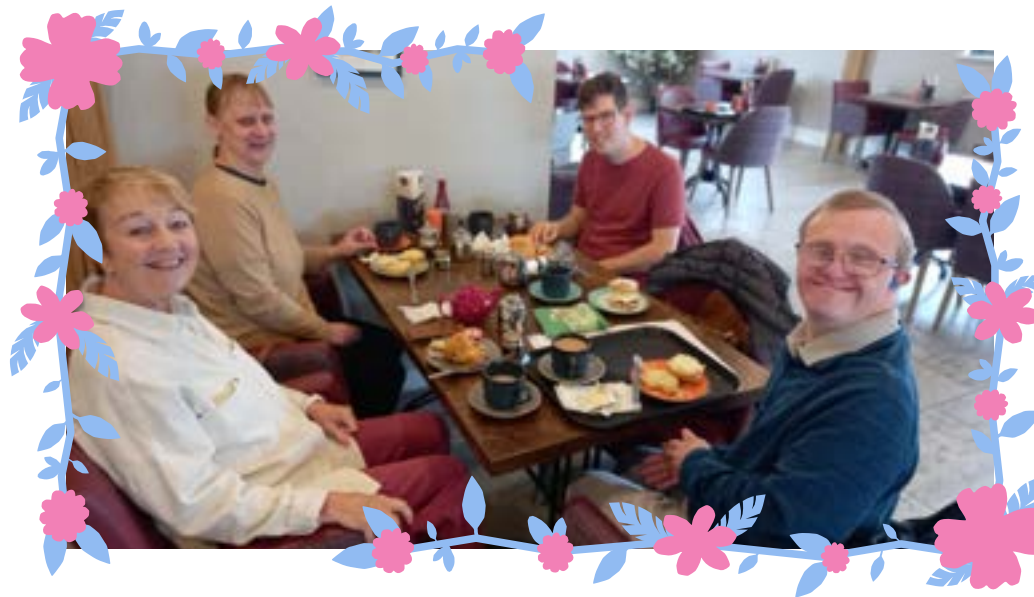
I went to the stall on Saturday afternoon. I was handing out leaflets to customers.

By Tom Oates



Blue Peter Group Visited Thirsk Garden Centre

Blue Peter Group had a fantastically floral trip when they went shopping for plants and Thirsk Garden Centre did not disappoint!



The group were creating plant pots and bird feeders out of recycled milk cartons.



They also made this fabulous dress out of recycled materials! Hannah is doing a great job modelling it!



News from the Workshops

Our Magnificent Makaton Video



<https://youtu.be/wnk3Gz27JM8>



NEW OUTLET ALERT!

The Crown in Boroughbridge



THE CROWN HOTEL
IN
BOROUGHBRIDGE
HAVE A SELECTION
OF OUR PRODUCTS
FOR SALE IN THE
RECEPTION AREA
OF THEIR LEISURE
CLUB.

THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING OUR
WONDERFUL
CHARITY.



Blue Peter Badge Group

Our first Blue Peter badge group have gained their green badges such an amazing achievement!

A huge congratulations to Beth, Martin, Matthew and Daniel.

A special thank you to Blue Peter and the BBC team for allowing our incredible adults who have learning disabilities to gain their badges.

**WELL
DONE**



Time to Get Creative

Our Creative group have been creating some fantastic pieces of art with clay!



Happy Halloween

Spooktacular Gifts for the whole family!

Treat Bags

Paint Your Own Halloween Bunting

Pumpkin Bunting

Tote Bags

Pumpkin Stencilled Bird Boxes, Bug Homes and Trugs

<https://www.jennyruth.co.uk/halloween>





SPOOKTACULAR PAINTING

WORKSHOP

Copt Hewick Village Hall, Main Street, Copt Hewick, Ripon, HG4 5DA

Tuesday 29th October

1:30pm - 3pm

£5 per child

A fun painting workshop where children ages 4-11 will get to paint a variety of spooky shapes with the help of our wonderful Jennyruth Workshops team.

Parents/Guardians must remain on site throughout the session but refreshments and wifi will be provided.

To book your child's spot please contact the workshop info@jennyruth.co.uk or use the link/QR Code below!

<https://www.jennyruth.co.uk/book-online>



SCAN ME



Bird Box Building Experience

Looking for an original gift idea?
How about a Bird Box Building Experience at
Jennyruth Workshops?

£99

Choose which style of bird box you want to make ...

Tit Box



Robin Box



Blackbird Box



... 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.

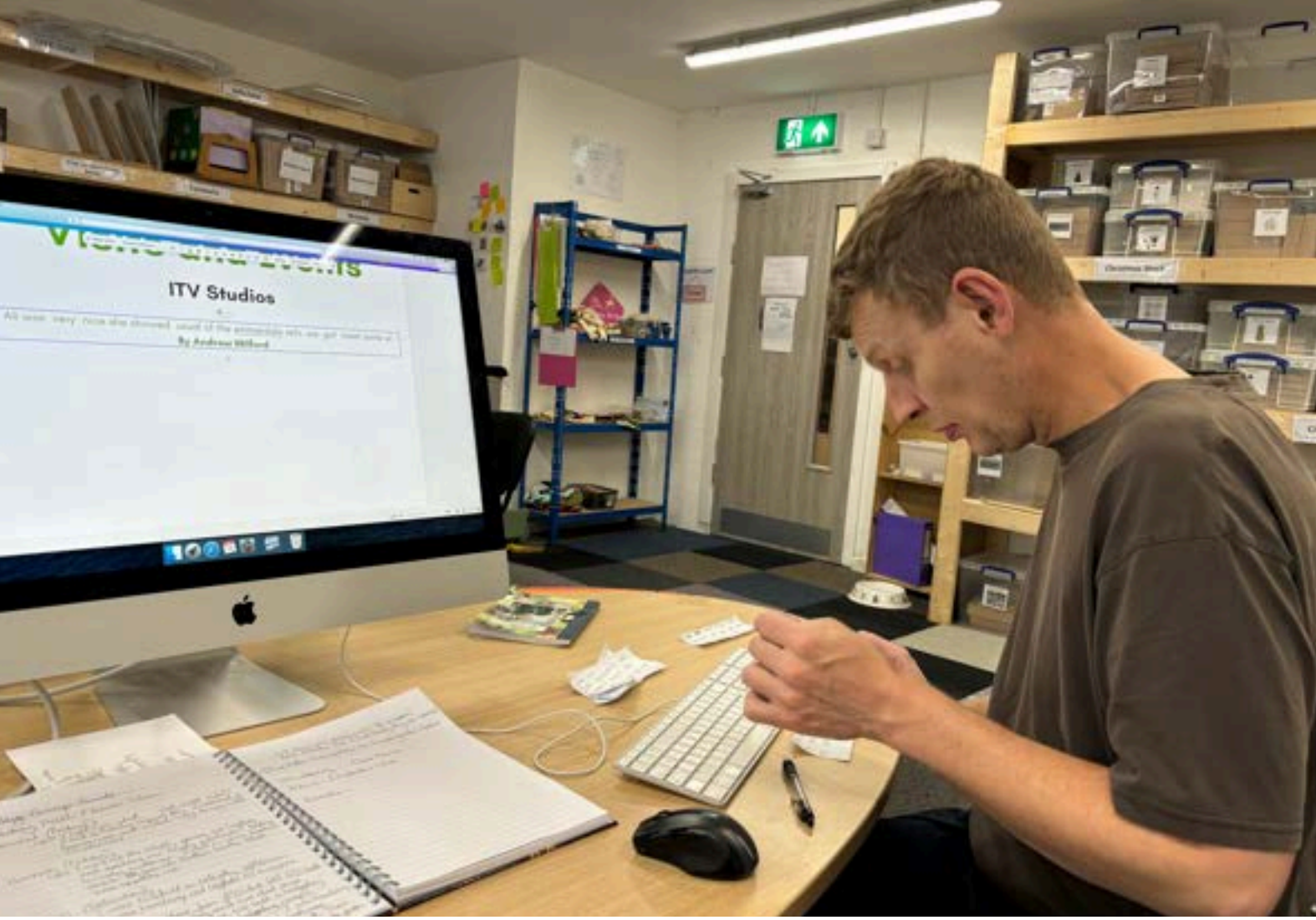
Our workshop is near Ripon HG4 5AY. Parking on site.

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: info@jennyruth.co.uk or phone 01756 606620 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am - 4.30pm).

Please note that we will be closed between Christmas and New Year.





**THURSDAY
MORNINGS**

ARE

**TOY
LIBRARY**

MORNINGS

Stay & Play Have Fun

Borrow toys

Community House, Allhallowgate

from 10 - Noon

ripontoylibrary@outlook.com

 Find us on
Facebook

Wonderful Workers

A section dedicated to our fabulously fantastic workers! Each month we will be putting different workers in the spotlight by interviewing them about their life! This month it's all about Ellen.

Do you like painting and what is your favourite product to paint?

Yes, I like painting bird boxes.

Do you do any cooking at home and what is your favourite thing to cook?

I help my Mum. I make bolognaise with pasta.

What do you like to do on a weekend?

Spend time with my family. I go out with Mum and Dad to different places.

Have you been on holiday this year?

I went to London to see Mrs Doubtfire and Back to the Future on the West End.

You're a very smiley person, what gives you the giggles?

My friends, especially Emma L, and being happy.

You've been enjoying the sewing group, what's your favourite thing that you've made?

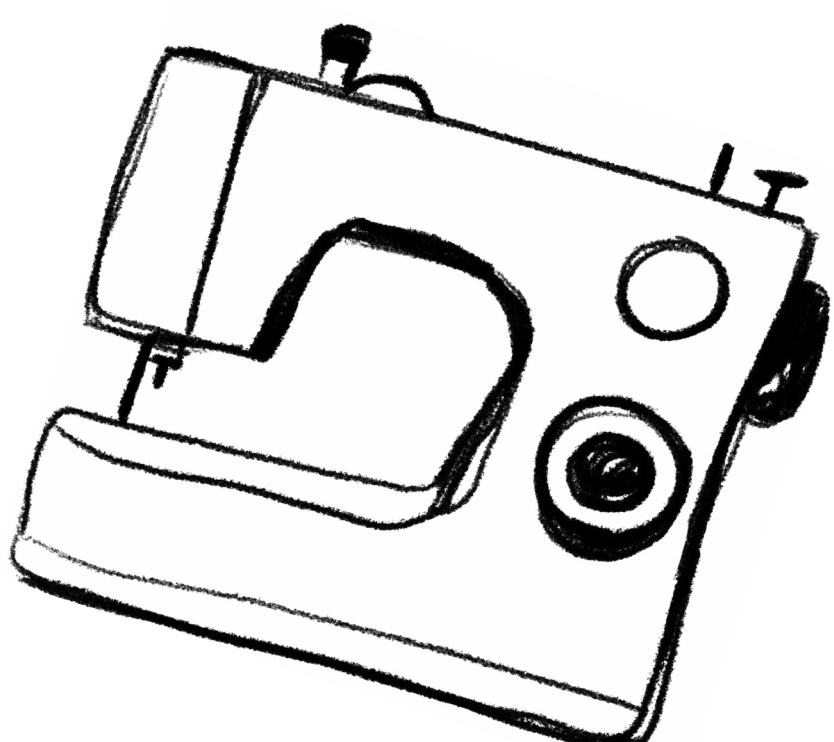
I've been sewing with Carol and making bottle bags.

Do you have a favourite songs?

I like ' I will always love you' the Whitney Houston version.

What do you love about Jennyruth Workshops?

Seeing everyone and having a good chat?





Jonathan's Photo Snaps

Our Head of Photography, Jonathan, has taken some fantastic photos for this edition of 'The Wren'.







Cooks Corner

This month we have a delicious recipe for fairy cakes.

Ingredients

100g caster sugar
100g very soft butter
100g self-rising flour
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract



For the icing

100g very soft butter
100g icing sugar
food colouring or sprinkles,
marshmallows etc



Method

- 1) Turn the oven on to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Put a paper case in hole of a 12-hole bun tin.
- 2) Put the sugar and butter (it must be soft or you won't be able to mix it properly) in a bowl and mix it together. Sift in the flour.
- 3) Break the eggs into a separate bowl (spoon out any bits of shell that fall in) and add them to the bowl with the vanilla. Mix everything together.
- 4) Divide between the cases using a spoon, scraping it off with a knife. Put the tray in the oven for 20 minutes.



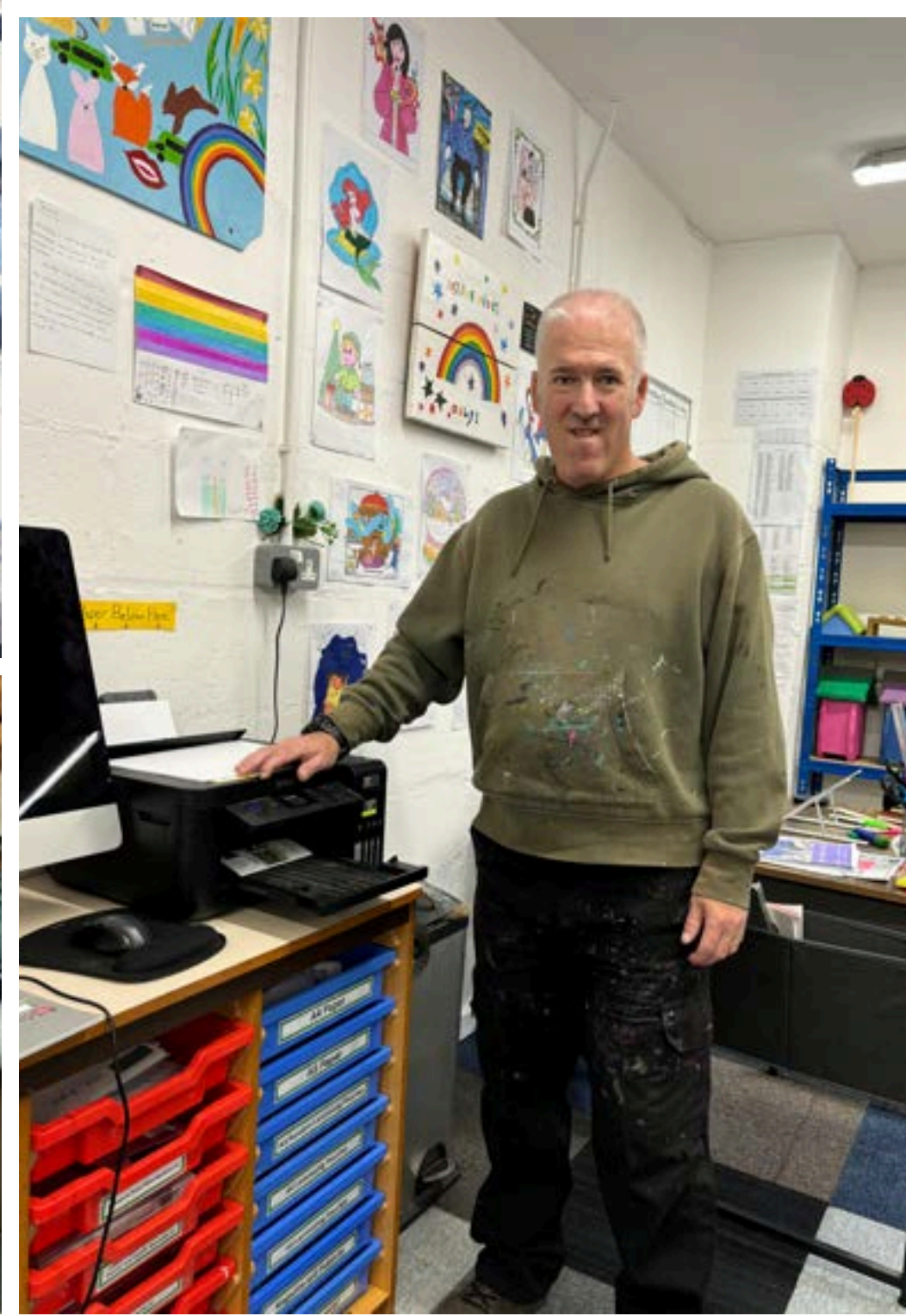
- 5) Mix the butter and icing sugar to make a creamy icing. Add colouring , if you like. Push an icing nozzle into an icing bag, then scoop in the icing.



- 6) Let the cakes cool completely in the tray. Pipe onto each cake and decorate with marshmallows or sprinkles or whatever you like.







Volunteering



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.



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

Care Home Volunteers

Wonderful members of staff from Blossom Care Home (Harrogate & Ripon) spent a day volunteering at the workshops in aid of International Day of Charity.

Thank you for spending the day with us
We loved having you guys volunteer with us in aid of such a special awareness day! Come back and visit anytime :)



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:



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.



KNARESBOROUGH KNIGHTMARES CHARITY GHOST WALKS

19 June

14 August

30 October

18 December



ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares

The 2024 Knaresborough Ghost Walks are now open for booking, with all ticket money donated to local good causes like Jennyruth Workshops.

Knaresborough may not be huge, but it has a wealth of history and folklore, with tales of ghosts, witches and murderers. Local characters like Mother Shipton have been known to make personal appearances from beyond the grave (but her availability is hard to predict).

Unlike most other things, our ticket prices have remained the same, at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for under-16s. Tours are on 30 October and 18 December. You can book tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/knaresborough-knightmares.





Happy Birthday

October

Deborah Sleep
Ellen Hirst
Andrew Wilford
Christopher Stanfield
Ryan Hearfield
Martin Grainger
Louise Evans

100 Club

The 100 Club was set up to raise funds for the workshop, but over recent years subscriptions have dwindled and this year we have had to make the difficult decision to stop running this as we would be making a significant loss. Refunds will be sent out to those of you who had already paid your subs for 24/25.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Jamie for managing the draw every month for us and to all of you for your continued support.

By Nicky Newell



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.

October

Ripon Together Green Fair
Allhallowgate Methodist Church, Ripon
Saturday 5th October 10am - 3pm



Sedgefield Farmers' Market
Sedgefield
Sunday 6th October

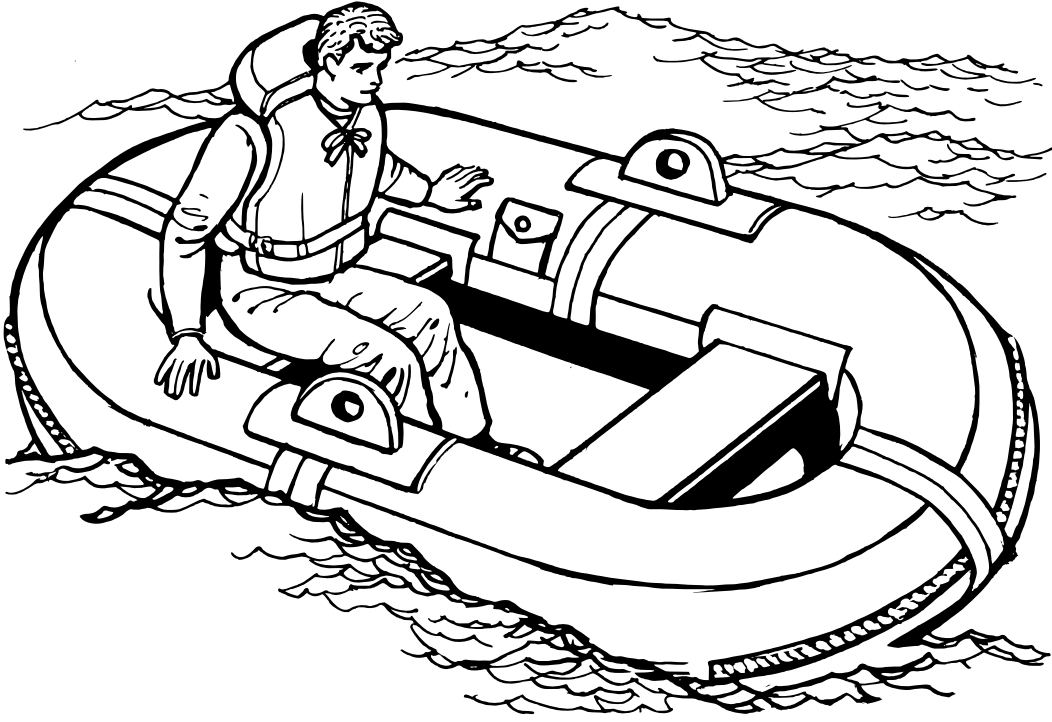
Haxby and Wiggington Conference
Haxby and Wiggington

Saturday 19th October 10am - 3pm



Stall at Knaresborough Library
Wednesday 23rd October

November



**Harrogate Lifeboat Committee
Autumn Shopping Extravaganza
Rudding Park, Harrogate**

Monday 4th November 10am - 3:30pm

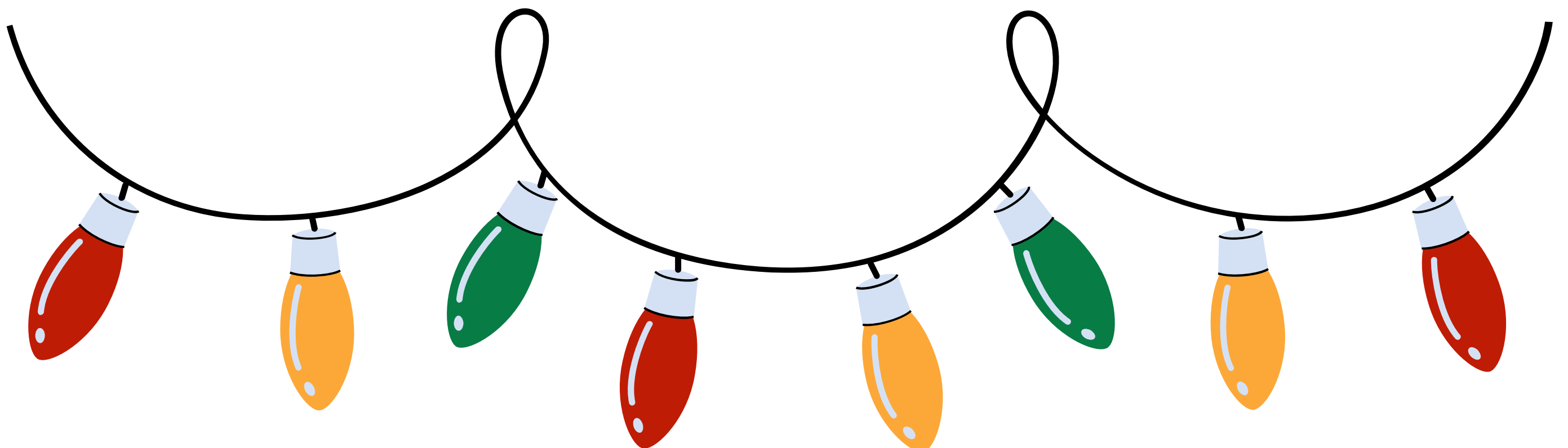
**Christmas Fair
Ripon Cathedral**

**Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd November
9:30am - 4:30pm**



**Harrogate Hospital Community Charity Christmas Market
Harrogate Railway Athletic F.C.**

Sunday 24th November 10am - 3pm



December



**Leeds BT Christmas Market
BT Leeds**

Wednesday 4th December 11am - 4pm



**Coffee Morning
Marton Cum Grafton**

Saturday 7th December 10am - 12pm

**Christmas Fair
Copt Hewick Village Hall**

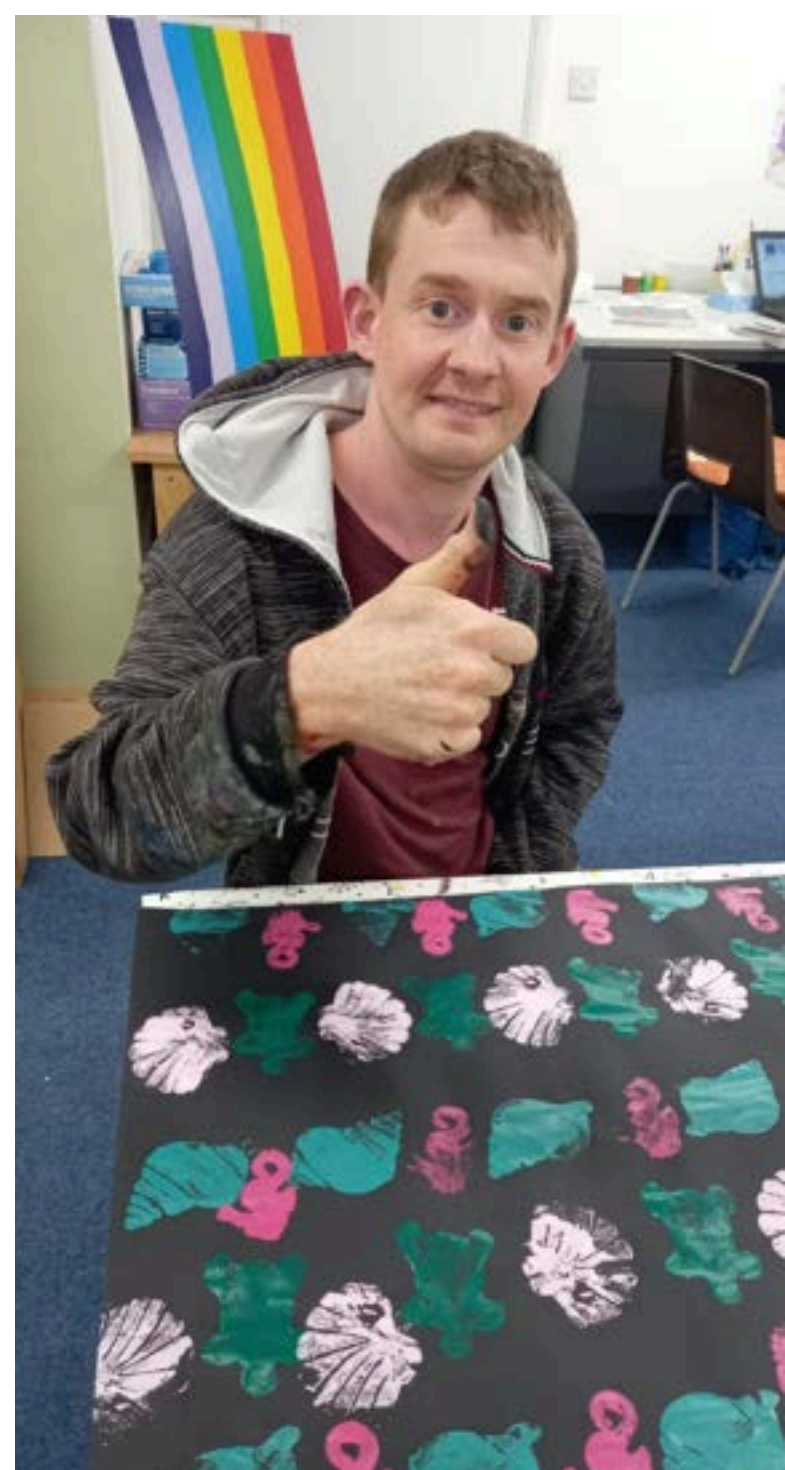
Saturday 7th December 11am - 3pm



**Harrogate Christmas Market
Harrogate Centre**

Sunday 15th December 11am - 4pm





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