# Jennyruth Workshops

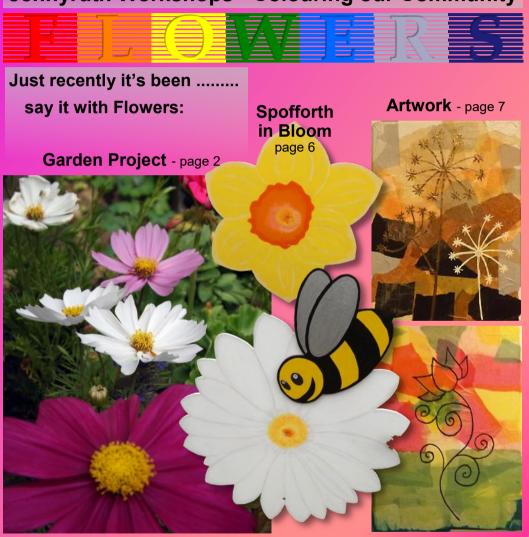


'Learning by Working'

Summer 2018 37th Edition

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**Jennyruth Workshops - Colouring our Community** 



A productive workshop where adults who have learning disabilities gain confidence, work and life skills

#### Worker of the Week



Week on week, the Staff, Workers and Volunteers nominate one of our workers to be given this accolade. The title is worn with pride, as you might expect.

Jamie, a WoW, carefully does some detail painting.



Sam, a WoW, is on the wonky bird box production line.



**Garden Project** 

The garden project is gathering pace! The hard structures (walls, paths, insect/bird homes, 'sculptures' and seats) are now in place - and the plants are taking root - flowers, flowers, flowers,



They're showing off their coloured stones sculpture.

Many hands make light work - but we must mention Trixey and Open Country - who are amongst many who have



Our bog garden.

# **One of Our Workers Volunteering**

# Volunteering at Ripon Library

Jamie started volunteering at Ripon Library in January. In his own words he tells us about his experience. "I go to Ripon Library with either Richard or Pauline (two of Jennyruth Workshops volunteers). I sign in and put on my volunteer badge. I go to the manager, Louise and find out what job I am doing such as putting books back on the shelves. I have helped on the computer, planning an Easter trail. I also scan the books and I research the book on the computer to check if it needs to go to another library or back on the trolley. I find volunteering at Ripon Library very interesting and I enjoy working there "

At the reception desk with Louise and Shaun



This is a great opportunity for our volunteers to help someone with a learning disability participate and be active in their local community.



Jamie scanning withdrawn books to amend the records on the computer system.

"Jamie is really enthusiastic about trying all sorts of jobs, and is quite thoughtful and proactive in looking for or suggesting things he could help out with, so it's really nice having him working with us."

Louise Monkman Supervisor, Ripon Library

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# What We Are Making

### **Church Sign**

Kirkby Malzeard Methodist Church needed the wooden structure for a new sign board. This was



a large, prominent and prestigious project - and completed with style.

Steve, Daniel and Ryan with the board near completion.

The oak board in its finished state - the artwork/text added by others.



# 'A' Board for Big Bites

This is a repeat order for a sign made by JRW which has been in service for many, many years.



# **Special Seat**

This was commissioned by a prize winner of our recent raffle - a seat with storage that can be used inside and out.



Ben proudly poses with the seat having helped to make it.

....and with soft furnishings made to fit and match.

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#### Martin House Notice Boards.

We have close contacts with Martin House at Boston Spa. When the House wanted 17 notice boards for its respite rooms, JRW was asked to help. Designs were discussed and a cloud shape was chosen. Though it was decided that they should be 'black' boards -

each cloud has a silver lining!



Daniel and William at work on the notice boards.

Daniel was pleased - "I enjoyed making these boards and taking them to Martin House".

The order was delivered to Martin House by workers. Daniel and Ryan. Georgie is the MH contact.



### **Activity Table -**Starbeck Library

A table and shelves delivered by Matthew and Christopher, prompted ideas for a 'Hard Times' collection box as a follow up order.





# **Bespoke Toy Boxes**

A range of toy boxes has proved to be very popular.



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### Spofforth in Bloom

Prompted by the JRW's display for 'Brighter Boroughbridge', 'Spofforth in Bloom' looked to brighten up their Ginny Green site - and asked the Workshops for help. A selection of flowers, a bee hive and plenty of bees seemed to do the trick.



Mark, with Jonathan and Alex, delivering the commission to the Committee, including the Mayor of Harrogate, Anne Jones, Lets hope that honey will be the end result.



# **Another Tombola:**

This time for 'Saving Yorkshire Dogs'; a dog rescue and re-homing charity.



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# News and Events.

### **Dennis and his Clipper**

Following a JRW 'Community Action' with Lister House, Dennis visited JRW and showed us his model clipper. He is a 93 year old who served in the Canadian Navy. Despite having managed to avoid ever using a computer, Dennis was persuaded to have a go when William wanted to



show him how to find images of poppies on the internet.

Dennis says, "I want to learn more. Curiosity keeps me going."



# **That Royal Wedding**

Would we want to celebrate?
We have all of the paraphernalia
which is also available for
community and personal use.
Contact us for more details.



Day/Date	Event	Location	Time
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Golf Day	Ripon City Golf Club	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Gala Day	Dalton Village Hall	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Yorkshire Day -Stall	Ripon Market Place	9am - 4pm
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Fayre	Copt Hewick Village Hall	1pm - 4pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Stall and Refreshments	St Peter's Church, Harrogate	10am - 4pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Gift and Food Fair	Ripon Cathedral	10am - 4pm



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