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Message from our Chief Officer

What another busy month it has been for us at the workshops – from celebrity interviews to re-orientation visits from our workers.

Well done to the workers who interviewed Gyles Brandreth and came up with some really challenging questions for him. Thank you Gyles for being such a good sport.

It has been a real treat for us to have visits from our workers to look around the workshops and inspect all the changes we have been making to the building to make it safer and more practical for when we are all able to work together again. We are so pleased that you all like what we have done – our colourful new toilets were a particular hit with you all.

As I write this, the Harlow Carr Flower Show is in full swing and we are very appreciative of the support from the RHS team who have kindly offered us a stall at the event. A huge thank you to all our staff, workers and volunteers for working so hard to build up a stock of our fabulous products to sell at the show. Let's hope the sunny weather holds out.

So, until next time, enjoy the summertime.

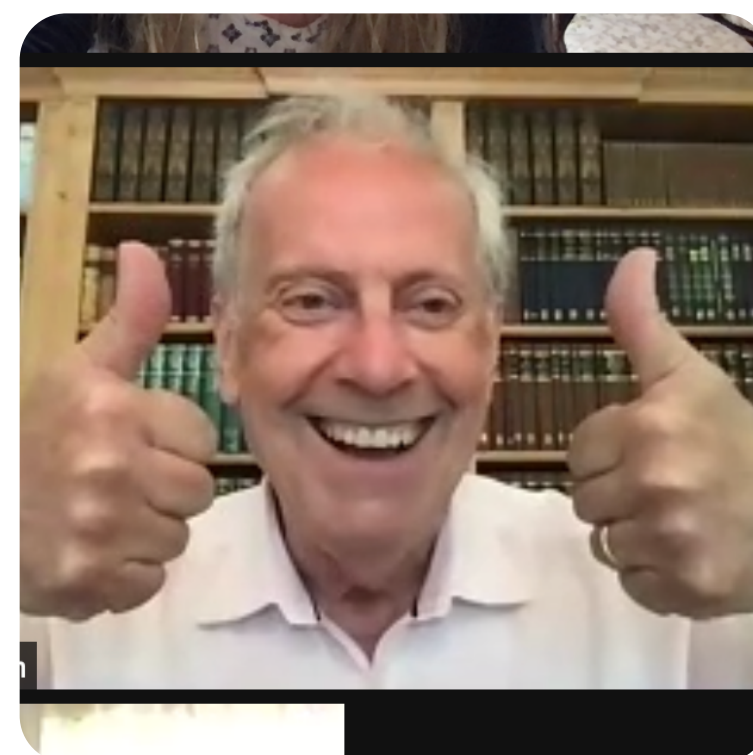
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Feature of the Month
Interview with Gyles
Brandreth



Guest Editors: Rebekah Evason, Victoria Thomis, Jamie Allen, Beth Evason and Christopher Stanfield.

Our Amazing WOW's

Every week we celebrate the incredible achievements of one of our workers. This month Jamie, Victoria, Adam and Rebekah received Worker of the Week (WOW).

WOW



Adam Chapman
Worker of the Week
14th June 2021

- For coming to spend a few hours with us on his re-orientation day last week and his willingness to try new activities.
- For his enthusiasm about returning to Jennyruth Workshops and being with his friends again.
- For his neat painting on the butterflies.



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WOW



Victoria Thomis
Worker of the Week
7th June 2021

- For putting a lot of thought into her interview questions for Gyles Brandreth and getting very interesting answers
- For her valuable contributions to the Friday zoom, the literacy zoom and the office skills zoom
- For learning how to use her new tablet



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WOW



Rebekah Evason
Worker of the Week
21st June 2021

- For coming to spend a few wonderful hours with us on her re-orientation day last week
- For her enthusiasm about returning to Jennyruth Workshops and being with her friends again
- For her super painting on the farm animals



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WOW



Jamie Allen
Worker of the Week
31st May 2021

- For his amazing painting of the tessellated tiles and jigsaw
- For coming up with great interview questions on the office skills zoom
- For supporting his friends on zoom



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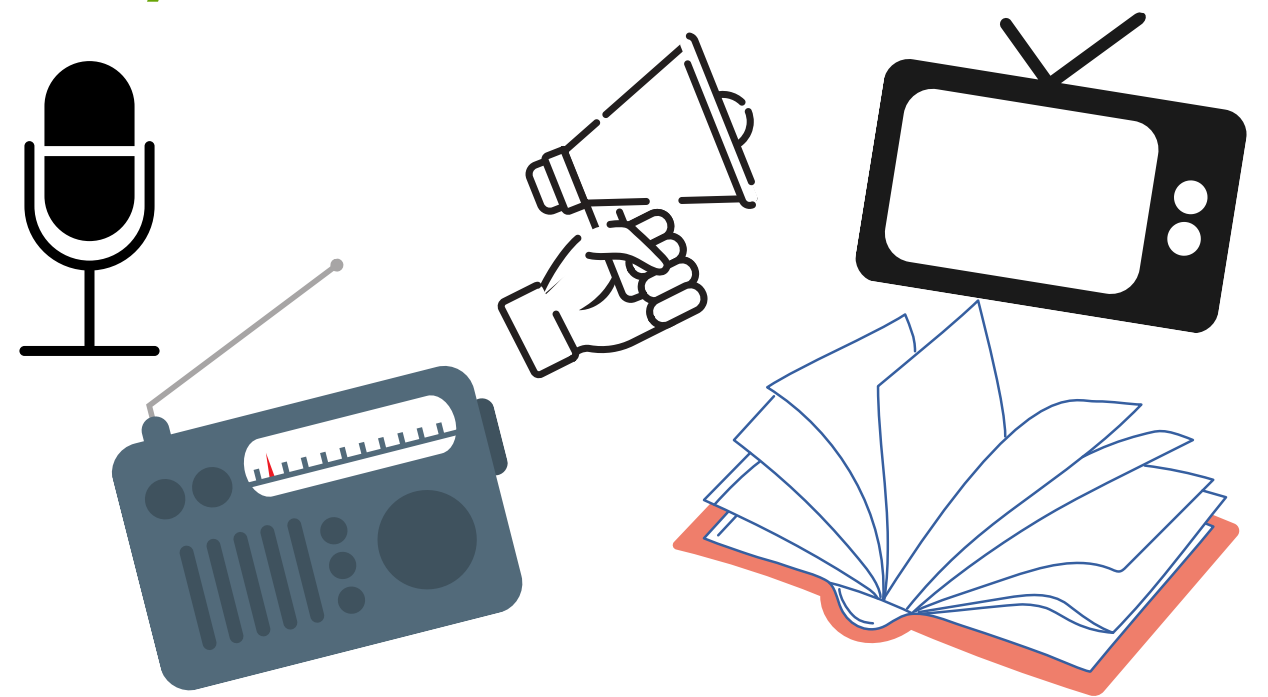
Feature of the Month

Our Interview with Gyles Brandreth

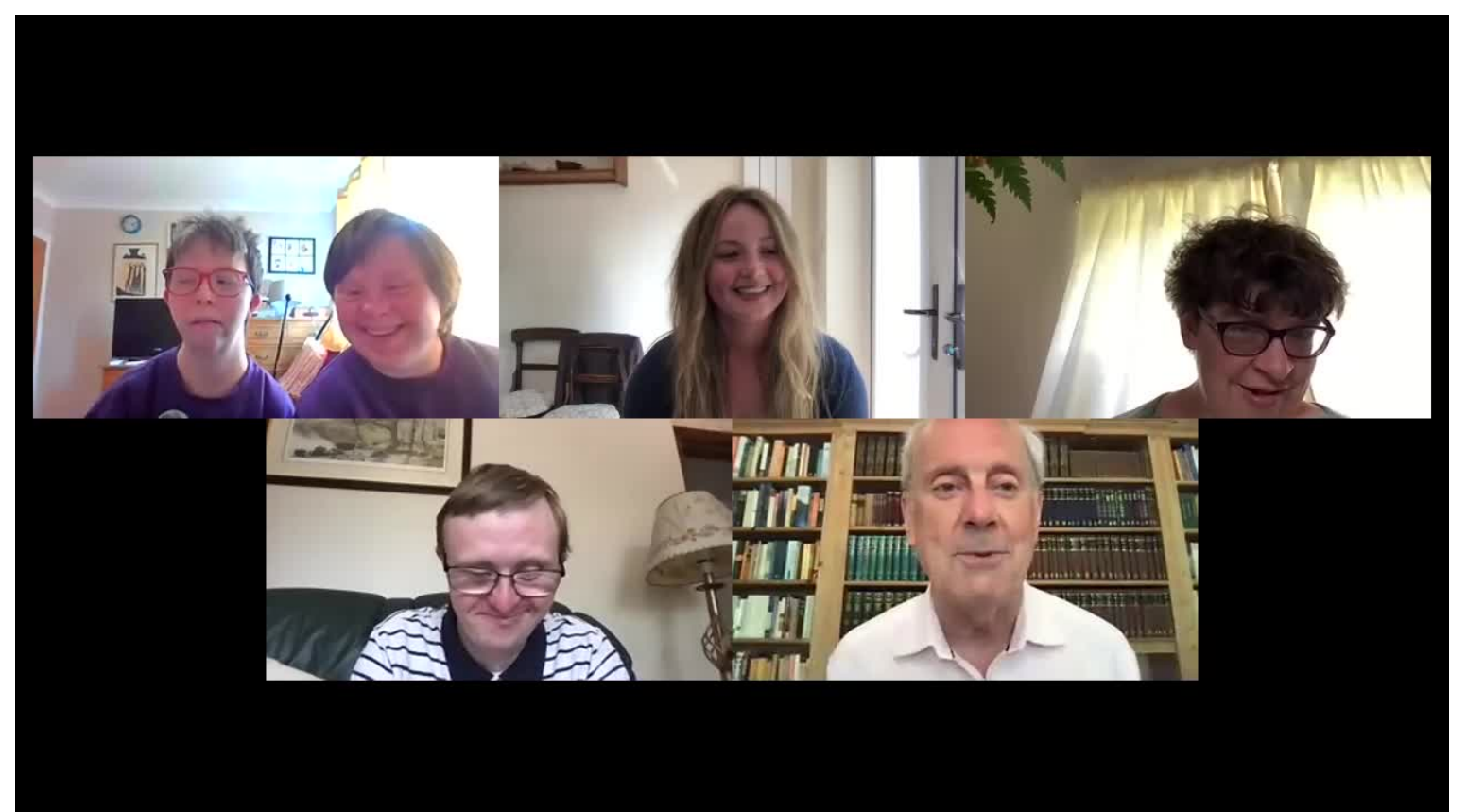
"Hi I am Gyles and I love you all. I think of you everyday as I have one of your bird boxes in my garden so everyday I look out of the window and I think yay and I also think of you every night when I think about my teddy bears because you have created so many of the furniture and the props and the scenes for the teddy bear collection over at Newby hall. So that's who I am, I am Gyles and I'm happy to see you all."

Click the videos to watch our interview.

**You've worked in television, radio, politics, written books and even done your own podcast.
Which of your jobs has been your favourite?**



I love telling jokes and have a copy of your joke book. Do you write all the jokes yourself?



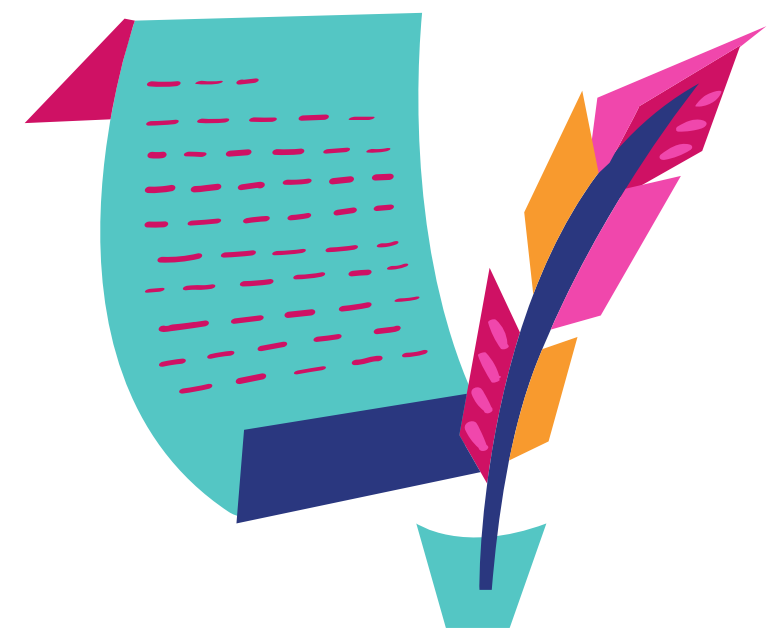
How many books have you written?



**You've written several books about the Royal Family.
How well do you know them?**



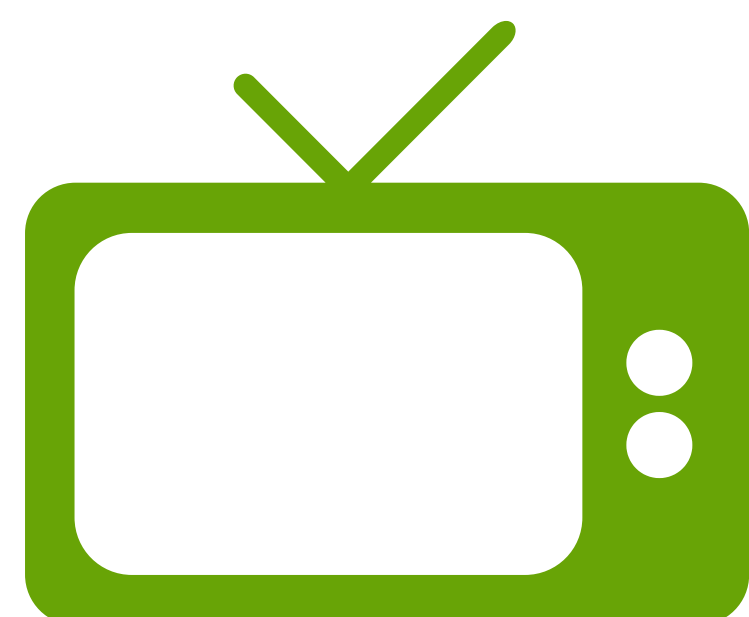
Do you have a favourite book or author?



**It's great seeing you take part in tv shows like Pointless and Gogglebox.
Did you get to choose your partner on Pointless?**



Do you have a favourite tv programme that you've been on?



You have met and interviewed lots of interesting people. If you could interview anyone in the world, who would it be?



You were a Member of Parliament back in the 90s. During that time did you ever want to be the Prime Minister?



I read that in 2014 you were one of 200 public figures who signed a letter opposing Scottish independence. Do you still oppose it?



We loved working with you on the Teddy Bear Museum at Newby Hall. When did you start collecting Teddy Bears and why?



I noticed that you were educated at Lycée Francais in South Kensington. Did you learn to speak French there?



You're currently doing a podcast with Susie Dent that talks about unusual words and their origins. Do you have a favourite word?



Ragnarok
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
Ladybird
Jennyruth

How do you become the European Monopoly Champion?



**And finally, the most important question.....
have you got a favourite jumper?**



Victoria said "I found it quite good and he still opposes Scottish independence."

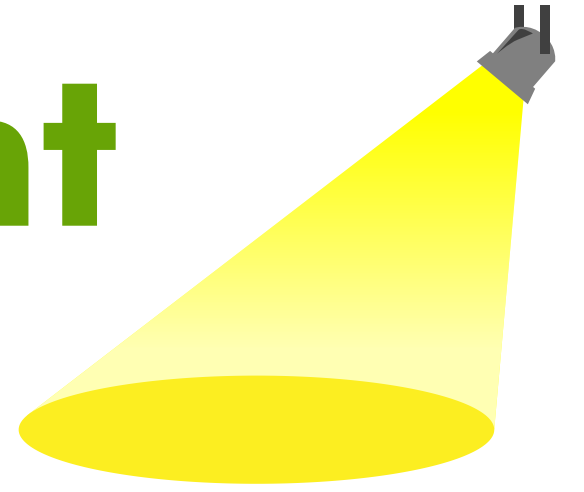
Jamie said "He was very good at answering questions and very friendly"

Rebekah said "He was fantastic and interesting"

Beth "The questions were good to answer and it was about his life"



Volunteers' Spotlight



Simon joined us at JRWs to volunteer in the machine shop a few weeks ago. He has made all the milk bottle crates for the Harlow Carr stall and has done a great job on them.

The skills and enthusiasm that he's brought to the workshops are an asset and have really helped us out at a time when we've be under pressure to produce our products.

Thank you so much Simon.

Garden Gnowledge

By Beth Evason

We have had a lot of fun and learnt so much from our gardening zooms. We bring things in to show such as egg shells, feathers, plants and photos.

This week we did a feather frenzy game where we looked at a picture of a feather and had to guess whether it came from the wing, tail or body of a bird. It was fun doing this together and we got 7 out of 10 right! We learnt how to tell which feather it is too. If you would like to try this at home go to [Feather Frenzy | Learning Game for Kids - The RSPB](#)





We recently had a second tour around Emma's sister's care farm and saw all the lovely animals including Molly the horse and the naughty goats. We saw the baby goats, Jack and Jill named by Alex and we loved the baby calf (can't remember her name!).

We have some very knowledgeable gardeners in our group and bags of enthusiasm. We always learn something from each other and this shared experience and love of gardening and nature has helped to bring us all closer. One thing we are all looking forward to is being together in person and working in the Jennyruth garden.



Workers' World

Welcome to Workers' World. In this edition Christopher shares photos of his garden, Jamie gives a detailed account of the workers re-orientations and Rebekah gives us an update on working from home.

Christopher's Garden

Christopher's been working hard to get his garden ready for the Summer. Here are a selection of photos that he's taken.



Gyles' and Jamie's favourite jokes (from the book "What's Black & White & Red All Over?")

knock knock

Who's there?

Butter

Butter who?

BUTTER let me in, I need the toilet.



Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Because her class was so BRIGHT.

Why did the fish blush,?

Because the sea WEED!

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A STICK.

Working from Home

By Rebekah Evason



I've painted foxes card shapes and acorn decorations. I even painted the faces on the foxes and I've been painting trugs.

I took a photo of Jonathan in the garden and did the Gyles Brandreth interview with the Wednesday morning office skills group.



Workers Reorientations

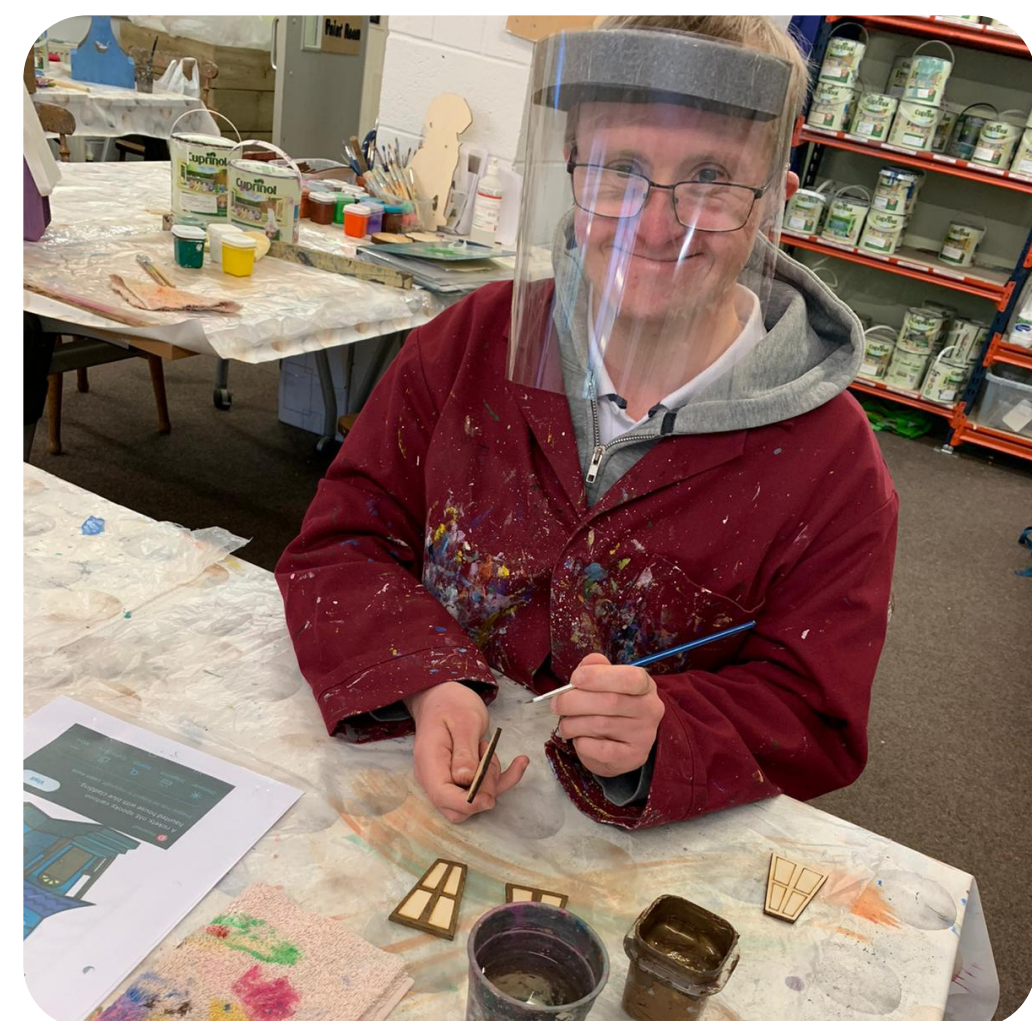
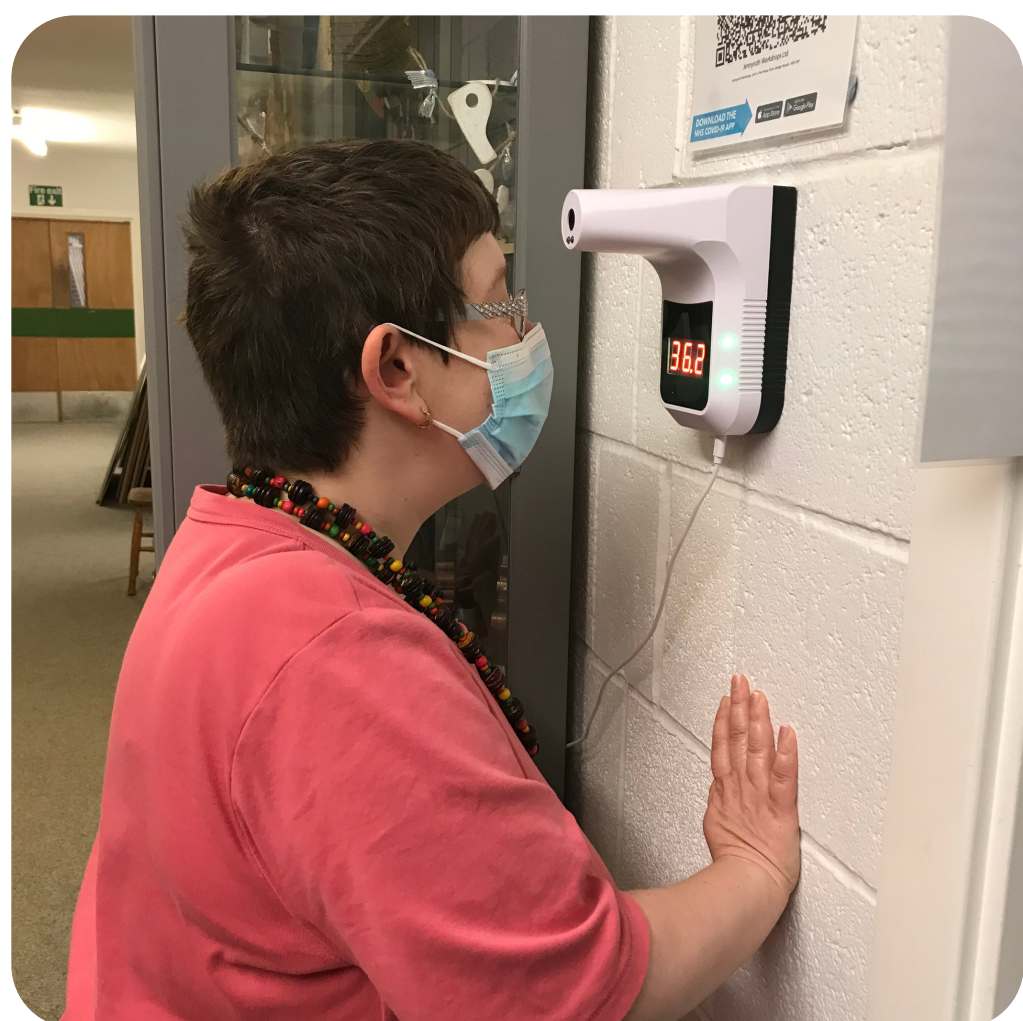
By Jamie Allen

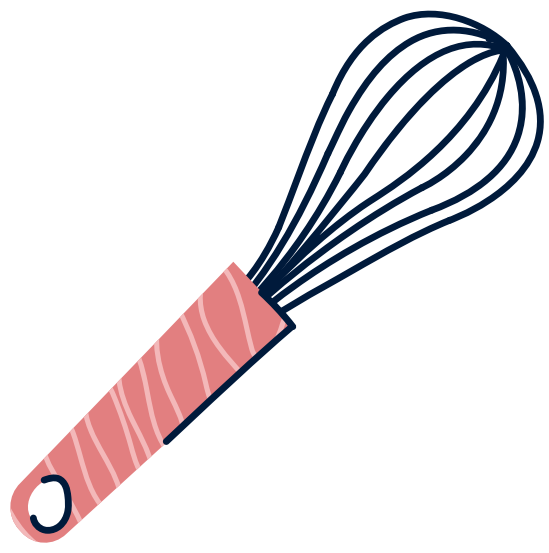
Before Jennyruth Workshops reopens again, all the workers are having their reorientation session with their key worker so we can see all the changes to the building and learn how things will be different when we come back.

I stood by the temperature machine when I went in and will sign in on the computer. I had a guided tour and went through the paper work with Phe. I learnt we shall be in small groups in different rooms with a work station and work pack. Staff or volunteers will make drinks duty instead of workers. I practised painting with my visor on and it was quite easy. Eating and drinking will make it harder but I will get used to it.

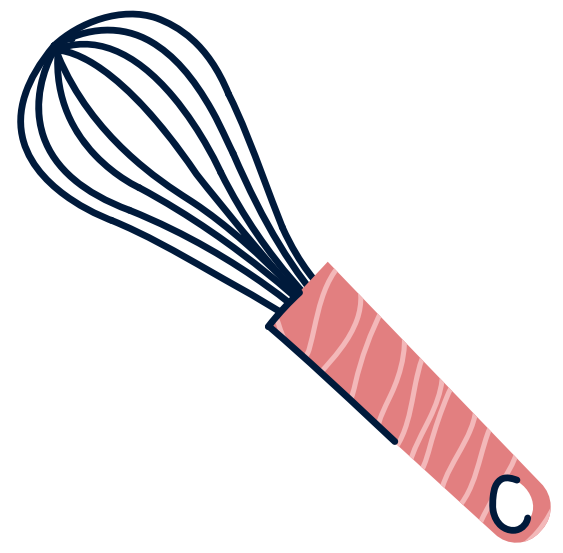
I was pleased to be back at the workshops and see all the staff again instead on zoom.

I hope we can all be back soon and see my friends.





Cooks' Corner



Summer Fruit Salad Recipe

- 2/3 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups cubed fresh pineapple
- 2 cups strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 3 kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced
- 3 bananas, sliced
- 2 oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 1 cup seedless grapes
- 2 cups blueberries



Step 1 Bring orange juice, lemon juice, brown sugar, orange zest, and lemon zest to a boil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla extract. Set aside to cool.

Step 2 Layer the fruit in a large, clear glass bowl in this order: pineapple, strawberries, kiwi fruit, bananas, oranges, grapes, and blueberries. Pour the cooled sauce over the fruit. Cover and refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours before serving.

Victoria's Potato and Chorizo Tortilla Recipe



2 Tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil
12 Small Potatoes, thinly sliced
1 Onion, thinly sliced
100g Chorizo, finely chopped
2 Tbsp Mayonnaise
1 Small Garlic Clove, crushed
2 Eggs, beaten
1 Tbsp Chopped Flat Leaf Parsley

Step 1 Heat the oil in a deep non-stick frying pan, over a medium heat. Add the potatoes, onions and chorizo then fry for 25 mins, stirring occasionally until softened. Meanwhile mix the mayonnaise and garlic together and set aside.

Step 2 Increase the heat to high and pour the egg into the pan, swirling until it starts to set around the edges. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for a further 20-25 mins until light golden at the sides but not quite set in the middle.

Step 3 Place a board or large plate over the pan, carefully flip the tortilla onto it. Slide the tortilla back into the pan and cook for 3-5 mins until the egg has just set in the middle.

Step 4 Sprinkle with the parsley and serve with the garlic mayonnaise.

Victoria's Hot Dog Recipe

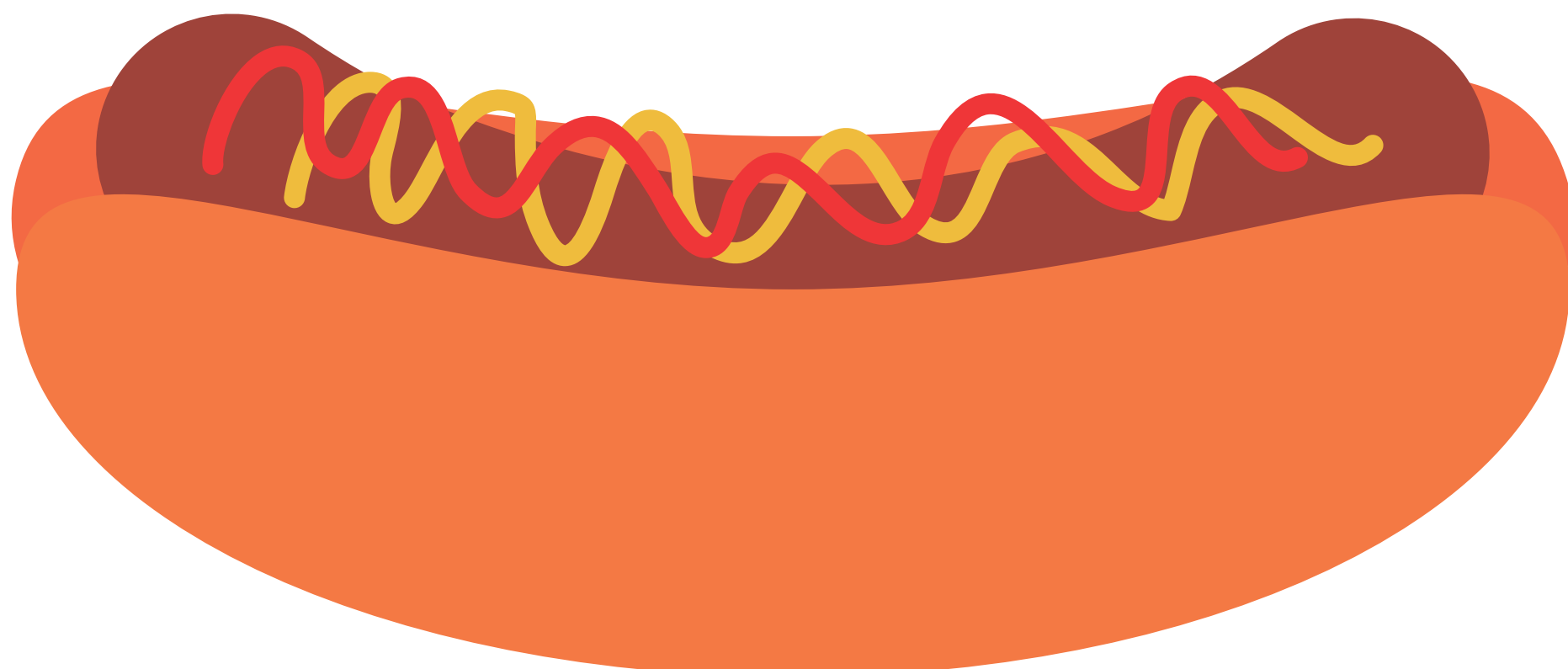
6 Sausages
6 Bread Rolls
6 Pickled Gherkins, finely chopped
1 Tbsp Capers, chopped
1 Tbsp Sliced Green Jalapeño Peppers, chopped
4 Tbsp Chopped Parsley
3 Tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Juice of 1 Lemon
1 Tsp Wholegrain Mustard
Pinch of Chilli Powder

Step 1 Cook the sausages. Slice open the rolls and set aside.

Step 2 For the salsa, combine the gherkins, capers, jalapeños, parsley and 2 tbsp of the oil. Stir in the lemon juice and season to taste.

Step 3 Mix the remaining oil with the mustard and chilli.

Step 4 To serve, stuff the sausages into the rolls and spoon over the salsa, before drizzling with the mustard dressing.



Rainy Day Relaxation

June

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- ROBINHOOD
- WENDY
- PUMBA
- MICKEYMOUSE
- BUZZLIGHTYEAR
- MERMAID
- TIMONE
- DUMBO
- PLUTO
- RAPUNZEL
- SHREK
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Happy Birthday

June



Sue Richardson
Anne Thewlis
Hannah Rollings
Tom Cussons
June Scott
Phe Morris



June

100 Club Winners

Thanks again to Jamie for announcing the winners.



1st prize – No 34

2nd prize – No 85

3rd prize – No 3

A Message from Shaun and Andrew



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