



JANUARY – JUNE 2020

Welcome to Rural Arts' Spring 2020 programme

Hello!

This Spring we have **over 200 workshops, exhibitions, performances, screenings and events** for you to enjoy.

We're excited to introduce **Silver Screen Saturdays** (p.17) – classic films on a Saturday afternoon – as well as a **weekly textiles group** (p.8), more **multi-week courses** (p.9) and collaborations with **Zillah Bell Gallery** and **White Rose BookCafe** (p.16)

Sell-out successes **SipSix wine tasting** and **Let's Kain supper club** are back (p.18), and we'll be exploring disability, creativity and rurality at **Wanted: Access Everywhere** (p.18)

Rural Arts is a charity and our vision is simple: **creativity at the heart of every community** in North Yorkshire. So, as well as everything that happens under this roof, we programme **70 professional performances** each year into community venues and run a range of **projects for vulnerable people**.

Thanks to a grant from Arts Council England, we're about to **embark on an exciting journey** that includes installing a **comfy seating bank** in The Courtroom, **fresh new arts equipment** and an **electric van** to cut our carbon emissions by 85%.

Could you help us? We need to raise a further £28,000 to complete our exciting improvements. **Find out more** on the next page!

Best wishes,



Max May
Director and CEO



Cover image: Love and Spice (credit: Malcolm Johnson)
Above: Heart and Craft

Rural Arts is **twenty-eight** years old. To celebrate - and to make our **exciting plans a reality** - we are trying to raise **£28,000**.

Whilst this is a whopping target, like our friends at TESCO - who donate our free nappies and sanitary products - say: every little helps.

Here are a few ways you can get involved:

One-off donation

Little or large, online or by bucket, it all helps us reach our goal. Give more than £200 and name a seat in our brand new seating bank!

Regular Giving

Set up a monthly standing order for an amount of your choice to make sure Rural Arts keeps reaching those communities that need us.

Sponsorship

Looking for ways for your business to broaden its reach and demonstrate its commitment to the local community? Get in touch!

Legacies

Consider doing something truly wonderful. Leave a gift to Rural Arts in your will to safeguard Thirsk's arts centre for years to come.

To find out more, contact support@ruralarts.org or call 01845 526 536.

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Above: Mambo Jambo

WORKSHOPS for Adults

Get inspired at one of our unique workshops run by friendly and experienced artists. All workshops are suitable for beginners.

WILLOW WEAVING COCKEREL

Artist: Wendy Bristow

Saturday 25th Jan, 10am-4pm

£55 + £12 materials

Come and weave your own chicken or cockerel and take home a beautiful willow sculpture for your garden.



WOVEN TABLE RUNNER

Artist: Agnis Smallwood

Saturday 8th February, 10am-4pm

£58 + £7 materials

Learn how to weave using a peg loom, exploring a range of different yarns from natural to man-made, and make your very own woven table runner.



POLYMER CLAY JEWELLERY

Artist: Jane Burnley

Saturday 15th February, 10am-4pm

£55 + £5 materials

Make your own unique colourful jewellery with this versatile, easy to use polymer 'clay' (Fimo), with the option to create rings, earrings or pendants.



CERAMIC HEAD

Artist: Kay Latto

Saturday 7th March / Sunday 8th March

10am-4pm, £55 + £10 materials

Sculpt a human, animal or mythical head out of clay under helpful and expert guidance. Book onto both days to create a larger piece.



DECORATIVE CERAMIC EGGS

Artist: Fiona Mazza

Wednesday 18th March, 10am-4pm

£50 + £10 materials

Create three different ceramic eggs using colourful slip decorating, relief-carving techniques such as fretwork, and scratching into a layer of slip using sgraffito. Your eggs will be fired just in time for Easter!



HAND-PAINTED LAMPSHADE

Artist: Poppy Oldham

Saturday 21st March, 10am-4pm

£55 + £5 materials

Explore painting and stitching techniques to create your lampshade using a combination of designs and colours. The outcome will be perfect for your favourite corner within your home!



MACRAMÉ PLANT HANGER

Artist: Poppy Oldham

Saturday 18th April, 1pm-4.30pm

£35 + £10 materials

Reminisce over the past with the art of Macramé! This retro technique involves knotting cotton cord into geometric and free-form patterns to create a beautiful hanging basket for your plants.



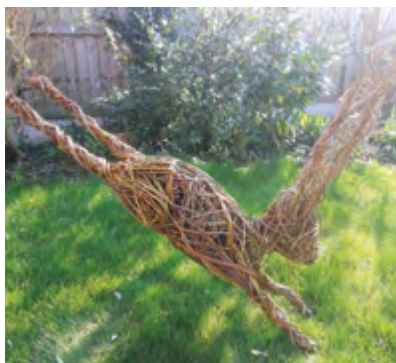
WILLOW WEAVING LEAPING HARE

Artist: Wendy Bristow

Friday 24th April, 10am-4pm

£55 + £12 materials

The perfect addition to your garden that looks great come rain or shine. Weave a leaping hare full of character using a variety of locally-sourced willow and learn how to take care of your hare at home.



WOVEN WALL HANGING

Artist: Agnis Smallwood

Saturday 16th May, 10am-4pm

£60 + £5 materials

Design and weave a beautiful woven wall hanging. Learn how to warp up your frame with materials including ribbon, fleece and yarn and leave with skills to weave at home.



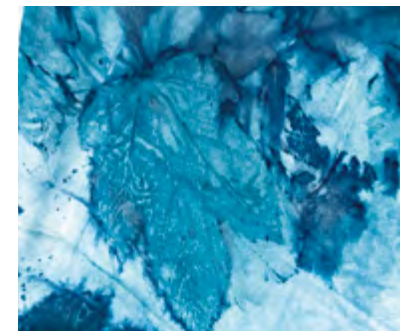
ECO-PRINTING WITH INDIGO

Artist: CarolAnn J Allan

Saturday 13th June, 10am-4pm

£50 + £5 materials

Create your own eco-print on cotton or paper using fallen leaves in this experimental process. The subtle colour palette reflects traditional fabric staining and evokes the alchemy of old.



OUTDOOR MOSAIC PLAQUE

Artist: Sue Kershaw

Saturday 27th June, 10am-4pm

£50 + £10 materials

Make a personalised outdoor plaque to place in your garden or outside your home. Using teacup shards, seashore glass and French procelain, you will learn the intricate process of making outdoor mosaics.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our workshops are taught by highly experienced artists, many of whom have exhibited across the country.

Got a suggestion for a future workshop? Send your ideas to sorcha@ruralarts.org.

WEEKLY WORKSHOPS

MONDAY MAKERS

FREE 10 WEEK COURSE

6th January - 9th March, 10am-1pm
20th April - 29th June, 10am-1pm

Guided by a lead tutor with guest artists, this free ten-week programme for unemployed people will give you the creative skills to set up your own craft business or online shop. Please note, eligibility criteria apply.

'OPEN STUDIO' SCHEMES

TEXTILES: Mondays, 10am-3pm

CERAMICS: Thursdays, 10am-3pm

PRINTMAKING: Fridays, 10am-3pm
£12 per session

Our studio space is open for those working in textiles, ceramics or printmaking. Develop your work alongside makers of all levels, and share ideas and skills.

Ceramics and printmaking are run by The Arts Collective, where a technician will be on hand to support you. You are encouraged to bring your own materials.

HEART AND CRAFT:

FREE ART CAFE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Thursdays once a month, 10.30am-12.30pm

23rd January 26th March 21st May
27th February 23rd April 18th June

Enjoy a free creative activity in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Tea and coffee is included and carers and companions are welcome. Rural Arts also runs Heart and Craft in 7 other local communities.



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GET HANDS ON WITH...

Join these tutor-led, multi-week courses aimed at beginners as well as those with some experience, in our friendly, supportive studio environment. Materials are provided but you may need to purchase additional supplies.

OIL PAINTING (6 WEEKS)

Artist: Jennifer Cottis

Mondays, 6th January - 10th February

Mondays, 24th February - 30th March

2pm-4pm, £100

Develop your own visual language by learning how to mix colours, manipulate oil paints and create compositions. Further dates available online.



FUSED GLASS (5 WEEKS)

Artist: David Teece

Tuesdays, 3rd March - 31st March

10am-1pm, £160

Create decorative and functional artefacts in fused glass, with a range of clear and coloured glass, learning how to work with glass powders and frits.



DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS (4 WEEKS)

Artist: Rosie Skaife d'Ingerthorpe

Mondays, 16th March - 6th April

10am-12.30pm, £72

Build up your basic drawing skills. You will be taught how to work from observation and the imagination, as well as how to develop shading, tone and mark-making.



STAINED GLASS (5 WEEKS)

Artist: Neil Kershaw

Tuesdays, 7th April - 5th May

10am-4pm, £225

Learn how to create work in a range of sizes from the functional to the decorative. You will be taught how to make colourful stained glass using both lead and copper foil.



TASTE OF...

WEDNESDAYS 10.30AM-12.30PM

With all materials included and each workshop suitable for beginners, our Wednesday morning **Taste Of...** sessions give the perfect introduction to a range of artistic styles and techniques.



08 JAN	ZODIAC CERAMIC PLAQUES	£18
15 JAN	PAINTING TWILIGHT LANDSCAPES	£12
22 JAN	MINI MOSAIC TILES	£15
29 JAN	JAPANESE STAB BINDING	£12
05 FEB	FREEHAND MACHINE EMBROIDERY + COLLAGE	£15
12 FEB	PAPER CUT VALENTINES CARDS	£12
26 FEB	GREEN MEN + GARGOYLES (10.30AM-1.30PM)	£25
04 MAR	QUIRKY EGG CUPS	£18
11 MAR	JEWELLERY MAKING	£15
18 MAR	PERSONALISED FABRIC KEYRINGS	£12
25 MAR	WILLOW WEAVING FISH	£18
01 APR	FELTED EASTER EGG ORNAMENTS	£15
22 APR	DRAWING PORTRAITS	£12
29 APR	CERAMIC JAPANESE LANTERNS	£18
06 MAY	CHINE COLLE + DRYPOINT (10.30AM-1.30PM)	£18
13 MAY	BOTANICAL MONOPRINTS	£15
20 MAY	TERRACOTTA TREE PLAQUES	£15
27 MAY	PAINTING ON GLASS	£15
03 JUN	DRAWING OUTDOORS	£12
10 JUN	RUSTIC FLORAL TEACUPS	£18
17 JUN	HANDMADE STAMPS	£12
24 JUN	3D TEXTILES APPLES + PEARS	£15

Find out more about all of our workshops at www.ruralarts.org

iCan: iPad workshops

SATURDAYS

Learn all about iPads with expert Claire Ford. All workshops are suitable for beginners and you will leave feeling confident in each specific topic.



SETTING UP YOUR iPad

25th January, 2-4pm

NAVIGATING THE KEYBOARD

1st February, 2-4pm

ONE TO ONES (30 mins)

15th February, 1-4pm

HOW TO USE SAFARI (INTERNET)

29th February, 2-4pm

SETTING UP AND USING YOUR EMAIL

14th March, 2-4pm

iTunes + APP STORE (DOWNLOADING)

Sat 28th March, 2-4pm

USING YOUR BUILT-IN CAMERA

18th April, 2-4pm

BUILT-IN APPS PART 1

25th April, 2-4pm

BUILT-IN APPS PART 2

2nd May, 2-4pm

ONE TO ONES (30 mins)

16th May, 1-4pm

£15 per session

ACTIVITIES for Children and Families

AGES 6+

ART CLUB

£7.50
per session

Thursdays 4pm-5.15pm

(ages 6-16)

Saturdays 10am-11.15am

(ages 6-10)

Saturdays 11.30am-12.45pm

(ages 10-18)

Our art, craft and digital sessions are perfect for any young creative! A safe, supportive and inspiring environment – with a strong emphasis on fun and experimentation.

This season we'll be turning our hand to Street, Pop and Conceptual art, as well as Dada, Surrealism and Cubism!

Rural Arts is an Arts Award Centre. You can complete the whole range of awards through the club (some costs may apply).



To find out more visit
ruralarts.org/young-people

We're always trying to be more family friendly.

That's why we have:

- High chairs
- Children's menu
- A changing unit
- Free nappies, nappy bags, wet wipes
- Books and games

Breastfeeding
friendly

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES (AGES 5+ UNLESS STATED)

Each holiday we host an exciting selection of themed workshops. Under 8s must be accompanied by adults (who go free).



FEBRUARY HALF TERM: JUNGLE (10.30am-12 noon)

Go deep into the jungle and discover wild animals - made of colourful paper, clay and feathers!

TUE 18TH FEB	BIG CATS COLLAGE	£4.50
WED 19TH FEB	LIZARD + SNAKES CERAMICS	£6.50
THU 20TH FEB	BIRDS IN PARADISE DECORATIONS	£4.50 2+

EASTER HOLIDAYS: SPACE (10.30am-12 noon)

To the universe and beyond! Create your own spaceships, stars and so much more...

TUE 7TH APRIL	MARBLED PAPER STARS	£4.50
WED 8TH APRIL	EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL TRUFFLES + BOXES	£4.50
THU 9TH APRIL	CERAMIC SPACESHIPS	£6.50
TUE 14TH APRIL	SHOEBOX SOLAR SYSTEM	£4.50
WED 15TH APRIL	ALIENS + ASTRONAUTS ANIMATION	£4.50
THU 16TH APRIL	CONSTELLATION CREATIONS	£4.50 2+

MAY HALF TERM: CIRCUS (10.30am-12 noon)

Run away for the morning making your own miniature circus acts.

TUE 26TH MAY	CIRCUS PAINTBRUSH PUPPETS	£4.50
WED 27TH MAY	CERAMIC CIRCUS TENTS	£6.50
THU 28TH MAY	TIGHTROPES + TRAPEZE CHARACTERS	£4.50 2+

PERFORMANCES

Sit back, relax and enjoy the show with a drink from the bar!
AG: Age guidance

INSTAGRAMMING THE APOCALYPSE

Thu 13th February, 7.30pm (AG: 16+)
Adults: £10, Concessions: £8

Byron Vincent has an anxiety disorder, but with dying icons, impending climate catastrophe and that bloke from *Home Alone 2* in charge of the world's largest nuclear arsenal, isn't blind panic the only sane response?

"One of the best things I have ever seen"
- Bang Said The Gun.

LOVE AND SPICE

Fri 28th February, 7.30pm (AG: All)
Adults: £10, Concessions: £8 (inc. food)

An elderly couple look back on their life together, reliving key moments through memories of the meals they shared. Blending Kathak dance, music and live cooking in surprisingly delicious ways.

MRS BEETON, MY SISTER

Wed 18th March, 7.30pm (AG: 12+)
Adults: £10, Concessions: £8

Award-winning playwright Alison Neil stars in a fascinating one-woman play. Years after Isabella Beeton's untimely death, Bessie Mayson muses on the fate of her famous big sister. Part of WISE: Women in Science Everywhere (p.18).



COMEDY AT THE COURTHOUSE

Wed 22nd April, 7.30pm (AG: 14+)
Adults: £10, Concessions: £8

Laugh your socks off in the company of Yorkshire's finest comic talents. MC Tom Taylor is joined by Hannah Silvester, Tom Little and headliner Mike Newall. Since his debut in 2003, Mike has performed his "excellently timed, deceptively clever and very funny" shows up and down the country (*City Life*).

THE NONSENSE SHOW

Thu 28th May, 2pm (AG: 3+)
Adults: £8, U18s: £6, Family of 4: £24

Join multi-instrumentalists and Sergeants of Silliness Frankie and Pete as they take a journey through an octopus's garden and cook up a nonsense stew through props, songs and raps.

"A total delight! Perfect for all ages!"
- Big Malarkey Children's Literature Festival

MAMBO JAMBO

Fri 26th June, 7.30pm (AG: All)
Adults: £10, Concessions: £8

Probably the largest duo you'll ever see! With over fifteen instruments between them, including a suitcase and spoons, this truly unique Acoustic Roots two-piece perform a joyous mash up of songs and styles guaranteed to get your toes tapping!

"Go down a storm wherever they play!"
- Musicport Festival



MAKING CHANGES: We've introduced concessions for Under 25s, full-time students, over 65s, disabled and unemployed people.

We also programme performances across North Yorkshire.
Check out our website or an ON Tour brochure for details.

SCREENINGS

The best events from around the globe, streamed straight to The Courthouse.
Adults: £10, Concessions: £8

MARGARET ATWOOD: LIVE IN CINEMAS

Thu 23rd Jan, 7.30pm (1hr50m)

Readings by actors from the National Theatre and fascinating interviews to celebrate one of the world's greatest living writers. Buy Atwood's books on the night courtesy of White Rose Book Cafe.



NT LIVE: CYRANO DE BERGERAC

Thu 20th Feb, 7pm (1hr30m)

James McAvoy is Cyrano, the man who almost has it all. Fierce penman, remarkable duelist and owner of an absolutely huge nose. Can he overcome the narcissism of the world around him and win the heart of beautiful Roxane?



LEONARDO: THE WORKS

Thu 30th Apr, 7.30pm (1hr42m)

Marking the 500th anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci's death, for the first time ever see all of his paintings in Ultra HD quality with insightful commentary from fine art experts and historians. A collaboration between Rural Arts and Zillah Bell Gallery.



NT LIVE: THE WELKIN

Thu 21st May, 7pm (1hr30m)

Rural England, 1759. As the country waits for Halley's comet, a young woman is sentenced to hang for a heinous murder. Northern powerhouse Maxine Peake stars in this gripping new thriller by Tony Award-nominated Lucy Kirkwood.



SILVER SCREEN SATURDAYS

A brand new classic cinema club for Saturday afternoons.

BRIEF ENCOUNTER

Sat 8th February, 2pm (1hr30m), £5

Just in time for Valentine's Day. Celebrate the 75th anniversary of this classic Noel Coward romantic drama about a chance encounter at a railway station.



SOME LIKE IT HOT

Sat 21 March, 2pm (2hr), £5

Tony Curtis and Jack Lemon go on the run – in drag – in the 'Best Comedy Film of All Time', starring the unforgettable Marilyn Monroe.



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Sat 25th April, 2pm (1hr45m), £5

Brush off those April showers with Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and that iconic dance number in the greatest movie musical ever made.



A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

Sat 30th May, 2pm (2hr5m), £5

A brooding Marlon Brando falls for and fights for Oscar-winner Vivien Leigh in Tennessee William's Pulitzer Prize winning tale of love and loss.



THE GREAT ESCAPE

Sat 27th June, 2pm (2h55m), £5

Commemorate British Armed Forces Day with this legendary film – based on true events – following the escape of Prisoners of War from Nazi Germany.



EVENTS

Bringing people together and offering something new – right on your doorstep!

WANTED: ACCESS EVERYWHERE

Thu 13th February, 11am–3.30pm, Free

Unlimited and Rural Arts invite you to discuss what more can be done to support disabled people in the arts – as artists, participants and audiences – in rural areas. Followed by Unlimited commission *Instagramming the Apocalypse* (p.14)

PRINT SPRINT

Fri 21st + Sat 22nd February, 10am–4pm

Adults: 2 days – £35, 1 day – £20

U18s: 1 day – £12.50

Print Sprint is back – and bigger than before with two days of live demonstrations and workshops inclusive of all abilities! Try different techniques with our friendly print artists.

WISE: WOMEN IN SCIENCE EVERYWHERE

Sat 7th March, 10am–4pm, £4.50–£6.50

A fun day of family arts workshops inspired by women who have made significant impacts in the world of science. Celebrating British Science Week and International Women's Day.

SIPSIX: BASICS OF WINE + CHEESE PAIRING

Fri 17th April, 7pm, £15

A tantalising tasting of six great wines paired with classic cheeses. Explore the essentials of complementary flavours to impress guests or simply enjoy at home.



SPRING FLOWER ARRANGING

Thu 28th May, 6–8pm, £35

Always wondered how to make beautiful arrangements but not known where to start? Join Thirsk's own Alina Florist to create a country-style arrangement using seasonal Spring flowers.

E(ART)H: GREEN WORKSHOPS

Sat 6th June, 10am–3pm

Free, small reservation fee

In celebration of World Environment Day we will be running a range of free workshops to promote recycling including rag rugging, paper basket weaving and more. Simply bring along your own textiles or paper and join in! Booking in advance necessary.

FLAVOURS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Sat 20th June, 7pm.

£25 (includes welcome drink)

Taste the flavours of the Philippine islands with this mouth-watering, multi-course dinner. Supper club Let's Kain returns with brand new Filipino favourites. Book now to avoid disappointment!

FLOWER GARLANDS

Thu 30th July, 10am–12.30pm, £35

Special offer: 2 places for £60

Learn how to create your own bohemian flower crown from fresh flowers. Alina Florist will show you how to make something truly unique. The perfect gift for a loved one!



Find out more about all of our events at www.ruralarts.org

EXHIBITIONS

Our exhibitions are free, and promote the best of regional and national artists. Closed Sundays.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD

Mon 27th January - Fri 7th February

A glimpse into the diverse range of work, from textiles and ceramics to video and drawing, created by the talented staff and volunteers of Rural Arts.



2019 SCAF EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

Mon 2nd March - Sat 14th March

The Scott Creative Arts Foundation presents the 10 final selected pieces responding to the subject 'Metamorphosis'. The award was created to acknowledge up and coming artists of all ages who are living in the Yorkshire region.



THE MARKETPLACE AND I

Fri 27th March - Mon 6th April

This exhibition explores disabled people's experiences with commercial environments, and challenges perceptions of (dis)ability. A collaboration with the University of Lancaster.



HEART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION

Thu 7th May - Thu 14th May

A selection of beautiful and brilliant work created by our older people's Heart and Craft groups from eight communities across the area. Find out more about Heart and Craft on p.8.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Our café showcases new artwork each month. Look out for our artist talks!

FEBRUARY: ANDREW DALTON

Fascinated by black, white and the gradations in between, Andrew's prints and paintings express both figurative and abstract moments for the viewer to explore.



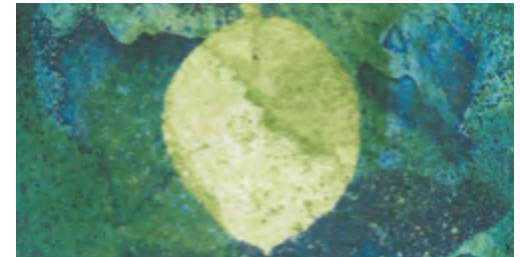
MARCH: CAROLYN HIRD ROGERS

Carolyn's landscape images, cards and hand-stitched books are inspired by the landscape of the Dales and Moors, plus an interest in 1950s Scandinavian pattern design.



APRIL: ALISON BRITTON

Alison's work represents journeys through landscapes in non-traditional ways. Dragging prepared etching plates across the ground, she integrates elemental properties of place into her work.



MAY: LUCY SAGGERS

Lucy is a photographer fascinated by how we live, compelled by the rhythms of everyday life and how humanity shapes and is shaped by the landscape.



JUNE: KIMBERLI WERNER

Working with a variety of paints and mixed media, Kimberli's colourful, self-taught techniques originate from the blurred world she sees when taking off her eyeglasses.



VENUE HIRE

The Courthouse is a beautifully restored, Grade II listed venue in Thirsk, perfect for corporate, creative or private events.



Our state-of-the-art technical equipment includes SMART boards, projectors, sound systems and live streaming capabilities. We can provide a range of in-house catering options, or our award-winning café serves local and homemade food and drink Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm.

The Courthouse is fully accessible, has Blue Badge parking, and is within walking distance of Thirsk market place and local car parks.

To find out more, contact venue@ruralarts.org

VISIT US!

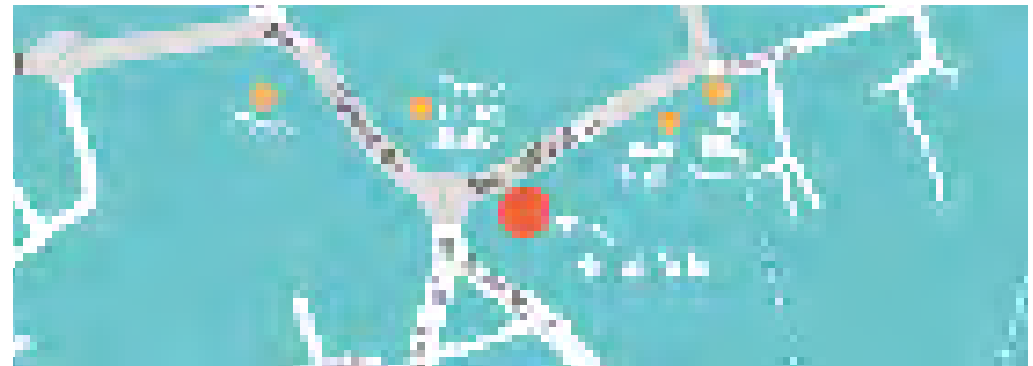
On top of the 200 brilliant events in this brochure, Rural Arts is home to:

- ▶ a **CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP** featuring unique, handmade items by designer-makers from across Yorkshire and beyond
- ▶ an award-winning **CAFÉ**, offering the perfect place to catch up with friends, bring the family or soak up some 'me time'



PLANNING YOUR VISIT

- ▶ a short walk from Thirsk market place
- ▶ local parking
- ▶ fully accessible with Blue Badge parking
- ▶ free WiFi
- ▶ children's menu
- ▶ family friendly facilities (see p.12)





OPEN MONDAY – SATURDAY, 10am – 4pm



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