

From Japan to Ramsey

A POPULAR Japanese art form is being brought to life in Huntingdonshire next month with a workshop presented by one of the country's leading Manga artists.

Irina Richards is heading to Ramsey to give Manga fans young and old some top tips on how to create the comic drawings.

Manga is the printed version of the animated Japanese cartoon *Anime*, and literally means "comic" in Japanese.

The billion-dollar comic book industry consists of cartoons that are largely printed in black and white and cover a wide range of genres, including action-adventure, romance, historical drama, comedy.

Over the last two decades Manga has increased in popularity outside Japan, and this is something on which Irina hopes to build.

She told *The Hunts Post*: "My workshops aim to bring the wonderful culture surrounding Manga to as many people as possible.

"People sometimes think that there's something different about drawing Manga, but it's just the same as other art – you need the same knowledge."

INFORMATION: The Manga workshop is on Saturday, October 8, between 10.30am and 12noon at Ramsey library. Tickets £6, available from the library.

