

## APRIL PROGRAMME

We hope to see you at some of our creative arts events. For **details or help with lifts**, please see notes on the back page.

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Creative Writing group (as normal)  
Creative Space – **Sheena, Park Art**

### 55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

**Health Walk** - the Waste (Craig & Andy)

### 55 Queens Drive

9.15am – 9.45am

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Writing – **Sue G, Seven Wonders (1)**

### 55 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

### Sat/Sun 9/10<sup>th</sup> April

Curbar **Art Show**

### Curbar Primary Sch

10.30am - 4.30pm

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Creative Writing group (as normal)  
Creative Space – **Sue B, Ceramics (1)**  
**Depart BV** for Dove Valley Centre  
**Return to BV** by

### No 55 & Dove Valley

10.30am - 12.30pm  
**(trip to Dove Valley)**  
12.45pm (car share)  
3.30pm

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Writing – **Sue G, Seven Wonders (2)**

### 55 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Creative Writing group  
Creative Space – **Sue B, Ceramics (2)**

### 55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Health Walk** - the Waste (Craig)

### 55 Queens Drive

9.15am – 9.45am

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Writing – **Sue G, Seven Wonders (3)**

### 55 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Creative Writing group (as normal)  
Creative Space – **Bird Box making**  
**Depart BV** for Marsh Farm  
**Return to BV** by

### No 55 & Marsh Farm

10.30am - 12.30pm  
**(trip to Marsh Farm)**  
12.45pm (minibus)  
3.30pm

## Impact continues to have impact

After a press release about Impact, Moorlands Radio invited Andy to give an extended interview on the Mid-Morning Show. It was a great opportunity to tell a wider audience about what we do and how helpful people find it.

## County Well-being Fund

County Council staff are very impressed with the quality of what we've delivered with this money. The Council will be taking part in a European seminar about social service provision and have asked to film Borderland Voices' activities for a short promotional video; international fame at last?

## Knowing your butts from your tips

Rachel Wheatcroft gave us a whistle-stop introduction to baskets. Most found the first project – a flat 'tension tray' relying on weaving – fairly simple. But the shallow basket, with circular base, sides and border was more demanding and everyone found it quite hard work, mentally and physically. (By the way, butts are the thicker ends of willow withies, which taper towards the tips.)



## Cat and Bryony

Two brilliant young ladies currently volunteer on Tuesdays. Bryony sits with the Writers, word-processing on a laptop. Cat lends a hand wherever it's needed in the Art Group, and it was certainly needed with the baskets. Thanks, girls!

## APRIL PROGRAMME DETAILS



**Park Art** – the view from Haregate; supported by the Peak District Sustainable Development Fund. January – December 2011

**A Breath of Fresh Air.** On behalf of Big Lottery, funded by Ecominds to involve people with experience of mental distress in environmental projects to improve both mental wellbeing & the local community.

**Ecominds**



**Pam Sandiford** facilitates **Creative Writing** (Tuesday morning); this very supportive group welcomes anyone interested in words.

**Creative Space** workshops (Tuesday afternoon) are a chance to experiment. **Sheena** continues working on **Park Art designs**. **Sue Blatherwick** starts a series of **ceramic workshops** with a trip to the Dove Valley Centre. Finally we visit the **Peak Park Rangers** to make **bird boxes** (supported by the **Wildlife Trust**).

In '**7 Wonders of the Peak**', **Sue Gaukroger** will initially dip into the writings of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century visitors such as Daniel Defoe and Celia Fiennes. After a day trip (in May) people will discuss and write about the Park's attractions from a 21<sup>st</sup> century perspective.

The **gentle, ½ hour Walks** will suit anyone who lacks confidence; enjoy drinks and fruit afterwards back at BV.

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# Borderland Voices



Newsletter

APRIL 2011

It's a packed programme this month with lots of new activities; several are part of our **new project funded by Ecominds** – A Breath of Fresh Air.

These include **short Walks**, a joint scheme with **SMCVS**. Remember to give any **ideas for Park Art visits to Andy**. On **April 9 & 10** a selection of BV artwork will be on display at **Curbar Art Show** (near Calver) as part of **Park Art**.

**Sue Gaukroger** makes a welcome return leading a short season of writing workshops: the **Wonders of the Peak**.

Bring a **packed lunch** for the **afternoon trips**. The **Dove Valley Centre** will inspire ceramic work with Sue; at **Marsh Farm** we'll make bird boxes with the Park Rangers.