

DECEMBER PROGRAMME

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

Tuesday 1st December
Creative Writing group
Creative Space – **Sheena**
Christmas Tree Festival decorations

55/57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday 8th December
Creative Writing group
Creative Space – **Viv**
Hand-made Christmas cards

55/57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday 11th December
FREE Christmas Party – all welcome
(including our big Prize Draw)

Haregate Community Centre
4.00pm - 6.00pm

Tuesday 15th December
Creative Writing group - **Sheena**
Followed by
Christmas Lunch
(NB – No Creative Space this week)

55/57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
Tittesworth Restaurant
1.00pm at Tittesworth

Thursday 17th December
Experimental Arts – DIY

55/57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 18th December
Saturday 19th December
Sunday 20th December
Christmas Tree Festival
including a Borderland Voices tree

10.00am - 6.00pm
10.00am - 6.00pm
2.00pm - 6.00pm
St Luke's Church

Tuesday 22nd December
Creative Writing group
Creative Space – with **Viv**
Christmas decorations or cards

55/57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday 29th December
Creative Writing group
Creative Space

55/57 Queens Drive
to be confirmed
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Funky figures, colourful characters



Everyone enjoyed making these textile-based creations, as novelty brooches or hanging decorations. Eddie does a lot of machine embroidery and is a member of a local Spinners and Weavers Guild. She had prepared colourful, double-sided felt bases. Then individuals personalised their characters from Eddie's treasure-trove of funky faces, hands and feet, beads and sequins, topped off with dyed sheep's wool 'hair'

'Playing Out' plays out the Land of the Churnet

What happens when age and experience (OAPs Doreen and Emily) meet Further Education (an evening class about Wartime Childhood)? They soon discover that they're the experts. But the class inspires them to 'take up new interests and make significant changes to their life'.

Specially written by Pam and our creative writers, it combined playground games and chants, childhood memories, wartime reminiscences and the words and ideas of many Haregate people. Performed, script-in-hand, by professional actors, it also involved children, a Leek band, the U3A Choir, the infamous wooden figures and green vegetables courtesy of Transition Leek!



It reflected the quality of everything the Churnet project has achieved over its two years, both in our regular writing and arts workshops and in the lasting legacy of collages, mosaics, carving and embroidery in the local schools and nurseries. I hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have.

DECEMBER PROGRAMME DETAILS

The **Creative Writing** session on Tuesday mornings is a very supportive group who welcome anyone interested in words. **Pam Sandiford** is currently facilitating the group.

The Tuesday afternoon **Creative Space** workshops give people space and opportunity to experiment. On Tuesday 8th and 22nd, we welcome back **Viv**. On the 8th she will help people with **hand-made Christmas cards** and on the 22nd you can continue with those last few special cards or make some last-minute **festive decorations**.

On Tuesday 1st, **Sheena** will work with the group to design and make thought-provoking **decorations for our tree in the St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival**. We have called it 'The two faces of Christmas' to draw attention to the plight of people who face the festive season with a heavy heart.

Remember, there is **NO Creative Space** on the 15th because of the Christmas lunch at **Tittesworth**.

The informal Thursday morning **Experimental Arts** DIY group is there for anyone who just wants to explore different drawing and painting techniques. **Please note:** Andy will be available only on Thursday 17th this month.

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COMING EVENTS

The **Christmas lunch** on **Tuesday 15th** at **Tittesworth** should be a lovely meal. If you haven't booked but would like to come, please speak to Andy or Sheena as soon as possible.

On **Friday 11th** come and enjoy good food, good company and sing some carols at our **Annual Christmas Party** at Haregate Community Centre.

Friday 18th - Sunday 20th our decorated tree, 'The two faces of Christmas' will be on show in the **Christmas Tree Festival** at **St Luke's Church**, Fountain St, Leek