

FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

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

Tuesday 7th February

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **John Byatt** (5)

Mural using local myths & legends

57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30 – 3.30pm

Wednesday 8th February

Experimental Arts - DIY

57 Queens Drive

10.30am – 12.30pm

Thursday 9th February

Winter Poetry Walk and lunch

John Hall Gardens

11.00am– 1.00pm

Tuesday 14th February

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Nadia Gunn** (1)

Mapping in material

57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30 – 3.30pm

Friday 17th February

Experimental creative writing (1)

Joe Rennie and friends

57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 21st February

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Nadia Gunn** (2)

Mapping in material

57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30 – 3.30pm

Friday 24th February

Experimental creative writing (2)

Joe Rennie and friends

57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 28th February

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Ancient Landscapes** (1)

Visit to Buxton Museum

57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

depart BV: 12.45pm

return BV: 4.00pm

Wednesday 29th February

Experimental Arts - DIY

57 Queens Drive

10.30am – 12.30pm

Felting

Several people said how much they enjoyed Kirsty's visit; riotous laughter sounded through the wall (something to do with a water fight?) All made decorations, many based on felted balls cut in half to reveal beautiful colours within.



Myths & Legends

John obviously spent many hours interweaving individual designs into an harmonious composition with a sense of narrative. He also left 'elbow room' for people to sit side-by-side & paint their section directly onto the canvas. We hope to display the finished work at the Emporium, the Foxlowe & Art in the Park.

Admin News

Thanks to all who gave feedback, which helps me plan future events. Most people now know that we're transferring all sessions into No 57 this month, to accommodate a pharmacy. This won't affect BV activities.



New Year Party & DVD

A packed audience watched 'Going with the Flow' & congratulated Paul Brooks, especially, on creating such a professional DVD. Many bought a copy before we enjoyed food & chat. If you'd like the DVD, ring/email Andy for details.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMME DETAILS



NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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

January 2011 – spring 2012

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.

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LOTTERY FUNDED



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

Tuesday p.m. **Creative Space** is a chance to experiment. **John** will help us complete the **myths & legends mural**. **Nadia** makes a welcome return with a textile 'map'; people will add local places of interest in **appliqué or collage**. **Ancient Landscapes** with **Elsbeth Walker & Gordon MacLellan** explores **Peak geology** in novel ways: **sketching, crochet, other textiles, sculpture, film**; starting with rocks & fossils at Buxton museum.

Join **Rethink** at **John Hall Gardens** for a gentle **Winter Poetry Walk** (bring a favourite piece or an image), then **free lunch**.

Joe Rennie, Neil Allen & Lee Kincart offer 6 **creative writing** sessions as part of their degree; please support them if you can.

In **Experimental Arts** people can use BV's space, materials & facilities to pursue their own artwork in peace.

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Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2012

John Hall Gardens is great for an amble, sharing & writing **poetry** and enjoying **free food** in the conservatory.

Ancient Landscapes spans 2 months. Many art forms will conjure prehistoric landscapes, especially corals, which helped create areas of the Peak as part of the international **Hyperbolic Coral Reef Project**; we just start in Buxton!

The Peak District myths & legends **mural** inspired by **John** will be completed, ready for display in Leek & further afield.

Nadia helped us tackle knitting last year; her new 'map' project just involves cutting & stitching or sticking images.

People really enjoyed Joe Rennie's ideas last year. Please try to support **Joe & friends** in their university placement.