

## MARCH 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 1<sup>st</sup> March

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Sheena, Park Art 3**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Rachel, Baskets 1**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Experimental Arts – DIY**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am – 12.30pm

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Sheena, Park Art 4**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**Experimental Arts – DIY**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am – 12.30pm

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Rachel, Baskets 2**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Experimental Arts – DIY**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am – 12.30pm

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Rachel, Baskets 3**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

## Stones & Bones

Viv came up with an idea for Park Art which not only got people thinking but also produced a real variety of unique artworks, some bright & cheery, others slightly macabre. She brought in pebbles of all shapes & sizes plus a selection of bones found on country walks. People interpreted these: drawing or painting them; painting miniatures or patterns on the pebbles; incorporating painted stones into pictures; or even creating colourful small-scale sculptures.



## Why not get gardening?

Our next new project, which includes the environment, starts in April. Hopefully spring is just round the corner, so why not pop into Zan Jackson's monthly 'Introduction to Gardening' at Haregate Community Centre, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am & 7pm?

## Café Words make an Impact

Last autumn, laminated sheets with a selection of the Group's writing – prose & poetry – went into local cafés. These proved a real hit with many readers, especially in The White Hart, Tea 4 Two & Café Clique. So many people 'asked for more' that the Group are now producing a newspaper-style periodical entitled 'Impact' to satisfy demand, & having great fun in the process.



## MARCH PROGRAMME DETAILS



NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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

January – December 2011

The **Creative Writing** session on Tuesday mornings, currently facilitated by **Pam Sandiford**, is a very supportive group which welcomes anyone interested in words.

Tuesday afternoon **Creative Space** workshops give people space & opportunity to experiment. **Sheena** will again lead two sessions during which people can continue designs to disguise **the unused window** on the end, for **a large mural** to adorn a bill-board and for **metal sculptures** in the newly paved area next-door.

Professional willow-worker and basket-maker **Rachel Wheatcroft** will lead 3 sessions introducing very simple techniques using **willow & hedgerow materials**. After making a flat **'tension tray'** to learn about this new medium, we'll spend 2 weeks creating a **shallow basket**, perhaps for fruit.

The **Experimental Arts** DIY group is for anyone just wanting to explore different drawing and painting techniques on their own. There are 3 **Wednesday** sessions this month.

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## Borderland Voices



## Newsletter

MARCH 2011

**Park Art** is underway but you can still **give Andy further ideas** of arts, & particularly **visits**, for spring & summer.

An **article on Borderland Voices**, and particularly Park Art, features on the back page of the very first issue of Local Link, **Moorlands Housing's tenants' magazine**.

**Viv's Stones and Bones** sessions produced some fascinating artwork; see photos inside.

**Café Words** have had a real **IMPACT** in Leek; look inside for further details.

We warmly welcome basket-maker **Rachel Wheatcroft** who will be showing us how to make **simple baskets**.