

## MAY 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 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Elspeth**

**Journeys with Textiles: Part 3**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Art in the Park**

**Brough Park, Leek**

10.00am – 4.00pm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Creative Writing group

**Writing about Art: 1**

Creative Space – **Elspeth**

**Journeys with Textiles: Part 4**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**BV in Leek Arts Trail**

**Chapel Gallery,  
Westwood College**

10.00am – 4.00pm

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Creative Writing group

**Writing about Art: 2**

Creative Space – **Sheena**

**Art in response to writing: 1**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Experimental Arts – DIY**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am – 12.30pm

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Creative Writing group

**Writing about Art: 3**

Creative Space – **Sheena**

**Art in response to writing: 2**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Experimental Arts – DIY**

**55/57 Queens Drive**

10.30am – 12.30pm



**Left:**

A row of glazed, slab pots demonstrates the skills people learned from Sue during the 6 'Working with Coloured Clays' sessions which finished recently.

**Right:**

Sue also led an additional workshop giving us the chance to contribute to the Railings Project. She will incorporate the stunning images from BV with children's designs in the final artwork.



**Left:**

In Elspeth's initial sessions people explored colours, textures and floral images using materials which appealed to them emotionally. They are now working on pieces which are more ambitious in terms of subject and technique.

On 27<sup>th</sup> April Julie Staniforth, who administers the ACL grant funding for these workshops, paid us a visit. She was impressed with the facilities at No 57 and with the high quality of the artwork but also with our ability to cope with all the form-filling. Well done and thank you all for your patience.



## MAY 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 and this month starts a 4-week collaboration with Sheena (see below): **Writing about Art**. You don't have to come to both morning and afternoon workshops; they will be linked but free-standing activities.

The Tuesday afternoon **Creative Space** workshops give people space and opportunity to experiment. For the next few months, our ACL funders require us to show some progression in a series of different workshops.

For the first two weeks, **Elsbeth Walker** continues her mixed-media '**Journeys with Textiles**' workshops.

Then **Sheena** will lead the first 2 of four sessions using the visual arts to respond to the written word - **Art in response to writing**. This will complement the work of the writing group so you don't need to come in the morning to take part.

The informal Thursday morning **Experimental Arts** DIY group is for anyone who just wants to explore different drawing and painting techniques. **Please note:** because Andy is finishing her course, she will be available for just 2 sessions: **May 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May** is **Art in the Park** weekend & we'll be there as usual with a display of BV work & a family-friendly arts activity, so please come to **Brough Park** and say hello.

May is **Leek Arts Festival** month and we have free use of the lovely **Chapel Gallery** at **Westwood College** for the **Arts Trail** on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** to display recent work including still life, pottery and textiles. If you could help us steward for an hour or so, please contact Andy.

Andy recently ran an arts activity as part of **Haregate Community Centre's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations**. The final artwork will be a mural for the Centre using the decorated handprints which local children produced.