

OCTOBER 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 4th October

Creative Writing - **7 Marvels (6)** Sue G

Creative Space – **Portraiture** with **Chris Thompson**

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 7th October

'Paradise Walk': **Pointilism** (1) + Ruby

55/57 Queens Drive

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Sunday 9th October

Film & Arts night (BV has contributed to it)

Co-op Emporium, High St

7.30pm – 9.00pm

Tuesday 11th October

Creative Writing - **7 Marvels (7)** Sue G

Creative Space – **painting & drawing techniques**, Sheena (1)

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 14th October

'Paradise Walk': **Pointilism** (2) + Ruby

55/57 Queens Drive

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Saturday 15th October

The first of BV's 'Craft Emporia'

Co-op Emporium, High St

10.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday 16th October

Apple Day – a day of apple-related fun

Dove Valley Centre

11.00am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 18th October

Creative Writing group (Pam)

Creative Space – **painting & drawing techniques**, Sheena (2)

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 21st October

From honey to harnessing water power

Visiting various sites with Pam

Day trip

depart BV 10.30am

return BV 3.30pm

Tuesday 25th October

Creative Writing group (Pam)

Creative Space – **Jan Flaherty** (topic t.b.c.)

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Thursday 27th October

Experimental Arts - DIY

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 29th October

Back of Beyond – seasonal celebration

in words & music (in conjunction with Packhorse Poets & Flash Arts)

Flash Village Hall

7.30pm

7 Marvels of the Moorlands

A day spent exploring the Moorlands was a great success. It included 2 very different churches (All Saints, Leek & St Giles, Cheadle); views of Rudyard Lake, the Cheshire plain, the Roaches & the Manifold valley; jokes & stories at the Knight's Table (a.k.a. Travellers' Rest) in Flash & ice-cream at Froghall wharf.



Felting in the Dove Valley

The Dove Valley Centre hosted yet another excellent workshop, led by Kirsty Smith. Everyone made a stunning felted landscape, inspired by the wonderful surroundings. The session was jointly funded by Rethink & we welcomed some of their regular participants. Getting the minibus back up the track also made for a memorable day.



Park Hall Country Park

Staffs Wildlife Trust's Shaun Rimmer took us to Park Hall, Weston Coyney. It's a vast site with lots to see including sandstone outcrops, fir plantations, heather, shrubs & wildflowers. We had a walk, trying to match natural colours to swatch cards (not easy with shades of brown) & did some sketching.



Environmental Sculpture

We enjoyed glorious September weather at both Kniveden & John Hall Garden where Sheena encouraged us to take inspiration from Andy Goldsworthy & create temporary sculptures from found objects, including twigs, petals, stones, feathers, bark & leaves.

Everyone responded, in their own way, with wonderful results.

OCTOBER PROGRAMME DETAILS



NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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.

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LOTTERY FUNDED

Pam Sandiford and **Sue Gaukroger** are both facilitating **Creative Writing** (Tuesday morning) in October; this very supportive group welcomes anyone interested in words.

Tuesday p.m. **Creative Space** is a chance to experiment. By popular request, we have several sessions this month on **techniques**; 2 led by **Sheena**, **portraiture** with **Chris Thompson** and a welcome return for **Jan Flaherty**.

After Ruby's visit to Ilam we explore the Impressionist '**Pointilism**' technique but please come even if you couldn't make the trip.

Pam will lead a **day trip** into the Peak District & please spread the word about the 1st of our '**Craft Emporia**': come, buy & have tea & cake.

In **Sue G's 'Seven Marvels of the Moorlands'** we are working towards producing elements of the entertainment for 29th October.

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Even if you didn't manage the trip to Ilam, come & learn from **Ruby** how to render landscapes in the Impressionist '**Pointilist**' technique (using points of colour).

Pam leads an **autumnal trip to the Moorlands**, in search of **bees and water power**.

Come yourself & encourage friends to support the 1st of our **Craft Emporia** on the 15th; browse, buy & enjoy a cake.

Sue G's writing sessions continue to produce material for a **seasonal celebration in Flash** at the end of the month.

We've included some suggestions from the useful **feedback** session, such as **painting/drawing techniques**. **Chris Thompson, Sheena & Jan** contribute as well as **Ruby**.