

SEPTEMBER 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 7th September

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Viv: 1**

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 8th September

Experimental Arts – DIY

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 14th September

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Viv: 2**

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 15th September

Experimental Arts – DIY

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 21st September

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Viv: 3**

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd September

Experimental Arts – DIY

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 28th September

Creative Writing group

Creative Space – **Sheena**

55/57 Queens Drive

10.30am - 12.30pm

1.30pm – 3.30pm

'Leek'

The Westwood money has unleashed the usual flood of BV creativity, focused specifically on the town and its immediate environment. The writing group have produced their inimitable mix of wit and wisdom, including Joan's variant on 'Over the Rainbow', which translates into 'Under the Roaches' and seems to be a hymn of praise to local cuisine. Sheena and Viv have helped people look at the distinctive buildings of Leek and then concentrate on specific features interwoven with local associations such as William Morris.



A Breath of Fresh Air

This is our brand new Ecominds-funded project. As the name suggests, Ecominds brings together the environment and mental well being. We have added the arts, to make what we believe will be a really exciting programme. Although we have an overall structure in mind, we still have to decide on a start date for this one-year project and then advertise for artists.

Then there will be some initial workshops and a formal (but fun) launch event to get people involved and enthused.

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME DETAILS

For the next few months our Tuesday workshops are supported by the **County Council's Community Wellbeing Fund**.

The **Creative Writing** session on Tuesday mornings, currently facilitated by **Pam Sandiford**, is a very supportive group which welcomes anyone interested in words. Look out for their **Café Words** which will be appearing in local cafés soon.

The Tuesday afternoon **Creative Space** workshops give people space and opportunity to experiment. Three of this month's sessions will be led by **Viv** with **Sheena** taking the final week. Because we've only just confirmed dates, a topic will evolve as the weeks progress.

This month Sheena will collage the '**Leek**' writing and artwork funded by **Westwood College** onto boards for display in town.

The **Experimental Arts** DIY group is for anyone just wanting to explore different drawing and painting techniques on their own. There are 3 sessions this month: 2 **Wednesdays** & a **Thursday**.

Our **ACL workshops** have now finished. Although we were very grateful for the funding, the endless form-filling did try the patience of participants and tutors alike. **Thank you all for persevering**, as the grant kept us afloat during some very lean months.

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Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2010

Our most vital news this month is about **funding**. Firstly, we have been given a very generous donation in memory of **Eddie Hill** of Cheddleton.

As mentioned on the back page, we have received a **Staffs County Council Community Wellbeing Fund** grant towards our regular Tuesday workshops.

Finally, we've been awarded a prestigious **Ecominds grant** which is Big Lottery funding administered by Mind. Read more about this inside. Essentially, this means a degree of security for Borderland Voices in the medium term. Some funding has strings attached, but if you have specific **workshop requests**, let Andy know as soon as possible.