

AUGUST PROGRAMME

We hope to see you at some of our creative arts events. If you need **help with a lift**, please see notes & contact details on the back page.

Mondays in August No Patchwork

Bank House, St Ed. St

Thursday 1st August
Self-help art group

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 6th August

Creative Writing group - Andy

BBQ & Creative Space (weather permitting)

Depart/Return Borderland Voices, car-share

BBQ (bring & share), **Creative Space**

Or (if BBQ rained off again)

Creative Space: **Andy (1) Still life**

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am - 12.15pm

Bank Top Fm U.Hulme

12.15pm – 3.45pm

12.30pm – 3.15pm

Bank House, St Ed. St
1.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday 8th August

Self-help art group

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 13th August

Creative Writing group – Sarah

Creative Space: **Andy (2)**

Still life: developing an abstract or collage

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday 15th August

Self-help art group

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 20th August

Creative Writing group – Sarah

Creative Space: **Andy (3) Still life**

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday 22nd August

Self-help art group

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am – 12.30pm

Sunday 25th August

Health & Care in Staffs & S-o-T

See www.twbstaffsandstoke.org.uk for survey

Survey Deadline
Have **your** say

Tuesday 27th August

Depart/Return Borderland Voices, car-share

Creative Writing group – Sarah

Biscuits/drink provided, **please bring butties**

Creative Space: **Andy & Richard**

Sketching, photography, or just chatting

Back Dane Cottage

10.30am – 3.45pm

10.45am - 12.30pm

12.30pm – 1.30pm

1.30pm – 3.15pm

Thursday 29th August

Self-help art group

Bank House, St Ed. St
10.30am – 12.30pm

Whispers in the grass at the Dove Valley Centre

Some made mini-books; Simon did water-colour landscapes.



Pop-up cards

Once people had got the hang of the mechanism, they were able to embellish the cards in many different ways.



AUGUST PROGRAMME DETAILS



Creative Writing (Tues. mornings) is supported by the sponsored abseil undertaken by Richard & co. It's facilitated by various people. **Sarah & Andy** lead this month's sessions. This very supportive group welcomes anyone interested in words.

Creative Space on Tuesday afternoon, again currently funded by the efforts of the abseil team, is a chance to experiment. **Andy** leads 3 sessions on **developing still life e.g. as an abstract or collage**. Then at Back Dane Cottage near Wincle, huge patio doors overlooking the Dane & Shutlingsloe give lots of opportunity to **photograph & sketch** whatever the weather.

A small **self-help, DIY art group** meets at BV on **Thursdays 10.30-12.30**. Either use BV materials or bring your own. Drinks & biscuits provided.

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for Voluntary Service**

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Richard's photography sessions continue on occasional **Wednesdays 2-4pm**. Ask Andy for forthcoming dates.

The weather at the **Dove Valley Centre** was mixed, but we enjoyed writing with Sarah in some unusual formats and making mini 'Whispers in the Grass' books. For a few of the poems, visit **Gordon's blog** and see 'Voices from a Field' <http://creepingtoad.blogspot.com/>

People were initially hesitant about how to make **pop-up cards**, but **Gavin** brushed away doubts. Folk either combined the pop-up mechanisms with recycled cards or added their own illustrations, and were rightly pleased with the results.

The proposed **bring-&-share BBQ** courtesy of **Bob & Jackie** was rained off on **July 30th**. We hope for better weather on **6th August**. Andy will make a final **decision on Sunday 4th**. Failing that, we'll do something at Back Dane Cottage on 27th.