

## DECEMBER 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.

**Throughout December** (to 6<sup>th</sup> January) **Leek Library**  
**J. R. R. Tolkien** in Staffordshire  
**Exhibition**, focused on his time in Staffordshire during WWI.  
usual opening hours

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Patchwork Group**  
**Bank House, St Ed's St**  
10.30am – 12.30pm

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Creative Writing group – Sarah**  
Creative Space: **Andy**  
**Catch-up** with any unfinished projects  
**Bank House, St Ed's St**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Patchwork Group**  
**(NB last Patchwork Group until 8<sup>th</sup> January)**  
**Patchwork Group Xmas lunch** 1pm  
**Bank House, St Ed's St**  
10.30am – 12.30pm  
**Tittesworth Restaurant**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Creative Writing group – Sarah**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas lunch** (if pre-booked)  
**Depart/Return** Borderland Voices, car-share  
**(NB no Creative Space today)**  
**Bank House, St Ed's St**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
**Tittesworth Restaurant**  
12.45pm for 1.00pm  
12.30pm – 3.45pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Creative Writing group – Sarah**  
Creative Space: **Andy**  
**Christmas decorations**  
**Bank House, St Ed's St**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

**NB. No groups w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. and 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Advance warning:**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Patchwork Group** restarts  
**Bank House, St Ed's St**  
10.30am – 12.30pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Creative Writing group** restarts – **Sarah**  
Creative Space restarts: **Sheena (1)**  
**Colourful Abstracts** on Canvas  
**Bank House, St Ed's St**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm – 3.30pm



### Celebrating major support from the Co-op

Over the past few months, local Co-op shoppers have supported BV through their purchases. Branch Manager Kris presented Andy with a cheque for over £1200.

### Our new home

If you're unfamiliar with our new home base, it's in Bank House (junction of St Edward's St & High St). We'll share the ground floor with Juniper Training who give 16-18 year olds the qualifications and skills needed for jobs, apprenticeships or further education.



### A flock of birds

This is the colourful 'flock' of birds which people made with Zuleika.

## DECEMBER PROGRAMME DETAILS

### Commissioner's People Power Fund

Local ideas for **safer communities**

[www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/fund](http://www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/fund)



**Creative Writing**, which takes place on Tuesday mornings, is currently supported by the People Power Fund & is facilitated both by professional writers & BV participants. There are just 3 sessions in December, all led by **Sarah**. This very supportive group welcomes anyone interested in words.

**Creative Space** on Tuesday afternoon, currently funded by the Silver Social Action Fund via the Staffs Community Foundation, is a chance to experiment. Catch up with **Andy**; **no session** on the afternoon of Christmas lunch; then making simple Christmas decorations with **Andy** in the last workshop of the year.



No formal **DIY sessions** this month but you can arrange with Andy to use the space & materials any time.



**BV Home Base** supported by:

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**Leek Town Lands &**



Local Community Fund



# Borderland Voices



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2017

*Merry  
Christmas*

Look out for the **2018 BV calendar on sale soon.**

In the end, we received over £1200 from the  
**Co-op Community Fund.**

We're also very grateful to the **Leek Town Lands Trust** for a  
£500 grant towards rent & £100 from **Margaret Lovatt's**  
Councillors' Community Initiative Fund, towards our new phone.

Responding to some writing homework, **Jason**, who's settling into  
his new job, sent in a wonderful letter of thanks to BV.