

FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

We hope to see you at some of our creative arts events. For **details & help with lifts** please see notes & contact details on back page.

- Monday 6th February**
Weekly Patchwork Group
57 Queens Drive
10.30am – 12.30pm
- Tuesday 7th February**
Creative Writing group – Alison
Creative Space: **Gordon**
(**Treasures of the Peaks**: draw pieces old & ancient from Buxton Museum & contribute words & phrases for a new exhibition)
57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Monday 13th February**
Patchwork Group
57 Queens Drive
10.30am – 12.30pm
- Monday 13th February**
DIY Experimental Arts
57 Queens Drive
1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 14th February**
Creative Writing group – Alison (t.b.c.)
Creative Space: **Andy, Catch-up/Valentine's Day**
57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Monday 20th February**
Patchwork Group
57 Queens Drive
10.30am – 12.30pm
- Tuesday 21st February**
Creative Writing group – Alison (t.b.c.)
Creative Space: **Buxton gallery visit**
Depart/Return Borderland Voices, car-share 1.15pm – 3.30pm
5 former & 8 resident artists: painting, print, textiles, photography, felting
57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
Green Man Gallery
- Wednesday 22nd February**
N Staffs Voice for Mental Health
Forum: Good discharge from the Community Mental Health Team
Pennybank House
1.30pm onwards
- Thursday 23rd February**
Rebecca's free over-60s luncheon club
The Silken Strand
1.00pm – 4.00p
- Monday 27th February**
Patchwork Group
57 Queens Drive
10.30am – 12.30pm
- Monday 27th February**
Recovery & Wellness conference, **All** welcome
Port Vale FC, Burslem
9.30am – 4.30pm
- Tuesday 28th February**
Creative Writing group – Alison (t.b.c.)
Creative Space: **Sarah - Mardi Gras**
57 Queens Drive
10.30am - 12.30pm
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Joan Jones,

In this 2015 photo Joan had just celebrated her 90th birthday. Despite many medical problems, she remained alert almost to the end, tackling a crossword on Sheena's weekly visit.

We remember fondly a feisty lady who engaged with everyone at BV; embraced the new (but didn't think '50 Shades of Grey' was well written); & baked us delicious cakes to raffle when her health allowed.



Andy's response to the PM's speech

'Although good mental health in early & working life is crucial, many older people develop problems because of bereavement, retirement, downsizing etc. We have an ageing population, not all of whom are comfortable with IT; most prefer face-to-face contact with real people. Organisations like BV can contribute hugely to mental wellbeing but we do need funds.'



January art with Viv

A selection of varied artwork on the theme of 'New Hopes & Horizons.'



FEBRUARY PROGRAMME DETAILS

Creative Writing is currently funded by **Awards for All**; both professional writers & BV participants lead sessions. Tho' **Alison** facilitates most Tuesday mornings in February, 1 may be led by a member. This very supportive group welcomes anyone interested in words.



Creative Space on Tuesday afternoon is a chance to experiment. **Gordon's** session is based on **Buxton Museum's handling collection** (from Ashford Black Marble to Roman oil lamps, flint tools & hyena teeth). He'll also be collecting phrases towards a story for a new exhibition. With **Andy**, catch up or capture **Valentine's** themes. Then a visit to explore properly Buxton's **Green Man Gallery**. Finally, inspiration from the colour & pageant of **Mardi Gras or Venice Carnival** (hopefully led by Sarah).

One Monday afternoon **DIY session** this month but you can arrange with Andy to come any time & use the space & materials.



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Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2017

We are sad to announce that **Joan Jones**, who came to writing for many years & kept in contact until the end of her life, died in December (see inside). Her daughter-in-law Hilary has provided wonderful prizes for many Xmas raffles.

Diary: Forum (Good Discharge from Community Mental Health services) Wed. 22 Feb 1.30 Pennybank House; **Recovery & Wellness** conference, Mon. 27 Feb 9.30-4.30 Port Vale FC, Burslem

Throughout February the **Foxlowe café display** will feature BV artwork on the theme of 'recycled art'. Our thanks to Sheena for framing some items.

Andy commented to the media (see inside) on **Theresa May's** major policy speech in January about mental health, which emphasised services for young people, workplace & digital support but offered little extra funding.