

# EXPRESSION

ARTS FORUM  
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NEWBIGGIN ARTS FORUM

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**THIS MONTH:**

**REBECCA'S  
WRAPPINGS**

**SPEAKER:  
CHRISTINE JAMIESON  
(COMMUNITY ARTS)**

# Help Needed

## Cat and dog shelter Christmas Appeal

Can you donate any of the following?  
**pet food • bedding • pet gifts • pet treats**

Maureen Anderson will deliver any gifts in time for Christmas.

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## Newbiggin Day Centre

### Want to help older people around Newbiggin?

Your help would be appreciated at the Day Centre on Tuesdays.  
You can come every week, or maybe just once a month.

Get in touch with Anne on **01670 528220**

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## Sure Start

### Want to help with young people around Newbiggin?

Christmas Craft workshops will be running every Tuesday at the Sure Start Children's Centre on Cleveland Avenue. Roll up your sleeves and get messy!

Please Get in touch with

Marjorie or Alison on **01670 812751**

or email:

Marjorie.[Charrada@nch.org.uk](mailto:Charrada@nch.org.uk) or  
[Allison.Cross@nch.org.uk](mailto:Allison.Cross@nch.org.uk)



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## Christine Jamieson



Christine told us all about the community arts work of her company, **Christine Jamieson Associates**

Christine told us enthusiastically about the work of her company. It sounded fascinating as she described the different projects that have been carried out involving inhabitants and organisations in local areas with the aim of creating a piece of Community Art. It was good to hear that local artists and craftspeople are invited to

contribute and lead others to find their creative side. She emphasises the need to pay her contracted artists a fair fee for their work, thus enabling them to earn as they contribute.

It was interesting to note that her company also reach out to educational institutions to encourage those studying the arts to expand the breadth of their studies by being involved in the local projects.

Christine's organisation also leads and organises workshops and training courses and helps communities to secure business support and funding for their ventures. More about the work done by this company can be found on their website:



*Claire was certainly paying attention*

[www.jamiesonassociates.co.uk](http://www.jamiesonassociates.co.uk)

# wrapping it all up



Rebecca De Wessington carefully guided us through the rights and wrongs of Christmas wrapping

As Christmas is approaching, November's meeting centered on wrapping presents. Rebecca De Wessington, arch hamper wrapper, led the meeting, beginning by showing us some of her hampers from Pride of Northumbria. She then treated us to her imaginative ideas on gift wrapping.



Rebecca's now famous 'magic' ribbon

## Magic Ribbon

I think the highlight was a demonstration of her "magic ribbon", the demonstration of which caused a chorus of 'ahs' and 'oos' from the attentive assembly. Magic ribbon can be obtained from:

She used a selection of plain brown paper, white tissue paper and crepe, but then added ribbons, christmas decorations, metallic pen patterns and stamps to personalise the gifts.

[www.keylink.org](http://www.keylink.org)



Here are a few of samples created. As you see, they vary in both creativity and expertise!

## Mmm...Cadburys

Her pièce de resistance was to provide boxes of Cadburys goodies for us to try our hands at wrapping.



Keith and Alan with their slightly bedraggled one minute masterpieces

The gathered throng then set about the paper with scissors, ribbon, and potato prints to create

their own masterpieces.

## 60 Second Dash

Keith and Alan decided to have a race. They were allotted one minute to wrap a gift. The results were less than professional, but hilarious to watch. Sadly, there is no video of this delightful event.

I somehow doubt whether the Christmas wrapped gifts will actually make it until Christmas.

## Christmas Events

Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre Sunday December 17th between 12 and 3pm.

Christmas Market, Puppets, Brass Band, Refreshments and more.

You never know, even Santa might pay us a visit!

# ARTS FORUM NOTICES

## Painters Group

Every Tuesday from 12.00pm - 4.00pm and the last Saturday of each month at the *Healthy Living Centre*.

## Photography Group

Newbiggin Sailing Club Competition Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December at QE11 Park. (Time to be arranged.)

## Your excellent poetry could go here...

...till then, here are two of my dreadful rhymes

### Timmy Sat

Timmy dreamed  
Of fish and chips  
And in his sleep  
He licked his lips

Timmy sat  
Nice and quiet  
In the cafe  
On a diet

Timmy watched  
Plates of dinner  
He didn't eat  
He just got thinner

Timmy woke  
The cafe dark  
The ovens cold  
His hunger stark

The day is done  
The folks departed  
The pie is gone  
Timmy farted

### One Man Band

Once, in the country Peru  
Lived a bongo drum playing gnu  
He kept up the beat  
With all four of his feet  
And accompanied himself on  
Kazoo

As you can see - we desperately need some good poetry to feature in the new-look mag.

Please help...



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## Things you have missed because we took far too long to design the new magazine:

### Alnwick Northumbrian Gathering

Friday and Saturday 10th and 11th of November 2006

A celebration of traditional music, song, dance and dialect poetry.

WI Meeting on Tuesday November 14th - The history of felt

Poetry Reading at Morpeth Library on November 16th at 2pm

If you made it to any of the events, we'd love to hear about it for the next magazine.

### Children's corner

Seven Stories

[www.sevenstories.org.uk](http://www.sevenstories.org.uk)

30 Lime Street Newcastle NE1 2PQ  
Tel: 0845 271 0777

An exhibition Centre and children's bookshop with workshops, story telling and much more.

More details at the next Arts Forum meeting

### Newcastle University INSIGHTS

Free Admission

Curtis Auditorium  
(opposite Haymarket Metro)

[www.ncl.ac.uk/events/public-lectures](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/events/public-lectures)

Contact: 0191 222 6136

Tuesday November 21st at 5.30pm

### Jane Glover

Conductor and Author speaks about Mozart's Women

Newcastle University - King's Hall

Thursday 30th November 1.10pm

### Cross Current

Traditional Music

### 100,000 Voices - A celebration

with Benny Graham, Johnny Handle and Mouthful

Saturday November 25th 10.00am - 5.00pm

Woodhorn Museum, Ashington  
Fee £25/£23 concessions

[www.20000voices.org](http://www.20000voices.org)

Please can we have submissions for events TWO months ahead if at all possible. This gives them maximum publicity in the magazine.

**Don't miss next month's event on 4th December**

**Josie Armstrong on Decoupage**

Speaker - Andrew Curtis (no, not Andy) on Rock Art

6.30pm At Newbiggin sports Centre, as usual.

**Points to ponder and feedback to us:**

1. What would you like to see in this magazine?
2. Do you read it each month?
3. Would you be prepared to contribute a poem, or short story?
4. Would you like us to do a "Spotlight" profile of you and your work?
5. Do you like the new layout?

Please email your feedback to: [expression@newbigginartsforum.org](mailto:expression@newbigginartsforum.org), or jot some thoughts down on a piece of paper and hand them to Eddie Galvin, Liz Curtis or Andy Curtis.

**Have you found our Web Site yet? Have you read the Blog?**

**[www.newbigginartsforum.org](http://www.newbigginartsforum.org)**

The Blog facility enables you to write your comments on the previous month's event. You can also usually see a video showing what went on. This is your chance to feedback, live on the web. Give it a try, it's fun - and also a great way to get to know other forum members.