

Invitation to all performing arts groups and individuals

Fred Jeffries, our recently appointed performing arts Co-ordinator, has arranged a meeting for Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at the Foxlowe, starting at 7.30pm.

He hopes that representatives from all local groups as well as individuals with expertise and experience in any sphere associated with staging drama, musicals, choral performances, poetry readings and so on will come along to the Foxlowe on the 22nd November and share their ideas and aspirations for productions at the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

Set design, set construction, set painting, lighting, managing sound systems, making music for shows, costume design, costume making or whatever you wish to contribute then this is the meeting we hope you will be able to attend.

There is, of course, no purpose built theatre at the Foxlowe. That is a longer term objective but in the meantime we believe the spaces the Foxlowe does have provide ample opportunity for challenging and interesting productions.

If you would like to know more please feel free to telephone Fred Jeffries on 07967 154773.

Calling all painters and decorators

We are now ready to step up a gear and have work sessions during the evenings and on Saturdays.

A priority is painting, painting and more painting! There are so many dark surfaces which need to be obliterated. The entrance end of the hall has been

radically transformed by just a white undercoat on the walls and ceiling. Already, the drab darkness has been transformed into a welcoming lightness.

One priority is to paint the ceiling and walls in the kitchen now that cleaning has been completed.

We have two dozen small tables which we shall use, at least initially, in the cafe. Their variously coloured pedestals would present a cleaner and more coherent image if they were all painted white. That is a more time consuming task than the relatively quick rolling across large expanses of walls and ceilings! If we attract half a dozen people for the task the job will be accomplished without any one person becoming thoroughly fed up with the sight of table pedestals! Please call Roger Warrillow 01538 398726 or Peter Kent-Baguley 07773 464626.

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26th Dirk Digler

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Countdown underway to Foxlowe opening

We received the great news that our application to be a registered charity was approved by the Charity Commission on 21st October.

The Foxlowe Arts Centre project has been buzzing with activity since the last issue of ST13. Letters with standing order and gift aid forms have been delivered to everyone who signed the £2 a week pledge during the past twelve months.

To save money we dispensed with envelopes and postage. Instead, several volunteers delivered the letters and forms. The prompt response by scores of people has really heartened us.

Also encouraging were the many additional donations and notes of support with returned completed forms.

There really is a huge wave of support and goodwill towards the project. So many people have expressed their delight that the Arts Centre is well on the way to becoming a reality.

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To date, half of the original 250 pledgers have returned their completed forms. The vast majority have been able to complete the gift aid form. That is important because as a registered charity the donations are worth an extra 25% via reclaimed tax from the Inland Revenue. That's £1 more for each £4 donated; £25 for every £100; £250 for every £1,000! More than a score of keen

and energetic volunteers turned up on Sunday 16th October, the first of a series of volunteer labouring days. In the cafe area, the carpet was rolled up and stored, the floorboards sanded and the wall-paper removed. The carpet in the room above, which will be the exhibition



gallery, was also removed and most of that floor was sanded too. Both floors have since been sanded a second and final time. In addition to that a great amount of rubbish was

piled up in the hall and later taken to the recycling centre. All the walls and ceiling in the cafe were undercoated white during the second volunteer work day on Sunday 23rd October.

The checking and correcting of the electrical and gas installations has continued and plans for the servery counter in the cafe finalised. It is being built by retired volunteer joiner, Don Smith.

Exhibitions are being arranged, music events booked and the gala opening date of the cafe has been set for Thursday 1st December: put it in your diary now!

