

Foxlowe

WANTED

Foxlowe memories and pictures wanted for an exhibition in our Heritage Rooms to complement the start of our programme of Talks on Wednesday 8th February 2012 (see adjacent diary)

Already, following the opening of the Gallery by one of the last residents of the Foxlowe, Norma Jones, in what was once known as the Rainbow Room, several people have said how they attended a party of one kind or another when part of the building was the Textile Union's Social Club.

There must be a lot of residents with memories of the Foxlowe and even photographs taken at the building.

Moira McCourt would love to hear from you. Please ring her on 07736 244010

Foxlowe Garden Volunteers

The first meeting for people interested in volunteering for some work in the garden will be on Sunday 8th January at 11am
Roger Warrillow
01538 398726

The Quiet Woman

HAYLEY'S January programme

5th Jason Huxley
7th Paul the Score
12th Guitar Monkey
14th Conspirator
19th Red Hot & Blue
21st Nick DJ
26th Simon Super Star
28th Mikey, Luke & Rich

THE QUIET WOMAN
St Edward Street Leek

Foxlowe Arts Centre Diary

www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk
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Foxlowe Gallery

Current exhibition closes 15th January. Next runs from:

Saturday 21st January to Sunday 21st February

The *People* exhibition explores the human form through drawings and paintings of people who give the body its character and spirit. The five artists exhibiting are: Duncan Sprout (Acrylics), Johnny Bermudez (oils, acrylics, pastels, charcoal, watercolours), Charlie Walker (acrylics), Margaret Brothwell (mixed media and acrylics) Nick Shelton (biro)

Foxlowe Music

THE SITUATION'S Foxlowe debut presents

Fighting Flux

Steven Goodwin

on Friday 6th January 2012 8pm-11.30pm

Make a note in your diary now for the

BlueFox Festival of bands and real ales

Saturday 3rd March

bands lined up for the BlueFox Festival include:

Kathleen Turner Overdrive, Reefy Blunt, Vertigo Fish, The Tetleys, Copy Catz, John Stone, Jules Carper and more!

Foxlowe Film

Programme launched with the Leek Town Mayor's Fund charity premiere of Gerald Mee's film of Leek's celebration marking 90 Years of the British Legion in Leek 7.30pm Tuesday 7th February tickets £5

Foxlowe Talks

Talks will be presented on a range of topics and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month starting with

The Foxlowe & Its Families

Cathryn Walton

7.30pm Wednesday 8th February 2012

Tickets £5 or £5.50 on the door

Tickets at the Foxlowe, Colloco and Tourist Office

Foxlowe Youth Theatre

Saturday morning youth theatre starts with taster sessions in early February 2012
Check for latest details: Fred Jeffries 07967 154773

Foxlowe Cafe

Open Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 4pm
Good selection of vegetarian meals and a daily meat option.
Fairtrade beverages
Thursdays from 19th January candlelight evening meals
Bookings: telephone the Foxlowe: 01538

BE IN A PLAY

The target opening for drama at the Foxlowe arts Centre is a play for the Leek Arts Festival.

If you would like to be in a play, or would like to be part of the backstage team, please ring Fred Jeffries, the Foxlowe Performing Arts Co-ordinator on 07967 154773

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UPDATE FOR THE
FOXLOWE
ARTS CENTRE
PLEASE TAKE ONE

Double opening excitement at the Foxlowe

Over two hundred people flocked to the historic launch of Leek's new art gallery at the Foxlowe Arts Centre on Friday 2nd December. It was clear that billing the exhibitors David Hunt, Anita Hill and Jonathan Walker as the "firm favourites" was no exaggeration: guests were indeed impressed by the paintings and in fact this exhibition has proved to be their most successful to date.

Many guests were surprised by the quality of the gallery. One person who had travelled from the south of England specially for the occasion expected "the usual dreary village hall show" as he put it. "I was really surprised and incredibly impressed by the smart, elegant and professional presentation of the gallery."

Invitations for the exhibition opening were drawn from the lists of the three artists and not from the donors, pledgers or volunteers of the Foxlowe who were invited for the formal opening of the Arts Centre on Saturday 10th December when again more than two hundred

guests were present.

People were genuinely amazed at the transformation: "A wonderful renaissance for this beautiful building" and "What a great idea for a lovely building" were just two of many comments. There was a great deal of animated and excited conversation. What has already been achieved through hundreds of voluntary work hours has triggered peoples' desire for an inspirational arts centre. As one person commented: "Well done to all concered in getting up and running so fast. Great cafe, gallery and facilities. Good luck. Thanks so much."

The PM Training Agency and its recently aquired Indigo Training of Leek, part of Aspire Housing of Newcastle, provided six young trainees and their working supervisor for a fortnight helping with redecorating the seemingly endless acres of walls and ceilings.

Not only was their contribution extremely valuable in itself, it gave heart to our volunteers and spurred them to continue!

Since our last Newsletter in November



Part of the cafe set out for a private party

we have gained the support of three patrons; Leek Town Mayor, Cllr Barry Cowie, SMDC Leader, Cllr Sybil Ralphs and our local MP Karen Bradley.

Cllr Barry Cowie performed the formal opening of the Arts Centre from the small stage in the very cold ground floor Function Room which still awaits central heating! It was a shivering contrast to the warmth of the Gallery,

cafe and hallway and a reminder, if one were needed, that the Centre is a work in progress.

Cllr Sybil Ralphs, unwell with a severe chill, sent her greetings and emphasised how pleased she was with its launch and offered her full support. Karen Bradley MP busy with a prior engagement sent her congratulatory greetings and was delighted to give her support to the Centre.

Colleen's Cafe
Getliffe's Yard

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service and good food
at affordable prices*



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sugar
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