

**Quartet (12A) 4 June**

Quartet is a charming, funny and insightful film in which four ageing opera singers are reunited at Beecham House, a specialist home for retired musicians. Plans for their annual Verdi's birthday concert begin to unravel with the arrival of a former grande dame of the opera and news that Beecham House is facing closure. Dustin Hoffman's directorial debut draws a stellar cast including Michael Gambon, Maggie Smith, Billy Connolly, Pauline Collins and Sheridan Smith.
UK 2012 98 mins

The Hunt (15) 11 June

Thomas Vinterberg's critically acclaimed, powerful and disturbing depiction of how quickly a lie can become the truth when gossip, doubt and malice are allowed to flourish. A tense drama with an impressive central performance from Mads Mikkelsen as Lucas, a warm-hearted primary school assistant, whose life is rapidly de-stabilised when one of his young pupils makes accusations of abuse. A hard troubling watch, but a riveting, powerful experience.
Denmark (subtitled) 2012 115 mins

Silver Linings Playbook (15) 18 June

After eight months in a mental institution following a violent episode, Pat Solatano finds himself living with his mother and father,
Bar opens 7pm & films start at 7.45pm

having lost his house, job and wife. As he attempts to rebuild his life, his new neighbour Tiffany coerces him to become her dance partner. David O Russell's Oscar nominated romantic comedy transcends what could be difficult subject matter. "One of the funniest and most entertaining movies of the year!" Marlow Stern, *Newsweek*.
USA 2012 122 mins

Seven Psychopaths (15) 25 June

Marty is a borderline alcoholic screenwriter struggling to develop his screenplay beyond its title "Seven Psychopaths". A hugely enjoyable, cine-literate black comedy, with a superb cast including Sam Rockwell, Christopher Walken and Woody Harrelson.
UK 2012 110 mins

Lincoln (12A) 2 July

Daniel Day-Lewis won both Oscar and Bafta for his portrayal of the revered US president Lincoln. Directed by Steven Spielberg, this portrays Lincoln's historic struggle, not only against the Confederate army, but also within his own circle as he fights to end slavery in his country.
USA 2012 150 mins

Broken (15) 9 July

The debut feature from award-winning theatre and opera director, Rufus Norris, Broken won Best British Independent Film at the British Independent Film Awards, 2012. A powerful drama revolving around Skunk, an 11-year-old with diabetes, a bothersome condition that impinges on her otherwise seemingly blissful life in a North London suburb. Skunk's life changes after witnessing a violent attack. Beautifully shot, in a kind of trance-like glow.
UK 2012 90 mins

**the SITUATION**

Following the outstanding success of their Big May Birthday all-day event at the Foxlowe Arts Centre on Sunday 5th May, *The Situation* have a fine feast of original local music plus some bands from further afield for Friday 7th June. Headlining are *Go Lazarus*, from Nuneaton, an up-beat alternative/indie trio with a melodic and catchy sound all of their own, currently receiving a huge amount of radio airplay, both in the UK and internationally. *The Rebellion*, are a Stoke-on-Trent based indie band, with a punk/reggae/progressive edge to their sound. Steve Hammersley, The Situation's band-booker, said: "One of the best Stoke bands, and a nice bunch of lads. Come and join the Rebellion!"

Satsuma Elephants are a UK psychedelic blues rock band from Derby, led by Matt Henshaw. Leek combo *Interlinked* are returning for a second visit to *The Situation's* stage after a fantastic reception at their March gig. A rhythmic and melodic alternative rock band from Leek High School, with a large local following. *Erin Spruce*, from Kidsgrove, is opening the event, with a short set of her own material. This will be Erin's first live performance of her delicate, beautiful songs. Tickets £2 are available from the acts, or you can pay on the door. Doors open at 8:30, and the first act will be onstage about 9pm. The show finishes at 11:30pm.



Heather Smith, aka Wiff 'O The Wood, discussing with pledger John Boulton traditional green wood working techniques using recently felled wood in the grounds of the Foxlowe Arts Centre during the working demonstrations over the weekend of Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th May.

Approaching one hundred people witnessed the labour intensive wood-working by hand or on foot operated lathe. Very William Morris: not a sign of machinery and no fear of power cuts or expensive electricity bills!

Tickets for Foxlowe Arts Centre events available:
www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk/tickets

Love Architecture

Inspired by Leek's fine architectural and built heritage, PATRICK REDMOND has created an exhibition celebrating the art of architectural drawing, illustration and photography. The exhibition is sponsored by the RIBA, North Staffs Society of Architects and SMDC and is part of the RIBA's nationwide promotion called *Love Architecture 2013*. Patrick has sourced material on loan or reproduced by licence from the Leek Historical Society, Leek Library and Museum collections, the County Records Office, the Royal Academy and the RIBA Drawings Collections, but he is adamant that the exhibition should not be considered an academic history of the town's fine



buildings but be seen as a journey into the 'Art of Architecture' represented by rarely seen architectural drawings, illustrations and photographs from the town's famous architects and artists such as W. Sugden and Son, Norman Shaw, Gerald Horsley, R T Longdon and W T Venables. The exhibition also includes work which interprets architecture as an art form in itself by some of Leek's and North Staff's contemporary

Foxlowe Garden News

ALISON MCCREA

With tantalising glimpses of summer, the garden is developing and responding well to the rain! Thanks to those who brought snowdrops, herbs and strawberries. Other herbs which would be welcome for use in the kitchen are parsley (flat leaved and curled), thyme and tarragon.

The scrubby trees on the steep bank have now been felled and the wood saved for a variety of uses, one of which was the woodcarving workshop held in the garden in May. Supporters are welcome to collect some of the small branches for pea sticks and kindling. The Wildlife Trust will be installing a fence along the top of the steep slope later this summer, as soon as the wood for the rails and posts has been cut and prepared.



Leek's best min-beast hotel

We would like to remind parents that the slope is potentially hazardous for young children, as are some of the walls, which have a considerable drop on the far side. Children are very welcome to play in the garden but please do not let them climb on the walls or leave them unattended.

The youth project coordinated by the Wildlife Trust, with pupils from Churnet Valley Middle School, completed the min-beast hotel, complete with inserted insect refuges.

If you would like to become involved with the garden or contribute plants, please contact Alison McCrea: 07753 172564

architects, artists and photographers, including Rob Pointon, David Hunt, Daren Roberts, Mark Wood and Charlotte Poole, Fiona Jane Brocklehurst, Brett Trafford and Jon Cruttenden. During the exhibition Patrick will be producing in the gallery a measured architect's drawing of the Foxlowe building and will stage a creative architects design workshop on Saturday 20th July 2013.

The exhibition may inspire us to look at the buildings around us in a new light and view them as works of art in their own right. It will demonstrate the creative process and techniques architects employ, from making a line on paper to the construction of the built environment around us. Architects' plans, sections, elevations and perspective views will show what is now familiar in Leek but was once only a pattern of thought and a fragment of creative minds.

Patrick Redmond is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and a director CTD Architects.

Dr Plotts Amazing Double Event

IAN WILSON music co-ordinator

The Foxlowe Arts Centre will be holding a summer fundraiser entitled *Dr Plott's Amazing Double*

Sunset Music and Beer Festival on the 12th and 13th July 2013. There will be 10 bands performing both staged and acoustic acts over the weekend with music on the Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. The headline acts will be *The Midnight Magic Blues Band* and the *Slippery Hill Boys*. Over 20 local and national beers and ciders will be for sale and there will be a food court on the Terrace selling Festival food including vegetarian options. Entry to the Friday concert will be free as well as Saturday afternoon, however a small cover charge of £3 will apply on the Saturday evening.

The event is in association with the Churnet Valley Railway's *Rail Ale Trail* and a free shuttle bus will operate between the Foxlowe Arts Centre and the Churnet Valley Railway.

Stone Carving Workshop



Colleen Pearson enthused about Andrew Hulme's excellent tutoring and encouragement on the stone-carving weekend workshop on 25 & 26 May. A very popular event, both with participants and scores of interested on-lookers. The picture shows Colleen putting the finishing touches to her dragon with Cliff Deighton at the back and Patrick Redmond gently brushing his incredibly smooth and sensuous piece. Patrick said: "I began with no preconceived idea but with the inspiration of Barbara Hepworth I just let the shape emerge." Anthony Hammond, (page 1) versatile greenwood artist, showed his sculptor's prowess with the Moleanos stone, quarried west of Lisbon. Unfortunately, his magnificent fox remained resolutely aloof.



Come and see the Foxlowe Arts Centre stand at the LEEK SHOW Saturday 27th July 2013 at Birchall.

For full details about our stand:

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