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Tuesday night is film night at the Foxlowe

First film on the 10 week programme, *Jane Eyre*, sold out

By the time this is published, Foxlowe Films will have been launched with the 10 week pilot programme in the refurbished Rainbow Room, with the first film, *Jane Eyre*, completely sold out within two weeks of tickets going on sale.

We're sorry if you were unlucky and didn't manage to pick up a ticket in time, but there are still tickets left for the following 9 weeks.

The next film to be shown is *We Need to Talk About Kevin* which took 3 awards at the 'Kermodes'.

Set up by top UK film critic Mark Kermode as part of BBC2's Culture show, the alternative awards "honour the work of films and filmmakers ludicrously overlooked by the American Academy". *Kevin* took a well deserved Best Actress for Tilda Swinton, as

well as Best Film and Best Director (Lynne Ramsay). With those kinds of accolades it's not a film to be missed. Whilst the subject matter is challenging, the portrayals are sensitive rather than sensationalist.

Just a brief note for those who have bought tickets: access for the films will be from the front door as we've decided it will be safer and easier for everyone.

The Foxlowe Film group is forging ahead with plans to make regular screenings a reality. We want you all to tell us what you think via the feedback forms which will be available at every film. We are in the midst of looking



at other ways of gathering opinions about what people want in terms of cinema/film in Leek. Once we have got a few screenings under our belt and can assess interest, we will be applying for funding to purchase equipment to make regular cinema a reality in Leek.

Tickets for all of the remaining programme are available from Colloco (Sheepmarket), Over the Rainbow (Derby Street), Boardman's Newsagents (Broad Street) and the Foxlowe Gallery, priced at £4 & £3 for concessions.

Watch out for regular updates on the Foxlowe Website, the Facebook site and the notice board in the Foxlowe hallway.

Foxlowe

Films

Tuesday 6 March

We Need to Talk About Kevin (15)

Tuesday 13 March

True Grit (15)

Tuesday 20 March

My Week with Marilyn (15)

Tuesday 27 March

Chico and Rita (15)

Tuesday 3 April

The Inbetweeners (15)

Tuesday 10 April

Son of Rambow (12A)

Tuesday 17 April

In the Hands of the Gods (15)

Tuesday 24 April

Midnight in Paris (12A)

Tuesday 1 May

I am Cuba (PG)

Foxlowe Gallery

The third exhibition opens on Saturday 3rd March and runs to Sunday 8th April

Eight contemporary artists based in Stoke-on-Trent, known collectively as SoTart, exhibit regularly, regionally and nationally, are pleased to have this opportunity to present their work at the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

The exhibition title, 'Past, Present, Future', is responded to and interpreted uniquely by each individual artist, through observed drawings, paintings, photographic images, video, installations, structures and direct audience involvement.

The work on show ranges from the objective study of the changing urban environment. The exhibition notes the passing of time, the concern for what is being threatened, the longevity of customs here and abroad, structures and styles, the universal application of one and the transitoriness, but influencing contribution of the other.

The exhibition hopes to stimulate thoughts and memories about the past, the present and the future, and that art is seen to have a deep and valuable future to be explored and developed to communicate more and more inclusively.

The 4th exhibition entitled CORNUCOPIA will be a selection of professional artists working in different media. It runs from Saturday 14th April to Sunday 20th May.

Artists interested in exhibiting at the Gallery should contact the Exhibitions Co-ordinator, Chris Thompson: 07793 711844

OPEN MEETING to mark the first 6 months' milestone for

Foxlowe's pledgers, donors and volunteers

Monday 2nd April signifies the six month mark for the Foxlowe Arts Centre since the signing of the lease on 1st October 2011.

The trustees are inviting all pledgers, donors and volunteers to a meeting in the Rainbow Room at the Foxlowe on 2nd April. The meeting will start at 7.30pm but the ground floor bar will be open for drinks, including tea and coffee from 6.45pm.

A financial overview of income and expenditure will be presented. The importance of the generous financial support of both pledgers and donors will be highlighted. Without their confidence in our determination and ability to develop the long

longed-for arts centre we would never have been able to launch the Foxlowe Arts Centre. It has been and continues to be a genuinely grassroots community project and therein lies its strength.

Since forming the limited company by guarantee at the end of August last year and signing the 13 months lease on the 1st October we very quickly gathered an enthusiastic, hard-working and inspirational team of co-ordinators, each leading on a specific area, establishing its potential and laying sound foundations for development.

Literally thousands of volunteer hours have poured

into the project, helping to make the building fit for purpose and planning and delivering an increasingly diverse range of activities.

The Centre promises to become not only a showroom for artistic endeavours but an important source of inspiration to all who come into contact with it through the cafe, drama, art, film, music and a whole range of crafts and talks by people with a passion for their subjects.

Of course the first two months of the lease were entirely devoted to the renovation and decoration of the building. Only since the beginning of December with the launch of the cafe and a week later the Gallery have activities developed so it may seem a little premature to initiate a stock-take.

However, we are very keen that the views of the Foxlowe supporters are heard and evaluations, aspirations and visions shared in an on-going, open manner.

The trustees hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come along to the meeting, sharing whatever you feel will be helpful, whether critical or complimentary, in an atmosphere of mutual trust and a shared passion for the successful development of the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

Theatre for all at the Foxlowe

Building on the successful launch of the Foxlowe Youth Theatre

After the fantastic launch of our Youth Theatre Workshops, brilliantly led by Katie White and her team, we move on to something for the adults and older teens.

While we welcome all performance arts groups at the Foxlowe, and hope to attract some professionals as well, our own aim is to form a group who will bring good "studio theatre" to the area.

What do we mean by that? We mean regular, small

scale productions, with the short realistic rehearsal schedules. We mean interesting and challenging drama; some productions in traditional stage format, others in the round. We mean a cafe environment, where, what we expect to become a regular audience can, if they wish, enjoy a meal, a drink or two, the performance and the chance to stay and chat afterwards.

With a highly adaptable lighting rig soon to be generously provided by The Parkside Trust and other improvements in hand, our target must be to have a first production ready for the May Arts Festival. So if you have any interest in amateur theatre, being on stage, back stage, or front of house, do come and join us.

Our Performing Arts Co-ordinator, Fred Jeffries, who will direct the first play, can be contacted on:

07967 154773 or at fredj-foxlowe@hotmail.co.uk.

Please do pass this on to anyone who you think might be interested.

The Foxlowe Arts Centre is an ideal venue for private parties, receptions, business fairs, concerts, talks, meetings and outside Maypole dancing.

To discuss your needs simply contact the chair of trustees, Peter Kent-Baguley, 07773 464626 or email peter@kent-baguley.co.uk, or complete a booking enquiry form at the Foxlowe.

**Packhorse Poets
Foxlowe Cafe
Saturday 10th March
at 7.30pm
together with contributions from
Leek Writers and U3A
creative writing group plus
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