

Foxlowe Workshops

WEAVING for ADULTS

tutor: Alison Daykin
2013 series of five
weekly Thursday classes 7-
9pm

5 x 2hr classes £40:
28 February to 23 May
(not 9 May) &
6 June to 11 July
(not 27 June)

full details from the tutor
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Foxlowe Specials

MODERN JIVE

Experience the excitement
of modern jive at Teresa's
MODERN JIVE CLASSES
Mondays 6.30-8pm
£5 per night includes:
beginners' class
freestyle session with
short intermediate class
full details from
Teresa: 07939 265532

Grassroot Democracy in Leek

at the Foxlowe Arts Centre
commencing
Monday 11th March
7.15-8.45pm

We will seek views through
constructive debate on how
democratic processes can
best be practised and
developed in Leek.
Discussion at this first
meeting will set the
parameters

*We will be non-party and
unsectarian & open to all*

Enquiries: 01538 370067

The Quiet Woman

Hayley's March live music programme

2nd Black Tiger
7th Fazza & Chris
9th Recoil
14th Simon Superstar
16th Absolute Soul
21st Sleeping Lane
23rd Earth Worm Jim
28th Copy Catz
30th White Knuckle Ride

THE QUIET WOMAN
St Edward Street Leek



FAIRTRADE Fortnight fashion show 6pm Foxlowe Arts Centre 28th February

Comedy Club at the Foxlowe Arts Centre

Presented by John Woodhouse
it's been a long wait but laughter finally returns on
Thursday 7th March 7.30-11.30pm
with what must be the best comedy in town!
and then again on Thursday 4th April

Foxlowe Youth Theatre

Early Easter means only 4 sessions in the next half-term:
Saturday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March

After the Easter holiday we return to the run of 6 sessions:
April 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th, 11th & 18th.

Juniors 8-11 yrs 10-11.15am & Seniors 12-15 yrs 11.45am-1pm
Further details telephone the tutor:
LYNNE PAYNE 01538 398501 or 07779096959
New members are always welcome

Foxlowe Gallery

current exhibition ends 3rd March
Next Exhibition Preview 6.30pm FRIDAY 8th March
features PAT BENNETT, ANGELA THOMPSON &
KIERA BENNETT
see page 2

Foxlowe Talks

Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm
Co-founder of the Foxlowe Arts Centre
ROGER WARRILLOW

will present an illustrated talk entitled
LEEK IS SITTING ON A GOLD MINE
How Do We Dig It Up?

Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm
CREATING A NATIONAL QUAKER PEACE MEMORIAL
Sculptor ROSEMARY BARNETT and ANTHONY WILSON
will give an illustrated presentation on the journey from
idea through design, development and delivery of what
will surely become an iconic inspiration for peace
at the heart of the National Memorial Arboretum
at Alrewas, near Lichfield.
*There will be plenty of scope for questions and discussion
at the talks*

Foxlowe Films

See page 2 for programme

Foxlowe Sessions

Friday 8th March 7.30pm
MEL HILL'S FINE & DANDY JAZZ BAND
A journey through the musical landscape of nostalgia.

THE SITUATION at the Foxlowe Arts Centre

Promoting local bands 1st Friday every month
Friday 1st March 8-11.30pm
Gravity Dave, Elly Kingdon and introducing
INTERLINKED at the start of their musical career.

Foxlowe Cafe

Welcoming and relaxed ambience every day 10am - 4pm
Good selection of vegetarian meals and daily meat option
All private parties catered to your requirements.
Contact the Centre Manager, Julie Lyons, 01538 386112

Foxlowe Arts Centre

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Colin Broome
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in and around LEEK

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Leek Town Council's historic confidence vote for Foxlowe Arts Centre

With the near unanimous vote of 9-2 the Leek Town Council voted for an annual grant of £25,000 for three years to support the continued development of community arts at the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

At its January meeting, Cllr John Fisher had proposed that the Council vote an annual grant of £25,000 for three years but after some discussion following Cllr Barry Cowie's suggestion, the Council resolved to invite the trustees of the Foxlowe Arts Centre to explain how the money might be used.

Chair of trustees, Peter Kent-Baguley, with fellow trustees Colin Broome and Roger Warrillow, made a presentation at the start of the February Council meeting.

The first year had demonstrated that indeed there was a need for such a broad-based community arts centre and that it was economically viable on a revenue basis.

The urgent task now, Peter Kent-Baguley explained, was to secure the property, which is itself a magnificent part of Leek's architectural heritage, situated in a significant position overlooking the Market Place.

In order to attract major grants for further developments, either we need to be on the road to ownership or taking a long lease. The trustees do not believe it to be the best use of scarce money to take a 21 years lease which would inevitably include rent increases at intervals, in contrast to a 15 year mortgage where the interest decreases each year as the capital outstanding declines.

"We need just a slither of additional funding for us to comfortably embark on the purchase process." concluded Peter Kent-Baguley.

The trustees withdrew from the meeting after some fifty minutes of questions from the Councillors who later in the evening's debate voted for Cllr Brian Johnson's motion, seconded by Cllr Charlotte Atkins, to support the Foxlowe Arts Centre with a three year grant.

Afterwards Cllr John Fisher said: "I am pleased that Members approached my original proposal in a careful and considered way. It was most helpful for the Council to have the trustees' presentation and the opportunity to put to them a wide range of questions.

"I am especially pleased that there was clear cross-party support. This vote sends a clear message to the people of our town that their Town Council supports the Foxlowe Arts Centre. Hopefully, our support will be a catalyst for more pledges and significant grants from funding bodies."

On hearing the outcome of the vote, Peter Kent-Baguley declared: "Thank you, Town Council, for your confidence and that crucial slither."



Rosemary Barnett: symbol of peace

Note now the ILLUSTRATED TALK of the genesis, growth and completion of a significant symbol of peace to be unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum

WEDNESDAY
20th March 7.30pm
Foxlowe Talks programme

The Pot of Gold : ERICA BROOK reports

Prior to the start of the Foxlowe Arts Centre's first Annual Meeting, people met in the bar for nibbles, drinks, and catch up with friends and colleagues, a happy buzz of chat and smiles.

Volunteers, pledgers and supporters filled the beautiful Rainbow Room to capacity, being a firm endorsement of the many letters published in the Leek Post & Times that week, all in support of the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

As Chair of Trustees, Peter Kent-Baguley stood, the audience changed to attentive silence to receive Peter's warm and appreciative welcome, together with a brief account of the order of the meeting.

Marc Briand, volunteer Web Master and I.T. co-ordinator then summarised the 24pp Annual Report, available for people to explore at greater length after the meeting.

Marc's clear and fluent broad brush approach was necessary with so much to consider: the Foxlowe as the new home of Leek Arts Festival; a hundred musical events during our first year; ten art gallery exhibitions, together with art on display through the café and ground floor; 25,000+ visitors to the café, the hub

of the Centre; workshops and talks over a wide range of heritage, cultural and culinary issues: Film programmes; Youth Theatre on Saturday mornings; the continuing development of the grounds and building; the need for a state of the art, up-to-date informative web site. The volunteers are crucial, as are the pledgers, donors, visitors, workshop tutors; in fact the talent and the commitment of everyone is the heart of the Centre's success: *this is community, this is creativity, this is good.*

Patron, Karen Bradley MP emphasised how important the Foxlowe had become to Leek. Patron, the Mayor Cllr Pam Wood gave a heart felt appreciation of the Foxlowe and everyone involved with it. The concluding appreciation was expressed by Roger Warrillow, who firstly thanked Chair and Trustee Peter Kent-Baguley for his work and leadership of the Foxlowe - the co-ordinators, for all they have given in their different areas, and each and every volunteer for their work and commitment.

Copies of the Annual Report & Accounts are freely available on request but please add £1 for p&p.

FAIRTRADE Fortnight at the Foxlowe Arts Centre

Everyone welcome on
Monday 25th February at 11am
for the launch of Fairtrade fortnight
by the Mayor of Leek, Cllr Pam Wood



FAIRTRADE Fashion Show

THURSDAY 28th February at 6pm
Foxlowe Arts Centre



Marvel at the range of FAIRTRADE clothes available.
Both events jointly promoted by the Co-operative Members' Group, Leek Fairtrade Group and the Foxlowe Arts Centre