



A Royal Affair (15) 23 April
A true story of royal friendship, love and betrayal which shook C18 Denmark, but is little known elsewhere. The effects of a relationship triangle between an unhinged king, his young English queen and the king's doctor who seeks to instigate social reform, changed the political landscape of Europe. An intelligent, literate script is delivered with gusto by a uniformly excellent cast. *Denmark/Sweden/Czech 2012 137 mins*

McCullin (15) 30 April
Don McCullin is one of the legendary names in photo journalism known both for his gut-wrenching war photos and for his work on humanitarian crises. His harrowing images for the Observer and Sunday Times earned him many awards, but also the disapproval of governments around the world as he sought to expose the atrocities that frequently followed in the wake of armed conflicts. This documentary, covering his entire career, is not for the easily shocked; the images are haunting and the interview with McCullin discussing the effects on him of his work make for moving viewing. A truly humbling documentary. UK 2012 91 mins

Amour (12A) 7 May
This year's best foreign film Oscar winner and holder of the 2012 Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or, Amour has garnered universal praise for its examination of the effects of a degenerative disease upon

a comfortable and cultured octogenarian couple, retired classical music teachers savouring their golden years together when Anne suffers a stroke that leaves her partially paralysed. Adapting to the challenge of a changed relationship, their world shrinks and the bond of love is tested in extremis. An incredibly moving tale of devotion - "this is as close to perfection as filmmaking gets." Geoff Andrew, Time Out.

France/Germany/Austria (subtitled) 2012 128 mins

The Lady (12A) 14 May
The story of Burma's democracy movement and the woman at the heart of it. Michelle Yeoh leads as Aung San Su Kyi and David Thewliss as her husband, the academic and writer Michael Aris, who must endure long separations. *France/UK 2011 132 mins*

Les Misérables (12A) 21 May
This adaptation of the long running stage musical based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, from The King's Speech director, Tom Hooper received 8 Oscar nominations. UK 2012 158 mins

Sightseers (15) 28 May
On their first holiday together Chris wants to show Tina this sceptred isle, through a caravan journey taking in Keswick Pencil Museum, the Ribbleshead Viaduct and the rolling countryside beyond. When the eccentric young couple's romantic dreams are challenged by litterbugs, noisy teens and National Trust toffs

something has to be done. Whilst not something the tourist board will be supporting, Sightseers is an enjoyable, pitch-black comedy with a wicked sense of humour. UK 2012 88 mins

Quartet (12A) 4 June
Quartet is a charming, funny and insightful film in which four aging 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

Half Term Children's Matinee
Thursday 30 May 2pm
BRAVE (PG)

A grand adventure full of heart and memorable characters
Tickets heavily subsidised thanks to an anonymous donation
children & adults each £1
USA 2012 100mins

New Co-ordinator

FAY FALLOWS was recently appointed by the trustees to develop the new role of Workshops co-ordinator.

Fay has been tasked with devising an audit of the range of arts and crafts done in schools and to find out what workshops young people would like for the summer holidays. Also, Fay will be producing a draft calendar of workshops for adults for the next six months.



Foxlowe Garden News

The imminent arrival of spring is launching activity in the garden. Foxlowe gardeners will be working this year with the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and local youth groups to improve the appearance of the larger garden area, starting with the installation of a wooden fence between the lawn and the sloping area above the old garages. Our aim is to grow trailing plants such as sweet pea over this, with other plants to follow.

We still welcome donations of plants for the whole garden. Particularly welcome are shade lovers but also herbs that can be used in the kitchen. Now is the time for transplanting snowdrops 'in the green', so we would be glad of any thinnings that can be spared.

Volunteers are always very welcome in the garden, not just for routine maintenance, but also for the new projects that we are planning. Please 'phone Alison: 07753 172564.



The Anti-Capitalist Roadshow is a collective of singers and songwriters: Frankie Armstrong, Roy Bailey, Robb Johnson, Reem Kelani, Sandra Kerr, Grace Petrie, Leon Rosselson, Janet Russell, Peggy Seeger, Jim Woodland plus one socialist magician, Ian Saville.

We are part of the resistance to a capitalism that functions only on behalf of the wealthy, that aims to shrink the public sphere and privatise public services, such as the NHS, and is destructive of the planet.

We are part of another way of looking at the world.

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

Nomads Theatre

presents

Someone Who'll

Watch Over Me

Saturday 18th May 7.30pm



This brilliant play by Frank McGuinness depicts 3 men, Michael an Englishman, Edward an Irishman and Adam an American, thrown together by a hostage crisis. Three very different characters held captive in a cell - how will they cope? Will they die; is anything being done to free them; will they see their loved ones again?

Funny, tender and desperately sad, for a lesson in history and a tribute to the creative spirit but also a really good laugh, this is the play to see.

Nomads Theatre Company formed in 2009 and is made up of experienced, talented and award-winning local amateurs whose aim is to give audiences professional standard theatre. Previous productions have been *Mr Wonderful*, *Nasty Neighbours* and *Talking Heads* at the Daneside Theatre, Congleton.

This season, NOMADS are touring *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me* visiting the Electric Picture House in Congleton and the Buxton Pavilion Arts Centre before arriving in Leek for their first visit to the town.

Foxlowe Arts Centre move: the full story

The overwhelming support at the 15th February Annual Meeting for the Foxlowe Arts Centre to have a stand at this year's Leek Show was backed up by the spontaneous generosity of two pledgers offering to share the cost of the Show fee.

Both pledgers and regular volunteers, David Rushton and Clifford Deighton offered to co-ordinate arrangements for our presence at the show.

David and Clifford will be delighted to hear from people willing to help with a range of tasks, from erecting the tent, setting out various displays, handing out publicity leaflets, greeting visitors to the stand and helping on the Saturday. If anyone would like to volunteer please let us know. Contact details below. Also if you would like to donate or to sponsor our publicity banner, which will be on display at our Show site please let us know, we hope the banner will be used for all Foxlowe Arts Centre events.

And that's the full exclusive story. All help, contributions and suggestions are welcome.

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Scissors and Thread

ERICA BROOK is captivated by the rich and inviting display in the Gallery

The work of Pat Bennett, Angela Thompson and Kiera Bennett in an exhibition curated by Pat and Phil Bennett presents an impressive spectacle of varied skill, and diverse creativity. All three women, a mother and daughter, and lifelong friend have long careers in art education, and all, in their different ways, are concerned with the patient creation of their work through cut-out pieces of paper or material where what is overwhelmingly evident, along with the element of their creativity, are the long hours of application involved in this rich and inviting display.

Pat's presentation of a medley of themes all evoking time past, but time present, are subtle renditions of memory. Sometimes quite abstract, at other times like a visual diary, she builds up her layers of varied paper, snippets of letters, photographs of her family, which evoke one's own response.

The voracious magpie, in the title of the exhibition, with its eye for any jewel, from the humble button to a piece of drift wood, is an apt symbol for Pat's delight in found objects, discarded by many, but made significant by her.

Kiera Bennett's

work cannot be appreciated by the naked eye alone. So popular, we have only a few pieces to appreciate patient application as she places her tiny slivers of paper to create photo-like images which at times, even in these miniatures, have a hint of Hopper. It is always good, in any art exhibition, to see work processes, and influences, where one can spend enjoyable time learning practices and thoughts that make such little gems possible.

Angela Thompson's beautiful patchwork quilts, jackets, wall hangings, and so much more, present a mixture of hand and machine sewn items, where each quilt can take up to three years to complete. As with Pat, Angela's work has, for her, its own memories sewn in, which because of the design and juxtaposition of colour, again invite memories in the viewer.

A good exhibition, accompanied by a range of informative material to place the work in the context of utility and art, skill and creativity, the exhibition runs until 21st April.

Pat Bennett also stewards voluntarily and will be pleased to meet visitors to talk about the work on March 21st, 28th, and April 11th and 18th, from 12noon-2pm.



Following the success of the February Seed Swap, *Transition Leek* are organising more horticultural swaps at the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

The April Seed Swap will be in the Cruso Room from 10.30 am till noon on Saturday 20 April.

There will also be a Seedling Swap in the garden on the 11 May and details will be published in the May ST13.

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