

COMEDY CLUB 1st Thursday every month at the Foxlowe Arts Centre



ROB DEERING HEADLINES OUR 5th NOVEMBER SHOW. Rob has appeared on the likes of TV's Comedy Rocks, Sing If You Can and Celebrity Total Wipeout. He was also the only person in the history of quiz show, The Weakest Link, to win the show without getting a single question wrong. With his friendly self-effacing style he captivates his audience and then using his guitar he gets them on board with a unique mix of songs and idiocy.

Supporting is the jaunty and engaging Danny Ward, winner of 'Amused Moose Laughter Award People's Choice' at the Edinburgh Festival 2013. Entertaining the crowds with his wonderful observations and amusingly sharp comments, his laid-back style and extraordinary structure of words are a breath of fresh air.

JOHN ROBERTSON HEADLINES THE 3rd DECEMBER SHOW with Craig Murray, Cerys Nelmes, Tom Tolson and Lou Conran.

After the JANUARY break the COMEDY SHOW returns 4th FEBRUARY 2016

After 6th NOVEMBER show the SITUATION returns March 2016 1st Friday monthly

Friday 6th November 8.30pm £5 on the door; £4 from the band; £3 from www.wegotickets.co.uk

Showcasing some of the best shoegazers that the UK has to offer. The opening act, playing their first ever live show, are *Dreamwave*, from Stoke-on-Trent - Marc Gibson on vocals/guitar, Daniel Simm - guitar, Gareth Taylor - drums, and joined for this event by Carl on bass. Also from Stoke-on-Trent, *Poliptik*, playing swoopy floaty rock 'n' roll. From Doncaster, the fantastic *93MillionMilesFromTheSun* - Nick Mainline (guitars/effects/vocals), Kenno (bass/effects), Jase Burns (drums/loops) - a full on assault of shoegaze and psychedelic wonders. And headlining, from Wrexham, the ever wonderful *Lights That Change*, Marc Joy's dreampop ethereal wave project, at the very crest of the shoegaze wave

THE DYLAN PROJECT

Friday 27th November 8pm



THE DYLAN PROJECT'S repertoire spans the whole of Dylan's oeuvre - everything from Highway 61 to Mississippi - and new material is frequently brought into the setlist. Whether you are a diehard Dylan fan or just enjoy great songs performed with flair and brio, The Dylan Project will take your breath away. You won't be disappointed.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016

Thursday January 14th Doors open 7.30pm
LIMEHOUSE LIZZY present the greatest hits of Thin Lizzy

Tkts £12 in advance from www.wegotickets.co.uk or at the Foxlowe box office.

JONI TALKS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 19th December 7.30pm

JONI TALKS returns to the FOXLOWE for an unforgettable show that warms the heart. This bound to be another sell-out concert.



BURLESQUE SHOW

Saturday 12th December
Doors open 7.30pm

TIM O'BRIEN

Saturday 30th January 2016

Tim O'Brien is an American country and bluegrass musician. In addition to singing, he plays guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bouzouki & mandocello and released more than ten studio albums.

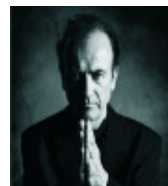
Tickets £12 in advance.

Hugh Cornwell at the Foxlowe 29th November 2015

Hugh Cornwell is one of the UK's finest songwriting talents and accomplished live performers, so it is a major coup to have secured him for the Foxlowe. We have struck a deal with the gig cartel, so expect more great acts to follow. Hugh is the original guitarist, singer and main

songwriter in the British rock band *The Stranglers*. He's enjoyed massive success with 10 hit albums and 40 top Forty singles, with songs, including *Peaches*, *No More Heroes*, *Golden Brown*, *Nice N' Sleazy*, *Always the Sun* and *Duchess*. Cornwell's latest studio album *TOTEM AND*

TABOO was released to rave reviews. Recorded at Electrical Audio Studios in Chicago, the album was engineered and mixed by the legendary Steve Albini. Get your tickets now as we have not too many left!
www.wegotickets.co.uk or at the Foxlowe box office £20.



5 ACTS ALL FOR £9 IS AMAZING VALUE.

Foxlowe Cafe & Catering for Private Functions



Welcoming and relaxed ambience every day 10am - 4pm
Good selection of vegetarian meals and daily meat option.
We cater for all kinds of private parties.
Contact the Centre Manager, Vicki Heath: 01538 386112



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CENTRE OPENING

Apart from special events the Arts Centre is closed on Sundays except for the FIRST SUNDAY MONTHLY

we are closed on
Christmas Day
Boxing Day
Sunday 27th December
Monday 28th December
OPEN
Tuesday 29th
Wednesday 30th
Thursday 31st
CLOSED

1st to 4th January 2016
open as usual from the 5th

REGULAR COMEDY CLUB @ the FOXLOWE 1st THURSDAY MONTHLY

November - December 2015

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VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL

National recognition for Foxlowe Films at major awards ceremony presented to volunteer Sheena Barnes



Together, we did it!

The trust of hundreds of pledgers, volunteers and supporters invested in the Foxlowe Arts Centre creative adventure is being rewarded with ever more major milestones. On the 1st of September we started the second year of our fifteen year mortgage. Finding £7,750 each month for the mortgage was a major challenge, but we did it!

To give everybody a clear idea of how the £90,000 capital and interest payments of £7,730 monthly were achieved in the 2014/15 financial year, which ended 31st October, the following may be helpful: £25,000 from pledgers covers 3.3 months; £17,500 cafe & bar profits 2.3 months; £15,000 from fund-raising events 2 months; £2,500 donations & grants 1 month and £25,000 from the Leek Town Council 3.3 months.

The Town Council's three-year annual grant is now in its second year, so our income plan is designed to ensure that we can cover those vital three and a third months mortgage payments from the beginning of year 4 which starts 1st August 2017. By then the monthly repayments will be further reduced to £7,000.

Our income targets for 1st August 2017 are as follows: the monthly payments in our second year are a little easier, a mere £7,500 per month! The work of the recently established Pledgers and Volunteers Recruitment & Retention Working Group should yield an additional net 30 pledgers and the plan to develop the top floor of the Foxlowe into a Creative Hub with a number of rented workspaces will yield a minimum £7,500. Cafe and bar profits should have increased to £21,000 and fund-raising events from £15,000 to £21,000. In summary mortgage repayments:

Anyone wishing to have more detail or discuss anything at all about the governance of the Foxlowe PLEASE ASK: there are no secrets!	Mortgage Year 1 (2014/15)		Year 4 (2017/18)	
	Town Council	3.3	25,000	-----
	Pledgers	3.3	25,000	4
	Cafe & Bar	2.3	17,500	3
	F/R Events	2	15,000	3
	Donations	1	7,500	1
	Creative Hub	-----	7,500	1
	Totals:	12	90,000	12
				85,000

Trustee Derek Tatton, Guardian of the Bucket, Books and Boxes reports that since January the Collection Boxes in the Hall and the Bar have raised £403.42p and we are on course to raise over £500 by 31st December.

The notice above the Collection Box in the Hall stated when it was installed that: *if everyone visiting the Foxlowe put just £1 in the box, over £20,000 would be contributed in a year.* That was a big 'if' and no-one really expected that sum to be raised, of course. Nevertheless, the £500 is encouraging. Some have put £5 and £10 notes in the boxes, a strong indication of positive anonymous support for our Arts Centre.

£200 from the Boxes paid for urgently needed equipment for the GatewaySHED when no other funds were available to take that important Foxlowe project forward. £300 will now support improvements to *The William Morris Room*.

New notices and promotion for the Collection Boxes, with a repeat emphasis, that: *if from 1 January 2016 everyone visiting the Foxlowe put just £1 in a Box, the £20,000 raised would not only underwrite the projected income streams above but hopefully contribute towards match funding for a significant Grant application now being developed.*

The Foxlowe Arts Centre is, *is in reality*, the Pledgers, Volunteers and Supporters: each are mutually inter-dependent with each vitally and equally important. This is a grassroots, communitarian project, flourishing because people want it not because it has been provided by some remote, anonymous bureaucratic body. Like all pioneering developments it needs a clear vision and firm governance which will sustain existing contributors and encourage more and more pledgers, volunteers and supporters.

Peter Kent-Baguley, chair of trustees.



Upper Gallery: rich exhibition of little textile gems, sweeping windswept landscapes of dramatic colour and simplicity, contrast with colourful, complex up-close almost claustrophobic paintings and stunning photographs, some nine feet wide. (see page2)

Generous Legacies

We are indebted to Leek Post & Times for its ongoing coverage of the Foxlowe Arts Centre's activities. The paper's recent report of the development of our exciting GatewaySHED workshop led to some very positive feedback.

Former long-standing SMDC Councillor, Sheila Edwards of Forsbrook and her retired husband invited Cliff Deighton to go over with Tommy, the Foxlowe's 'honorary' transport with the Chair at the wheel to collect a treasure trove of tools. In all, Mrs Edwards served on the SMDC for almost thirty years and clearly hasn't lost her communitarian commitment.

Just prior to going to press, Mary Rayner of Endon telephoned and again Cliff and PKB took Tommy and returned with a workbench and range of incredibly useful and high quality tools. Her late husband had been an engineer and spent much of his retirement creating with wood and built up a wide range of tools in a well organised workshop.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs Cynthia Hill and Mrs Christine Ball, executors for the late Mr Herbert Spearing, who directed that the residue of his estate be distributed amongst local charities to be selected by his two executors.

As a result of Cynthia and Christine's support of the Foxlowe Arts Centre we received a cheque for the magnificent sum of £2,500.

FINAL REMINDER

7pm MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2015
End of year General Meeting for all Pledgers, Volunteers & Supporters
we look forward to seeing you