

JANUARY

Thursday 14th Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm Tickets £8
**LIMEHOUSE LIZZIE presents the
GREATEST HITS OF THIN LIZZY**

Saturday 23rd 7.30pm Tickets £25
FOXLOWE ARTS CENTRE HOSTS ITS FIRST
BURNS' NIGHT DINNER DANCE

Celebrating the life and poetry of Robert Burns, the evening will include a traditional Scottish three course supper with Queen of the Moorlands whisky. The haggis will be piped in by Steve Plumber and there will be speeches, toasts and recitals of Burns' poems and a lively ceilidh, dancing to the music of popular local band *Cuckoo's Nest*. To order a vegetarian meal, contact Pauline Hart on 07753 325760.



Saturday 30th Doors open 7.30pm
Tickets £12 in advance
BIDDULPH UP IN ARMS PRESENTS
TIM O'BRIEN

Tim O'Brien is an American country and bluegrass musician. In addition to singing, he plays guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bouzouki & mandocello and has released more than ten studio albums and won a Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album for *The Earls of Leicester*. The Wall Street Journal has characterized O'Brien's work as "classic-sounding material stamped with his own perceptive personality."

FEBRUARY

Thursday 4th Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8.30pm Tickets £9
LEEK'S SECRET COMEDY CLUB RETURNS
DAMIAN CLARK headlining

Aussie boy Damian Clark burst onto the UK comedy circuit in 2012 where his high-octane observational stand up has certainly caused some waves. Clark's infectious energy and childlike outlook has audiences in hysterics from the get-go and was snapped up immediately to appear on BBC3 & Comedy Central. Sam Avery supports with Masai Graham and Simon Wozniak with compere Lou Conran.

Friday 12th 7.30pm Tickets £5
THE FAB NEW ACT ON THE CIRCUIT
THE JONI MITCHELL SONGBOOK
PRESENTED BY
SARAH MILLER & AIDAN GOLDSTRAW

Wednesday 24th 7.30pm Tickets £10
RABBIT THEATRE PRESENTS
DRACULA

"The story flies along, each moment is refined and calculated, not dragging for a second, and it is impossible not to be enraptured by the world that Harvey and Myne, with the aid of delightfully simple props, have created. It's a terrific show, charming, funny, beautifully told, and suitably scary. Stoker's gothic novel has been perfectly pared down by writer Andrew McPherson, sharply directed by Simon Harvey, and Myne's performance is exquisite: a masterclass in the telling of tales, it needs to be seen."

Ciaran Clarke: *Arts End of Nowhere*

Friday 26th Doors open 7.30pm
Tickets £8
BIDDULPH UP IN ARMS PRESENTS
HUNTER AND THE BEAR

Hunter And The Bear's love of classic rock bands like Lynyrd Skynyrd and The Band shines through in both their song-writing and live performance - a powerful blend of folk, rock and country, with strong vocal harmonies and soaring guitar lines.

MARCH

Friday 4th March 2016 7.30pm
the SITUATION returns to that all important 1st Friday of the month date which has built up a great following of up-and-coming local music talent alongside great musicians and great music already up and come!

Thursday 17 March 7.30pm Tickets £10
West Midlands-based Pentabus Theatre Company in association with Salisbury Playhouse present *This Land*, with financial assistance of the *Live & Local* West Midlands Arts organisation.

Foxlowe Cafe & Catering for Private Functions



Welcoming and relaxed ambience Monday-Saturday 10am - 4pm
First Sunday monthly 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



The Foxlowe Arts Centre is a Limited Company by Guarantee: 07757326 and a Registered Charity: 1144382
Trustees : Peter Kent-Baguley (chair), Marc Briand, Colin Broome, Andy Norton, Derek Tatton, and Chris Thompson.

Foxlowe Arts Centre Co-ordinators

All co-ordinators are volunteers. Each has a number of volunteers helping with the work. Volunteers are always welcome at the Foxlowe. However much time you are free to offer your help will be most welcome. Whatever your skills there will be a task to match!
Please contact the Volunteers co-ordinator
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Minutes of the meetings of the trustees and copies of the trust's annual accounts are available in the box file in the first floor vestibule of the Heritage and William Morris Room

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HOW EASY IT IS!

Local shoppers are urged to support the Foxlowe Art Centre's Community Shed project, simply as they go about their normal shopping in the New Year.

Cliff Deighton volunteer co-ordinator of the Gateway Shed, currently being developed in the grounds of the Foxlowe Arts Centre, is delighted that it is one of the three charities supported by Waitrose's Community Matters fund during January.

Cliff said: "We encourage everyone who shops at Waitrose in Leek during January to put their green token in the Gateway Shed box as they leave and thus help to raise funds for the Foxlowe's latest exciting project."

Susan Booth, Waitrose Community Matters officer at Leek said: "Each month we invite our shoppers to place their green token in one of the three charity boxes. Each month the store's £1,000 community fund is divided between the three charities in proportion to the number of green tokens each receives."

The Gateway Shed will be offering a place for people to come together to work on individual or community projects, where members share the tools and resources they need to learn new skills and work on projects of their own choosing at their own pace, in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue.

Cliff Deighton added: "Supporters and volunteers have been working hard on renovating the derelict garage space into a workshop. A number of people have donated a wide range of tools and that has saved a great deal of money. We hope the Community Matters funding will be a major share of the cost of installing electricity."

Foxlowe chair of trustees, Peter Kent-Baguley, said: "We are exceedingly grateful to Waitrose for nominating the Gateway Shed as one of their charities selected for January.

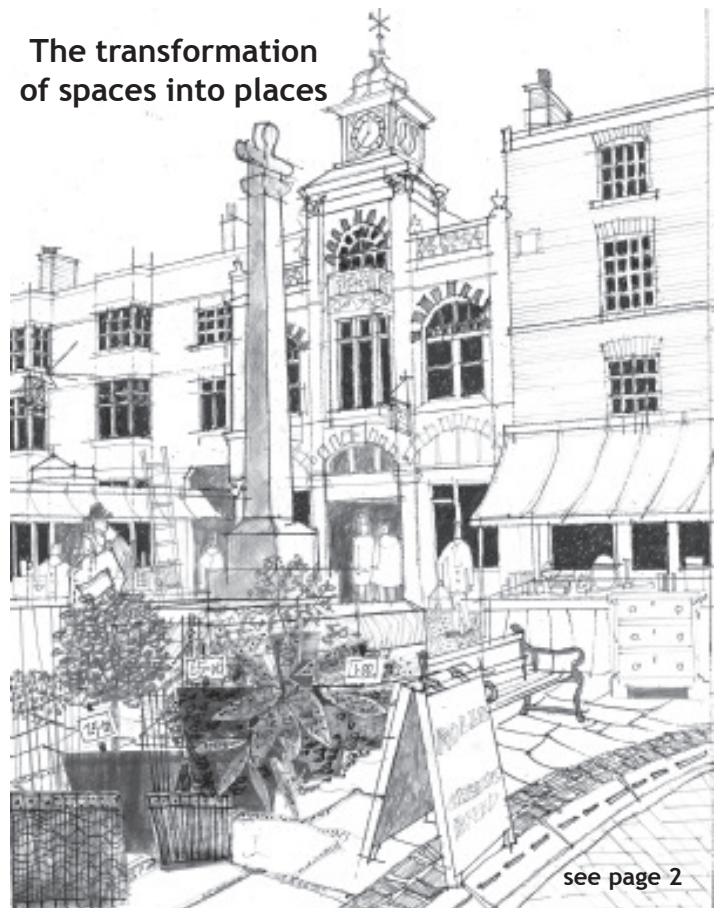
"The name not only locates its position but also suggests an entrance to new interests, new skills and new friendships.

"Each time you shop at Waitrose, however much or little you spend, you receive a green token. This really must be the easiest way of giving money, simply by spending what you would have spent anyway!"

The next informal Gateway Shed meeting for both those already involved and for anyone interested in knowing more about this exciting new workshop is in the Foxlowe Arts Centre cafe at 3pm on Tuesday 26th January.

People are also welcome to call into the Shed any Tuesday between 10-12am or Saturday 10am-1pm when the Shedders are on site. On line, the Gateway Shed Facebook page records the renovation progress. Telephone 07423 471 018 for more details.

The transformation
of spaces into places



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Professional Theatre Programme at the Foxlowe for 2016

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new stage to the Centre's already busy range of events: a programme of professional theatre. Two productions are already arranged, one in February and one in March, with plans for a programme throughout the year.

The first show, brought by Rabbit Theatre, is a new version of *Dracula*, in a fine adaptation of Bram Stoker's Gothic masterpiece. Creating "theatre at its most accessible, at its heart a performance that astounds and delights in equal measure", actor Dave Mynne was a founder member of the Cornish international touring theatre company, *Kneehigh*. *Dracula* plays at the Foxlowe on Wednesday 24 February.



The second show, *This Land*, on Thursday 17 March is created by West Midlands-based Pentabus Theatre Company in association with Salisbury Playhouse. It's a piece of new writing which digs down through the history, and the future, of a patch of earth and everything that has and will happen there: including, possibly, fracking.

These shows are subsidised by *Live & Local*, the not-for-profit arts organisation working across Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, enabling communities to enjoy high quality, affordable and professional live performances. *Live & Local* receives financial support from Arts Council England, Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

Season of Goodwill and Generosity

It is incredibly heart-warming and a great encouragement that goodwill and generosity continues to grow for the Foxlowe. Almost £1,000 appeared in the Foxlowe bank account without any prior notice and it was only after a little detective work aided by the redoubtable Foxlowe pledger and indefatigable supporter Liz Bradshaw that revealed it was the bequest of a regular supporter of the Foxlowe, the late Mrs Eleanor Calder of Leek.

In the spirit of the Queen's Christmas message, that it is better to light a candle than to complain about the dark, Sandra Walker, sourced

some smart and comfortable chairs to replace the hotch-potch wood ones in the Function Room and having checked with Music Co-ordinator Andy Norton 150 chairs were duly donated and delivered. "How fab was that?" exclaimed Andy. Not only are Sandra and husband John assured comfortable seats at the Comedy Club and other events but so are 148 other people!

Santa made an early Christmas Eve start at the Foxlowe, stopping to pop £280 in crisp notes into the Entrance Hall collection box. How wonderful! A huge thank you to the anonymous donor.