



## Folk at the Foxlowe

Cuckoo's Nest Folk Club, which organises the folk offerings at the Foxlowe Arts Centre, has enlisted Fairport Convention's Chris Leslie as the special guest for the next Folk At The Foxlowe on Thursday November 9. With doors opening at 7.30pm for an 8pm start, the regular Folk At The Foxlowe slots take place in the first floor Rainbow Room at the Foxlowe. Tickets for the Chris Leslie evening are £12. Plus this winter will see special Folk at the Foxlowe concerts taking place in the ground floor function room. First up will be the Urban Folk Quartet performing on Thursday November 23 followed by The Dylan Project on Thursday December 14. For further information about the above folk events and to purchase tickets call the Cuckoo's Nest box office: 01538 385260 or pop into the Foxlowe itself.

## Laughter and song



November's gig offering at the Foxlowe Arts Centre will start off with the regular monthly comedy night on Thursday November 2 featuring Jonny Awsum, Steve Shanyaski, Adam Riley and Tom Short. This will be followed by a sell-out show by comedy legend Phil Jupitus on Saturday November 4.

There will be a wide range of music on offer on Sunday November 5 when Pilgrims' Way present their new album and show featuring Tom Kitching. The evening will be packed full of 'highwaymen, robbers, and brigands' as Pilgrims' Way tell their stories through traditional English folk song and 1980s disco. Incorporating over 40 instruments, a dozen songs, and a riotous feel-good energy throughout – the powerhouse five piece arrangements are set to send audience members home dancing. Tickets are priced at £12.

The following weekend, on Friday November 10, the genre of music on offer at the Foxlowe will turn to rock with the Norfolk 5-piece band Bad Touch as part of their headline tour with special guest Mollie Marriott. Tickets are £14 with doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Another one-off comedy special will see an evening with Gervase Phinn on Saturday November 18 at 7.30pm. Tickets to see the former teacher and school inspector on stage at the Foxlowe are priced at £17.50.

Keith James will be in concert at the Foxlowe with the songs of Leonard Cohen on Friday November 24 at 8pm (tickets £12); while the three-piece acoustic act of Ferocious Dog will be bringing 'deeply personal lyrics, infused with folk, rock, reggae and Celtic vibrations' on Saturday November 25 at 8pm. Tickets £11.

The December slot of Leek Comedy Club will take place on Thursday December 7 and will feature Justin Moorhouse, Jake Lambert, Freddie Farrell, and Mark Woodrow. Tickets for monthly comedy club are £10 with doors opening at 7.30pm for a 8.30pm start.

To find out more about any of the above gigs/shows and to purchase tickets go online to [www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk](http://www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk)

## Big screen events programme

The volunteer team at Foxlowe Films has a range of movies lined up for over the winter season. First up for the month of November will be the 12A rated Frantz on November 7, followed by After The Storm (PG) on November 14; Churchill (PG) on November 21; and Fences (12A) on November 28. In December the screenings will include: Maudie (12A) on December 5; and The Other Side of Hope (12A) on December 12. Foxlowe Films take place on Tuesday evenings with doors opening at 7pm and the screenings start at 7.45pm. Tickets are £5. Meanwhile Foxlowe Documentaries will also be offering two 'movie' nights over the next two months. There will be the 12A rated The Coming War On China on Wednesday, November 1, followed by The Yes Men Are Revolting on Wednesday, December 6. Screenings start at 7.45pm.



## 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.

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## Foxlowe Arts Centre Co-ordinators

All co-ordinators are volunteers. Each has a number of volunteers helping with work in their area. Volunteers are always welcome at the Foxlowe Arts Centre. However much time you are free to offer, your help will be most welcome. Whatever your skills there will be a task to match!  
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## Crucial importance of centre pledgers

In the past two editions of the ST13 newsletter we have, through a new feature, recognised two of our many valuable volunteers – all of whom without, the Foxlowe Arts Centre would not be as it is today.

In this November/December 2017 edition we are recognising another, just as valuable and appreciated, group of people – our pledgers.

The Foxlowe Arts Centre is blessed with the committed support of pledgers who provide consistent financial support via monthly donations. We are dependent on this certainty of income to develop the Foxlowe into the future.

Founder trustee Peter Kent-Baguley said: “Without those all-important pledges, Colin Broome, Roger Warrillow and I would never have dared to launch the idea of a community arts centre based at the Foxlowe.

“We cannot acknowledge often enough the crucial importance of the financial support pledgers provide for the continued existence of the Foxlowe Arts Centre together with the invaluable work all volunteers give.

“As I have said many times, without pledgers and volunteers the Foxlowe would not exist. That importance is underlined by the fact that the pledgers’ annual total of £25,000 plus some £5,000 associated Gift Aid pays for four months’ mortgage.

“That is the single, largest income stream for the mortgage which is now approaching the half-way point in the fourth of its fifteen years’ term.”

Tessa Abberley is one of the many much valued pledgers. She said: “I have been a pledger since the beginning of the thinking that the people of Leek could create, run and develop an Arts and community centre for the town. I remember signing a piece of paper well before the arts centre existed to confirm I supported, what some thought was a crazy, pie in the sky idea that would never come to fruition.

“I think the benefits to the town are many and will continue to grow as new ideas and suggestions for the use of the building are taken up.”

Tessa added: “The Foxlowe is a place for the community and I for one am happy to pledge the cost of a cup of coffee each week to keep this crazy successful place at the centre of the town.”

Fellow pledger Gerald Mee said: “I was a Foxlowe pledger from the start and pay my contribution by a quarterly standing order from the bank.

“I have been interested in the Foxlowe Arts Centre since its inception and have made a video record of developments through all stages of its on going restoration.

“I was also instrumental in setting up Foxlowe Films in the upstairs room which was converted into a small cinema and meeting room.”

Local councillor Charlotte Atkins is also a Foxlowe pledger. She said: “I started pledging because I wanted to be part of a project which has not only created a local hub for arts, music film and comedy but also a friendly place to meet socially.

“It has been great seeing the Foxlowe go from strength to strength and become the reason why people visit and even move to Leek.

“The Foxlowe would not be the same without the pledgers as it embeds the centre within the heart of our local community.”

If you would like to be a pledger please call 01538 386112 or visit [www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk](http://www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk).

## Festive fun at the Foxlowe

Staff and volunteers at the Foxlowe Arts Centre will be joining in on Leek's festive extravaganza on Friday November 17.

The community-run venue will be additionally opening it's cafe doors between 6pm and 9pm during the Leek Christmas Lights Switch On Event to offer visitors a range of refreshment. The Foxlowe team will also be hosting a stall within the Totally Locally Market in Leek's Market Place during the family festive event including members of the Gateway Shed who will be offering a range of hand-made wooden gifts for sale.

Opening times of the Foxlowe during the festive period will be as normal except that the venue will be open additionally on Christmas Eve (Sunday December 24) between 10am and 2pm; and will then be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day as well as Wednesday December 27.

The venue will then be back open on Thursday December 28 through to, and including, Saturday December 30. It will then be closed for a further three days from Sunday December 31 through to Tuesday January 2 before being back open for 2018 from Wednesday January 3.

The Gateway Shedders will be displaying wooden gifts they have created in the Foxlowe Cafe, which will be available for purchase, in the run up to Christmas.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from everyone at the Foxlowe Arts Centre!**

## Sixth annual meeting date set for December

Pledgers, volunteers and supporters are cordially invited to the Sixth Pledgers, Volunteers and Supporters General Meeting at the Foxlowe Arts Centre on Wednesday December 13 at 7pm.

Trustees will be sharing the draft accounts for our financial year just ended: November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017; along with brief reports, business plan and a time for questions and answers.