



Glorious theatre

The Foxlowe Arts Centre's inventive professional theatre season continues with two shows in February. "Mirror, Mirror" is a gloriously mischievous take on the popular Snow White story beloved by generations of children. This new version of the timeless tale combines beautiful puppets, captivating puppets and mesmerising sign language.

It is brought to Leek by Red Earth, a company with a stellar reputation for touring deaf-inclusive work for small children. This puppet show follows up the wonderful "Shoe Kangaroo and the Big Bad Boot" at The Foxlowe which was so nearly a sell-out last January. Mirror Mirror will be at the Foxlowe on Friday February 2, is aimed at audiences from four years up, and the show will start at 5.30pm – nicely scheduled between tea time and bed time.

Following that, "Points of Echoes" is an exciting, unexpected and uncanny dance theatre tale with two performers for adults and youngsters aged 15 plus. The show tells the story of love, death and monsters and is set on a remote lighthouse. This will be performed at the Foxlowe on Saturday, February 10. The current theatre season at The Foxlowe finishes on Thursday March 15 with "Here I belong", a compelling and realistic two person play set in a close-knit village following the changing life of Elsie as she celebrates four birthdays over the course of 60 years. This is brought by Shropshire-based Pentabus returning to Leek after last year's successful "This Land".

Gig the winter blues away

There are a number of comedy and music nights on offer over January and February to help keep the winter blues away. The ever-popular Funhouse Comedy Club will be bringing it's 'Snow Special' evening to the Foxlowe stage on Thursday Jan 4. Comedians set to take to the stage are: Andrew Bord, Roger Monkhouse, Ashley Frieze, Rob Mitchell and the compere for the evening will be Sam Harland.

There will also be the monthly comedy night at the Foxlowe on Thursday February 1 with acts to be confirmed. Doors open for the Leek Comedy Nights at 7.30pm for an 8.30pm. Tickets are £10 in advance and available from the Foxlowe Gallery.

Kicking off the music gigs at the Foxlowe for 2018 will be the welcome return of Limehouse Lizzy on Thursday January 18 at 7.30pm. Limehouse Lizzy continues to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy alive, well and dominating stages worldwide.

Tickets for Limehouse Lizzy at the Foxlowe are £14. Then on Saturday February 24, U2UK – The U2 Tribute Show will be performing at the Foxlowe Arts Centre. Acclaimed to be Europe's Premiere U2 Tribute Show, U2UK have won the hearts of U2 fans all over by performing in Europe and beyond, including at U2's after show party at the Heineken Stadium for two consecutive nights on the Dutch leg of the Vertigo Tour. Performing songs spanning four decades of some of the greatest rock anthems ever written, U2UK recreates the most captivating moments of the tours which have earned U2 their reputation as 'The World's Greatest Rock Band'. Tickets to see U2UK at The Foxlowe are priced at £10. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.45pm start. Looking ahead into the month of March, The Joni Mitchell Songbook will be at the Foxlowe on Saturday March 3. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

For further information and to purchase tickets for any of the above events, go online to www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk.



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! Please contact the Volunteers' co-ordinator Marion Fenton: 07974 063674 or email Marion via: volunteers@foxloweartscentre.co.uk

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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



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Catering for all 'event'uality

From hosting a small business meeting through to a large wedding – the Foxlowe can cater for many different events.

And not only does the community-run building have a multitude of rooms on offer to hire, but we also have a fantastic team of dedicated staff and volunteers who work very hard to ensure that every event and activity at the Foxlowe runs smoothly.

Centre Manager Vicki Heath said: "The hiring of rooms at the Foxlowe has really picked up. In particular it is a popular venue for weddings, parties and functions. We already have one month in 2018 when the function room is already hired out for all of its Saturdays."

"We have rooms small and intimate enough for meetings for eight people up to being able to offer a function room for 100 plus people sitting or 200 plus standing and we can offer these rooms from an hour up to a whole day.

"We get a variety of events and activities taking place here at the Foxlowe from business meetings and open days to private parties and community events."

Anyone wishing to book a room at the Foxlowe can call 01538 386112, email hello@foxloweartscentre.org.uk or pop in and ask for Vicki.



Heart of the Foxlowe

Although there are so many valuable and wonderful aspects about the Foxlowe Arts Centre which keeps it ticking away, some may agree that it's the cafe which is the venue's beating heart.

Open Monday through to Saturday, plus every first Sunday, from 10am and 4pm, the Foxlowe Cafe offers a wide variety of drinks, snacks through to full meals. All are freshly prepared in the Foxlowe's kitchen using fresh ingredients and many which are locally sourced.

The latest editions to the menu are the ever-growing in popularity Premium Sandwiches. They not only look and taste great but are also named after a number of famous people who had connections with our lovely market town of Leek.

The best-seller is the Arthur Nicholson which is avocado, mango chutney and cashew/pine kernels with baby spinach and rocket leaves.

Centre manager Vicki Heath leads the team of staff and volunteers in the Foxlowe Cafe. She said:

"We have a great team of staff and volunteers who work well together. That's what I love about working here – everybody is always helping each other out. No person does just one job.

"We have a really happy team and for me, who has worked in various establishments in the hospitality trade over the past 25 years, this is the best place I have ever worked."

Vicki added: "We are always on the look out for more volunteers to join the team, in particular for front of house roles. Even if volunteers can only spare an hour a week, their help would be most appreciated.

"Perhaps there are people who already volunteer in helping another aspect of the Foxlowe Arts Centre who would like to learn new skills in the cafe and/or kitchen – they would also be most welcomed."

The specials on offer at the Foxlowe Cafe are ever-changing and see visitors enjoy the fruits of cook Ruth Hart's labour. She said: "We have a range of specials from Cheese and Onion Pie to Chicken Curry with Rice, and from Chilli Con Carne to Sweet Jacket Potato with Feta and Olives."

And there are a multitude of hot drinks on offer to help keep those January and February blues away – from speciality tea to filter coffee and from hot chocolate to the venue's speciality 'The Fox'.

And this new year we want to give our supporters the chance to try out one of these hot beverages free with the below voucher. Spend £6 or more on a meal any Thursday in January and get a hot drink free! Terms and conditions apply as per the voucher. Enjoy!

FREE HOT DRINK

when you spend £6 or more on a meal in the Foxlowe Cafe at the Foxlowe Arts Centre in Leek.

This voucher is for a regular sized hot drink and is valid any Thursday between midday and 3pm during January 2018.

If you receive the ST13 digitally, please print out this voucher, or pick up a relevant hard copy of the ST13 from the Foxlowe – subject to availability.

This voucher is not valid in conjunction with any other offer and is subject to availability.

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Submissions welcome

This bi-monthly ST13 newsletter is published to keep Foxlowe pledgers, volunteers, visitors and other supporters informed on what's going on at the Georgian building and gardens.

Is there anything about the Foxlowe Arts Centre that you would like to see reported on in the ST13? Does your group use the venue for meetings and/or events that you would like to have promoted in this newsletter? Please get in touch with our editor Belinda at hargreavespr@outlook.com

Submissions deadline for the next March/April edition is Monday February 12.

The Foxlowe Arts Centre also has a regularly updated website at www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk.



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