



Round-up of what's on at the Foxlowe Arts Centre

Wednesday May 16

Foxlowe Talk 7.30pm. The Biggest Aspidistra in the World by Phil Brough. Free admission.

Saturday May 19

Plant Share 11am-2pm. In addition to plants and seedlings, there will be cakes, jams and chutneys.
The Situation's 7th Birthday Bash 5pm-11pm. Two stages, nine bands. Admission £6.

Tuesday May 29

Half Term Film 2pm. With Paddington 2 (PG). Admission £2.

Friday June 22

Notflix Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. A five-star show from Edinburgh Fringe. Tickets: £12/£10.

Sunday June 24

Great Get Together Midday-10.30pm. A music and picnic day in memory of the late Jo Cox, hosted by Peace Through Folk. Details: 07805 529492.

Ongoing and regular events

Gallery Exhibitions: 'Textile Tectonics' until May 12. Then 'Animal, Vegetable, Mineral' from May 19 until June 30. Foxlowe Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday between 10am until 4pm. Free admission.

Foxlowe Films Doors open at 7pm for 7.45pm start at the Foxlowe Arts Centre. May 1: Maudie (12A), May 8: Call Me By Your Name (15), 15: The Florida Project (15), May 22: Baby Driver (15), May 29: A Fantastic Woman (15), June 5: The Post (12A), June 12: Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri (15) tbc, June 19: Darkest Hour (PG) tbc, June 26: The Shape of Water (PG) tbc. Admission £5.

Qigong Classes Twice monthly classes in the Rainbow Room from 10am-11.30am. £10 per class. Details: www.threetreasureqigong.co.uk

Tickets for most events at the Foxlowe Arts Centre are available from the Gallery (opening times: Wed to Sat 10am-4pm and 11am-4pm on first Sunday of the month). Also at www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk

Leek Arts Festival events

Wednesday May 2

The Lemon Tree (Film) at 7.30pm. Free event.

Thursday May 3

Funhouse Comedy Club 7.30pm for 8.30pm. £10.

Saturday May 5

TRADarr. 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets £20.

Leek Open Studios Pick up a map from the Foxlowe Arts Centre. 10am-4pm. Free event around Leek.

Thursday May 10

Barbara Dickson 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets £25.

Saturday May 12

Folk Day 12.30pm – 5pm. Free event.

Evening Ceilidh 8pm. Tickets £5 from venue.

Thursday May 17

Fairport Convention 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets £25.

Friday May 18

Aerynn 8pm for 8.30pm. Tickets £7.

Thursday May 24

Birmingham Conservatoire Folk Ensemble Doors open 8pm for 8.30pm start. Tickets £15.

Friday May 25

Climax Blues Band 8pm for 8.30pm. Tickets £15.

Saturday May 26

Nearly Dan Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £14 in advance (£16 on door).

Thursday May 31

Dear Chocolate Soldier Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £12/£10.

Friday June 1

The Peak District Big Band 8pm. Tickets £7.50.

Saturday June 2

Demon Doors open 8pm for 8.30pm. Tickets £15.

Tuesday June 5

Funhouse Comedy Club 7.30pm for 8.30pm. £10.

Friday June 8

Aaron Calvert Doors open 7.15pm. Tickets £12.

Thursday June 14

Cuckoo's Nest Folk Club Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. With The Lost Will and Testament of Jake Thackery by John Watterson. Tickets £12.

Saturday June 16

Definitely Mightbe / Adored: Madchester

Revisited 8pm for 8.30pm start. Tickets £12.

For further information about, and to purchase tickets for any of the above events, plus to see what else is going on in town for this year's Leek Arts Festival, visit www.leekartsfestival.co.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 able 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.org.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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National and local acts for festival gigs

The Leek Arts Festival, which got underway in April, has already seen stand-up star Tom Allen performing his witty and disparaging one-man show 'Absolutely' at the Foxlowe Arts Centre, and another top act for this year's festival, Scottish songstress Barbara Dickson, will be making a welcome return to the same stage on May 10.

Other key names in the 2018 Festival programme, who are set to appear on the Foxlowe stage, include: the ever popular Fairport Convention; TRADarr; Climax Blues Band; and local favourites Demon whose 2018 appearance at Leek Arts Festival marks the 35th anniversary of the release of their ground-breaking album *The Unexpected Guest*.

Festival favourites the Birmingham Conservatoire Folk Ensemble will pack the Foxlowe stage again this year while other names in the programme include singer-songwriter Aerynn whose 'corroded-folk' has won her fans across the world; and top-notch Steely Dan tribute band Nearly Dan.

Leek Arts Festival vice-chairman Phil Edmeades said the committee are delighted with using the Foxlowe as the 'home' of Leek Arts Festival. He said: " Since 2012 when Leek Arts Festival had to make a move to the Foxlowe following the sudden closure of our former base at The Swan, the relationship between the two organisations has proved a huge success.

" We are delighted to be able to call the Foxlowe 'our home' and equally delighted to be a part of the continued growth and expansion of this wonderful volunteer project.

" This year the Foxlowe will host a record number of more than 20 Leek Arts Festival events – we really couldn't manage without it or its brilliant volunteers. "

For a full list of this year's festival events at the Foxlowe Arts Centre see page 4. For further details and to purchase tickets for the festival's principal gigs, and for a full programme of all 38 Leek Arts Festival events which are taking place in the town, visit www.leekartsfestival.co.uk



Liz's memory lives on at the Foxlowe with her delicious recipe for shortbread



The late Liz Bradshaw.



Centre Manager Vicki Heath with the shortbread.

The late Liz Bradshaw was a much-valued and dedicated supporter of the Foxlowe Arts Centre and her kind-heartedness is still continuing to support the community-run venue.

After her sad passing in July of last year at the age of 88, the lovely Liz left the recipe of her much-loved shortbread for all to enjoy. And one person who is very thankful for Liz's kind culinary bequest is Foxlowe Arts Centre Manager Vicki Heath who had been asking Liz for her secret recipe for years. Vicki was among many who enjoyed the times when Liz would produce a plastic bag of her shortbread from her bag for the recipients to enjoy.

So now Liz's Shortbread is a regular sweet delight on the Foxlowe Cafe's dessert menu.

Vicki, who bakes the shortbread for the Foxlowe herself, said: "Liz's Shortbread is selling really well. It is especially great for children as it's not too sweet. It is a good wholesome treat for them.

"I'm very happy that Liz left the recipe for all to enjoy, especially as I had been pestering her for the recipe for years as she would always bring in shortbread for me and others to enjoy."

One of Liz's sons, John, told us how he is happy that his mum's shortbread is a big hit in the Foxlowe Arts Centre's Cafe. He said: "Many times Mum made the shortbread to support charities so she would be happy that the Foxlowe is still benefiting from the best shortbread ever."