

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

## Tuesday July 3

**Foxlowe Film** Doors open at 7pm for 7.45pm start in the first floor Rainbow Room. With the 15 rated 'I. Tonya. Admission £5

## Thursday July 5

**Funhouse Comedy Club** Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.30pm start in the ground floor Function Room. With comedians Adam Rowe, Nick Page, Demitris Deech, Callum Oakley, and compere Barry Dodds. Admission £10.

## Thursday July 12

**Folk at the Foxlowe** Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start in the first floor Rainbow Room. With Kevin Dempsey in Concert. Admission £12.

## Wednesday July 18

**Foxlowe Talks** 7.30pm with Birds of a Feather: 2<sup>nd</sup> Leek Scouts by Debbie Potts. The lecturers in the Foxlowe Talks programme gift their time to the Foxlowe, for which we thank them. Admission is free, with a bucket collection for the Foxlowe.

## Thursday July 19

**Gary Delaney Edinburgh Preview Show** Doors open at 7.30pm for a 8.30pm start. Gary Delaney brings his new show to the Foxlowe before hitting Edinburgh. He will be supported by Justin Moorhouse whose headline set smashed our recent Funhouse Comedy night. Admission is £10.

## Ongoing and regular events

**Gallery Exhibition:** QuinQue by a collective of five artists. Running from July 7 to August 11. Foxlowe Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday between 10am until 4pm. Free admission.

**Qigong Classes** Twice monthly classes in the Rainbow Room from 10am-11.30am. £10 per class. Details: 07989 986672 or [www.threetreasureqigong.co.uk](http://www.threetreasureqigong.co.uk)

**TinyTalk and Baby Signing** Every Monday at The Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek. 10am-11am: Toddler Talk. 11.15am-12.15am: Baby Sign. Details: [www.facebook.com/TinyTalkHighPeakandLeek](http://www.facebook.com/TinyTalkHighPeakandLeek)

## Looking ahead at What's On at the Foxlowe

Tribute act **Robert Habermann** will be bringing the songs of legend Frank Sinatra to the Foxlowe stage on September 22, while stand-up comedian **Jeremy Hardy** will be providing an evening of laughter on October 12.

Comedian **Tom Binns** will be making a welcome return to Leek on October 14, and on October 26 there will be two events in one night with comedian **Sean Walsh** making a welcome return to the Foxlowe's main stage in the Function Room, while Dublin poet and playwright **Stephen James Smith** will be bringing his 'My Ireland Tour' to the Cafe room the same evening.

Plus European touring band **The Little Unsaid** will be bringing their show 'Selected Works' to the Foxlowe's stage on November 30.

And there's so much more coming up – just check out our website and facebook pages for further information and updates.

*Admission to all of the above events is limited but advance tickets are available. The events are also subject to change, so please check our website or our entrance hall notice board for up-to-date details of what's on at the Foxlowe. 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](http://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 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](mailto: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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Gallery co-ordinator Jane Wilde.

## Gallery success thanks to fantastic volunteers and artists

The Gallery was one of the first parts of the Foxlowe to be operational when the community-run arts centre opened its doors in 2011 and the creative space has gone from strength to strength over the past seven years.

It has provided many artists with a lovely spacious area to display their creations and this, through commissions of sales, has also greatly helped with the running costs of the Foxlowe as a whole.

The platform for artists— both local and regional - would not be possible without the 30 strong team of volunteers who help the co-ordinator to curate, and steward the multitude of exhibitions.

Chris Thompson was the first Gallery co-ordinator for the Foxlowe Arts Centre. He said: “We started off with an exhibition by Leek artist David Hunt, Jonathon Walker and Anita Hill back in 2011 and we have hosted many other fantastic exhibitions since.

“The gallery is one of many parts of the Foxlowe which helps with the economics of running the arts centre and it also adds to the vibrancy of the venue.”

Current Gallery Co-ordinator Jane Wilde has confirmed that a programme of exhibitions has already been filled right up until 2020.

She said: “We are getting new applications all the time from a wide range of professional artists. The exhibitions change every eight weeks and we have a range of media from ceramics, paintings, textiles, mixed media, and drawings, to name but a few.”

Jane, who took on the role of co-ordinator last April, said: “I am not an artist myself but I really enjoy art. I enjoy seeing different types, styles and mediums of art and meeting the artists and being able to enable them to showcase their work in a very beautiful setting.”

The Foxlowe Gallery offers a large amount of natural light from the windows at one end of the room and the band of volunteers always well-maintain the room between each exhibition. Jane added: “We have a fantastic team of volunteers who always help to provide a beautiful big white box in which artists can exhibit their work and every artist who has displayed their work here has loved the space.”

Each exhibition includes a preview evening which enables visitors to meet the artists in person and also gives the artists themselves a sense of celebration to kick-start their exhibition.

Jane, and her gallery team, are always on the look out for additional volunteers – and so too, are the rest of the various departments at the Foxlowe Arts Centre. Anyone interested in finding out more can email [volunteers@foxloweartscentre.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@foxloweartscentre.org.uk)

## Latest creative to join the hub



Graphic designer Paul Jennings from Leek is the latest business start-up to take a desk at the Creative Hub at the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

Paul was educated at Westwood High School and Liverpool John Moores University where he gained a BA (hons) in Graphic Design and Visual Communication.

After fifteen years in design jobs Paul was made redundant in 2017. Not one to stand around, he immediately made plans to start his own business and enrolled on the New Enterprise Allowance Scheme through Jobcentre Plus. Paul said: “I wanted to take advantage of all the assistance I could to make my new venture a success and I also enrolled on the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce business start-up course.

“I got some fantastic advice and practical help, particularly from Pete Ball at the Chamber. I know a lot about graphic design, but I was a novice at running a business.”

By the beginning of 2018 Paul was ready to launch his business, Kee Media, specialising in design, websites, printing and app development. Paul added: “I’d set up an office at home, but I heard about the Creative Hub at the Foxlowe. The space was just what I was looking for and I moved in in April. There is a great atmosphere, and everyone was really welcoming and supportive.

“I’m gradually building clients and have been pleased with how business is developing to date. Being my own boss allows me to be more involved with the people I’m doing work for and be in complete control of delivering excellent customer service and added value.

“The real plus about self-employment is how much of a lifestyle change it is. I’ve got a five-year-old daughter and the flexibility of self-employment has enabled me to take a much more active role in her upbringing. Being able to pick her up from school or take her to late afternoon swimming lessons is a real plus.”