

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

Thursday September 6 Funhouse Comedy Club Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.30pm start in the Function Room. With Tom Wrigglesworth, Noel James, Peter McCole, Maz Poole and compere Phil Ellis. Admission £10.

Tuesday September 11 Foxlowe Films 7.45pm in the Rainbow Room. With Ladybird (15). Plus In the Fade (18) on September 18; Funny Cow (15) on September 25; Sidemen: Long Road to Glory (12A) on October 2; Beast (15) on October 9; Human Flow (12A) on Wednesday October 10; and On Chesil Beach (15) on October 16. Admission £5.

Thursday September 13 Folk at the Foxlowe Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm in the Rainbow Room. With Allan Taylor. Tickets £12.

Saturday September 15 An Evening of Rock Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8pm start in the Function Room. Featuring Hands Off Gretel, Hightown Parade, and The Howling Tides. Admission £10.

Wednesday September 19 Foxlowe Talk 7.30pm in the Rainbow Room. Leek's Silk Heritage by Cathryn Walton. Free admission with bucket collection for the venue.

Thursday September 20 Stand Up For Labour Doors open at 7pm for 8pm start in the Function Room. With three comedians including headliner Arthur Smith. Tickets from £12.

Saturday September 22 'Frank Sinatra – His Way' Doors open at 1.30pm for 2pm start in the Function Room. Robert Habermann sings songs and tells the remarkable story of Francis Albert Sinatra.

Thursday September 27 Live & Local at 7.30pm in the Function Room. 'Twisted Tales'. Tickets £11.

Saturday September 29 Live at The Foxlowe in the Function Room. With four live music acts. Tickets £5.

Wednesday October 3 The Guy Tortora Band 7.30pm in the Function Room. With Dave Luke and Chuck Micallef – as part of the Leek Blues & Americana Festival. Admission £15.

Thursday October 4 Funhouse Comedy Club Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.30pm start in the Function Room. Admission £10.

Saturday October 6 Apple Fest 11am-2pm in the Foxlowe Garden. Convert your windfalls and surplus apples into delicious juice.

Sunday October 7 FXLW Midday-7pm in the Function Room. With Adam Coxon & Rick Ford, The Rye Sisters, Mean Mary & Frank James, Fine Lines, Lissy Taylor, and Strange Blue Dreams. Part of the Leek Blues and Americana Festival. Wristbands £10.

Thursday October 11 Folk at the Foxlowe Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm in the Rainbow Room. With PJ Wright and Guy Fletcher (from Tradarr and Little Johnny England). Tickets £12.

Sunday October 14 Comedian Tom Binns – Everyman 8pm in the Function Room. Tickets £10.

Thursday October 18 Keith James on Yusuf – Cat Stevens 7.30pm in the Function Room. In aid of Syrian Children's Appeal.

Friday October 26 Stephen James Smith 7.30pm in the Function Room. 'My Ireland Tour'. Tickets £12.

Wednesday October 31 Live & Local at 7.30pm in the Function Room. 'The Window'. Tickets £11 from venue.

Ongoing and regular events Gallery Exhibition: Outline Art in the Foxlowe Gallery. Open Wednesday to Saturday between 10am until 4pm. Free admission. Running until Saturday September 22. **Qigong Classes** Twice monthly classes in the Rainbow Room from 10am-11.30am. £10 per class. Details: 07989 986672. **TinyTalk and Baby Signing** Every Monday. 10am-11am: Toddler Talk. 11.15am-12.15am: Baby Sign.

Admission to the above events is limited but advance tickets are available. 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



Gigging the Blues away



The ever-growing Leek Blues & Americana Festival is returning this autumn – and once again the Foxlowe will be one of the many venues across the town which will be hosting gigs.

First up will be the UK public premiere of the blues film Sidemen: Long Road to Glory (12A) on Tuesday October 2. Admission £5.

Then The Guy Tortora Band will be performing at the Foxlowe on Wednesday October 3. Born and raised in Pasadena, California, Guy Tortora is currently based in London. He is a guitar player of some accomplishment and a distinctive songwriter. He will be joined for this Foxlowe gig by Dave Luke and Chuck Micallef.

Then on Sunday October 7, there will be an amazing selection of some of the finest local, national and international Americana acts taking to the Foxlowe stage.

The line-up is: Adam Coxon & Rick Ford, The Rye Sisters, Mean Mary & Frank James, Fine Lines, Lissy Taylor, and Strange Blue Dreams. Wristbands £10 for 16 year olds and over. Free admission for under 16s. For further information about, and to purchase tickets for all Leek Blues & Americana gigs, visit www.leekblues.co.uk

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.
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Foxlowe Arts Centre has received a National Lottery grant of £100,000 for a two and a half year programme of urgent repairs to the Foxlowe building, together with a programme of heritage and arts activities designed to tell the story of Foxlowe and its inhabitants over 250 years.

With support through the Heritage Lottery Fund, plus critical additional support from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Staffordshire County Council, this project will address the urgent need to make the most vulnerable parts of this Grade II listed building properly and completely watertight: stopping further deterioration, eliminating rot in the 18th century roof, removing failed cement render trapping damp and replacing with lime render, and repairing copings, rainwater goods and rotten windows.

In an exciting collaboration with Leek and District Historical Society, Borderland Voices, Buxton and Leek College, and Northern International Theatre, this project will tell the story of Foxlowe and its occupants over two and a half centuries – wealthy private owners, a Red Cross hospital, a key textile Trade Union, a night club, and now an Arts Centre; and of their influence on local culture and society.

Building on previous arts and heritage activities, we will use community arts outreach to pioneer new access to heritage, and media from theatre to visual arts to revitalise archives and showcase original research. Further details of this will be launched in the Autumn.

Commenting on the award, Foxlowe Trust Chairman Chris Thompson said:

“This is great news. The Heritage Lottery award is an endorsement of Foxlowe: both as a significant part of Leek architecture, and as a place that can bring people together to share and celebrate their history and culture.

“There is still a huge amount to do to restore the interior, to make the building accessible for all, and to improve the performance space.

“But that’s for the future. Meanwhile we depend on the goodwill of hundreds of volunteers and the regular financial support of our 250 pledgers to keep us going.

“We are continuing to fundraise, and I am sure National Lottery support will help give other funders the confidence to back us”.

Vanessa Harbar, Head of HLF West Midlands, added: “We have been delighted to support Foxlowe Arts Centre to carry out urgent repairs and engage new audiences with this much-loved local landmark. Thank you to the National Lottery players who have made it possible.”

Double helping of theatre

The Foxlowe Arts Centre’s next season of professional theatre from Live and Local brings two shows to Leek this autumn. ‘Owdyadoo Theatre Company will take to the Foxlowe stage on Thursday September 27 with ‘Twisted Tales’.

Thriller fans won’t be disappointed with not one, not two, but three playfully twisted, darkly funny stories reminiscent of (and inspired by) cult classics like *The Twilight Zone* and the BBC’s *Inside No. 9*. Each stylishly explores the idea of, ‘How far would you go to get what you want?’ and transports the audience to strange and sometimes surreal places along the way.

The second Live & Local show will be at the Foxlowe on Wednesday October 31. ‘The Window’ is a compelling and beautifully constructed First World War drama, of a young Coventry soldier and his harrowing experiences of one of the British Army’s most notoriously unsuccessful and bloody offensives.

Both Live & Local shows at the Foxlowe will start at 7.30pm and tickets are £11 from the venue or from www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk.



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