

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

Regular events

Foxlowe Films 7.45pm at The Foxlowe Arts Centre. With The Happy Prince (15) on November 6, The Breadwinner (12A) on November 13, Custody (15) on November 20, Sweet Country (15) on November 27, The Book Shop (PG) on December 4, Edie (12A) on December 11. Admission £5.

Qigong Classes Twice monthly classes in the Rainbow Room from 10am-11.30am. £10 per class.

TinyTalk and Baby Signing Every Monday. 10am-11am: Toddler Talk. 11.15am-12.15am: Baby Sign.

Thursday November 1

Funhouse Comedy Club Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.30pm start in the Function Room. With Nick Page, Eddy Brimson, Ben Briggs, and Matt Bragg. Admission £10.

Friday November 2

Nibs van der Spuy Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start in the Function Room. With Helen Walford. Tickets £10.

Thursday November 8

Folk at The Foxlowe Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start in the Rainbow Room. With Chris Leslie from Fairport Convention. Admission £12.

Friday November 9

Live Music Doors open at 7.30pm in the Function Room. With John Bramwell (I am Kloot) with Dave Fidler. Tickets £15.

Saturday November 10

The Dark Room 3.30pm for kids, and 7.45pm for adults. How will you escape a live action video game?

Sunday November 11

Peace Concert 4pm. '1914-1918-2018 – the War that Began All Wars' hosted by the Peace Through Folk Choir. Free admission with donations welcome.

Wednesday November 14

Foxlowe Documentary 7.45pm in the Rainbow Room. With 'A Bold Peace' which is about a victorious general in a South American country disbanding his army over 65 years ago. Free admission with donations welcome.

Friday November 16

Christmas Lights Switch On The Foxlowe Cafe will be open for Leek's festive evening offering mulled wine and more.

Foxlowe Christmas Exhibition Preview from 7pm-8.30pm in the Gallery. The exhibition will run through until December 22.

Saturday November 17

3D Needle Felting 10.30am-4.30pm in the Cabbage Rose Workshop. With Jo Gardiner Art hosted by Cabbage Rose. Cost £55.

Craftsmanship and the Gawain Poet. 7pm. A talk by Gawain specialist and skilled wood carver Clive Foden. Free event (includes medieval food to taste).

Live Music 7pm. With Seby Ntege & Band 'Five Notes' - UK tour with Biddulph Ukulele Group.

Wednesday November 21

Foxlowe Talk 7.30pm. Leek: An historic Pub Crawl with Neil Collingwood. Free admission with donations welcome.

Friday November 30

Live Music 7.30pm. With The Little Unsaid. Advance tickets £10 or £12 on the door.

Saturday December 1 & Sunday December 2

Staffordshire Contemporary Artist & Designer Fair 10am-4pm. With a wide variety of inspirational creative work by professional artists, designers and makers alongside Foundation Degree students from Creative Art & Design Practice at Leek School of Art, part of Buxton & Leek College. Free admission.

Thursday December 6

Funhouse Comedy Club Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.30pm start in the Function Room. With Andrew Lawrence, Javier Jarquin, Tom Christian, and Dave Williams. Admission £10.

Wednesday December 12

Foxlowe Documentary 7.45pm in the Rainbow Room. With 'An Inconvenient Sequel'. Free admission with donations welcome.

Sunday December 16

Christmas Wreath Workshop 11am-1pm. Make your own wreath with help from the Foxlowe gardeners. Book a place via the venue's website.

Friday December 21

Live Music 8pm in the Function Room. With Ferocious Dog 4 Piece Acoustic.

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

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
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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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Exciting collaboration for activities

Following the news that the 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 – a meeting has been held to launch the exciting project which also includes a programme of heritage and arts activities designed to tell the story of Foxlowe and its inhabitants over 250 years.

Pledgers, volunteers and fellow supporters of the Foxlowe Arts Centre were invited to attend the informative meeting which took place on October 17 and was led by Foxlowe trustees Marc Briand and David Bell.

A presentation was made introducing the valuable partners with whom the Foxlowe Arts Centre will be working with to deliver the activities programme. They are: Borderland Voices, Buxton & Leek College, Leek & District Historical Society, and the Northern International Theatre.

The meeting also heard that there has been much appreciated financial support from Staffordshire County Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, as well as the Lottery.

David ran through the priority works which are set to be carried out on the Georgian building – works which had been identified by a Condition Survey. The majority of the works being carried out with the use of this latest funding will be ensuring that the building is watertight for the future.

Plans for a comprehensive activities programme were then explained. Exhibitions, performances, and publications surrounding the history of the Foxlowe are just some of the activities on the cards.

Local historians will be delving deeper into the history of the Foxlowe, in particular that of the time when the building was used as a base for the area's Textile Union; as well as the late Thomas Mills, the lawyer whom the house was built for originally.

Interviews with those who have memories of yesteryear Foxlowe are to be carried out in order to create an oral history of the building and what it has been over the years.

It is also planned to take the story of the Foxlowe into local schools with the hope and aim that the next generations will begin to take ownership of the Foxlowe – which now belongs to the community of Leek.

Meanwhile college students are going to be invited to learn the traditional skills of plasterwork by recreating some of the frieze in the Foxlowe Cafe, to replace where some of it is missing.

And finally, work is to be carried out to create a community play which will focus on all things Foxlowe, as well as the production of a book entitled 'The Foxlowe Story'.

Even though the Foxlowe Arts Centre has been successful in gaining the recent funds, there is still a lot more fund-raising to be carried out in order to make further improvements to the building to make it sustainable and accessible to all. David is appealing for anyone who may have any ideas for fund-raising to get in touch with him at davidbell@addersgreen.co.uk.

Shedders to benefit from fair

The seventh annual Staffordshire Contemporary Artist & Designer Fair will be taking place at the Foxlowe Arts Centre on Saturday December 1 and Sunday December 2.

Running each day from 10am until 4pm, the free admission event hosts a wide variety of inspirational creative work by professional artists, designers and makers alongside Foundation Degree students from Creative Art & Design Practice at Leek School of Art, part of Buxton & Leek College. The students will be donating a proportion of their sale proceeds to a charity and a raffle will be held to win a piece of art work from one of the makers at the event

The artists have chosen to support UK Men's Sheds Association, a nationwide charity that have a branch at the Foxlowe Arts Centre in Leek called the Gateway Shed

The fair is a wonderful opportunity to come and buy unique gifts for Christmas. The students will showcase their diverse range of specialisms which include printmaking, ceramics, glass, jewellery, sculpture, mixed media and textiles.



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