



## Gallery Views

The current exhibition taking pride of place in the Foxlowe Gallery is 'Cityscapes and Landscapes'.

The exhibition showcases the creations of artists Ruth Allen, Zoe Badger, Maria Motowylczyk, and Jackie White. This exhibition is running at the Foxlowe until November 10.

Then it will be the turn of a collective of 15 artists – including the Foxlowe Arts Centre's very own chairman of the trust Chris Thompson.

The Foxlowe Christmas Exhibition will run from Saturday, November 17 until December 22. There will also be a special preview event on Friday, November 16 at 7pm until 8.30pm. Although the work will be presented as a gallery, any buyers will be able to take work away with them, so it will be perfect for Christmas shopping.

Items in the Foxlowe Christmas Exhibition will include cards, jewellery, 3d design, ceramics, prints, photography, paintings and much more.

The Foxlowe Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 4pm as well as on the first Sunday of the month from 11am until 3pm.

*The Foxlowe Arts Centre's gallery is situated on the first floor of the Georgian building. Opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 4pm and the first Sunday of the month between 11am and 4pm. With admission to the gallery free. The Gallery Co-ordinator Jane Wilde has a band of committed volunteers who help to curate and steward the Gallery. However, she is always on the look out for additional volunteers to help showcase some of the most creative work in the area, and beyond. To offer your help email [volunteers@foxloweartscentre.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@foxloweartscentre.org.uk)*

## Commemorating artwork

Foxlowe Arts Centre is hosting a display of work by WW1 artists in the ground floor corridors of this Georgian building which served as a hospital during the First World War.

Conflict has provided subject matter for artists, poets, and novelists for centuries. World War 1 proved to be a catalyst for the production of an unprecedented number of paintings, etchings, poetry, monuments, photographs and sculpture.

By the end of 1915, 12million recruitment posters had been displayed on buses, at railway stations, and in city centres. Later conscription resulted in artworks being produced by Official War Artists, who were also actively engaged in the fighting, or were Medical Orderlies witnessing the horror and damage of battle first hand.



## Submissions welcome

Do you host a regular activity at the Foxlowe Arts Centre? Would you like it to be featured in our bi-monthly newsletter? Or perhaps you have thoughts about the Foxlowe Arts Centre, which you would like to share? Please get in touch with our editor Belinda Hargreaves at [hargreavespr@outlook.com](mailto:hargreavespr@outlook.com)

## Foxlowe is the venue for Peace Concert

A special concert will be taking place at the Foxlowe Arts Centre this Remembrance Sunday. The event has been produced by Peace through Folk which is a Leek-based 'Not for Profit Trust' whose aim is to celebrate and promote: Peace, Friendship and Reconciliation through Songs and Music. This is their final concert at the end of a five year journey through 27 different events aimed at "recognising the stupidity and cruel futility and consequences of the so called 'Great War'".



### Peace Concert

**'1914 - 1918 - 2018'**

**- the War that began all Wars**

Foxlowe Arts Centre Sunday 11th November 2018

4.00pm Free admission Charity Bucket Collection

Peace through Folk Choir Pete Hopkins

Esther Brennan John Morris Val Williamson

Jane Rushton Rick Ford



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## Singing the Blues

The Foxlowe Arts Centre has, once again, proudly hosted a number of major music events as part of one of our town's amazing collaborative music extravaganzas.

This time it was for the sixth Leek Blues & Americana Festival in October which saw hundreds of music fans visit the many participating venues across the town over the course of five days.

Many local, regional, and national acts helped to provide the marvellous music for this year's festival and for the Foxlowe we played host to the UK premiere screening of the blues film 'Sideman: Long Road to Glory'; an evening of music with The Guy Tortora Band; as well as a seven-hour long live music event on the Sunday featuring six different acts.

Pictures kindly supplied by Brett Trafford Photography.



## Garden News

ALISON MCCREA, Foxlowe Garden co-ordinator, reports on the latest green-fingered developments.

After such a fabulous summer, the gardeners had hoped for a lovely warm autumn day for the Apple Fest. Alas, it was not to be; instead we got the wettest day of the week. However, the long hot summer followed by copious rain had provided a bumper apple crop, which was reflected in the turnout at the event despite the weather. This year we produced juice from 279kg of apples compared to last year's 190kg and we thought we were doing well then!

The day was enhanced by a range of locally grown apples provided for tasting that included some deliciously exotic names: from *Yellow Ingestre*, *Catshead* and *Leintwardine Burr Knot* to *Jesmond Dingle*. There were also apples to buy from the National Fruit Collection in Kent, with such unusual names as *American Mother*, a classic American apple, and *Bohemia*, a crisp sweet apple originally from the Czech Republic. There was also a box of *Concorde pears*, so aromatic and juicy they didn't last long.

Most of these apples are still available to buy in the café, along with some of our own Foxlowe-grown mid-season apples (*Herefordshire Russet* and *Sunset*). The late season *Pixies* are being stored until December when they'll be ready to eat. Surplus bottles of pasteurised juice are on sale in the café until stocks run out, while the lovely medium-sweet craft cider from the *Old Sawmill* in Congleton is available in the bar.

This year we had three additional juicing sessions, laid on for those who have sufficient apples to make independent sessions worthwhile. They also take the pressure off the actual day, essential this year as a seasonal infection had laid low several of our volunteers at the last minute. Fortunately the great community spirit at the Foxlowe means that everyone pitches in to help and this time we were delighted to also have the help of the Sheppard family who joined in with gusto in a variety of ways. Thanks also to everyone else who helped out on the day, and in advance, with apples, bottles, cakes, jams and chutneys. We are especially grateful to the café for their apple-themed menu and also to the *Napoli* and the *White Hart*, who kindly provided us with hundreds of wine bottles.

Our next event is the *Christmas Wreath Workshop*, on Sunday, December 16, 11am-1pm Details are on the website.

If you would like to become involved with the garden, please contact Alison McCrea on 07753 172564 or e-mail [volunteers@foxloweartscentre.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@foxloweartscentre.org.uk).

## Tale of chivalry and beheading

A one-off arts event is taking place in Leek this winter to celebrate the links between the Moorlands and the epic medieval poem Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.

This 14th century Arthurian tale features chivalry, romance, temptation and a beheading challenge. Members of the public will be invited, over the weekend of November 16, 17 and 18, to take part.

On Friday, November 16, 'Leek - The Town That Painted' will take place from 10am until 4pm at the New Art Block at Leek College in Stockwell Street. Also taking place on Saturday, this will be a free community 'paint-in' of the folk art retelling of the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, led by renowned local artist Sue Prince.

Then on Saturday, November 17, 'Craftsmanship and the Gawain Poet', a free talk by Gawain specialist and skilled wood carver Clive Foden will be hosted at 7pm at The Foxlowe Arts Centre. This will also include medieval food to taste.

Finally, on Sunday, November 18, there will be a Guided Walk to Lud's Church at 10.30am meeting at Leek's Market Place for mini bus. Led by Clive Foden, the cost will be £10 each to cover transport costs. There are limited places so please book by emailing

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