

Films for screening January - April 2020



Wednesday 11 December 2019

Date	Title	Description
8 Jan	The story of the weeping camel (U certificate) subtitles	Touching documentary drama about a family of nomadic shepherds in the Gobi Desert trying to save a rare white camel calf that had been rejected by its mother
12 Feb	Duck soup (U certificate)	Madcap 1930s comedy, the most inventive of the Marx Brothers films, crammed with visual and verbal gags, now seen as a classic political farce
11 Mar	The boy who harnessed the wind (PG certificate) some subtitles	An inspirational true story in which a 14-year-old boy in Malawi saves his village from famine by building a wind turbine from plans in a library book
8 Apr	Colette (15 certificate)	Biographical drama based on the French novelist's early life and loves, as she fights for recognition after her novels are published under her husband's name



Doors will open at 7 pm and screenings start at 7.30

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Our Xmas film this year is a departure from tradition. We offer you a surprise, a film about which we will tell you nothing, except that we are so confident you will enjoy it that we will give you your money back if you don't.

Well, perhaps not quite nothing. We can say, following the critics, that it is "an odd, delightful charmer"; "richly detailed and loaded with surreal touches"; "a winning blend of dark and bittersweet, suitable for all ages"; "both joyous and melancholy, almost as if the old-fashioned and the new collided and shattered, and the pieces fell in place to create this incredible film"; "80 minutes of idiosyncratic inspiration"; "astonishing, outlandish, and full of laughs"...

You are invited to "relish the film's deadpan grotesquery and its flair for invention"; and we hope that you will agree with the critic who said: "This is a movie to fall in love with."

? - 80 minutes - 12A certificate

Wednesday 11th December 2019

St John's Place, Lower Road, Lower Bemerton

Doors open 19.00

Programme starts 19.30

Entrance £7.50 - includes a free glass of mulled wine or other beverage and a mince pie



Bemerton Film Society

In the autumn of 2010 a group of Bemerton residents decided to set up the Bemerton Film Society (BFS) as a fundraiser in support of local efforts to turn St John's Church into a community centre. The Society aimed to offer people the chance to see quality films that had in one way or other made film history. We obtained the permission of the then head of St John's School to screen the films in the school hall, using the school's own projection facilities. A small grant from Wiltshire Council enabled us to upgrade these facilities in 2014.

Since our first outing in December 2010 we have screened 98 feature films, covering a wide range of subjects and styles, from classic Hollywood films to modern comedies, documentaries and dramas. We have travelled in time from 1938 (The lady vanishes) to 2017 (Paddington 2 and Lady Bird) and geographically from California to Taiwan and Australia. We have also brought our audience news from the front line of "Call the midwife", thanks to its midwifery adviser, Terri Coates, being a local resident.

Following installation of new cinema equipment and comfortable seating in St John's Place we transferred operations there in January 2017. We can now screen blu-ray films in full HD and surround sound, thus enabling our audience to enjoy an authentic cinema experience.

To date (November 2019) BFS screenings have contributed nearly £7,000 to the Bemerton Community Project, and we will continue to generate funds for that worthy cause into the foreseeable future.