

Films for screening May - August 2019

Date	Title	Description
8 May	Lady Bird (15 certificate)	Wonderfully acted semi-autobiographical coming-of-age story, set in California in 2002, of an artistically inclined high-school senior and her turbulent relationship with her mother
12 Jun	Their finest (12A certificate)	Wartime romantic comedy drama. A newly appointed scriptwriter joins the cast and crew of a major production while the Blitz rages around them
10 Jul	Passport to Pimlico (U certificate)	Very topical Ealing comedy. Residents of Pimlico declare independence in 1947 when they discover an old treaty that showed that Pimlico belonged to Burgundy
14 Aug	Secrets and lies (15 certificate)	A successful black woman discovers that her birth mother is an under-privileged white woman. As emotions run high, many secrets are exposed

Doors will open at 7 pm and screenings start at 7.30



Roman Holiday

Charming bitter-sweet love story in which the international film world was introduced to Vespa scooters and to Audrey Hepburn, who won an Oscar for her first starring role. She plays a bored and sheltered princess who runs away from her guardians during an official visit to 1950s Rome and accidentally meets an American newsman, who conceals his profession from her. In one exhilarating day of freedom she explores the major sights of Rome with him, but then both he and she have to face a most uncomfortable decision...

Those of you who enjoyed *Notting Hill* will recognise one source of Richard Curtis's inspiration.

For lovers of romantic comedies through the ages, *Roman Holiday* remains a favourite. Immaculately directed by William Wyler, and written and played with style and grace, this is a film to treasure, for its endearing action, crisp black-and-white location photography and marvellous performances. It has been described as the best comedy ever written on the horrors of being a royal.

USA 1953 - 118 minutes - B&W - U certificate
Wednesday 10th April 2019
St John's Place, Lower Road, Lower Bemerton
Doors open 19.00
Programme starts 19.30
Entrance £6.00



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 90 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 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 (March 2019) BFS screenings have contributed over £6,000 to the Bemerton Community Project, and we will continue to generate funds for that worthy cause into the foreseeable future.