

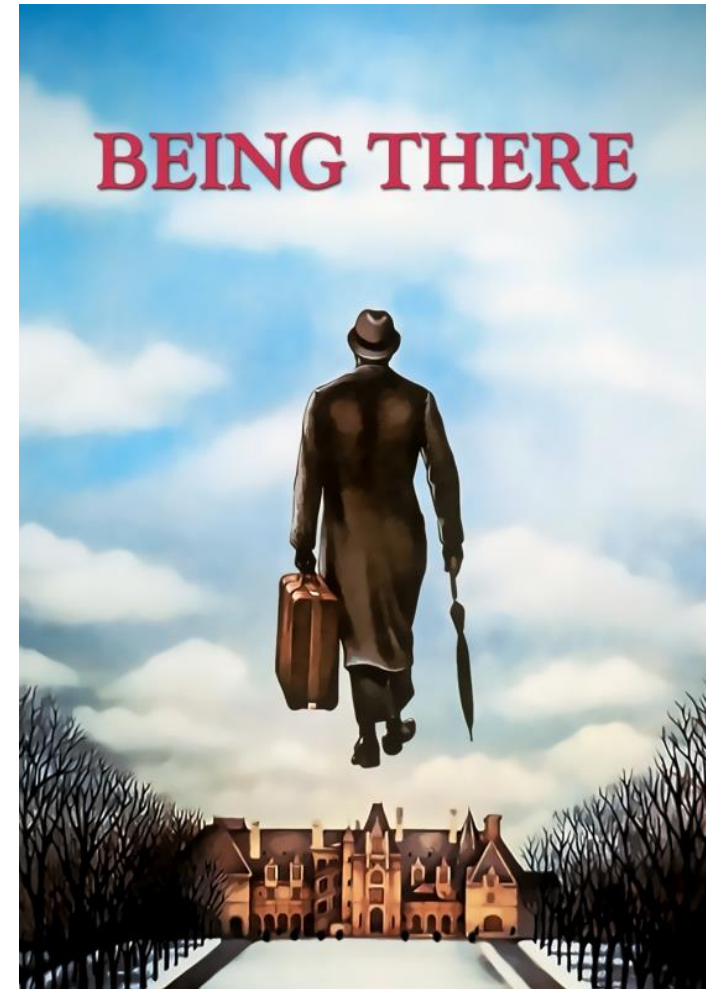
Films for screening Spring/Summer 2024

Date	Title	Description
12 June	The Whale (15 certificate)	A morbidly obese writing tutor, grief stricken and shut away from the world, attempts to reconnect with his angry teenage daughter after years of separation.
10 July	Gaslight (U certificate)	A man convinces his wife that she is imagining the flickering gaslights in their house, leaving her fearful she is going mad, to cover up his desire to steal her inheritance.
14 August	Queen of Katwe (PG certificate)	A ten year old girl living in Katwe, a Uganda slum, is introduced to the game of chess by a missionary and her life is transformed. Based on an inspirational true story.

Doors will open at 7pm and screening starts at 7.30pm



Wednesday 8 May 2024



Being There

A simple-minded gardener, Chance, who has been sheltered from the world by a benevolent employer, finds himself cast out of the only home he has ever known and on the street after the death of the old man. As if that wasn't enough, he also has no knowledge of the world other than what he has seen on television. However, a chance encounter with a limousine and an absurdly wealthy political insider sets the stage for a farcical succession of misunderstandings as Chance's homely wisdom, gleaned from his years of tending plants, is taken literally as valuable wisdom that endears him to all who meet him. Gaining popularity and treated as something of a sage, Chance goes all the way to the White House and meets the President, whilst retaining his childlike innocence and naivete. Peter Sellers' last role is undoubtedly one of his best, balancing humour, social commentary, and sentiment, and both he and Melvyn Douglas received Oscar nominations in recognition of their outstanding performances.

USA - 1979 - 130 minutes – U certificate

Wednesday 8th May 2024

St John's Place, Lower Road, Lower Bemerton

Doors open 19.00

Programme starts 19.30

Entrance £7



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. Since our first outing in December 2010 we have screened 126 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 1933 (Duck soup) to 2021 (Operation Mincemeat) and geographically across 3 continents.

At first, we used to screen the films in St John's School, but 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 (December 2023) BFS screenings have contributed well over £11,000 to the Bemerton Community Project, and we will continue to generate funds for that worthy cause into the foreseeable future.