

Films for screening July 2021 - September 2021

Date	Title	Description
14 Jul	Tokyo story (U certificate)	A masterpiece that is often cited as one of the top ten films ever made. Its great emotional power builds up slowly and inexorably as an aging retired couple travel to Tokyo from their seaside home to visit their largely indifferent children
11 Aug	The last station (15 certificate)	Historical drama about the last months of Tolstoy's long life. His struggle to balance fame and wealth with a commitment to eschew material things, and the intrigues within his household, drive him to his death in his search for peace
8 Sep	To be announced	

Doors will open at 7 pm and screenings start at 7.30

Website: www.stjohnsplace.uk



Wednesday 9 June 2021

"Extraordinarily funny. Don't miss it."
— Vincent Canby, New York Times

"A delicious, pungent concoction that will set your spirits soaring and your mind aglow. Never before has Buñuel been quite so tantalizing, so tongue-in-cheek, and so deft."
— Judith Crist, New York Magazine

20th Century-Fox presents
A SERGE SILBERMAN PRODUCTION

**A film by
Luis Buñuel**

**"THE DISCREET CHARM
OF THE BOURGEOISIE"**

with FERNANDO REY • PAUL FRANKEUR • DELPHINE SEYRIG • BULLE OGIER
STEPHANE AUDRAN • JEAN-PIERRE CASSEL • And as guest star MICHEL PICCOLI
Screenplay by LUIS BUNUEL and JEAN-PAUL CARRIERE • Produced by SERGE SILBERMAN
In COLOR

The discreet charm of the bourgeoisie

This surrealist comedy consists of several thematically linked and intertwined scenes: five gatherings of six bourgeois friends, and four dreams of different characters. The film's world defies logic: bizarre and impossible events are accepted by the characters with imperturbable sang-froid.

Buñuel plays tricks on his characters, luring them toward fine dinners and repeatedly frustrating them in inventive ways. They bristle, and politely express their outrage, but they never stop their pursuit, and in the process exposing their sense of entitlement, their hypocrisy, and their corruption. In the dream sequences Buñuel explores their fears of public humiliation, of being caught by police, of being mowed down by guns. One character's dream is later revealed to be embedded in that of another character. As the film unfolds, Buñuel plays tricks on his audience too as they try to make sense of the story. My advice is, don't bother – just relish each absurd situation as it comes. There is much to relish.

The film received an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

France 1972 - 101 minutes - 15 certificate

Wednesday 9th June 2021

St John's Place, Lower Road, Lower Bemerton

Doors open 19.00

Programme starts 19.30

Subtitles in English

Entrance £6



Film Soc is back again! The Bemerton Community Trustees and the BFS Committee have agreed that it is safe to cautiously continue activities in St John's Place. The current government rules allow us to resume our screenings, observing the same precautions as before, as long as people do not arrive in groups greater than six, and there is no mingling. Following the sell-out screening of *Jojo Rabbit* in May, we now offer *The discreet charm of the bourgeoisie* in June. Book early to make sure of your place.

There are precautions we need to take to reduce the infection risk. These include:

- To ensure social distancing of at least 1.5m between seats, **numbers attending will be restricted**. Couples will be able to sit together.
- To avoid having to turn people away, everyone will have to book in advance by emailing bemfilmbooking@gmail.com, including name, address and phone number of all attendees.
- Everyone will be asked to wear facemasks throughout the screening. Please bring your own.
- Entrance will be through the main South Door, and people will be asked to maintain 2m distancing while entering and leaving.
- Contactless card payment preferred.
- Everyone attending will be asked to provide contact details to enable contact-tracing in the unlikely event of a Covid-positive case in the audience.
- **Wine and cold drinks will be available, but no hot drinks.**
- There will be a toilet available.
- The screening may be called off at short notice if regulations change, or if there is a local outbreak.

We hope you enjoy the film, even without close socialisation. As regulations ease, we expect to become less restrictive for screenings in July and henceforth.