

Films for screening June 2021 - August 2021



Date	Title	Description
9 Jun	The discreet charm of the bourgeoisie (15 certificate)	Oscar-winning comedy by Luis Bunuel. A surreal series of events and dreams frame the continually interrupted and ultimately doomed attempts of six bourgeois friends to dine together in peace
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

Wednesday 19 May 2021



Doors will open at 7 pm and screenings start at 7.30

Website: www.stjohnsplace.uk

Jojo Rabbit

A young boy in Germany, during the final months of World War II, has a buffoonish Adolf Hitler as an imaginary best friend.

This irreverent satirical comedy turns out to be a touching parable about good and evil, hate and love. 10-year-old Jojo (Roman Griffin Davis) is a naively enthusiastic member of the Hitler Youth. He is blindly loyal to the Nazi regime, but too timid and soft-hearted even to kill a rabbit (hence his nickname). Reassuringly, his imaginary friend (played with madcap humour by the film's writer-director, Taika Waititi) pops up regularly to give him pep talks and advice. When Jojo discovers that his mother (Scarlett Johansson) is hiding a Jewish girl in their attic, he is naturally horrified. Will contact with reality expose as nonsense the prejudice and dogma he has been taught?

Waititi remarkably pulls off his film's exuberantly absurd humour without losing sight of the real horrors of the Nazi era. Is his film provocative? Yes. Silly? Undeniably. But it is also surprisingly tender and moving.

New Zealand 2019 - 108 minutes - 12A certificate

Wednesday 19th May 2021

St John's Place, Lower Road, Lower Bemerton

Doors open 19.00

Programme starts 19.30

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 three successful Covid-19 affected screenings last year we are delighted to offer *Jojo Rabbit* as our fourth screening.

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.