

Films for screening Spring 2026



Date	Title	Description
10 June	West Side Story (2021) (12A certificate)	Spielberg's remake of the classic musical loses none of the power of these two star-crossed lovers caught between family and culture.
8 July	Girl with a Pearl Earring (12A certificate)	A young woman working in the home of the painter Johannes Vermeer becomes his assistant and inspires one of his most famous works.
12 July	Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG certificate)	In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls in love with a couture Dior dress and goes to Paris, changing the future of the House of Dior.

Wednesday 13 May 2026



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

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Society, in Jane Austen's time, had what has been described by critics as 'a cultural fixation on priority of male birth.' When women could be evicted from their home on its inheritance by even a distant male heir, life for this class of woman would have felt insecure, unstable, and subject to the decisions of relatives who would not necessarily have had her best interests – or even any interests – at heart. When Henry Dashwood dies, he leaves his widow and three daughters a pittance, bequeathing the bulk of his estate to (no prizes for guessing) his first-born, a son. Their options limited, they are reliant on the charity of others to rehouse them, with their future resting on their willingness and ability to play the game. Wealth is used by both men and women as a weapon to control matters of the heart and ensure the correct players join the family line. But this is Austen, so it's not a grim exploration of gender politics and social inequalities, but rather fun and clever and triumphant.

UK – 1995 – 135 minutes – 15 certificate

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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 2023 (Thelma) and geographically across three 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 (April 2025) BFS screenings have contributed well over £13,000 to the Bemerton Community Project, and we will continue to generate funds for that worthy cause into the foreseeable future.