

Films for screening December 2022 - February 2023

Date	Title	Description
14 Dec	Mystery film (U certificate)	Comedy drama, widely considered one of the best family films ever made. A technical triumph in melding animatronics with live action.
11 Jan	Belfast (12A certificate)	Coming-of-age drama that chronicles the life of a working-class Ulster Protestant family from the perspective of their 9-year-old son during the troubles in Belfast.
8 Feb	The Duke (12A certificate)	Comedy. In 1961, 60-year-old Kempton Bunton stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend.

Doors will open at 7 pm and screenings start at 7.30



Wednesday 9 November 2022



Operation Mincemeat

It's 1943. The Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe, and plan an all-out assault on Sicily; but they face an impossible challenge - how to protect a massive invasion force from potential massacre. It falls to two remarkable intelligence officers to elaborate the most inspired and improbable disinformation strategy of the war, centred on the most unlikely of secret agents: a floating dead man, whose pockets and briefcase are stuffed with false top-secret papers. *Operation Mincemeat* is the extraordinary and true story of an idea that defied logic, risked countless thousands of lives, and tested the nerves of its creators to breaking point.

Ashford's screenplay and Madden's excellent direction turns what could easily have been a standard historical war drama into something more intricate, layered, and surprisingly powerful. *Operation Mincemeat* mixes a remarkable true tale with a frequently heart-breaking story about the large toll war takes, even on those who aren't on the front lines. This exceptionally made and acted film is a first-rate watch.

UK - 2021 - 128 minutes - 12A certificate

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St John's Place, Lower Road, Lower Bemerton

Doors open 19.00

Programme starts 19.30

Entrance £6



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 124 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 2020 (*Summerland* and *Minari*) 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 (October 2022) BFS screenings have contributed £10,000 to the Bemerton Community Project, and we will continue to generate funds for that worthy cause into the foreseeable future.