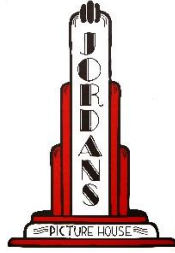


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First of all, thank you to our Members and all who came to our screenings in our fourth season. It was good – well marvellous – while it lasted (and we managed 13 screenings before the lockdown) and we are of course all deeply sorry that our programme came to a grinding halt in March. With the arrival of the Corona Virus we had to cancel the remaining programme of 8 films. Looking back on it, we made the right decision at the right time. We are sure it has been a big disappointment for everyone, not least the Committee.

It was in June last year that we held our second AGM and reported on another very successful season – our third - and announced the first half of an exciting programme of 10 films for the period September 2019 to January 2020 – most of which had been selected by you, our Members, from the Committee’s Long List.

In our third season (2018-19) we had shown just 12 films but in our fourth season we were planning to nearly double that number with the introduction of additional screenings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Tuesday was the only day of the month that the Village Hall was free and it meant that there would be screenings every two weeks during the season. We did not know whether you would turn up in sufficient numbers to make it financially viable, but we thought it was worth trying. Audiences were encouraging and in any case, we decided we could “carry” small audiences, particularly for foreign films where because of the position of sub-titles, we would have to restrict the audience size in any case.

There were a couple of one-offs worth mentioning. On Sunday January 12th we screened “Paddington 2” targeting the children in the Village. About a dozen turned up and we had a respectable audience of 39. We also put on a popular breakfast screening of the Rugby world Cup Final.

In addition to our screenings we held a very enjoyable and successful event in late February, “Collaborate”, which was a networking lunch and discussion session attended by some 30 people from 14 local film societies. We had a guest speaker from the National Film & Television School in Beaconsfield and the lively discussions on various topics were moderated for us by David Wooster. Many ideas were exchanged and we received extremely positive feedback from all the attendees. We are grateful to Cinema For All for funding this event.

Jordans Picture House has now become an important social event and vital entertainment not only for the residents of Jordans but also for a number of the surrounding villages – notably of course Seer Green and Chalfont St Giles. We have created a new local community which meets here in Jordans Village Hall and your geographical address ceases to matter at all. We are looking forward to the eventual cessation of current restrictions on community cinemas when we will be able to resume screenings. Here’s hoping.

When we do reopen we shall probably start with the 8 films that were cut from this season, as we already have the discs and a number of advance bookings had already been made, so we know there is strong interest in them. Therefore, we shall not be needing to go through the usual voting and film selection process with you, our Members, until later in the year, at which point we will be suggesting titles for the second part of the 2020-21 season. However, needless to this all depends on the relaxation of lockdown and social distancing measures.

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We have undertaken a number of projects to enhance our screenings:-

- An upgraded AV Receiver (amplifier) has been purchased
- A spare lamp for the projector has been purchased
- The arrival music and Intro film and trailers are now computerised, not requiring separate discs

We have also not forgotten our responsibilities to the wider community:-

- Supported village concerts with the loan of our chairs
- Supported Wycombe Homeless Connection with a £500 donation

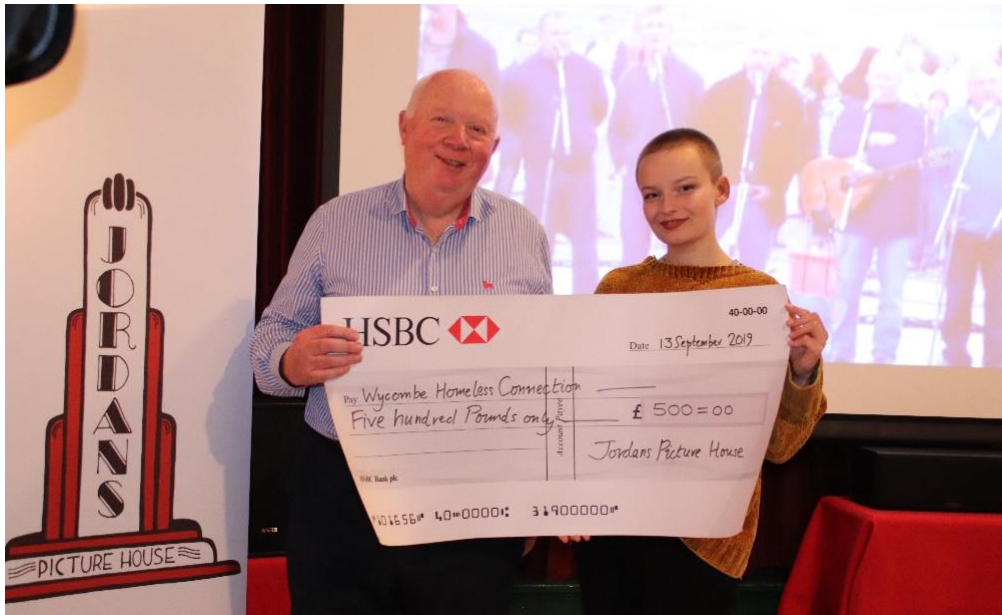
Finally we must record our gratitude to the band of happy helpers who assist us with the setting up and clearing down of everything and the running of the bar each time. In particular, special thanks go to David Leutner for his untiring support on the technical front. As with many events such as JPH, none of what we do would be possible without these volunteers working away in the background. And on that note, if anyone else would like to become involved in any aspect of what we do, we would love to hear from you!

Jordans Picture House Committee:- Charlotte Baggins; Lorraine Bristow; Dee Pantlin; Alan Sealy; Chris Waymouth.

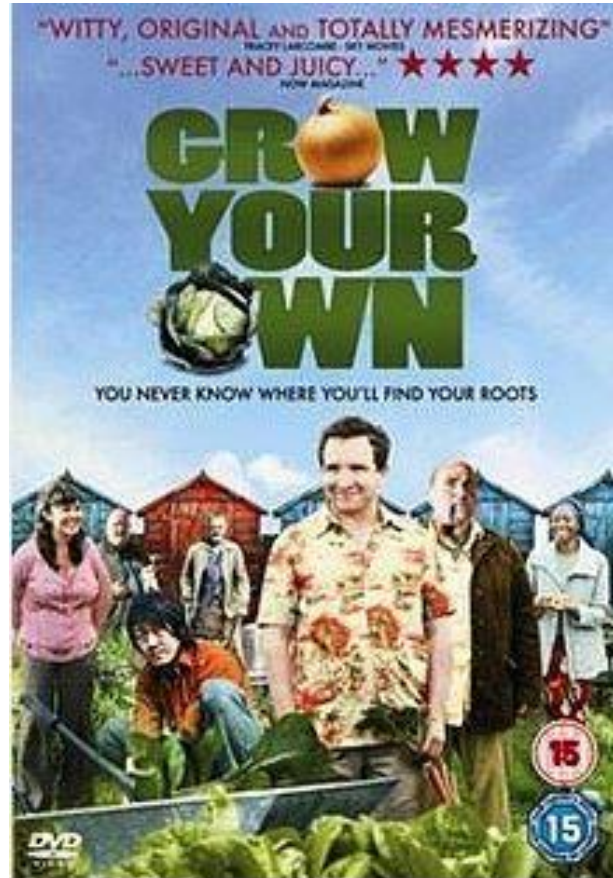


Some of our volunteers enjoying a well earned rest

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Our donation to Wycombe Homeless Connection



One of our postponed films (seems timely just now!)