

Stroud Film Society: Update and Survey

Dear Film Society friends

As you know, it was with a very heavy heart that we had to cancel our 2020-21 season. However, we are now looking to the future and, again working with the Sub Rooms, we are planning a 2021-22 season of 12 films starting on Tuesday 14 September (at roughly fortnightly intervals). We will be using the Ballroom, which is a huge space, with a large screen and an excellent sound system.

However, the room hire costs are much more expensive than our previous venue (Open House Hall) and we will have to share the value of any on-the-door ticket sales with the Subs. This means that the financial viability of this move is dependent upon getting as many people as possible to pay for a membership subscription. The annual fee will be £45 for 12 films (i.e. £3.75 per film). NB Those who were members during the shortened 2019-20 season are entitled to a £10 discount. As the season progresses, there will also be a tiered membership system - £35 for 9 films (from 9 November); £25 for 6 films (from 11 January); £15 for 3 films (from 1 March). All much better value than the Guest ticket/on-the-door price of £7 per film.

We are writing to you as we need to get a feel for the level of confidence that people have in re-joining the Society. Social distancing won't be a problem in the Ballroom and appropriate and recommended Covid-19 safety precautions will be put in place. Closer to the start of the new season, these will be detailed in our programme and on our website. We appreciate that the situation can change quickly and drastically but if the rules are relaxed on 21 June, as planned, how confident would you be about taking out a membership subscription?

Very; Fairly or Not at All. Any comments are also welcome.

Please reply to Les West (toadpatroller@gmail.com) who, as Membership Secretary, will be collating responses and reporting back to the Committee. I can assure you that your replies won't be regarded as firm commitments but will help us to decide if we should proceed with our plans. We look forward to hearing from you ASAP please.

Best wishes

Claire Carpenter