

Wimblington Film Club

Each month you may have noticed the advertisement for our film club. We screen a movie in the Parish Hall on the fourth Tuesday of the month. I became involved with the club in February 2011, when the late Susie Spurr had advertised for help in running it. We were then a group of four but today only Pat Hart and I soldier on.

We have a small group of regular customers but of late our audiences have been quite disappointing, with the notable exception of the day when we could hardly fit everybody in to see *The Lady in the Van* with Maggie Smith. We don't expect such a response to every film but it would be nice if we saw a few more people on a regular basis.

What people may not realise is that to show a film to a public audience it is necessary to obtain a viewing licence, which costs us £83+VAT. Our ticket price is kept low at £2.50, as we would like the club to remain an affordable community service. Some simple maths will show that we need around 40 people to break even but unfortunately of late we have only been seeing just over half that number. We are, therefore, continually eating into our small financial reserves.

We have decided to see how things go during the first quarter of this year but if audience numbers do not improve we regret that we shall either have to increase the ticket price or, if that proves to be unacceptable to our audience, consider discontinuing the club. The message is, therefore, quite simple. If you want the village film club to continue please support us.

With thanks to everybody who already comes along.

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