**Report for Kirtlington Parish Council May 2026**

## 1. Introduction

The film club was set up in 2009. Olwyn Mason and Barbara Kemp run the film club as joint chairs. We have two projectionists – Judy Niner and Steve Vickars- and Chris Mason and Judith Vickars are regular helpers. Films are shown on Saturdays (once a month) in the Village Hall during Autumn, Winter and Spring. We charge £5 per ticket and wine, coffee and tea are available to purchase. Complimentary snacks are provided.

## 2. The 2025/6 Season

The 2025/6 season ran from October until April 2026. We showed six films, including two foreign language films. We showed a film in January on behalf of Sustainable Kirtlington called Fires and Fascism. We are also hosting a fundraising film night on May 8 for the Kirtlington Community Shop and Café project.

We have continued to make efforts to expand our social media publicity beyond Kirtlington and the neighboring villages of, Bletchingdon and Weston on the Green, for example to Chesterton and Kidlington, and now have 154 on our mailing list. The average attendance across the 6 films was 35 though numbers range, peaking at 53 for our November film. The numbers continue to show a demand for the film club in the village, despite the availability of streaming services.

An innovation this season was to show 2 films via Amazon Prime. Previously we have only shown films available on DVD.

## 3. Finances

Our costs of running the club each season include hire of the village hall, purchase of the film DVD/steaming cost and the licence for showing each film, as well as an annual insurance cover (for the equipment and personal liability). We aim to make a small profit each evening to ensure we have monies in reserve for the purchase of new equipment and any other sundry items needed. Our cash balance in the bank at the end of the 2025/6 season is £2772.34 (plus £110 in cash floats).

## 4. Future Plans

The film club committee will be meeting in the summer to determine the film programme for the 2026/7 season as well as discussing improvements and developments to keep the club not just sustainable but thriving.

Olwyn Mason and Barbara Kemp

Joint Chairs Kirtlington Film Club

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