

Aston-le-Wall Film Club
Report for the Parish Council Open Meeting
Thursday 13th April 2023

Good Evening Mr Chairman, members of the Parish Council and fellow residents.

Film Club has now been running for 12 years. We have shown just under 200 films and raised a large amount of money for the Village Hall. There are approximately 80 members. Some from Aston-le-Walls but the majority are from surrounding villages.

Over the years we have tried to show a wide selection of films from different genre. Musicals, Action, Comedy, Thrillers, etc etc. Once a month we show a popular, mainstream film and then also have regular Sunday afternoon films, mainly in the winter, where we focus on something a bit different. Foreign language films, documentaries, and other films we feel would be of interest.

This structure has been in place for 12 years. Over this time the availability of films in the home has increased significantly. Netflix, Amazon Prime, and other streaming channels make it possible for everyone to watch almost anything they would like, whenever they wish.

The effect of this is that we are no longer able to show a film as soon as it is on general release and know that very few members would have already seen it at home.

To this end we have decided to change the format of Film Club. It will now be known as The Film and Arts Club. This will allow us to continue to show films, which are still enjoyed by those who like to see something on a big screen with surround sound, but to also organise other interesting events. For example, we are planning a series of interesting talks and we also plan to arrange music evenings.

On this basis we hope that the Film and Arts Club will continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Village Hall and to enrich the lives of the members and the residents of Aston-le-Walls.

Thank you and we hope that we will see you at one of the events in the future.