

Anglesey U3A Film Club - Synopses of Films for Summer Session 2024

26 April Lunana A Yak in the Classroom (in Dzongkha) Cert PG

When a daydreaming but discontented young teacher is posted to Lunana, a remote village high in the Himalayan mountains, he is disheartened to find a simple yak herding community lacking basic amenities such as electricity or even a blackboard in its school classroom. But the enthusiasm of his young students and the unassuming warmth of the village folk buoy his spirits and he must decide whether to return to the city before the gruelling winter sets in or remain in this strange and captivating land.

A wise and charming film Oscar nominated for Best International Feature Film 2023

24 May Salt of Life (in Italian) Cert 12

House husband Gianni has many things to worry about while his retirement slips by doing boring chores for his wife, mother, daughter and pretty neighbour. But romance is not one of them. One day his old friend Alfonso, inspired by his own sexual escapades, decides it's time for Gianni to get a girlfriend and reacquaint himself with some of life's pleasure.

Directed by and starring Gianni De Gregorio, this is a delightful comedy featuring the characters from the indie hit Mid-August Lunch.

21 June The Smallest Show on Earth Cert U (in Black and White)

An amiable knock-off of the Ealing comedy style. Aspiring novelist Bill Travers and his wife Virginia McKenna inheriting a cinema from a hitherto unknown uncle and discovering that it isn't the sumptuous modern Grand, but the decrepit Bijou, known locally as "the fleapit". The initial plan, set up by lawyer Leslie Phillips, is to sell off the cinema to the owner of the Grand so he can knock it down to make a car park, but our heroes are put off by the arrogant bullying of the rival owner and succumb to the inept charms of the crazed, aged staff--drunken projectionist Peter Sellers, doddery commissioner Bernard Miles and dotty ticket lady Margaret Rutherford

A charming blast from the past (1951)