

Denshaw Community Association: Bulletin

A Warning to Saddleworth

Greater Manchester Police tell us that we are definitely being targeted in the run up to Christmas, just as we were last year. Burglaries are up and car theft is a threat to every village. They say if you have a garage then use it. Immobilisers and electronic locks can be overcome so, if your expensive car lives outside, think about using an 'old fashioned' highly visible steering wheel lock. A good one is extremely difficult to destroy and takes time, the one thing thieves do not have. Obviously, lock house doors and windows and leave lights on a timer if away.

A Night at the Opera

The audiences who saw the film 'Interlude in Prague', which had a plot centred round Mozart when he was writing Don Giovanni, expressed an interest in seeing a live Opera performance. Here in Denshaw we are just 40 minutes away from the Grand Theatre in Leeds, which is the home of the excellent Opera North Company.

To make a block booking we are too late for their Autumn season but just right for the Winter programme between January and early March. We can make a block booking for 10 or more people with a 20% discount on the ticket price. Transport to and from Denshaw is likely to be between £10 and £12 a head depending on numbers.

Leeds Grand Theatre is actually a full blown mid Victorian Opera House, very well maintained by Leeds City Council and possessing excellent acoustics. Even the cheapest seats have a good view of the stage.

First things first, we need to know how many of you might be interested! There are three operas in the season and we invite you to let us know if you are interested and which dates you would not be able to come, All performances except the one Sunday show at 4.00pm, begin at 7.30pm. There is disabled access to all except the Upper Balcony seats.

Madam Butterfly (Puccini)

A tender story of innocent love crushed by utterly different cultures, yet strongly relevant to today's world. American Sea Captain takes Japanese wife in mid 19th century but returns home with consequences.

Friday 19th January

Sunday 28th January at 4.00pm

Wednesday 31st January

Friday 16th February

Tuesday 20th February

Wednesday 28th February

Un ballo in maschera (A Masked Ball) Verdi

Based on the assassination of the King of Sweden in 1792. Verdi displays all his mastery in this most operatic of operas! Dramatic arias, tense groups, rousing choruses and passionate love duets.

Saturday 3rd February

Saturday 10th February

Thursday 22 February

Tuesday 27th February

Friday 2nd March

Don Giovanni (Mozart)

As he seduces his way across Europe, this aristocratic anti-hero challenges not only human morality but God himself! Broad comedy rubs up against tense drama in Da Ponte's libretto and together with the beauty and terror of Mozart's score show them both at the height of their powers, divinely or perhaps devilishly inspired.

Saturday 17th February

Wednesday 21st February

Friday 23rd February

Thursday 1st March

Saturday 3rd March

Please let us know by phone; 07780386912 or 01457 870074 or email denshawvillagecinema@gmail.com which dates you definitely would not be available. If you would not wish to see one of these operas please say so. If you are coming to our next film showing on Saturday 21st October you can let us know then. We hope to make the block booking by the end of October. It is probable that the whole evening, from and returning to Denshaw will cost you £25 to £35 depending on which seats are chosen.



A rare event - a foreign film has made it to the major British cinema circuits!

'Ove' (a Swedish name), is a grumpy isolated retiree. He spends his time enforcing petty rules and visiting his wife's grave. Noisy new neighbours, against all odds, offer friendship and it works, proving life gets better when shared. Rolf Lassgård - you may have seen him in dark Swedish TV detective series - gives an excellent performance.



Saturday 21st October

5.30-7.26pm & 8.00-9.56pm

Denshaw Village Cinema

Full Dolby Surround Sound, Hearing Loop, Wheelchair available
Enhanced Natural Ventilation, Staffed by Volunteers

Cakes & Ale & Wine & Scones & Coffee & Tea

- from 30 minutes before each show

Adults £5, Season Ticket £4, Children £4

Book: Phone: 01457 870348, 01457 870074

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Email: denshawvillagecinema@gmail.com

Use Local Link taxi from/to your home - return £3.20/conc £1.60

Book: 0161 200 6012

Denshaw Saturday Cinema: Sep-Dec 2017

9 Sep: Going in Style (12A), 5.30-7.06: 8.00-9.36pm

Three pensioners find their bank has robbed them of their proper pensions so determine to have revenge - by robbing banks. 'Hard not to enjoy'. Well made comedy with 'lots of laughter'. Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Alan Arkin all got Oscar nominations for their performances.

23 Sep: Interlude in Prague (15), 5.30-7.13: 8.00-9.43pm

Mozart had a tempestuous lifestyle as well as being musical genius. During his time in Prague he created Don Giovanni, part based on real life rather sinister characters, attacking aristocratic establishment. Excellent acting plus fantastic music make a memorable evening - even if you don't 'do' operas!

7 Oct: Another Mother's Son (12A), 5.30-7.13: 8.00-9.43pm

German occupation of Jersey in WWII meant hunger, resistance, divided loyalties and dangerous romance. This true story has fine direction plus outstanding acting from Jenny Seagrove.

21 Oct: A Man Called Ove (15), 5.30-7.26: 8.00-9.56pm

Grumpy, isolated retiree, spends his time enforcing petty rules and visiting his wife's grave. Noisy new neighbours make for unlikely new friendship but it works, proving life gets better when shared. Rolf Lassgard - you may have seen him in dark Swedish detective TV series, gives excellent performance.

4 Nov: The Sense of an Ending (15), 5.30-7.18: 8.00-9.48pm

Compelling, sensitive story of emotional connections not quite being made. Jim Broadbent's fine acting really makes this film a must.

18 Nov: Whisky Galore (PG), 5.30-7.08: 8.00-9.38pm

True story of wartime merchant ship wrecked off Islay, with a cargo of whisky. A bit of a romp as islanders liberate much of cargo, eluding customs and army throughout. Family friendly, very funny, very Scottish, highly acclaimed.

2 Dec: The time of Their Lives (12A), 5.30-7.14: 8.00-9.44pm

Former Hollywood star Joan Collins enlists help of new friend Pauline Collins to go to ex-lovers funeral in France. Lots of mishaps. An uplifting tale of second chances and

surprisingly involving, mainly due to good direction and outstanding acting. Very well received.

30 Dec: Hampstead (12A), 5.30-7.12: 8.00-9.42pm

American widow finds unexpected rapport with homeless man living wild on Hampstead Heath. They fight together to prevent developers destroying the shanty that is his home. James Norton, Diane Keaton, Brendon Gleeson make this a thoughtful and very enjoyable film, just right as a contrast to Christmas and New Year festivities.
