

Chairman's Report

Silkscreen Film Society's 2026 AGM

Silkscreen has enjoyed its 24th season of films and we have much to celebrate.

- We've delivered an exciting programme of films which has focussed on the best of World Cinema, and audience feedback has been very positive.
- Membership is over four hundred, eighty of whom we have welcomed as new members this season.
- We've invested in a new projector which has hugely improved the picture quality.
- We've gone digital with membership cards which has streamlined the process and saved on paper and printing costs.

Your hard-working Committee Members are all willing to serve another season. However, and I do say this every year, **many of us have been on the Committee for several years now and we are always on the lookout for new and younger replacements.**

If you would like a taste of what it means to run the Society, then I recommend you have a chat with us to find out what is involved. As an initial step, you might like to steward at our film nights. This is an essential role, and we are grateful to all those who are on the rota and help with the smooth running of Silkscreen film evenings. A reminder that we always like to hear your film recommendations and lastly, we're looking for someone who could help raise our social media profile.

Looking ahead to next season, we have made the decision to increase our membership subscription to £30. The £24 subscription has been in place for at least 10 years and with the large capital expenditure we made in replacing our projector this year (£10,000), plus the increasing costs of obtaining film licences, we felt the time had come to raise our annual income. Guest charges remain the same at £5.

We invite you to attend the AGM on 18 March which will take place at about 9pm after our screening of 'Fremont'. Refreshments of wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served, and you will have a chance to tell us what you think about Silkscreen's programme and the film evenings in general. Hope to see you there.

Ruth Simms

Chair of Silkscreen