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## OTF Film Club

Posted by Nil a fhios agam - 28-04-2008 15:50

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An idea came into my head over the weekend. The Film & TV section has been a lot busier since the switch to WSC. Inevitably though, the discussion tends to focus on new releases.

What I was thinking was if we nominated a film of the fortnight or month and any OTFer who was interested could watch it and give their views. Ideally, the film would be widely available on DVD or TV schedules. I know personally that I get a lot out of reading what others think of a film and usually get something out of the discussion that I missed at the time of viewing.

So, would anyone be interested and if so, what film would you nominate?

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## Re:OTF Film Club

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 28-04-2008 15:54

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Rule 1 : What happens in Film Club stays in Film Club.

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## Re:OTF Film Club

Posted by Lyra - 28-04-2008 16:03

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Definitely, I've done this elsewhere and it works. What about once a month though? Once a fortnight might be a bit much?

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## Re:OTF Film Club

Posted by Gyuri - 28-04-2008 16:13

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I'm on board with this idea as well, though agree with Lyra that monthly is more realistic. If I were to nominate a film I'd recently seen that was available on DVD, I'd probably go with "No Country For Old Men" or "There Will Be Blood", both of which I found interesting and provide decent room for discussion.

Of course, if anyone has seen Southland Tales and wants to explain it to me, that would be excellent, too.

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## Re:OTF Film Club

Posted by Nil a fhios agam - 28-04-2008 16:24

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I've no problem with monthly. Fortnightly was a bit ambitious.

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## Re:OTF Film Club

Posted by Lyra - 28-04-2008 17:36

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Those two are a bit new, Gyuri, I don't think they're out on DVD yet in the UK.

I guess films likely to cause some divisions of opinion would be good, as well as recognised 'classics'?

How to choose them? Maybe NAFA should choose one for May and then nominate the next person to choose one for June, who will then nominate someone for July etc. Or maybe people should make suggestions and then someone pick one out of a hat.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Gyuri - 28-04-2008 17:46

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That's a fair point, Lyra. I like the idea of NAFA choosing the first one.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 28-04-2008 18:53

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People really can't watch one DVD every two weeks?

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Eggchaser - 28-04-2008 19:01

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I go to the pub once a month for the local film club (and not in any way for the beer).

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by erwin - 28-04-2008 21:37

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This has all the makings of a Vicar of Dibley general meeting.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by linus - 29-04-2008 00:41

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I just saw Last Year at Marienbad, fantastic movie. This would probably make a good discussion here...

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Nil a fhios agam - 29-04-2008 12:52

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Hopefully it doesn't turn into that erwin. I'd be happy to choose a film but having never been in a film club or seen it on an online forum I frequent I wouldn't mind some pointers.

I have Last Year at Marienbad at home but haven't watched it yet. I don't think I've got to the stage were I'd pick up on it's subtleness yet.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Lyra - 29-04-2008 13:02

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well here is some of what the film club I've been involved in has watched over the years:

- Quiz Show
- Billy Liar
- Don't Look Now
- Lawrence of Arabia
- Manhunter
- The Ice Storm
- L'Appartement
- Freddy got Fingered
- Straw Dogs
- The Princess Bride
- Red Squirrel
- Devil in a Blue Dress
- The Cook the Thief
- Lovers of the Arctic Circle
- Gods and Monsters
- Jackie Brown
- The Virgin Suicides
- Pi
- Live Flesh
- Blood Simple
- Josie and the Pussycats
- The Manchurian Candidate
- Dead Man
- Towering Inferno
- City of Lost Children
- Dr Zhivago
- The Straight Story
- Last Temptation of Christ
- Jaws
- Small Faces
- Miller's Crossing

I've not seen 9 of these, actually, good grief. And what a dearth of non-English language films.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Lyra - 29-04-2008 13:19

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I think I would suggest maybe picking a director that you like, or would like to know better, and then choosing one of their films?

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Nil a fhios agam - 29-04-2008 13:30

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Thanks for that lyra.

How about Dogville to start off? It's on Film4 for those who have it on Monday, 10th at 11pm and also widely available on DVD.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Lyra - 29-04-2008 13:34

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That is a thoroughly \*excellent\* choice.  
There's a lot to discuss. I think it's an absolute masterpiece but I've argued before with people who despise it, so, yeah.

Will it be a separate thread for each film? I guess that works best.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by erwin - 30-04-2008 22:36

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Dogville thirded. So what happens now?

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Nil a fhios agam - 01-05-2008 15:17

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Excellent question, erwin. I think I'll start a thread and we'll see who watches and comments. If it's a success I'll nominate someone to come up with a film for June. If the thread is greeted with tumbleweed, we'll never speak of it again.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by erwin - 02-05-2008 02:57

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I hope it's not a nil, Nil - I for one am in!

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by gerontophile - 07-05-2008 13:51

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right, I just caught up with this: what is to recommend or otherwise about Dogville (assuming that is the subject)?

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Lyra - 07-05-2008 14:04

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There's a thread!

Today I seem to be a thread police following ger around. I apologise.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by gerontophile - 07-05-2008 14:17

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should we just get a private screening room?

Incidentally lyra, are you on Fac(il)ebook?

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Lyra - 07-05-2008 14:52

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hehe, sounds good to me

yes I am! are you in the OTF group so I can stalk you on there too?

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by gerontophile - 07-05-2008 15:32

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might be!

if you cant find me on there, you are not worth it, and more to the point, neither am I, However, I will pm you.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Lyra - 05-06-2008 11:29

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So is there going to be a film for June or what?

I got picked to choose June's film on another board. This would be fine if May's choice hadn't turned into a car crash.

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**Re:OTF Film Club**

Posted by Nil Arshavin - 24-06-2008 13:24

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Apologies for the lack of enthusiasm on my part. A combination of a new job, study and holidays got in the way of this - I didn't even watch Dogville in the end.

Lyra, feel free to nominate a film for June (or more likely July).

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