

APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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Appleby hits the big screen!

Volunteers in Appleby who love cinema and who have run the Eden Arts Remote Cinema scheme for the last 3 years at Appleby Public Hall, have finally been successful in fundraising for the installation of their own screen. This is the first piece of cinema kit to be permanently re-installed at Appleby, the building having been home to 'The Cosy', a cinema which ran from 1935 to 1961.

Karen Babayan, one of the Remote Cinema volunteer committee at Appleby said: "At the moment we're still borrowing our equipment from Eden Arts, but in time, we're hoping to have our own complete kit, bringing the cinema back into the heart of Appleby." The screen has been funded by grants from Appleby Flood Relief Fund, the Peter Norton charity and Appleby Rotary Club. Raffles at the film events have provided the final funds necessary to secure the screen, installed by Soundsmith of Kendal, and plans for suitable digital projection and sound system are afoot.

Appleby Mayor, Cllr John Pape said: "The Town Council as owners of the Public Hall are delighted to have a screen back in the building. The Remote Cinema group do a fantastic job bringing a wide variety of films to Appleby, a real mix of something for everyone, which is even more appreciated now that there is only one bus service to Penrith.

The films are selected by the committee and are an eclectic mix of main-stream, niche, art house, documentary and foreign language films and are attracting a core following with audiences growing each month – the largest audience to date was 180 for the Rural North Appleby on Film Northwest Film Archive screening in September 2016. Most film showings are complemented by themed food and drink provided by Appleby's local cafés and food outlets. Appleby Remote Cinema is not for profit and the volunteers have endeavoured to put money back into the local economy badly affected by the recent floods.

The next film at Appleby to be shown on their new big screen on the 22 April is **Kes** (PG). Directed by Ken Loach, this classic 1969 film is based on the novel *A Kestrel for a Knave* by Barry Hines (1968). A young, working-class boy from an English mining community finds a positive purpose to his difficult upbringing through the rearing and caring of a pet falcon. **A Fish & Chip supper from Riverside, Appleby will be served.** Tickets £10, including food. Please book food tickets in advance. Film only tickets, £4 available on the door. Doors open 6pm with food served 6.15pm. Film screening at 7pm. Pay bar & raffle, interval ice-creams & popcorn. **Food tickets in advance from Appleby Tourist Information Centre and the**

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Notes to the Editor

1. Formally Appleby Borough Council, Appleby-in-Westmorland Town Council was formed in 1974 following local government reorganisation.
2. There are currently 13 Councillors: Cllr Mrs Anderton, Cllr Ms Blair, Cllr Connell, Cllr Chalmers, Cllr Dougherty, Cllr Mrs Dixon Dougherty, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Miss Hutchinson, Cllr Mrs Kendall, Cllr Pape, Cllr F Potts, Cllr H Potts and Cllr Rooke.
3. Cllr Pape is the Mayor and Cllr Rooke Deputy Mayor.
4. The Council meets monthly. For Council meeting dates please go to <http://www.applebytown.org.uk/index.php?page=meetings-calendar-1>
5. The Council structure currently has five committees and one working party. Committees: Finance; Planning & General Purpose; Property; Staffing and Appeals.
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