

MARCH - MAY 2026

THE **LEXI**
CINEMA

Community Programming Review



An Overview



COMMUNITY
PROGRAMMING
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If you are from a community group and would like to attend a public or private screening, please email Alba and we would love to host you!

If you would like to be added to the list of recipients of our community programming reviews, do get in touch via the email addresses above.

At the Lexi, community is at the heart of how we operate and our community, film-based programming is an essential part of our ethos as a cinema. This review outlines our community projects and activities from March to May 2026.

Our community work involves collaboration, long term partnerships and inviting expert organisations such as Into Film and Salusbury World to help shape our community work. We also produce accessible screenings in-house as part of our public programme, to ensure our main features are accessible to all. This includes baby-friendly screenings, hard of hearing captioned screenings, relaxed/autism-friendly screenings, and our senior film discussion group, Talking Pictures.

Outside of our public programme, we run free screenings for local schools (with IntoFilm), host women-only refugee screenings (with Salusbury World), and take part in an NHS Social Prescribing Pilot Project (with Kilburn Co-op) prescribing cinema tickets to local residents at risk of social isolation. We also run discount schemes for local nurseries and holiday clubs with cheap family tickets where accompanying support workers go free.

Our community programming is funded from our box office revenues but also from the generous support from local business such as Parlour, The Island and The Chamberlayne via our Love Local scheme, donations from Lexi customers who have opted to donate to our community programmes when they buy our tickets, and fundraising from the Kensal Tri group participating in the Blenheim Palace Triathlon.

Community Partners



Salusbury World

We're proud to have been working with this award-winning local refugee project offering vital support to refugee and migrant families. We work with them throughout the year on a range of activities, from a women-only refugee film club, to hosting film screenings during Refugee Week in June, and providing group screenings for kids as part of the charity's holiday club scheme.

Thanks to generous fundraising from the Kensal Tri team taking part in the Blenheim Palace Triathlon, we've been able to continue to provide free screenings and free popcorn to groups from Salusbury World.



Into Film

Into Film are an educational charity using film as an educational resource. We work with them each year during the Into Film Festival, hosting free film screenings to local schools for pupils aged between 5-19 year olds. All screenings are subtitled and we also host relaxed/autism-friendly screenings to ensure that everyone can access and enjoy the films.

Laurence's Larder

Laurence's Larder is a local food aid charity run by dedicated volunteers, offering a weekly food parcel service, clothes bank and community kitchen to those who need it.

Together in 2026 we launched The Lexi Seniors' Film Club where each month we present a film followed by a discussion and provide complimentary tea and biscuits. Tickets are just £2 and transport to and from the cinema is provided if needed.



Baby-Friendly Screenings

Part of our public programme, available to everyone

Our Baby-Friendly screenings allow parents, carers and family members to bring their baby to watch a film on a Monday morning, with **appropriate adjustments to the cinema experience** such as subtitles, lower sound volume, and better lighting, with baby-changing facilities available.

From March to May 2026, we programmed **10** baby-friendly screenings, with **200** total admissions.

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BABY-FRIENDLY SCREENINGS

200

ADMISSIONS

FILMS SHOWN

- The Secret Agent
- If I Had Legs I'd Kick You
- Peaky Blinders: The Immortal Man
- One Battle After Another
- Project Hail Mary
- The Drama (x2)
- Glenrothan
- The Devil Wears Prada 2
- Michael



Relaxed Screenings

3

RELAXED
SCREENINGS

59

ADMISSIONS

FILMS SHOWN

- [Limbo \(2020\)](#)
- [The Magic Faraway Tree](#)
- [The Super Mario Galaxy Movie](#)

Part of our public programme, available to everyone

From March to May 2026, we programmed **3** relaxed screenings. This included family-friendly films over the school holidays as well as a free screening presented by Pixida and HIAS+JCORE of films exploring the refugee and migrant experience.

These screenings are tailored to be **autism-friendly**, with no adverts or trailers, better lighting and lower sound volumes. As part of our Family-Friendly programme, our Relaxed Screenings had a total of **59** admissions.



Hard of Hearing Screenings

Part of our public programme, available to everyone

From March to May 2026 we programmed **14 subtitled/captioned**, hard of hearing screenings with a total of **287** admissions.

We also have the facilities to offer **audio description** for most films via our Dolby Fedelio hearing loop system for audience members with a visual impairment, as well as **amplified audio** and dialogue for audience members with a hearing impairment.

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HARD OF HEARING
SCREENINGS

287

ADMISSIONS

FILMS SHOWN

- I Swear
- If I Had Legs I'd Kick You
- Midwinter Break
- GOAT
- Project Hail Mary
- The Drama
- California Schemin'
- Glenrothan
- NT Live: All My Sons
- The Devil Wears Prada
- Michael
- The Christophers
- The Sheep Detectives
- The Magic Faraway Tree



Talking Pictures

Part of our public programme, open to seniors

On the first Monday afternoon of the month, we run a Talking Pictures screening which is **open to the public for anyone over 60.**

We screen a new movie from our main programme followed by an **informal post-show discussion** with a member of the Lexi team. The screenings are designed to encourage a sense of connection and community where attendees can meet new people through a shared love of film, and combat any feelings of social isolation.

From March to May 2026 we programmed **3** screening with a total of **44** admissions.

FILMS SHOWN

The President's Cake
The Stranger
Rebuilding

Community Bookings

Discounted screenings for local schools,
holiday clubs and charities

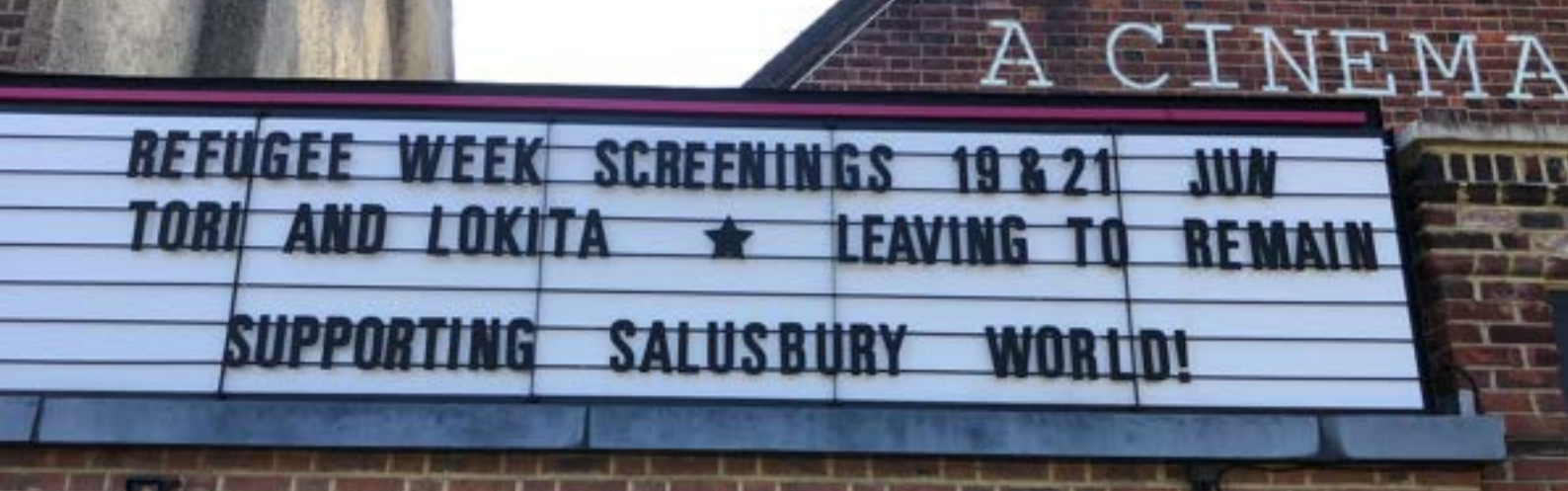
Between March and May 2026, we hosted **2** community screenings as well as a **group of film students for a school visit**, which included a guided tour of the cinema and a Q&A with The Lexi team on the realities of running a cinema and curating a film programme.

Our two community screenings welcomed children and families from **Three Trees** and **Granville Family Wellbeing Centre**, and **Preston Park Family Wellbeing Centre** – with **110** SEN children and their families in attendance across both screenings.

FILMS SHOWN

GOAT

The Magic Faraway Tree



Salisbury World ESOL Screenings

Free screenings for women-only refugee film club in partnership with local charity Salisbury World

Our free **women-only refugee film screenings** are run in collaboration with local refugee charity, **Salisbury World**, where we provide **free popcorn and tea and coffee** for all attendees.

We had **2** screenings between March and May 2026, with around **43** women and children attending across the screenings.

From March onwards, the film club will run every other month, allowing for more wrap around language learning in classes before and after the films.

FILMS SHOWN

Finding Neverland
The Magic Faraway Tree

“Watching films at the cinema is so good for our listening. With the subtitles on we can learn new words and how people use English, hearing different accents. If we can't understand English, we are lost. So watching the films is great practice for this and helps our lives. ”



Audience Development Projects

Bringing in new audiences

Escapes

Escapes is a new initiative supported by the British Film Institute and National Lottery funding, providing **free film screenings** at participating independent cinemas across the UK. The programme aims to make cinema more accessible by removing financial barriers to attendance, with all screenings also presented with **descriptive subtitles**. By hosting free screenings organised by Escapes, we aim to **reach audiences who might otherwise be priced out by ticket cost**.

Between March and May 2026, we participated in **3** Escapes screenings, (*Exit 8*, *Our Land and Power Ballad*) with **60** people attending across both screenings.

Spotlight: Lina Wertmüller

Following on from our inaugural Spotlight mini-season on Palestinian director Annemarie Jacir, we launched our second Spotlight season on the Italian filmmaker **Lina Wertmüller** in April. Wertmüller was the first woman to ever receive a Best Director Academy Award nomination which she received for her film *Seven Beauties* (1975).

The first two screenings occurred in April and May and the season will conclude in June.

Working with the organisation Cinemaitalia, this season aimed to attract an Italian-speaking audience, with **135** admissions across the **4** screenings we've had so far.

Our next season will be on the Argentinian filmmaker Lucrecia Martel and will take place between July and September in collaboration with Cinema Mentiré.



NHS Social Prescribing Project With Kilburn Co-Op

Free cinema tickets to participants

Social Prescribing is an approach that connects people to activities, groups, and services in their community to meet the practical, social and emotional needs that affect their health and wellbeing.

Working with a social prescribing link worker, we've been prescribing cinema tickets to local residents at risk of social isolation, aiming to prove the therapeutic value of a trip to your local cinema.

From March to May we issued **31** free tickets to local residents attending a matinee screening on a Monday. We also offered a free hot drink with every ticket.

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TICKETS
PRESCRIBED



Lexi Seniors' Film Club

Film Club for Seniors in partnership with Laurence's Larder

We've now had **5 editions** of our monthly Lexi Seniors' Film Club in partnership with Laurence's Larder, with **3** screenings occurring between March and May.

In March, we showed **My Father's Shadow** with **67** people in attendance. In April we screened David Lynch's **The Straight Story** with **36** people attending.

In May, the film club screened the Iranian film **My Favourite Cake**, preceded by the animated short **Two Black Boys in Paradise**, with an introduction by poet Dean Atta, who wrote the poem that inspired the short film. The May edition was attended by **36** people.

As always, screenings include free tea and biscuits, an introduction and a post-film discussion where the film for the next month is selected. Tickets are just £2 and transport options to the cinema are also provided via Laurence's Larder for those who need it.

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ADMISSIONS



Volunteer Programme Update

So far this year we've welcomed 6 new volunteers, bringing our current total of active volunteers to **59!**

In March, we hosted our annual volunteer party to coincide with the Oscars ceremony, awarding volunteers who had reached 1, 2, 5, and 10-year milestones with us.

- **1 year (7 volunteers)** – Awarded an 11% special volunteer discount to use at the box office and bar.
- **2 years (3 volunteers)** – Received a certificate to mark a tree planted in their name at Horsenden Farm.
- **5 years (10 volunteers)** – Presented with an "Outstanding Achievement" plaque.
- **10 years (3 volunteers)** – Honoured with a "Lifetime Achievement" award and a tree planted in their name in South Africa.



The next community review
will be for the period
June – August 2026

Thank you for taking the
time to read our review,
and supporting our cinema
projects.

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