

February Meeting:

Waverley Film Society will meet at St John's Uniting Church, 37 Virginia Street, Mt Waverley at 7.40 on **Wednesday, 9th of February**. Apologies can be left with Brett on 9807 3426.

This month we will screen ***Yesterday*** (2019).

A whimsical story. In another reality the Beatles never existed but known to only one person, who finds fame and fortune singing Beatles songs.



Covid Arrangements

- Density limits do not apply where all attendees are fully vaccinated, so we can accommodate all members.
- Masks are required for this screening, while you are indoors.
- Only fully double vaccinated people, or those with a valid exemption, will be allowed to enter the premises. Those who did not come in December, need to bring along a certificate, either on paper or registered in a phone. The certificates of those who came in December are already recorded.
- Each person needs to register using the QR code for the building. If you don't have a phone, please come a little earlier so that we can register you with the QR code.
- Supper will be provided in a Covid-safe manner.
- We will sanitise all surfaces before and after the meeting.



Last Meeting

- Members were pleased to greet each other after a long break.
- 22 members attended and there were 5 apologies.
- Members registered using QR codes, with some assistance.
- *Bend it like Beckham* achieved a rating of 4 stars.
- Members enjoyed a Covid-safe Christmas supper.

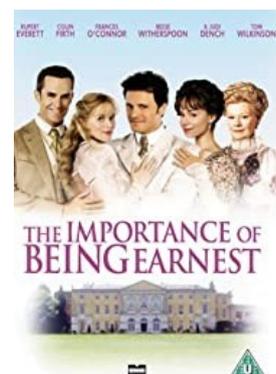
Next Meeting

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on March 9th, immediately prior to the film screening. Please arrive before 7.30.

The film to be screened on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 is:

The Importance of Being Earnest (2002).

Comedy. Two friends face questions about their identities, leading to hilarious mix ups.



Yesterday (2019)

(Reference: www.imdb.com)

Director Danny Boyle

Writing Jack Barth (story)
Richard Curtis (screenplay)

Cinematography Christopher Ross

Music Daniel Pemberton

Cast includes:

Himesh Patel	Jack Malik
Lily James	Ellie Appleton
Ed Sheeran	Ed Sheeran
Sophia Di Martino	Carol
Ellise Chappell	Lucy

Trivia

- Himesh Patel did all his own singing and playing in the movie.
- The Beatles had zero input creatively, outside of approving of their music being used in the film. Director Danny Boyle stated in interviews that the film was "blessed" by Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, as well as the estates of John Lennon and George Harrison.
- The main concert scene was filmed on the beach of the Norfolk town of Gorleston. Local residents were first to be chosen as the crowd extras filmed for the scenes.
- When Jack goes to America they mention that he will be on Thursday Night Live which was changed from Saturday Night Live (1975). Kate McKinnon (Debra) is on Saturday Night Live.
- What actually caused the massive Beatles "memory wipe"? Could it be an alternate universe (surely a subtle playful reference to "Across the Universe"), some weird solar flare thing, or even a theory that when Jack had his accident was it some weird "coma dream" hallucination.
- In addition to The Beatles, Harry Potter, Oasis, the soft drink Coca-Cola, and the entire concept of cigarettes do not exist in the alternate world either.
- In the final scene, Jack and Ellie talk about Harry Potter. Ellie is played by Lily James. Harry Potter's parents were named "Lily" and "James."
- Within the alternate universe George Harrison and John Lennon characters, the story logic chosen seems to be that John Lennon was only shot and killed because of a "stalker" due to him being famous via The Beatles. So with no fame, he's never killed and seemingly becomes a reclusive artist. George Harrison died of ill health, so the story implies that he still passed away in the alternate universe, as he's never actually seen or seemingly referenced to by name within the story.

Review: A Brilliant Original Story with a Wonderful Moving Ending (Howells-94665 June 2019)

Like *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Rocketman*, *Yesterday* is a movie based on classic songs by classic musicians. But unlike *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Rocketman* which are biography movies, *Yesterday* is a fantasy comedy movie which is a different take from the previous two.

The plot for the movie centres around Jack Malek who is a struggling musician until he has a bus crash while power was turned off for about 12 seconds. He then finds out that he is the only person who knows the songs of the Beatles.

The movie delivered on its promise on a lot of levels. The performances by Himesh Patel and Lily James were excellent: they had great chemistry and you can feel their friendship grow throughout the movie. I thought Ed Sheeran wasn't that bad in the movie - a lot better than I expecting considering that most real life musicians acting is mostly bad. The movie featured lots of classic Beatles songs which was great even though *Let It Be* was on too briefly. But that didn't ruin the whole movie. The ending of movie was very moving and emotional. It was lovely ending.

Overall the movie was excellent. It was original but unlike a lot of original movies that has a great premise but didn't deliver, this movie does deliver with great performances and a wonderful ending. This movie is to enjoy by everyone who loves the Beatles or just want to have a great fun time at the cinema. I highly recommend it.