

Buxton Film January 2019

Monday	7/1/19	7.30	Peterloo (12A) Dir Mike Leigh 2018 UK 154 min UK release 2/11/18	v=mhSv5-frnxk	St Peter's Square, Manchester which in 1819 was St Peter's Field and the site of a generally overlooked but critical historical event. On 16 th August, what we would now call a pro-democracy demonstration was brutally broken up when cavalry charged, sabres drawn, into the crowd killing 15 protesters and injuring hundreds. Mike Leigh brings the event to life with dramatic big crowd scenes while Maxine Peake brings her talents as Nellie – the tough worker and mother of soldier Joseph. "A richly intelligent and passionate film"
Monday	14/1/19	7.30	Walkabout (15) Dir Nicolas Roeg 1971 UK 100 min UK release 7/10/71	v=pyMSzeXI5NE	Director Nicolas Roeg died recently and we felt that a tribute to him was in order. <i>Don't Look Now</i> is well known but we've selected his stunning solo directorial debut to commemorate him. A shocking event leads to a proper English teenager and her 7-year-old brother (Jenny Agutter and Lucien Roeg) finding themselves lost in the Australian desert. They come across a young Aboriginal boy who is on 'walkabout'. A unique study of cultural clash and awakening sexuality beautifully filmed in Roeg's enigmatic style. Affecting and memorable.
Monday	21/1/19	7.30	Blackkklansman (15) Dir Spike Lee 2018 USA 135 min UK release 24/8/18	v=Q2eL3YithTc	Spike Lee returns to his very best in this thrilling but funny satire set in the 1970s. Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) is the only non-white cop in the Colorado Springs police force. He replies to a KKK newspaper ad posing as a white sympathiser. His Jewish colleague Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver) stands in for face-to-face meetings as they infiltrate the movement. Clever twists keep you hooked into this entertaining Cannes film festival Grand Prix winner. Hilarious.
Monday	28/1/19	7.30	The Wild Pear Tree (15) Dir Nuri Bilge Ceylan 2018 Turkey + others 188 min UK release 30/11/18	v=eaiR3zdv5cU	We've screened a number of Nuri Bilge Ceylan's exquisite unhurried, award-winning films over the years. In this, his best to date, young graduate Sinan, jobless, returns to his rural village. His idealised childhood memory of home contrasts with the daily irritations he now finds. Are the lives of the people he left behind as hopeless as he feels or simply a projection of his own perceived lack of success? There are some truly memorable scenes in this deeply satisfying, intelligent film.
Monday	4/2/19	7.30	Nae Pasaran (12) Dir Felipe Bustos Sierra 2018 UK 96 min UK release 2/11/18	v=VD6d0xKZNRg	This word-of-mouth triumph has been requested by Buxton Film regulars. In 1973 General Pinochet violently took power in Chile. British made Hawker Hunters were used in the bombing of government buildings. In 1974 the engines arrived for repair at the Rolls Royce factory in East Kilbride but the workers, in an act of solidarity with the people of Chile, decided not to touch them. Forty years later a young director explores this extraordinary stand in an emotional and powerful documentary combining archive footage, animation and an original soundtrack by Patrick Neil O'Doyle. Brilliant.