

SCROAT CINEMA

SIMPLE CINEMA RUN ON ALTERNATIVE THEMES

@ THE SUMAC CENTRE

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MARCH FILMS

Weds 1st March

***** Guest speaker special! *****

***** Bolivarian Revolution, Coal Mining and Indigenous Resistance*****

- Report back from a recent trip to Venezuela
- FILM; Bolivarian Venezuela ; people and struggle of the fourth world war
- Short film from a new libertarian social centre in Caracas

Weds 8th March

***** Baraka *****

Without words, cameras show us the world, with an emphasis not on "where," but on "what's there." It begins with morning, natural landscapes and people at prayer: volcanoes, water falls, veldts, and forests; several hundred monks do a monkey chant. Indigenous peoples apply body paint; whole villages dance. The film moves to destruction of nature via logging, blasting, and strip mining. Images of poverty, rapid urban life, and factories give way to war, concentration camps, and mass graves. Ancient ruins come into view, and then a sacred river where pilgrims bathe and funeral pyres burn. Prayer and nature return. A monk rings a huge bell; stars wheel across the sky.

Weds 15th March

***** The Battle Of Orgreave *****

The climactic clash of the 1984 miners' strike recreated. Dramatic photographic stills from the clashes in 1984 are intercut with footage of the clashes re-enacted in 2001, teasing out the truth behind this bitter struggle.

Weds 22nd March

***** Winstanley *****

In April 1649 a band of about 40 Diggers, inspired by Gerrard Winstanley and William Everard began to dig uncultivated common land on Saint George's Hill in Cobham, Surrey, building simple houses in which to live, sharing all their goods and produce in common. As word spread, and the privileged woke up to the implications of this tiny token action, the authorities turned hostile. The commune was dispersed by government troops, Everard and Winstanley arrested, tried, and heavily fined. Each new attempt to get the community started was crushed, by violence, harassment and intimidation. Nevertheless, despite all government opposition to the experiment, the Cobham colony lasted until 1651.

Weds 29th March

***** Punishment Park *****

"Punishment Park" is a pseudo-documentary purporting to be a film crew's news coverage of the team of soldiers escorting a group of hippies, draft dodgers, and anti-establishment types across the desert in a type of capture the flag game. The soldiers vow not to interfere with the rebels' progress and merely shepherd them along to their destination. At that point, having obtained their goal, they will be released. The film crew's coverage is meant to insure that the military's intentions are honorable. As the representatives of the 60's counter-culture get nearer to passing this arbitrary test, the soldiers become increasingly hostile, attempting to force the hippies out of their pacifist behavior.

SCROAT is an open cinema that aims to spread radical and alternative info and promote discussion...

The cinema is run by volunteers and help is always welcome...

All donations go back into the cinema and to ASBO community space radford...

SCROAT is a forest fields social club event -- MEMBERSHIP (FOR THE SOCIAL CLUB) is £2/3 PER YEAR...

This will give you access to the cinema and all other events that happen at the SUMAC CENTRE



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