

CAFS Report for Feb 2012

The second supper + film in the current season will take place on Sat 19 Feb in Caldbeck Village Hall. It will be a thoroughly English event this time with supper at 6.30pm followed by **Kind hearts and coronets** at approx 7.45pm.

Tickets for the meal will be on sale from the beginning of February from the village stores in Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket or can be reserved by contacting Sally Vaux on 016974 78626. Ticket reservations or veggie option should be confirmed by 16 Feb at the latest please.

The menu will be steak pie and vegetables or 4-cheese and spinach cannelloni for vegetarians, followed by a choice of desserts, including sticky toffee pudding and finally coffee or tea. The tickets for this meal will cost £10 each.

Kind hearts and coronets is probably one of the best Ealing comedies produced, albeit a very black one. Released in 1949, it is in black and white, lasts 105 mins and is cert U. In the 1900s, Louis Mazzini (Dennis Price) is some way down the line of succession for a Dukedom. He decides to remove the 8 members of the D'Ascoyne family who stand in his way. Louis, a calm serial killer is also a bit of a cad and is having an affair with a married woman (Joan Greenwood).

The modes of dispatch are ingenious, my own favourite being the demise of the intrepid Lady Agatha D'Ascoyne. Fortunately, 2 of the intended victims die by chance and Louis is all set to become a Duke. All the victims look surprisingly alike because they are played by Alec Guinness, in a tour de force of comic acting.

Louis is then arrested and convicted for a crime he has not committed and whiles away the time in prison writing his memoirs. He is proud of his exploits, feeling he has nothing to lose. But pride comes before a fall....

This is a thoroughly enjoyable film, full of wit, comedy and satire at the expense of the upper classes.

Films showing at Keswick Film Club in February include:

5 Feb Surviving life (theory and practice)

12 Feb The Pope's toilet

19 Feb Post mortem

Film Festival 23-26 Feb