

CAFS REPORT FOR Jan 2012

CAFS Committee wishes all our members a very Happy New Year with lots of entertaining new films to see this year.

We had a successful supper + film on Nov 26th with an audience of 47. Supper events greatly help our fund-raising to cover our costs. Already the Committee is thinking about the next supper + film on Sat 18th Feb, the details of which will be announced in Jan 2012.

The first film of 2012 is appropriately called **Another year**. It will be shown on Fri 13th Jan at 7.30p in Caldbeck Village Hall. It is directed by Mike Leigh, made in 2010, Cert 15 and lasts 120 min. Starring some of Mike Leigh's regular company of actors, it was developed by the director and cast to produce performances that make the characters into truly believable people.

Over the course of each season, we see Tom (Jim Broadbent) and his wife Gerri (Ruth Sheen), a middle-aged married couple, who contentedly tend an allotment in their spare time. Tom is a geologist and Gerri a counsellor at a medical practice. They are the solid centre around which events happen. Their only worry seems to be that their son, who is a community lawyer, has not yet brought home a steady girlfriend.

Gerri befriends Mary (Lesley Manville) who works at the surgery. Mary is needy and drinks too much wine and makes poor choices of men and cars. She flirts inappropriately with Gerri's son and reacts badly when he brings home a girlfriend. Tom's friend Ken is a sad, boozy, overweight loner, who also needs someone to care for but a heart attack looks more likely.

The family has to react to a crisis in the North and help Tom's brother Ronnie (David Bradley) and his angry son. It's just another average year for Tom and Gerri

The film is beautifully shot and does have its funny moments. It is perceptive about the dynamics of families and friendship but as one critic noted, it demonstrates "the unequal distribution of happiness".

Films showing at Keswick Film Club in Jan 2012 are as follows :

Sun 8 Jan The well-digger's daughter

Sun 15 Jan La piscine (The swimming pool)

Sun 22 Jan The red machine

NB Keswick Film Festival 23-26 Feb