

## NEWS

Community group's special event of slapstick comedy which avoids sensory overload

# Action at autism film screening

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**Film fans who have autism could enjoy the magic of the movies as a community arts group put on a special screening of classic comedy.**

Leigh Film Society put on an afternoon of Laurel and Hardy films at the Pelican Centre in Tyldesley in association with

local community interest company (CIC) True Colours.

The screening was designed to be autism friendly, both in the choice of films put on the screen and in the setting which was not overwhelming for the movie fans.

The event was part of Autism Awareness Week and the two groups will team up again to screen the iconic comedy duo at AutyFest at Pennington Flash later this year.

Leigh Film Society chair

Paul Costello said: "The ethos of Leigh Film Society is to provide great film for everyone. We are fully inclusive of everyone in our community.

"We have worked in partnership with True Colours on a number of projects and it has always been rewarding for everyone. When they approached us to screen a film for Autism Awareness Week, we jumped at the chance."

True Colours CIC director Marian Milling explained that people who have autism can experience many barriers and hurdles going to multiplexes.

She said: "It's often too much sensory overload for the people we support to go to a cinema with the surround sound systems used, the dark venue and air conditioning, as well as the limited film choices as most venues cater for children when providing autism friendly sessions.

"To have the opportunity to view films in a community setting such as the Pelican



One of True Colours CIC's service users enjoying the Laurel and Hardy films at the Pelican Centre in Tyldesley screened in a special autism-friendly setting by the volunteers of the Leigh Film Society



Cinema fans enjoying the riotous slapstick comedies

can centre, where it's lighter and more suitable in terms of acoustic sounds as well as having a choice of classics such as Laurel and Hardy, is fantastic.

"People with autism do

enjoy being entertained and laughing together but can find modern comedies hard to understand with innuendo and subtle humour. Slapstick-based humour is easy to follow

and understand in a world where social communication is difficult."

To find out more visit [www.truecolourscic.co.uk](http://www.truecolourscic.co.uk) or [www.leighfilmsociety.com](http://www.leighfilmsociety.com)

## FUNCTION ROOM

The Club has a large function room available for hire, that is able to cater for up to 180 people and can be used for birthdays, anniversaries, wedding receptions, funerals and christenings. Our kitchen has a 5\* rating for hygiene offering a wide variety of dishes. The Manager will be happy to meet anyone to discuss their future requirements no matter how far in advance.

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SUNDAY 8TH APRIL 2018 2:00PM TO 5:00PM**

- Discuss the ladies and gentlemen's membership options now available including two new categories:
  - a) Nine hole membership 7 days per week (weekend golf after 3.30pm summer and 1pm in winter)
  - b) Twilight membership 7 days per week (summer from 3.30pm and 1pm in winter)
  - c) We also have social membership for those who wish to use the facilities of the club
- Arrange to play a trial round on our newly designed 18 hole golf course
- Discuss with our Club Manager the availabilities of using Gathurst for birthdays, anniversaries, funerals, christenings, weddings and business functions
- Come and talk to our Golf Professional about FREE junior golf lessons for both girls and boys, over the age of 5
- Come and enjoy a free tea, coffee and scone or purchase a drink from the bar