

FILM NIGHT – 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

VICTORIA AND ABDUL



2017 – 1hr 49 min – Cert PG

Genre: Drama

Directed by: Stephen Frears

Stars: Judi Dench, Ali Fazal,
Michael Gambon

“Dench is magnificent throughout” - The Independent

Dame Judy Dench as Queen Victoria (again): what more could Rockbourne film night's regulars ask for? With all the ingredients for an exceptional evening out, *Victoria and Abdul* ticks all the boxes. Firstly, it is a true(ish) story of how the grumpy 69-year-old Queen fell for her Indian servant Abdul, in the face of opposition from her family and the government. The 'Mother of the Empire' nevertheless remained a staunch and intimate friend to the young clerk. Secondly, it is the latest film by Stephen Frears whose *Philomena* and *Florence Foster Jenkins* were such successes for Rockbourne film night. Abdul is played by Ali Fazal, a major young star in Bollywood films, and there is a delightful cameo from Eddie Izzard as Bertie, the Prince of Wales.

Those with a historical perspective may think that much of the film is pure tosh - but will, despite that, thoroughly enjoy Dame Judy's superb performance, and the optimistic nature of the film.

John Crome

Bookings: email filmnight@rockbournevillagehall.org.uk or phone Lucy Matthews 01725 518695

Doors open 7:00pm, Film 7:30 £6, Supper 9:45 £6, wine £12/bottle
Pay at the door, last bookings 1200 Sunday 18th February

THIS FILM IS LIKELY TO BE A SELLOUT. No-shows or cancellations after last bookings time may be asked to pay for what they have booked.

Next film 23rd March: Murder on the Orient Express