

**FILM NIGHT – 17TH APRIL 2019**

**A STAR IS BORN**



**2018** – 133 min – Cert 15  
(strong language, drug  
misuse)

**Director:** Bradley Cooper

**Cast includes:** Bradley  
Cooper, Lady Gaga, Sam  
Elliott

“Lady Gaga electrifies in a Hollywood musical for the ages” – *The Telegraph*

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“Is the price of stardom a broken heart?” – *Dorothy Parker*

When Warner Bros. announced that they were remaking *A Star Is Born* for the fourth time, and that Bradley Cooper would direct and Lady Gaga star, eyebrows reached hair lines. But nobody need have worried: the film is a huge, Oscar nominated, success. Bradley has starred in enough good films, made by very good directors, to have acquired a sure touch, and Lady Gaga gives a stunning performance as an ingénue country rock singer on her way to mega stardom.

Household name musician Jackson Maine (Bradley Cooper), one drunken night, finds Ally (Lady Gaga) singing an Edith Piaf number in a down-at-heel and out-of-the way bar. He is smitten. She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer, until Jack pushes her into the spotlight. But even as Ally's career takes off towards stardom, the personal side of their booze-fuelled relationship is breaking down, as Jack fights an ongoing battle with his own internal demons.

This is a familiar story, particularly for those who have seen the earlier versions. The first, in 1937 with Janet Gaynor and Frederick March, was wittier, with a script by Dorothy Parker. The Barbara Streisand and Kris Kristofferson version was weepier, but best of all was the 1954 remake with Judy Garland and James Mason. But there is plenty to enjoy in this version, especially the great music, great performances and slick direction. A fine evening out's wallow. *John Crome*

**Bookings: email [filmnight@rockbournevillagehall.org.uk](mailto:filmnight@rockbournevillagehall.org.uk) or phone Lucy Matthews 01725 518695**

**Doors open 7:00pm, Film 7:30 £6, Supper 10:00 £6, wine £12/bottle**

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