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2017 Outdoor Cinema Season announced at Betteshanger Park

Due to the success of the 2016 events, Betteshanger Park, near Deal, is pleased to announce a season of outdoor cinema screening for 2017.

Set in the heart of the Park, both the cinema screen and natural auditorium are entirely uncovered – a perfect way to enjoy long, warm summer evenings in the great outdoors.

The alfresco season includes:

Disney's The BFG (2016)

Saturday, May 6th

Steven Spielberg's screen adaptation of one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories tells the imaginative tale of Sophie and her encounters with a kind-hearted giant and the other, less friendly, inhabitants of Giant Country. Tickets £10. Early bird: £7.50. Doors 7pm, film 8pm

Sci-fi all-nighter

Saturday, June 24th

A midsummer's day, late night cinema double bill of sci-fi hits Galaxy Quest (1999) and Moon (2009). The overnight event will also have star gazing activities, Midnight feasts and open air breakfasts. Cinema goers are invited to camp and bivouac in the Park. For ages 16 and over. Tickets £32.50, includes breakfast. Early bird £27.50. Doors 8pm first film 9.30pm, second film 12am.

The People's Choice

Saturday, August 19th

Film lovers can vote on which movie they would like to watch from a choice of: Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them (2016), Beauty and the Beast (2017) and Beasts of the Southern Wild (2012).

(Votes can be cast via Betteshanger social media or in person at the Park. The poll will close on Monday, April 17th and the film choice will be announced on Tuesday, April 18th).

Tickets £10. Early bird: £7.50. Doors 7pm, film 8pm.

Alice Through the Looking Glass (2016)

Saturday, September 16th

The final film of the summer season will be Tim Burton's popular adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic. Alice returns to the whimsical world of Wonderland as she travels back in time to help the Mad Hatter. Cinema goers are invited to create their own Mad Hatter's Tea Party before the film.

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But the fun doesn't stop with the movie, there will also be local food and drinks in the festival village tipis.

Pack a comfy chair, a blanket and a hamper. Sit back, popcorn in hand; relax and enjoy an alternative cinema experience under the stars.

Tracy Brunt, Betteshanger Park's Event Manager, said: "Cinema trips are traditionally saved for rainy days. We want to buck that trend and combine popular films with the great outdoors. We hope our Open Air Cinema Season becomes firm fixture of the Kent summer."

"Being at Betteshanger after dark is a special experience that not many people have the opportunity to enjoy. Our moonlit movies, set against a backdrop of spectacular sunset views over Sandwich Bay and the Thanet coast, make for a good fun, great value night out."

Open Air Cinema goes ahead come rain or shine. Guests are reminded to bring appropriate clothing and equipment for an evening out in Great British weather.

Betteshanger Park is fast becoming one of East Kent's most exciting venues for outdoor events. With an extraordinary blend of high adrenaline activities and hands-on masterclasses and workshops mixed with popular family favourites – all taking place within the beautiful surroundings of 250-acre country park.

Booking is now open for all events via www.betteshanger-park.co.uk/cinema

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Picture caption: Open Air Cinema, Betteshanger Park

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About Betteshanger Sustainable Parks:

- Betteshanger Park is operated as part of the Betteshanger Sustainable Parks scheme and is integral to the regeneration of the former mining community in East Kent.
- Betteshanger Sustainable Parks is part of the Hadlow Group, which includes Hadlow College, a premier UK land-based college, ranked Ofsted Outstanding.
- The £40 million Betteshanger Sustainable Parks scheme, near Deal, in East Kent, will drive regeneration of the site and the area, combining sustainable business and commerce, education, sustainable energy and tourism.
- Located on the site of the former Betteshanger colliery, the scheme will see the 121-hectare site transformed into a much-enhanced Country Park, with new Visitor Centre encompassing the Kent Mining Museum, and adjacent Business Park.