

## Common People

UK 2013

**Directed by**

Stewart Alexander  
Kerry Skinner

**Written by**

Stewart Alexander

**Cinematography**

Andrew Johnson

**Music**

Tom Hodge

89 mins

**Cast**

Sam Kelly  
*Derrick*

Diana Payan  
*Pam*

Iarla McGowan  
*Ian Baxter*

Melody Weston Shaw  
*Veronica*

Josh Herdman  
*Simon*

We're delighted to welcome co-directors Stewart Alexander & Kerry Skinner as our guests for tonight's screening of *Common People*. Many thanks to Alexander and Kerry – hugely appreciated - and we hope all our members enjoy tonight's special event.

Kerry Skinner and Stewart Alexander's directorial debut has nothing to do with the Pulp song, but is a genial mesh of six stories taking place across Tooting Common in South London. Alexander's script deftly captures the sense of community that prompts strangers to make the effort to communicate with each other or do good deeds. Sam Kelly and Diana Payan stand out as the pensioners relishing each other's company, while Skinner amuses as the naive singleton awaiting the birth of an unknown soldier's baby.

David Parkinson, *Radio Times*

*Common People* is a rare gem, the kind that makes you thrilled to have discovered it. With no real expectations I started to watch this wonderful film, expecting a gentle reflective hour and a half - but *Common People* is so much more than that. With beautiful performances and a quiet firmness it pushes you to an understanding of human motive and love that is intensely moving and highly rewarding. I recommend this so highly.

Stephen Fry

Sam Kelly and Diana Payan are pitch perfect as they mix tenderness and pathos. To see romance still in full bloom in later life is delightfully refreshing ... provides genuinely laugh-out-loud moments and others that need tissues. It may have been made on a small budget, but it's big on heart.

The Coop's review

A positive, life affirming film ... plenty of laughs, moments of tenderness and very nicely drawn performances ... a micro-budget film with a big heart.

Brit Flicks

**Sincere apologies for the delayed start to our screening of *The Square* two weeks ago, and a huge thank you to all our members for your patience and tolerance.**

Alexander and Skinner have managed to create a little slice of real life film making that is a joy to watch... it has a charm and friendly quality you just don't get in movies anymore.

The Cult Den

These types of films are the lifeblood of independent cinema and *Common People* is a heart warmer for the masses.

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*Our next screening...*

**Wake in Fright**

Tue 17 Feb 2015 8:00pm

Dir: Ted Kotcheff

Missing for nearly 40 years, join us for a rare chance to see this rediscovered 1971 subversive tale of Australia's cultural underbelly.



Voting for *The Square*: A-32 B-17 C-2 D-0 E-0 Attendance: 57 Rating: 89.7%