

# Westleton Film Club

The next film, *Nomadland* will be shown  
on Saturday 2nd April 2022  
in Westleton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**OSCAR WINNER**

2021

**BEST PICTURE BEST DIRECTOR BEST ACTRESS**

FRANCES McDORMAND

# NOMADLAND

A FILM BY CHLOÉ ZHAO



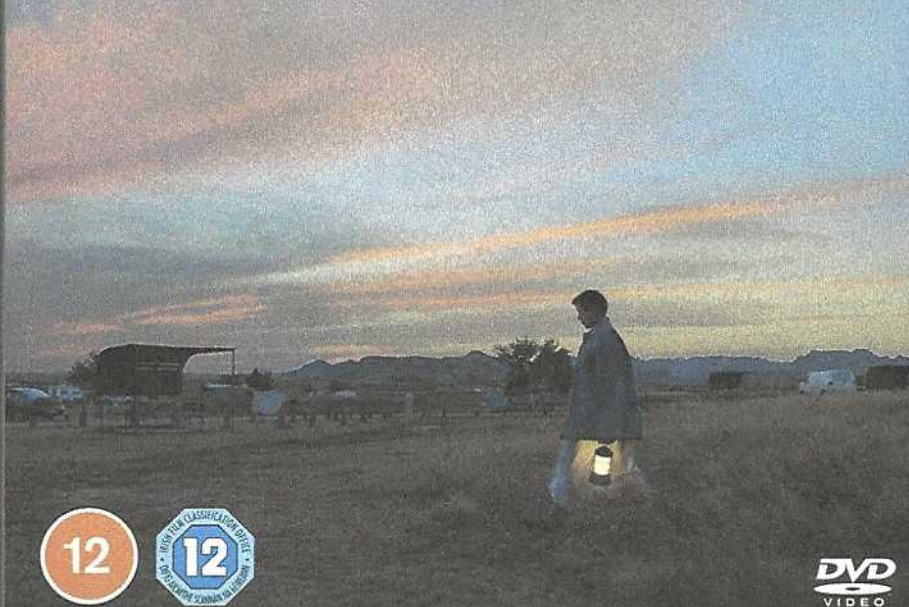
TOTAL FILM



THE GUARDIAN



EMPIRE



FILM WILL START AT 7.30 PM, WITH AN INTERVAL.

ENTRANCE £5.00 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE  
SHOP, THE VILLAGE HALL OR ON THE DOOR.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.15 p.m.



Based on the 2017 nonfiction book *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century* by Jessica Bruder, it stars Frances McDormand as a widow who leaves to travel around the United States in her van as a nomad. David Strathairn also stars in a supporting role. A number of real-life nomads appear as fictionalized versions of themselves, including Linda May, Swankie and Bob Wells.

The story line is that in 2011, Fern loses her job after the US Gypsum plant shuts down; she worked there for years along with her husband, who recently died. Fern sells most of her belongings and purchases a van to live in and travel the country searching for work. She takes a seasonal job at an Amazon order centre through the winter.

Linda, a friend and co-worker, invites Fern to visit a desert rendezvous in Arizona organized by Bob Wells, which provides a support system and community for fellow nomads. Fern initially declines, but changes her mind as the weather turns cold and she struggles to find work in the area. There, Fern meets fellow nomads and learns basic survival and self-sufficiency skills for the road.