

**MVAH ZOOM Movie Club**  
**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3pm**  
**Next movie club: February 1, 2022 at 3PM**

**Attendees:**

Host: Barbara Brennan

Cher Terry	Sarah Tatum
Louise and Bob McClean	Karen Barnes
Carol and Joe Mattaino	Caryl Curry
Kathi Hanrahan	

**Movie 1. The Dig – (Netflix)**

**Rating: 4.7 out of 5**

In May 1939, as Europe lurched towards war, amateur excavator/archaeologist Basil Brown, hired to dig up the huge mounds on Edith Pretty's property in Suffolk, struck gold (literally). First, he came across the skeleton of an 88-foot ship dating to the Anglo-Saxon period. This was the first phase of what Sue Brunning, curator at the British Museum, has called "one of the most important archaeological discoveries of all time, certainly in British archeology but I would argue in the world." The next phase was discovering the burial chamber within the ship, filled with a treasure trove of almost perfectly-preserved artifacts, made from gold and garnet: a stunning helmet, shoulder clasps, a golden belt buckle. Pretty donated the artifacts to the British Museum, where they sit to this day, known as the "Sutton Hoo find." This fascinating story is the subject of Netflix's new film "The Dig," directed by Simon Stone, with Moira Buffini adapting John Preston's novel for the screenplay.

**Movie 2. I'M YOUR MAN (Amazon)**

**Rating: 4 out of 5**

Maria Schrader's "I'm Your Man," which won an award at Berlin earlier this year before a limited theatrical release from Bleecker Street next week, is a clever little movie, a film that defies its set-up as a familiar, quirky rom-com to become something deeper and more poignant about the human condition. Of course, using unimaginable technology to highlight what it really means to be human has been the foundation of science fiction for generations but Schrader and co-writer Jan Schomburg (working from a short story by Emma Braslavsky) imbue their genre hybrid with eloquence and intelligence. And it helps a great deal to have two delightful performers to deliver their themes. "I'm Your Man" may not break the mold, but it operates within it with confidence and grace.

## FEBRUARY MOVIES

**KNIVES OUT** (Amazon) 2019 – Crime/Comedy. Starring Daniel Craig, Christopher Plummer, Jamie Lee Curtis and others. Rotten Tomatoes rate 97%. Take off from the original Clue movie (and game) of 1985.

The circumstances surrounding the death of crime novelist Harlan Thrombey are mysterious, but there's one thing that renowned Detective Benoit Blanc knows for sure -- everyone in the wildly dysfunctional Thrombey family is a suspect. Now, Blanc must sift through a web of lies and red herrings to uncover the truth.

### **SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD** (Amazon)

Sheep Without a Shepherd (Chinese: 误杀) is a 2019 Chinese drama thriller film directed by Malaysian Chinese director Sam Quah (柯汶利) and produced by Chen Sicheng. It is a remake of the 2013 Indian film Drishyam by Jeethu Joseph, starring Mohanlal. The film stars Xiao Yang, Tan Zhuo, and Joan Chen.[3] Sheep Without a Shepherd was released in China on 13 December 2019 in conventional and IMAX formats. It became the 9th highest-grossing Chinese film in 2019, grossing \$199 million USD.[4][5]. Rotten Tomatoes rate 100%.

Desperate measures are taken by a man who tries to save his family from the dark side of the law, after they commit an unexpected crime.