



A Month in the Country

A film by Pat O'Connor

Starring Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and
Natasha Richardson

A captivating adaptation of J L Carr's much loved novel, *A Month in the Country* tells the story of a traumatised First World War veteran Tom Birkin (compellingly portrayed by Colin Firth) who, in the summer of 1920, travels to the beautiful Yorkshire village of Oxgodby to uncover a medieval wall painting in the local church. Previously unavailable on DVD yet highly sought after, the BFI will release *A Month in the Country* on DVD and Blu-ray in a Dual Format Edition on 20 June 2016. Extras include new interviews with Colin Firth and director Pat O'Connor (*Cal*, *Circle of Friends*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*).

During his stay in the village, Birkin develops an unspoken love for the vicar's wife, Alice (Natasha Richardson) and forms a close friendship with archaeologist James Moon (Kenneth Branagh), who is also emotionally scarred by the conflict. As both men set about excavating the past, they also begin to reclaim themselves from the horrors of war.

Pat O'Connor's quintessentially English classic was hailed upon its original theatrical release for its beautiful images, elegiac tone, and rousing score by Howard Blake (*The Snowman*).

Almost 30 years later, the film also offers a fascinating chance to see three now very well-known British actors at the beginning of their careers. It was Kenneth Branagh's first film role, Colin Firth's third film but his first leading role and the late Natasha Richardson's second film role.

Special features

- Presented in both High Definition and Standard Definition
- *An Interview with Colin Firth* (2016, 40 mins)
- *An Interview with Pat O'Connor* (2016, 21 mins)
- Audio commentary with film historians Julie Kirgo and Nick Redman
- Original theatrical trailer
- Isolated music and effects track
- Illustrated booklet with new writing by Jo Botting and Andy Miller, and full film credits

Product details

RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1252 / Cert PG

UK / 1987 / colour / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / 96 mins / original aspect ratio 1:78:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM mono audio (48k/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, Dolby Digital 2.0 (192kbps)

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