

# CHELMSFORD FILM CLUB

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## Member feedback: A Simple Life (*Tao jie*)

32 people voted. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

### 'Excellent': 21 votes

- Beautiful, tender memorial to a much loved companion. The cinematography was excellent.
- Very touching, and nice to see something a little unusual.
- Deeply touching & moving. Excellent.
- Beautiful. No more to say!
- A very moving film – the two main characters were superb.
- Good to have beginning, middle and end! Most enjoyable.
- Acting very good, pace excellent. I really enjoyed it.
- More like this.
- Engaging, with lots of room for the viewer.
- A wonderfully sensitive film. Heart-warming and moving.
- Beautifully understated – but not guilty of understatement – share life's simple pleasures – especially if you can eat them!
- So much to look forward to.
- Loved the way the development of relationship was done. Excellent acting by the 2 main characters.
- Very good music. Human beings behaving at their best. The paternalism was better than Downton Abbey.
- Acting, music, storyline – all really well done.
- Realistic portrayal, superbly acted.
- Visually eloquent
- Simply & effectively told.

### 'Very Good': 11 votes

- Loved cinematography, minimal dialogue. Soundtrack confusing – didn't like it when occasional background mood music intruded. Unconvinced by Tao's stroke-victim acting. Felt confused also by tension between a great tribute to a family servant whose life & character were idealised. False teeth episode v. similar to my aunt's experience in her care home – hers were missing and then found in someone else's mouth. The strongest feeling I had during this film was Gill's presence – benign, accepting & strong, embracing us all.
- Well-made film, great performances – and music
- Wonderfully acted & thought provoking, depending on your age.
- Very poignant and moving.

- Very clever, the way ‘sentimentality’ was avoided! Most enjoyable and well-absorbed story.
- Complete fantasy – who gets what they deserve? Nevertheless, v. enjoyable
- Genuinely touching, both funny and sad.

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 4.66.