

Kinema in the Woods- October 2023

All aboard the coach ready for our trip to Crowders and Kinema in the Woods and to top it off, the sun is shining once again. We, the organisers, had not got our numbers heads on and lost the ability to count. You get the jist that when no matter what you do, whether it be counting heads, seats or on your fingers, nothing adds up. Once we'd sorted ourselves out we set off.

We arrived at Crowders where we all sat down in a different area than normal for refreshments. Once we'd sorted out those tables, who hadn't got butter but margarine out, every one tucked in. The girls went around and sold raffle tickets whilst we were waiting. (Thank you). The staff were lovely and worked hard to ensure we all got served quickly so we had a chance to have a quick look around the garden centre before heading off again.

We arrived at the Kinema to see the film 'The Great Escaper', starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson, which had had good reviews but then so had a film we'd seen last year called 'Spencer'. We are therefore never convinced regarding reviews and wait to make our own minds up.

We all, as normal, piled into to cinema room 3, music playing, getting ourselves comfy. Everyone settled, lights went down and the film began.

The film is based on a true story that made national news about pensioner Bernard Jordan, who in 2014, absconded from his care home in Hove, Sussex to attend an event in France, marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings. After the local police were notified the care home got a call that evening to say Mr Jordan had been found safe and well in France. He returned a few days later having made his way to the event.

There was an interval half way through where everyone said they were enjoying the film so far. Then the film ended. I would say there weren't many dry eyes in the house. It was a very touching, emotional film. Not what I was expecting. I've not known this before but we all sat in our seats for a few moments before leaving.

Everyone I spoke to said they'd really enjoyed the film. We then headed off to Crowders for our afternoon tea.

We arrived and had a saunter around the garden centre before sitting down to our cream tea, consisting of lovely fresh sandwiches and scones/cakes. Brian took the opportunity to ask five individuals to draw out the winning raffle tickets in readiness to give out prizes on the return journey home. The service by Tracy and the team in the restaurant was exceptional. She ensured everyone's needs were met, with constant flow of tea and coffee. She even helped one of our members who took a little turn for the worst, even ensuring they got on the bus ok.

The members had a collection for Tracey and her team and Steve gave it to them and thanked them on everyone's behalf. They said that it was their pleasure and what a lovely group of people you were. Thank you.

All in all another lovely day out with the REA Lincoln and its members.

Thank you

Debbie