

The trip out to the historic and Quirky Kinema in the Woods started the day off with a stop off at Horncastle Garden Centre for toasted teacakes and tea & coffee and chatter! Just to fill a gap and keep us going!

We arrived at picturesque Woodhall Spa and The Kinema in The Woods to watch 'Thelma.'

The Kinema in the Woods started life as a sports and entertainment pavilion dating from the 19th Century. As you walk in you are transported back into time with lots of memorabilia and quirky Artifacts from the Silver screen, t.v. history such as a Dalek from Dr Who! Or a stamp collection of characters from Star Trek and Star Wars, James Bond together with old Projectors and a quaint sweet counter selling popcorn, sweets and many more treats.

The Pavilion sat in the grounds of The Victoria Hotel until the hotel burnt down on Easter Sunday 1920.

In 1922 Sir Archibald & Lady Weigall purchased the Hotel and Pavilion and transformed it into a cinema which opened its doors on 11th September 1922. The first film intended to be shown was The Lion Eaters, however the film failed to arrive and so a Charlie Chaplin film was shown in its place.

The Kinema is believed to be the only full time cinema in the UK still using rear projection.

Major Allport ran the cinema for over 50 years until 1973 when it was taken over by James Green.

In June 1987 Mr Green installed the Compton Organ which features an ornate lacquer red & gold console with 18th century oriental design.

The organ is situated in Screen One and is played regularly by the Kinema resident organist Alan Underwood.

A woodland courtyard opened in the summer of 2022 where films are shown outdoors in the summer months.

So, 'Thelma', well we had a few mixed reviews from you all!

What unfolds is a mission impossible on a Mobility Scooter, after Thelma being scammed.

It was light hearted and gets the message across to us that even so old, Thelma she maintained her younger selfwhich I'm sure we all like to do!

So after this easy to watch with no sadness film we were transported back to Horncastle for cream tea.

Some of us didn't realise that after the 1st plate of yummy sandwiches, pie, quiche, there was another plate full of mouthwatering deserts and scones and cream!

After a film, chats and cream tea and full tummy's we all had another good day out thanks to Jane, Chris & Brian for organising it.

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