

Saving Grace (15)

Starring Brenda Blethyn and Craig Ferguson, *Saving Grace* — a comedy about a widow who survives by growing marijuana — was watched by 13 members on Wednesday 8th February.

The film was quite amusing, with some laugh out loud moments. It faded a little in the second half as though the writers were desperately working out how to conclude the story and therefore took their eye off the comedy element, and left a couple of plot holes as well. Having said that, it was a gentle comedy, highly contrived but good fun, with a very good soundtrack.

A few observations were made about the film, which was made in 1999, and how life differs from today.

1. In the window of the grocery store is a Robertson's Jam golliwog. Absolutely (rightly) an anathema to today's sensitivities.
2. Nearly all of the protagonists smoked cigarettes — in the pub, in the house, etc...
3. The ability to deposit large cash sums in a bank is now highly unlikely, as money laundering rules mean that such items are challenged. But I am sure that there are ways around them...