

Council Chamber of the Town Hall, 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown, 7.30pm, Wednesday 28th August, 2024.

# It Happened One Night

☆ *IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT—Columbia*

HERE is romance, garnished with lots of laughs. The love story concerns *Ellie* (Claudette Colbert), an heiress, and *Peter* (Clark Gable), a newspaper reporter out of a job. They meet on a night bus. *Ellie* traveling incognito, is running away from her father (Walter Connolly) to join a worthless young man she has recently married. For financial reasons, the journey of *Ellie* and *Peter*, from Miami to New York, finally resolves itself into hitchhiking. They stay in tourist cabins at night, and *Peter* properly hangs a blanket (which he names, “the Walls of Jericho”) between them. While *Ellie* sleeps, *Peter* leaves her to rush ahead to New York and sell the story of her adventures to his ex-editor for \$1,000. He returns to help *Ellie* with this money, but she, believing he has deserted her, brings about a complication in which her husband figures. However, in the end, the conniving father rescues the romance, and the picture winds up hilariously with “the Walls of Jericho” being blown down. Clark Gable’s at his best, yet in winning new honors for himself, he steals nothing from Claudette. The picture has a rare quality of *camaraderie* with the audience—permitting those watching it to share the experiences and fun of the players. Skilfully directed.

Review from Photoplay - April 1934... yes you read correctly. The internet is wonderful, isn't it? I found it scrolling through the reviews n Rotten Tomatoes - all 111 of them - and many are on internet rchive sites. Well worth whiling away some time on a wet afternoon.

## Starbox Results

	5	4	3	2	1	Average
Silent Running	0	9	11	1	0	3.4

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