

# The Banshees of Inisherin (15)

Thirteen members watched the screening of the 2023 (very) dark comedy about male friendship and loneliness once the friendship ends.

Set on fictional island of Ireland during the Irish civil war (post independence), the film follows the fall out that occurs when Colm (Brendan Gleeson) ends his lifelong friendship with Padraig (Colin Farrell), particularly the descent of both of them into a mild(?) form of despair and/or depression, verging on mental illness. It focuses on how both of them are, typically, bottled up and cannot talk openly about the situation, which escalates into quite drastic acts (including self mutilation and arson).

This was a difficult film to watch, but it did have its moments of humour. The acting was excellent all-round, with Kerry Condon as Padraig's sister and Barry Keoghan as the simpleton son of the local policeman providing brilliant support. The loving cinematography showed off the beauty of Ireland to its full.