History on Your Doorstep

Tamesíde Inventors & Inventions

Colin Needham - The Internet Movie Database IMD



- Born on 26 January 1967 in Denton, brought up on Stockport Rd., and educated at Audenshaw School and Hyde Clarendon Sixth Form College
- First trip to cinema to see Jaws, aged 8 years.

Packard.

After studying at Leeds University, he moved to Bristol and took a job as a software researcher with Hewlett

- JAWS
- At the same time he began to compile his own database of film facts .He was helped by 20 volunteer enthusiasts.
- The Internet Movie Database which launched in 1990
 <u>www.imbd.com</u> Listed details of over 10,000 films and TV
 series.
- As well as reviewing new films, the site lists actors, directors and writers of thousands of movies. Subscribers can contribute to the site, which is free to view.



- Quote "This is very much a labour of love."
- IMDb has 250 million users per month and is one of the most popular websites in the world.
- Quote "My secret plan ... well, my broadly public plan is to make everyone love film and TV as much as I do".

IMDb sold to Amazon in 1998, but Colin continued as CEO.



He still has a weekly cinema date with his wife- on 19th July they viewed Minions: The Rise of Gru, despite record breaking temperatures.



Favourite movie quote from Grand Canyon (1991)" All of life's riddles are answered in the movies".



By March 2022, over 600,000 feature films and over 6 million TV episodes. were listed