### \* THE CURTIUS SALON - Fridays at 11.00am \*

1st Dec: Graham Woodward: 'Old Nottingham' 8th Dec: Tom Andrews: Nottingham Constabulary 15th Dec: Ruddington & Lady Bay Community Choir 22nd Dec: Dave Moylan: Christmas Entertainment

29th Dec: - Closed - (Happy Christmas!)

#### \* MUSIC EVENTS with ROBERT \*

Robert is away in Europe during December, but he will be presenting the following in <u>January</u>:

<u>Thurs. 4th Jan:</u> 'The Merry Widow' by Franz Lehar <u>Thurs 25th Jan:</u> 'Lucia di Lammermoor' by Donizetti

#### \* MONDAY FILMS - at 1.30pm \*

4 Dec: 'It's a Wonderful Life' with James Stewart, Donna Reed 11 Dec: 'Miracle on 34th Street (1994) - Richard Attenboough

18 Dec: 'White Christmas' (1954) - Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, R. Cloony

25 Dec: - Closed - (Happy Christmas)

60+ Keep Fit: Audrey Malik, Mon: 10.30 to 11.30am

+ Seated Exercise Class 11.45 to 12.30pm

Elders' Forum DANCE - Fridays at 1.30pm

TABLE TENNIS - Fridays: 1.30 to 3.00pm

**SHORT MAT BOWLS** - Thursdays at 1.30pm

**GAMES AFTERNOON:** Tuesdays at 1.30pm

KNIT & NATTER: Wednesdays at 1.30pm (fortnightly)

GARDENING CLUB: Please see Noticeboard for details



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## Your NOTTINGHAM MECHANICS



# Newsletter

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What's on? What's happened? What's YOUR view?

# A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

### TO THE MEMBERS & STAFF OF

### THE NOTTINGHAM MECHANICS -



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music

games



talks

dining

and of course -

chatting

### A HPPY NEW YEAR TOO!!



2024



#### GROUP MEETINGS (please check with group Contacts)

Friends of Nottingham Museums: Janet Lievesley: 0115 9221734
Tues. 19 December, 2pm: Social (members only)
Nottm Writers' Club: All welcome! Contact Carol: 0115 9817661
9th December, meeting at the Playwright, 1.30pm.

Dickens Fellowship, Contact: Kathy Powis: 0115 9845375 Dec 5th: 1.30pm, Rosemary Longland: Our Mutual Friend, chapters 7-9 Dec 9th: Anita Young, chapters 10 to 12: discussion

Nottm Shakespeare Society: Sandra Appleton: 0115 9256551 12th December, 7pm: Talk by Dr Ben Burton: 'Titus Andronicus'

Nottingham Probus Club, Robin West: 0115 9164774.

20 December: 'The Sudan' by Mike Kelley

The STITCH CLUB meets fortnightly on Mondays, 1.30pm December: 11th. Jenny Parker: 0115 9206423

Oddfellows Friendship Group: Games, Speakers, Dominoes etc.
- No meeting in December -

Contact: Karen Pye-Smith 07921821866 www.oddfellows.co.uk

Nottm Branch, The National Trust: Irene Milburn 0115 9812267 December meetings: 8th: A Magical History Tour by Peter Fox and 14th:The Art of the Christmas Card by Danny Wells

National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP)

December meetings: 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th. Phil Wilson - 0115 8752346

Gardening Club: please see the Noticeboard - Thank you!

Chris Alton is willing to do sewing alterations for members, in aid of the Mechanics. Ask Chris on 0115 9620139 Thank you!

#### Jackie Morris has some kind words to say . . .

As President of the Nottingham Mechanics, I feel I need to publicly recognise our Secretary, Viv Apple, for the hard work she does for us. Not just her role in organising the monthly Council Meetings and distributing the agendas and the Minutes, but also in other ways such as finding interesting speakers for our lectures each Friday, and other events. She works hard in the background, but what do we know about Viv?

She was born in London in 1936. Her father was a London taxi-driver, a job he hated, and in 1950 her uncle bought a garage in Nottingham so Viv's father thought he would do the same and he found one in Hucknall, Notts, so the whole family then moved to the Midlands. Because of the unexpected move, Viv left school at 15 and went to work for her Dad, which was hard because she had left her friends behind and felt very isolated. She looked around and joined clubs and it was at one of these clubs that she met Dennis; they were married in 1959 and went on to have three sons.

Looking to the future, she went to college to gain qualifications and became a primary school teacher. After early retirement she pursued other interests, taught herself word processing, spreadsheets, emails etc, and also wrote poetry (some of which we have heard on Friday mornings!).

I'd just like to thank Viv on behalf of the Nottingham Mechanics for all she does. Dennis says she will be embarrassed by this article - sorry Viv, but it needed saying.

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Well, thank you, Jackie, for those very kind words, which were a bit embarrassing but I don't really mind because this is my last edition as Editor of the Newsletter, so I want to say 'thank you so much' to all those members who have contributed to it over the past seven years!

It's been a very interesting task but now I feel like having a rest, so I'd like to wish the very best of luck to Adam and others who are taking over in January, and who I'm sure will be very efficient!

Thank you, everyone!

Viv A. XXX