



Newsletter

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* The CURTIUS SALON Fridays at 11.00am *

6th Jan: 'The Mitford Sisters' with Dennis Apple

13th Jan: 'Titanic - Ship of Dreams' with Graham Hayes

20th Jan: 'Images of Japan' with Patsy Raynor

27th Jan: 'Western Medicine in the Modern Age' - Anna Greenwood

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Our thanks go to the Ruddington and Lady Bay Choir, under Bernie Bracha, who gave us another great performance on 16 Dec.

* MUSIC EVENTS with ROBERT *

Thurs 12th January 10.30am: 'Land of Smiles' by Franz Lehar

Thurs 26th January 10.30am: 'Lakme' by Delibes

* MONDAY FILMS - at 1.30pm *

9 Jan: 'Enigma' with Dougray Scott and Kate Winslet (2001)

16 Jan: 'Victoria and Abdul' with Judi Dench and Ali Fazal (2017)

23 Jan: 'Road to Perdition' - Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law (2002)

30 Jan: 'Viceroy's House' - Hugh Bonneville, Gillian Anderson (2017)

60+ Keep Fit: Audrey Malik, Mon: 10.30 to 11.30am
+ Seated Exercise Class 11.45 to 12.30pm

KEEP FIT!

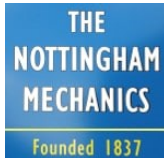


KEEP MOVING !!

Elders Forum DANCE - Fridays at 1.30pm

TABLE TENNIS - Fridays: 1.30 to 3.00pm

SHORT MAT BOWLS - Thursdays at 1.30pm



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

What we did on our holiday . . .

Brrrrr! Whose idea was it to go to the seaside in December???

Robert's, of course! He knows about when and where to go, and this time (as ever) he organised everything brilliantly despite the winter winds. Our hotel was warm and welcoming, and on Tuesday our Skills coach driver, David, took us to the Christmas Market in Exeter where we tried not to buy too much before entering the magnificent Cathedral.

On Wednesday morning I was walking around Paignton looking for postcards to send home - quite difficult as the shops were all full of Christmas stuff instead, but I found some in the end. Afternoon treat was an excellent Christmas show at the theatre in Babbacombe.

On Thursday we travelled West into Cornwall to invade Looe, a lovely little seaside village.

The journey back to Nottingham (via Cheltenham) on Friday was long, but interesting and relaxed. It was good to be home again and to look forward to what Robert has planned for 2023.

Viv Apple



GROUP MEETINGS (please check with group Contacts)

Harlequin Ladies' Group: Contact: Jacqui Curwood on 0115 9586500

11th January: Annual General Meeting (Members only)

Friends of Nottingham Museums: Janet Lievesley: 0115 9221734

Tues 17 Jan. Paul Newsham, Unusual museums of the world

Nottm Writers' Club: All welcome! Contact Carol: 0115 9817661

Next meetings - to be arranged

Dickens Fellowship, Contact: Kathy Powis: 0115 9845375

3 Jan, 1pm: Nicholas Nickleby, 31 - 34, Helen Davis

17 Jan, 12.30pm: Committee meeting, bring & buy...

Nicholas Nickleby Chapters 35-38, Rosemary Longland

RTCS, 10 Jan: Web compounds, Peter Davis (Zoom)

24 Jan, 2pm: The Ilkeston Tramway 1903-1931 Stephen Flinders

Nottm Shakespeare Society: Sandra Appleton: 0115 9256551

10th January, 10.30am: Theatre Memories, with John Cox

24th January: 'Cymbeline' with David Dunford

Nottm Probus Club, Contact: Robin West: 0115 9164774

18 Jan: Mike Kelly, Oil & Gas executive for 40 years

The **STITCH CLUB** meets fortnightly on Mondays, 1.30pm

Meetings: 9 & 23 Jan. Contact: Jenny Parker on 0115 9206423

Nottm RSPB Group, Contact: Barry Nelson 0115 9146583

Oddfellows Friendship Group: Games, Speakers, Dominoes etc.

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

Nottm Branch, The National Trust: Irene Milburn 0115 9812267

12 Jan, 2.15pm: Albert Ball VC, by Andrew Smart

25 Jan, France - Burgandy & Alsace by Peter Amour

National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP)

Phil Wilson - 0115 8752346

And now . . . It's Hilda Pannell



I was born on 22nd November 1928, which I think makes me the oldest member of the Nottingham Mechanics.

When I was 14, I passed the entrance exam for the College of Arts & Crafts because I wanted to be a window dresser at Jessops (now John Lewis), but this was 1942 and wartime, and the windows were

still taped up to prevent too much damage by falling bombs.

So my first job was at the Charles Butler factory in Dakin Street, but when their bomb damage was repaired they returned to Daleside Road where I worked in the cutting room and on final examining. When I was 21, I left this job and went to work at S Davis which was next to the Bluecoat School in Mansfield Road until it moved to a factory in Manvers Street.

In 1951 I married Robert (Bob) Pannell, and in 1961 I had a baby, who we named Barbara. When Barbara started school in 1966, I got a job at the Arnold & Carlton College for four years, until six of us were made redundant. I was then sent to Frank Wheldon School - and a year later so was Barbara, which fitted into my life perfectly.

When I had been there for 16 years Bob became very ill so I had to leave my job to look after him. Bob died in 1988.

Four months later, I went into the (old) Mechanics building and heard a lot of ladies laughing and talking. I had wandered into the Alpha Club by mistake, but I joined it and became Chairman. Then I met Robert Cockayne and joined the Nottingham Mechanics - and 34 years later I am still here!

Hilda Pannell