



NEWSLETTER

WHATS ON ? WHATS HAPPENED?

WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Building Sale Update

We are pleased to let you know that the sale of our building completed on 19th January to Nottingham Trent University.

As part of the agreement, we have secured an 18-month lease-back, during which time NTU will act as our landlord. We are now actively searching for a new building to rent, and this process is well underway. Adam has instructed several property managers to assist us in finding a suitable new home for the Institute and will continue to keep members updated as the search progresses.

Wes is currently exploring ideas for new trips in 2026,

which will be displayed on the notice board shortly.

We also have a number of afternoon events in development, and details will be added once plans are finalised.

If you have not already signed up to our Leisure Learning Courses, please see Wes who will be happy to help. our Leisure learning course brochures are available either in reception or Online at www.nottmleisurelearning.com

FEBRUARY MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM

2nd 🎬 Nuremberg (2025) 148 min (Short Break)

Set in the aftermath of the Second World War, Nuremberg focuses on the historic trials that sought justice for the architects of Nazi war crimes. The film centres on the tense legal and moral battles inside the courtroom, as prosecutors, defendants and witnesses confront the consequences of unimaginable atrocities. A powerful and unsettling drama, it explores justice, accountability and the difficulty of rebuilding a shattered world.

9th 🎬 The Duchess – 110 min

Set in late-18th-century England, The Duchess tells the story of Georgiana Cavendish, a young woman thrust into a loveless aristocratic marriage and the glare of public life. Lavishly produced and beautifully acted, the film explores love, duty and the constraints placed on women in high society. A rich and engaging period drama with strong performances and striking visuals.

16th 🎬 The Choral (2025) – 113 min

The Choral is a moving British drama centred on the power of music to bring people together. Set against a backdrop of personal challenge and change, the film explores how choral singing creates connection, resilience and hope among its members. Warm, reflective and uplifting, it celebrates community, shared purpose and the emotional impact of the human voice.

23rd 🎬 Beyond the Sea – 118 min

This biographical drama tells the story of legendary singer and performer Bobby Darin, charting his rise from a childhood marked by illness to international stardom. Blending music, romance and ambition, the film explores the passion and drive behind Darin's success, alongside the personal challenges he faced. Lively, nostalgic and entertaining, it's a celebration of music, showmanship and determination.

THE CURTIUS SALON – FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

6th February –Paul Dyson – Camping Wild in Botswana & Climbing Mera Peak in Nepal

Paul Dyson shares two unforgettable travel experiences, from camping in the wilderness of Botswana and observing wildlife at close quarters, to the challenge of climbing Mera Peak high in the Himalayas. Combining adventure, landscape and personal insight, this talk offers a vivid account of life on safari and the demands and rewards of high-altitude mountaineering. A fascinating journey across two very different parts of the world.

13th February - Dr John Florance – Sherlock Holmes: Literature’s First Super Sleuth

Dr John Florance explores the origins and enduring appeal of Sherlock Holmes, the character who set the standard for the modern detective. Tracing Holmes’s place in Victorian literature and popular culture, the talk examines why his methods, personality and powers of deduction have proved so influential and long-lasting. An engaging insight into one of literature’s most iconic figures and the world that created him.

20th February – Ann Featherstone – The Blackpool Widow

Ann Featherstone presents the gripping true story known as The Blackpool Widow, a case that shocked Edwardian Britain. This talk explores the events, personalities and social attitudes surrounding the crime, revealing how justice, media attention and public fascination combined to make it one of the era’s most notorious cases. A compelling examination of crime, society and scandal in early twentieth-century Britain.

27th February – Stephen Flinders-The Old Curiosity Boxes

Get into groups as Stephen Flinders presents a fascinating talk inspired by the series The Old Curiosity Boxes. Exploring collections of intriguing objects and forgotten treasures, Stephen reveals the stories behind everyday items and what they tell us about life in the past. An entertaining and insightful journey into social history, discovery, and the enduring appeal of antiques.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

NOTTM WRITERS' CLUB: ALL WELCOME: CAROL: 0115 9817661
Friday 27th @1.30pm

DICKENS FELLOWSHIP, CONTACT: KATHY POWIS: 0115 9845375
Tuesdays 3rd and the 17th @ 2.00pm

NOTTM SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY: SANDRA APPLETON: 0115 9256551
Tuesdays 10th 7.00-9.00pm 24th 10.00-12.00pm

NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.
Wednesday 18th @11.00am

ELDERS' FORUM DANCE

Fridays @ 1.30pm

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 6th @11.00am

NOTTM BRANCH, THE NATIONAL TRUST

Thursday 12th @ 1.30-3.30pm

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP)
Wednesdays @11.00am

THOROTONS SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAM

Saturday 14th @ 1.30-4.30pm

R.C.T.S MEETING

Tuesday 24th @2.00pm

NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

Tuesday 10th 6.30-9.30pm

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

TABLE TENNIS - FRIDAYS: 1.30 TO 3.00PM

SHORT MAT BOWLS - THURSDAYS AT 1.30PM

GAMES AFTERNOON: TUESDAYS AT 1.30PM

STITCH CLUB: MONDAYS 1.30PM FORTNIGHTLY

GARDENING CLUB: PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS