



# **NEWSLETTER**

**WHAT'S ON? WHAT'S HAPPENED?**

## **Welcome to the May Newsletter**

**Please note that we will be closed on Bank Holiday Mondays,  
4th and 25th May.**

**Sadly, we lost two members in April, Eileen Stewart and  
Rosemary Longland. Our sincere condolences go out to their  
family and friends.**

**Our search for a new building continues, and during April we viewed  
two further properties: the Irish Centre on Wilford Street and the  
newly refurbished Market Square House on St James Street —  
notably the site of our first building in 1837. While the Irish Centre  
was not a suitable fit, Market Square House is of real interest, and  
discussions are ongoing. I will, of course, keep you all updated as  
things progress.**

**I would also like to apologise for the confusion regarding the car park and its use  
by N.T.U. during April. Unfortunately, delays in the manufacture of replacement  
windows caused disruption to the planned works. These will still go ahead, and  
we are working to ensure they take place over a weekend to minimise impact.**

**Finally, thank you all for your continued support. Thanks to the success of  
our Leisure Learning courses, we have welcomed over 30 new members  
recently — fantastic news for the Institute. If you would like to find out  
more or sign up, please visit reception or go online to**

**[www.nottmleisurelearning.com](http://www.nottmleisurelearning.com)**



**MAY MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Closed Bank Holiday**

**Monday 11th May – Keeping Mum – 99 min**

**This darkly comic British film follows a seemingly respectable vicar and his dysfunctional family, whose lives take an unexpected turn with the arrival of a mysterious housekeeper. As secrets unravel and chaos ensues, the film blends sharp humour with a touch of the macabre. Witty, quirky and entertaining, Keeping Mum offers a delightfully offbeat take on family life and morality.**

**Monday 18th May – Evelyn – 94 min**

**Set in 1950s Ireland,**

**Evelyn tells the powerful true story of a father's fight to reunite his family after his children are taken into state care. Determined and resilient, he challenges the system in a moving battle for justice and dignity. Emotional and inspiring, the film highlights themes of family, courage and the strength to stand up for what is right.**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Closed Bank Holiday**



# Roberts Music Mornings

## Please See Notice Board for Updates

### THE CURTIUS SALON – FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Rob Mee Almshouses – Past, Present and Local**

Almshouses have been part of Britain's social fabric for centuries, offering shelter and support to those in need.

In this insightful talk, Robert Mee explores their origins, how they have evolved over time, and the important role they continue to play today. With a particular focus on local examples, this session brings to life the history, purpose and enduring relevance of these unique charitable institutions within our communities.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Dennis Apple – Irving Berlin Words and Music**

Few composers have shaped popular music quite like Irving Berlin.

From timeless classics to Broadway and Hollywood hits,

his songs have become woven into the fabric of modern culture.

In this engaging talk, we explore Berlin's remarkable life and enduring legacy, uncovering the stories behind some of his most beloved works.

Join us for a musical journey through melody, lyric and history, celebrating a man whose words and music continue to resonate across generations.

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Keith Small – History of Flight – Part One: How Did We Get Up Here Anyway?**

From early dreams of soaring through the skies to the first successful powered flights, the story of aviation is one of curiosity,

ingenuity and determination. In this fascinating talk, Keith Small explores how humanity took its first steps into the air,

charting the key developments, pioneers and breakthroughs

that made flight possible. Join us for an engaging journey through the origins of aviation and discover how we quite literally got off the ground.

#### **22<sup>th</sup> Keith Small History of Flight – Part Two: From Adventure to Luxury and Packages Beyond**

Following on from the early pioneers of aviation,

this talk explores how flight evolved from a daring adventure into a cornerstone of modern life.

Keith Small charts the development of commercial air travel,

from its early days of excitement and exclusivity to the rise of mass tourism and package holidays. Discover how advances in technology, design and accessibility transformed the way we travel, opening up the world in ways once unimaginable.

#### **29<sup>th</sup> Bob Massey Death in a Barrel- The Life and Mysterious Death of William Smith Tanner**

A life shrouded in mystery and an ending that raises more questions than answers.

In this intriguing talk, we delve into the story of William Smith Tanner – his life, his times, and the extraordinary circumstances surrounding his death. Blending local history with

elements of true crime, this session unravels the evidence, explores the theories,

and invites you to draw your own conclusions

about a case that continues to puzzle to this day.

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## OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

### MAY

**NOTTM WRITERS' CLUB: ALL WELCOME: CAROL: 0115 9817661**

**Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.00pm**

**DICKENS FELLOWSHIP, CONTACT: KATHY POWIS: 0115 9845375**

**Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm**

**NOTTM SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY: SANDRA APPLETON: 0115 9256551**

**Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00-9.00pm 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12.30pm**

**NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> @11.00am**

**ELDERS' FORUM DANCE**

**Fridays @ 1.30pm**

**ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> @11.00am**

**NOTTM BRANCH, THE NATIONAL TRUST**

**Returns September 2026**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP)**

**Wednesdays @11.00am**

**THOROTONS SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAM**

**Returns late 2026**

**R.C.T.S MEETING**

**Returns September 2026**

**NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**