

The CURTIUS SALON Fridays at 11.00am

7 Jan: Ken Godfrey: The Life of Louis Armstrong
14 Jan: Tony Waltham: There's Nothing Like N. Korea!
21 Jan: Bob White: You'd Never Believe It!
28 Jan: Adam Carlton: A History of the Mechanics
& at 2.00pm: **KEN GODFREY & HIS JAZZ BAND!!!**

OPERA & BALLET with ROBERT

Tues. 11 Jan, 10.30am: 'Don Pasquale' by Donizetti
Thurs. 27 Jan, 10.30am: 'The Pearl Fishers' by Bizet
Thurs. 3 Feb, 10.30am: 'Suor Angelica' and 'Gianni Schicchi' by Puccini



* MONDAY FILMS - at 1.30pm *

10 Jan: "Suffragette" - Helena Bonham Carter, Cary Mulligan
17 Jan: "Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid" - Robert Redford
24 Jan: "To Catch a Thief" - Cary Grant, Grace Kelly
31 Jan: "Casino Royale" - Daniel Craig, Judi Dench

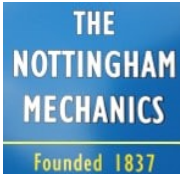
60+ Keep Fit with Audrey Malik, Mon: 10.30 to 11.30am
+ Seated Exercise Class 11.45 to 12.30pm

KEEP FIT!  *KEEP MOVING!*

Elders Forum Dance, with Beth, Fridays at 1.30pm

Knit & Natter - Next Session: 12th JANUARY, 2pm

BINGO - Every Thursday at 2.00pm



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Newsletter

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

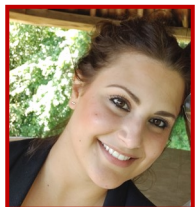


On Friday 10th December the Bracha Choir, of Ruddington and Lady Bay, Director Bernadette Bracha, came to the Mechanics to give us another great performance. Our members appreciated the warmth and energy of their excellent singing, which rounded off 2021 (another difficult year for many) and hopefully will welcome the prospect of a happier year in 2022. Thank you, Bernie and the Bracha Choir!



A New Year Message from our Manager
Goodbye 2021! it was lovely to start getting people back with us again and I got to meet more of our amazing members. Let's hope we have a better run in 2022. So I would like to say Happy New Year to everyone, as we look forward to 2022.

Adam & the Team



GROUP MEETINGS (please check with group contacts)

Harlequin Ladies' Group: Next meeting - 12 January

2.00pm: Dennis Apple: Lady Hamilton, Lord Nelson's Mistress
Visitors welcome! £2. Contact Jacqui Curwood 0115 9586500

ART Class: 1.30pm, every Wednesday. Contact Rosemary: 0115 9229410
Dickens Fellowship, 2.00pm, 4 January. Contact Kathy: 0115 9845375

Friends of Nottingham Museums Contact Janet Lievesley: 0115 9221734
Next meeting: Tues. 18 Jan, 2.00pm: Ian Morgan, 'Bolsover Castle'

Nottm Writers' Club: All welcome! Contact, Carol: 0115 9817661
Next meeting: Friday, 28 January 2.30pm

Nottm Shakespeare Society Contact, Sandra Appleton: 0115 9256551

City of Nottingham Probus Club Contact: Robin West: 0115 9164774
19 January, 10.30am: Patsy Raynor: 'The Japanese Garden'

A Time to Stitch. Contact: Jan Merryweather: 07800 546428

Nottm RSPB Group, Contact: Barry Nelson 0115 9146583

Nottm Centre, National Trust, Contact: Irene Millburn 0115 9812267
2.15pm, Thurs 6 January: 'Inn Signs & Local History' by Robert Mee
Wed. 19 Jan, 2.15pm: Speaker, Barbara Meyer

Oddfellows Friendship Group: Games, Speakers, Dominoes etc.
Contact: Karen Pye-Smith 07921821866
www.oddfellows.co.uk

National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP)
Nottingham Branch meets: Wed. 5, 12, 19, & 26 Jan,
10.30am Contact: Phil Wilson - 0115 875 2346

NDLHS - Details at: ndlhs@wordpress.com



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Great Holidays with the Mechanics by Rob Smith

My wife Chris and I joined the Mechanics a couple of years ago when we became aware of the range of social activities it offered, whilst we attended various WEA classes. We were particularly drawn to the prospect of being chauffeured around the country in a luxurious Skills coach, with a tour guide in the guise of Robert. We have been on several holidays since joining, all of which have been both enjoyable and educational. We've met many interesting members who have greatly enhanced this experience.



During these breaks, everyone will have had their own personal experience which they will retain, and my own highlights include learning to shoot a long bow *à la* Robin Hood whilst staying in Sinah Warren, watching older members discard their walking sticks to scale a steep hill for a great view in the Lake District, and seeing one of our group wrapped tightly in fancy dress, valiantly competing in the evening entertainment at the Bideford Turkey and Tinsel break.

Our last break was in September, when a full coach of members embarked on an adventure to Llandudno, visiting several historic Welsh castles during the week. A highlight of this trip was travelling on the Great Orme in both cable car and by tram, whilst enjoying the views this allowed. A video of our Llandudno trip can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/IvorsTravels>

Rob Smith

MECHANICS HOLIDAYS 2022 - Book NOW!!

Fri 8 April to Tues 12 April: The ENGLISH RIVIERA

Monday 23 May to Friday 27 May: NORTHUMBRIA

**** See NOTICEBOARD for more POSSIBLE TRIPS later on in the year ****

****SPECIAL!!! - THURSFORD - FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2022****

ONE NIGHT at the CALEY HALL HOTEL
£189 including travel, hotel, and The SHOW!

