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NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S ON? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Welcome to the November Newsletter

Market Square House Update

We are still awaiting the solicitors' review of the lease. Any updates will be posted on the noticeboard as soon as they become available.

Audrey Malik Monday Exercise

Thank You, Audrey – Happy Retirement!

After more than 20 years of leading our Monday morning exercise classes, Audrey is retiring.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for her dedication and for looking after our ladies and gents over so many years. Her classes have been a much-valued part of life at the Nottingham Mechanics Institute, helping members keep active and enjoy time together.

Audrey's retirement means that our Monday morning exercise classes will no longer take place. We know she will be greatly missed, and everyone at the Institute wishes her a very happy retirement.

Thank you for everything, Audrey!

Leisure Learning – Winter Programme

We are currently putting together our Winter Programme, which is scheduled to begin in mid to late January 2027, allowing us time to get everything organised after Christmas. New brochures will be available in early December, and the website will be updated ready for the programme's launch.

What's Coming Up?

Please remember to take a look at our noticeboards when you are next in the Institute for full details of all our upcoming events, talks, courses and activities.

There is always something happening at the Mechanics!

NOVEMBER MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM

THE BARD

2nd November 🎬 Shakespeare in Love – 123 min

Starring Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow and Judi Dench, Shakespeare in Love imagines a young William Shakespeare struggling with writer's block until he meets Viola, a spirited noblewoman with a passion for the theatre. Their forbidden romance inspires his writing, but duty and convention threaten their happiness. Filled with humour, romance and the bustle of Elizabethan London, this Oscar-winning film offers a charming and imaginative story behind the creation of Romeo and Juliet.

9th November 🎬 Much Ado About Nothing (1993)– 111 min

Starring Kenneth Branagh, Emma Thompson and Denzel Washington, Much Ado About Nothing brings Shakespeare's romantic comedy to life against the beautiful backdrop of the Tuscan countryside. Sharp-tongued Beatrice and confirmed bachelor Benedick trade witty insults while their friends plot to bring them together. Meanwhile, young lovers Claudio and Hero find their happiness threatened by deception. Filled with romance, mischief and memorable performances, this lively adaptation is a delightful tale of love and misunderstandings.

16th November 🎬 Macbeth(2015) – 113 min

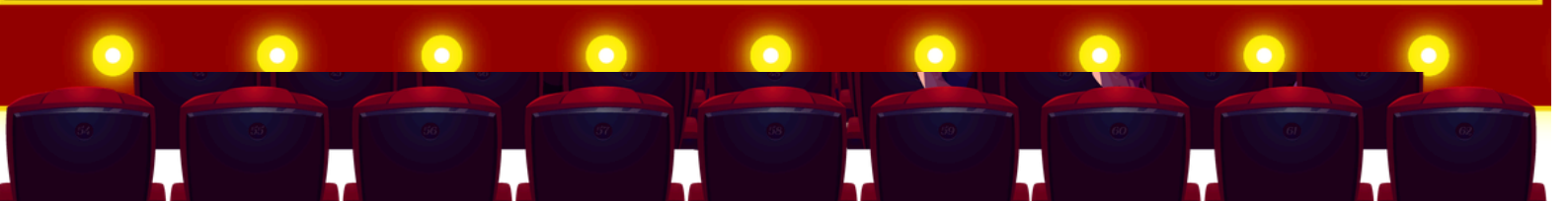
Starring Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard and David Thewlis, Macbeth brings Shakespeare's powerful tragedy to life against the dramatic landscapes of Scotland. When three witches predict that Macbeth will become king, ambition takes hold. Encouraged by his wife, he sets out on a ruthless path towards the throne, with devastating consequences. Rich in atmosphere and striking imagery, this gripping adaptation explores power, betrayal and guilt as a celebrated warrior becomes consumed by his desire to rule.

23rd November 🎬 Hamnet – 126 min

Starring Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal and Emily Watson, Hamnet is a moving adaptation of Maggie O'Farrell's bestselling novel. The film imagines the family life of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes as they face the devastating loss of their young son. Exploring love, grief and the bonds that hold a family together, it draws a poignant connection between their private tragedy and the creation of Hamlet. Beautifully filmed and deeply emotional, this powerful drama offers a different perspective on the man behind the famous plays.

30th November 🎬 All Is True – 101 min

Starring Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench and Ian McKellen, All Is True imagines William Shakespeare's final years after the Globe Theatre is destroyed by fire. Returning to Stratford-upon-Avon, he finds himself facing strained family relationships, old regrets and the lasting grief of losing his son Hamnet. Away from the acclaim of the London stage, he must reconnect with the wife and daughters he has often neglected. Thoughtful and moving, this beautifully acted drama provides a fitting conclusion to our Shakespeare-themed month.



Robert's Music Mornings
12th and the 26th at 10.30am – see noticeboard for details

THE CURTIUS SALON - FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

6th November – Dr John Florance – Ghost Stories of M. R. James

Dr John Florance takes us into the eerie and mysterious world of M. R. James, one of Britain's greatest writers of ghost stories. Famous for his chilling tales of haunted places, ancient manuscripts and supernatural encounters, James had a remarkable talent for turning everyday situations into something truly unsettling. This fascinating talk explores his life, literary legacy and the enduring appeal of his ghostly tales. An atmospheric journey into the darker side of English literature, with just the right amount of spine-tingling suspense.

13th November – Peter Amour – Dartmoor in Spring & Autumn

Peter Amour takes us on a beautiful journey through the changing landscapes of Dartmoor, exploring the contrasting colours and character of this remarkable part of Devon in spring and autumn. From rolling moorland and rugged granite tors to peaceful valleys and picturesque villages, the talk celebrates the natural beauty, wildlife and atmosphere of Dartmoor throughout the seasons. A fascinating and visually rewarding exploration of one of Britain's most distinctive and enchanting landscapes.

20th November – Paul Dyson – Wildlife of Borneo and Climbing Mongolia's Highest Mountain

Paul Dyson returns with another fascinating account of his travels and adventures, taking us from the lush tropical rainforests of Borneo to the rugged mountains of Mongolia. Discover the remarkable wildlife of Borneo, home to orangutans and an extraordinary variety of exotic creatures, before following Paul's challenging ascent of Mongolia's highest mountain, Khüiten Peak. Combining breathtaking scenery, wildlife encounters and the excitement of high-altitude mountaineering, this promises to be an inspiring journey through two very different and spectacular parts of the world.

27th November – Robert Cockayne – Christmas in Germany

Robert Cockayne takes us on a festive journey through southern Germany as Christmas approaches. Beginning in Basel, we travel through the beautiful Black Forest and into Bavaria, discovering the wonderful Christmas atmosphere and traditions that make this part of Europe so special. Our journey then takes us across the border into Austria, stopping in the historic city of Salzburg before continuing to Vienna for Christmas and New Year. A delightful seasonal adventure filled with beautiful scenery, festive charm and the magic of Christmas in Europe.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

November

Nottingham Writers' Club: All welcome : Carol: 0115 9817661

Friday 27th @1pm

Dickens Fellowship : Kathy Powis: 0115 9845375

3rd and the 17th @ 2.00-4.00pm

Nottingham Shakespeare Society

Tuesday 10th 7.00pm Tuesday 24th 10.30am

Nottingham Probus Club : cherryknight2000@gmail.com

Wednesday 18th @10.00am

Elders' Forum Dance

Fridays @ 1.30pm

Nottm Branch, The National Trust

Wednesday 11th 1.30-3.30pm

Oddfellows Friendship Group

Friday 6th @11.00am

National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP)

Wednesdays @11.00am

R.C.T.S

Tuesday 10th and the 24th 2.00-4.00pm

Thoroton Society

Saturday 14th @1.30pm

Nottingham Civic Society

Tuesday 10th 7.30-9.30pm

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