



NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S ON? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Welcome to the July Newsletter

Thank you to Wes for organising the recent trips to Grimsthorpe Castle and Park. Although the weather was not particularly kind, everyone appeared to have a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Our next excursion is to the National Space Centre in Leicester on 14th July. If you fancy a trip into space, please see Wes for details and booking information.

We continue to make good progress in our search for a new building. I would, however, like to nip a rumour in the bud. We will still have a café and bar in our new premises – not vending machines, as someone has suggested!

Our aim is to continue providing everything our members currently enjoy, albeit on a slightly smaller scale. Leisure Learning will continue to grow and thrive, and we have many exciting new courses, walks and talks planned throughout the summer months.

Please take a look at our notice boards for full details of all upcoming events and activities.

JULY MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM

Monday 6th - 🎬 The Other Boleyn Girl – 115 min

Set in the court of King Henry VIII, *The Other Boleyn Girl* tells the story of sisters Anne and Mary Boleyn as they become caught up in the ambitions, intrigue and rivalries of Tudor England. As both women vie for the attention of the King, family loyalty is tested against power and political ambition. Rich in drama, romance and historical spectacle, the film offers a compelling glimpse into one of the most fascinating periods of English history.

Monday 13th – 🎬 Waking Ned – 91 min

Set in a small Irish village, *Waking Ned* is a charming comedy about a group of residents who discover that one of their neighbours has won the National Lottery—only to die from the shock before claiming the prize. Determined not to let the winnings go to waste, the villagers hatch an increasingly elaborate plan to keep the money within the community. Warm, witty and full of eccentric characters, it is a delightful tale of friendship, ingenuity and village life. 🍀 🎬

Monday 20th - 🎬 Jack Reacher: Never Go Back – 118 min

Former military investigator Jack Reacher returns to uncover a dangerous conspiracy after a trusted colleague is arrested on serious charges. As he races to clear her name, Reacher finds himself pursued by powerful enemies and drawn into a mystery that reaches deep into his military past. Packed with action, suspense and unexpected twists, this fast-paced thriller delivers plenty of excitement and intrigue. 🎬 🔍

Monday 27th - 🎬 The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford – 160 min

This beautifully crafted Western tells the story of the legendary outlaw Jesse James and the young admirer who eventually betrays him. Set against the backdrop of the American frontier, the film explores fame, obsession and the complex relationship between hero and follower. Thoughtful, atmospheric and visually stunning, it offers a compelling and often poignant look at one of the most famous figures in American history.

Please note: Runtime is approximately 160 minutes, so we may wish to schedule a short interval 🎬 🤠

Roberts Music Mornings

9th and the 23rd

THE CURTIUS SALON – FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

During the summer, Robert will once again be entertaining us with a series of talks about his travels around the world, along with some fond reminiscences of the Institute's trips and holidays from years gone by. These sessions are always popular and provide a wonderful opportunity to share memories while discovering some fascinating places and experiences.

3rd July –Western France – Pyrenees to Brittany

Continuing a memorable journey through France, Spain and Portugal, Robert completes the final stage of last year's adventure.

Beginning in the shadow of the Pyrenees and travelling north through some of Western France's most attractive landscapes,

this talk explores the history, culture and scenery of Brittany before reaching the historic port of St Malo. Join us for a fascinating travelogue filled with beautiful locations, local character and memorable experiences.

10th July –Mechanics Memories

A nostalgic look back at some of the many holidays, excursions and adventures enjoyed by Nottingham Mechanics Institute members over the years. Compiled from photographs and memories shared by members, this special presentation celebrates friendships, laughter and shared experiences, while remembering those who are no longer with us.

Whether you were there at the time or simply enjoy a trip down memory lane, this promises to be a warm and entertaining journey through the Institute's recent history.

17th July –European Road Trip 2025 – Part One

Join Robert as he begins the first of three remarkable road trips undertaken across Europe during the summer of 2025. Travelling through eastern France and the volcanic landscapes of Germany's Eifel region, the journey continues south to the historic city of Heidelberg before reaching the spectacular Alpine scenery of Austria's Tannheim Valley. Combining history, culture and stunning mountain landscapes, this talk offers a fascinating insight into one of Europe's most beautiful regions.

24th July – European Road Trip 2025 – Part Two

The adventure continues through Bavaria, Czechia and Poland, exploring some of Central Europe's most picturesque towns and historic cities. Highlights include Bavaria's remarkable Burghausen Castle, the enchanting streets of Český Krumlov and a memorable visit to Kraków.

Along the way there are stories, humour and local history, including the tale of how Institute member Hilda affectionately renamed one Czech town "Cheesy Crumble" – a name that, sadly, has yet to appear on any maps!

31st July – European Road Trip 2025 – Part Three

In the final instalment of this European adventure,

Robert explores the historic city of Kraków before travelling north through Poland to Toruń, Gdańsk and the Baltic coast. Following a route rich in castles, maritime history and beautifully restored towns, the journey visits locations that have witnessed some of Europe's most significant historical events. From the birthplace of the Second World War to elegant seaside resorts and dramatic coastal landscapes, this concluding talk offers a fascinating blend of history, culture and travel.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

JULY

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

FRIDAY 24TH @1.00PM

NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.

Wednesday 15th @11.00am

ELDERS' FORUM DANCE

Fridays @ 1.30pm

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 3rd @11.00am

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP)

Wednesdays @11.00am

***All other Group meetings resume in
September***

**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