



NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S ON? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

WELCOME TO THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

As spring begins to arrive and the weather starts to improve, Wes is busy exploring ideas for new trips in 2026, which are now displayed on the notice board. If any of these catch your eye, please have a word with him — and if you have ideas of your own for future trips or outings, he'd be very happy to hear them.

Alongside this, we also have a number of afternoon events currently in development. These will include a variety of talks and social activities, and full details will be added to the notice board once plans are finalised.

Our new Leisure Learning brochure will be available towards the end of March, so please take a copy when you see them available. If you know of any local venues, community spaces, or friends who might be happy to display or share them, please let Wes know and he will happily organise extra copies for you.

We would also like to say a big thank you for your continued support. Thanks to our Leisure Learning courses, we have welcomed another 30+ new members recently, which is fantastic news for the Institute. You can sign up or find out more either at reception or online at www.nottmleisurelearning.com

MARCH MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM

2nd 🎬 Walk the Line – 136 min

This acclaimed biographical drama charts the life of country music legend Johnny Cash, from his early struggles to international fame. Focusing on his turbulent career, personal battles and enduring love story with June Carter, the film blends powerful performances with a memorable soundtrack. Moving, gritty and uplifting, it's a compelling portrait of talent, redemption and resilience.

9th 🎬 The Big Trail – 125 min

This classic Western follows a pioneering wagon train on its dangerous journey across the American frontier. Starring a young John Wayne in his first leading role, the film combines sweeping landscapes with adventure, romance and moments of tension as settlers face harsh terrain and hostile encounters. Ambitious for its time and visually impressive, it offers a fascinating glimpse into early Hollywood epics and frontier storytelling.

16th 🎬 I Saw the Light – 123 min

This biographical drama tells the story of country music legend Hank Williams, charting his rapid rise to fame alongside the personal struggles that shaped his life and career. Featuring a strong central performance and a soundtrack packed with classic songs, the film explores love, loss and creativity behind one of America's most influential musicians. A moving portrait of talent, fame and fragility.

23rd 🎬 The Comancheros – 107 min

This classic Western stars John Wayne as a tough Texas Ranger tracking a gun-runner across dangerous frontier territory. Along the way, uneasy alliances are formed as settlers face outlaws and Comanche raiders. Packed with action, sweeping landscapes and traditional Western drama, The Comancheros is an entertaining tale of courage, survival and frontier justice.

30th 🎬 The Misfits – 124 min

Set in the Nevada desert, The Misfits follows a group of outsiders struggling to find purpose and connection in a changing world. Starring Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe in their final screen roles, this powerful drama explores loneliness, freedom and the search for belonging. Thoughtful and emotionally rich, it's a beautifully written film with unforgettable performances.



Roberts Music Mornings
Come and Join us on the 5th
for a Morning of Opera and Ballet please see the notice board for
Programme Details

THE CURTIUS SALON – FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

6th March – Peter Slater – Don't You Know Who I Am? Tales from a Sports Reporter

Peter Slater shares behind-the-scenes stories from a career in sports journalism, offering humorous and revealing insights into the personalities, moments and mishaps that come with reporting on the world of sport. Packed with anecdotes and personal reflections, this entertaining talk lifts the lid on life as a reporter and the characters met along the way. An engaging and light-hearted look at sport from a journalist's perspective.

13th March – Judith Hedley – Tea with Mr Darcy

Judith Hedley invites us into the world of Mr Darcy with an engaging literary talk exploring Jane Austen's most famous hero and the society that shaped him. From Regency manners and romance to Austen's sharp social observations, this presentation offers a warm and insightful look at why Darcy continues to captivate readers and audiences alike. A charming journey into classic literature and enduring love stories.

20th March – Keith Small – Arthur: The Once and Future King

Keith Small explores the enduring legend of King Arthur, tracing how myth, history and storytelling have combined to create one of Britain's most powerful and lasting heroes. From Camelot and the Knights of the Round Table to Arthur's place in literature and popular culture, this talk examines why the story continues to resonate across the centuries. A fascinating journey through legend, symbolism and national identity.

27th March – Iain Walton – Antarctica to Alaska: Part 5 – USA

Iain Walton continues his epic journey from the polar south to the far north, this time focusing on the vast and varied landscapes of the United States. From dramatic scenery and diverse wildlife to the people and cultures encountered along the way, this illustrated talk offers a vivid and engaging account of travel on a grand scale. An inspiring conclusion to a remarkable adventure series.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

MARCH

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

Wednesday 11th @ 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 10th and 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