



NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S ON? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Welcome to the June Newsletter

After 38 years of dedicated service to the Nottingham Mechanics Institute, Maureen has decided to retire and hang up her apron.

Maureen has been a huge part of the Institute for many years, and we know members will miss seeing her friendly face around the building. Thankfully, this is not goodbye, as Maureen will still be visiting us, and the Trustees have proudly made her an Honorary Member of the Institute.

We thank Maureen for her incredible loyalty, hard work, and friendship over the years and wish her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Our ongoing search for a new building continues, and we have looked at several properties over the past few weeks. One building in particular seems to fit many of our requirements and has real potential for the future of the Institute.

At the moment, the property is currently a shell, but discussions are ongoing, and I hope to have a further update for members in the next newsletter.

Race Afternoon

Join us on Wednesday 24th at 1.30pm for a fun Race Afternoon. Entry is £5.00, which includes tea/coffee, cake and your bets. You do not need to know anything about horses – it is all just for fun!

JUNE MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM

Monday 1st - Fackham Hall – 98 min

This witty British comedy affectionately reimagines the world of classic country-house dramas, following an eccentric aristocratic family as secrets, misunderstandings and unexpected visitors turn life at Fackham Hall upside down. Packed with sharp humour, colourful characters and gentle satire, the film offers a light-hearted tribute to traditional British period storytelling with a modern comedic twist.

Monday 8th - Gosford Park – 137 min

Set in an English country house during the 1930s, Gosford Park follows a gathering of wealthy guests and their servants over the course of a weekend shooting party.

When a murder takes place, secrets and tensions beneath the surface begin to emerge. Combining mystery, wit and social observation, this acclaimed film offers a richly detailed portrait of class, privilege and life behind closed doors.

Monday 15th - Knives Out – 130 min

When a wealthy crime novelist is found dead after a family gathering, an eccentric detective arrives to investigate the mysterious circumstances surrounding his death. Packed with twists, sharp humour and an all-star cast, Knives Out is a modern take on the classic whodunnit. Clever, entertaining and full of surprises, it keeps audiences guessing until the very end.

Monday 22nd - Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery – 139 min

Detective Benoit Blanc returns to unravel another complex mystery when a group of wealthy guests gather on a private Greek island owned by a tech billionaire. As secrets emerge and loyalties are tested, the film delivers a clever mix of suspense, humour and unexpected twists. Stylish, witty and entertaining, Glass Onion offers a fresh modern take on the classic murder mystery.

29th - Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery – 140 min

The latest instalment in the Knives Out mystery series sees detective Benoit Blanc drawn into another complex and intriguing case filled with secrets, deception and unexpected twists. Combining sharp dialogue, colourful characters and classic whodunnit suspense, the film promises another stylish and entertaining mystery adventure. Clever, atmospheric and full of surprises, it continues the modern revival of the traditional murder mystery.

Roberts Music Mornings

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THE CURTIUS SALON – FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

5TH JUNE – DR JOHN FLORANCE

JOHN BETJEMAN: THE POET WHO SAVED ST PANCRAS

POET, BROADCASTER AND PASSIONATE CHAMPION OF BRITAIN'S ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE, SIR JOHN BETJEMAN BECAME ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST RECOGNISABLE LITERARY FIGURES. IN THIS FASCINATING TALK, DR JOHN FLORANCE EXPLORES BETJEMAN'S LIFE, POETRY AND ENDURING LEGACY, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON HIS FAMOUS CAMPAIGN TO SAVE ST PANCRAS STATION FROM DEMOLITION. BLENDING LITERATURE, HISTORY AND SOCIAL COMMENTARY, THIS SESSION CELEBRATES A MAN WHOSE LOVE OF BRITAIN'S PAST HELPED SHAPE ITS FUTURE.

12TH JUNE – DR MARK BARNARD

VALMY 1792 – THE FRENCH REVOLUTION IS SAVED

THE BATTLE OF VALMY MARKED A TURNING POINT IN EUROPEAN HISTORY. FOUGHT IN 1792 DURING THE TURBULENT EARLY YEARS OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, THIS UNEXPECTED FRENCH VICTORY HALTED INVADING FORCES AND GAVE NEW CONFIDENCE TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE. IN THIS ENGAGING TALK, DR MARK BARNARD EXAMINES THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE BATTLE, THE KEY PERSONALITIES INVOLVED, AND WHY VALMY BECAME SUCH A DEFINING MOMENT IN THE STRUGGLE THAT WOULD RESHAPE FRANCE – AND EUROPE ITSELF.

19TH JUNE – PETER AMOUR

"EASTERN YORKSHIRE BY'T BIKE, BY'T TANDEM, BY'T CAR & BY'T TRAIN"

JOIN PETER AMOUR FOR AN ENTERTAINING JOURNEY THROUGH THE LANDSCAPES, TOWNS AND CHARACTER OF EASTERN YORKSHIRE USING A VARIETY OF FORMS OF TRANSPORT ALONG THE WAY. FILLED WITH LOCAL COLOUR, HUMOUR AND PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS, THIS TALK EXPLORES THE REGION FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES – WHETHER BY BICYCLE, TANDEM, CAR OR TRAIN. A LIGHT-HEARTED AND ENGAGING LOOK AT TRAVEL, PLACE AND THE CHARM OF YORKSHIRE LIFE.

26TH JUNE – IAIN WALTON

ANTARCTICA TO ALASKA – PART 6: ALASKA

IN THE LATEST INSTALMENT OF HIS POPULAR TRAVEL SERIES, IAIN WALTON TAKES US TO THE VAST WILDERNESS OF ALASKA – A LAND OF DRAMATIC MOUNTAINS, GLACIERS, WILDLIFE AND FRONTIER HISTORY. FROM BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES TO STORIES OF EXPLORATION AND SURVIVAL, THIS FASCINATING TALK EXPLORES ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST REMOTE AND AWE-INSPIRING REGIONS. JOIN US FOR A VISUALLY RICH AND ENGAGING JOURNEY THROUGH THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND UNIQUE CHARACTER OF AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

JUNE

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

Friday 26th 1.00pm

NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.

Wednesday 17th @11.00am

ELDERS' FORUM DANCE

Fridays @ 1.30pm

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 5th @11.00am

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP)

Wednesdays @11.00am

All other Group meeting 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