

**\* SUMMER SPEAKERS - Fridays at 11.00am \***

4th Aug: Robert Cockayne: Julian Alps to Tirol Bonhinj to the Stbai

11th Aug: Robert Cockayne: The Vosges, Troyes & the Channel

18th Aug: Stephen Flinders: Magnificent Seven - a 19th Century  
Horror Story

25th Aug: Graham Hayes: The Lost Houses of Notts

**\* MUSIC EVENTS with ROBERT \***

Thurs 10th August, 10.30am: Rigoletto - Verdi (2hrs 16mins)

Thurs 17th August, 10.30am: Giovanna D'Arco - Verdi (2hrs 15mins)

Thurs 31st August, 10.30am: Simon Boccanegra - Verdi (2hrs 28mins)

**\* MONDAY FILMS - at 1.30pm \***

7 Aug: 'Testament of Youth' - Kit Harrington, Emily Watson (2014)

14 Aug: '4 Weddings & a Funeral' - Hugh Grant, Andi McDowell (1994)

21 Aug: 'Finding Neverland' - Jonny Depp, Kate Winslet (2004)

28 Aug: Closed - (Bank Holiday)

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

**Elders' Forum DANCE - Fridays at 1.30pm**

**TABLE TENNIS - Fridays: 1.30 to 3.00pm**

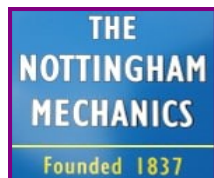
**SHORT MAT BOWLS - Thursdays at 1.30pm**

**GAMES AFTERNOON: Tuesdays at 1.30pm**

**KNIT & NATTER: Wednesdays at 1.30pm (fortnightly)**

**GARDENING CLUB: 20 June (monthly) 10.30am**

**CHAT GROUP: every 3rd Friday**



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# Newsletter

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

## **SPREADING THE WORD!!**

Now summer is here and the threat of Covid has lessened (fingers crossed), members are returning to take part in the many activities The Mechanics offers (for example: films, talks, games, refreshments, friends, music, studies, and of course our ever-popular day trips with Robert as our guide). So we would be delighted if you, our Members, would be kind enough to talk about us to your friends, neighbours, and in shops and buses, so that even more people will know that we exist, and hope to continue to do so in the future. Kyle, our computer specialist staff, has made some more excellent leaflets which are available now for you to take to your local library and newsagents, which will help to spread the word to more potential members.



Table Tennis

So please help yourself to these, spread them around, and enjoy the Mechanics and the three upcoming outings in August and September.

**Thank you!**

**GROUP MEETINGS (please check with group Contacts)**

**Friends of Nottingham Museums: Janet Lievesley: 0115 9221734**  
**19 Sept: Chris Weir, 'The Making of Victorian Nottingham'**

**Nottm Writers' Club: All welcome! Contact Carol: 0115 9817661**  
**September meeting to be confirmed**

**Dickens Fellowship, Contact: Kathy Powis: 0115 9845375**  
**Next meetings: September 5th and 19th, at 2.00pm**  
**Nottm Shakespeare Society: Sandra Appleton: 0115 9256551**  
**12 Sept, 7pm: Shakespeare in Performance, talk by David Dunford**  
**26 Sept, 10.30am: a Reading of Henry 6th Part 2**

**Nottingham Probus Club, Robin West: 0115 9164774.**  
**16 Aug: Robert Cockayne, The European Tour**  
**20 Sept: Dennis Apple, Life & Times of George Gershwin**

**The STITCH CLUB meets fortnightly on Mondays, 1.30pm**  
**Next meeting: 14th Aug. Contact: Jenny Parker, 0115 9206423**

**Oddfellows Friendship Group: Games, Speakers, Dominoes etc.**  
**Next meeting: Friday 4 August**  
**Contact: Karen Pye-Smith 07921821866 [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)**

**Nottm Branch, The National Trust: Irene Milburn 0115 9812267**  
**Next meetings on: 14th and 27th September**

**National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP)**  
**Aug meetings: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th. Phil Wilson - 0115 8752346**

**Gardening Club - please see the Noticeboard . . .**

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**Would members please note that Membership Fees (£50)**  
**are due to be renewed on 1st August. Many Thanks!**

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**PS - Have you ever thought of leaving a legacy to The Mechanics in your will? This gesture would be much appreciated and would help secure our future in an uncertain world.**

**Further details from Adam, on 0115 9417353. Thank you!!**

**Staff Profile: Wes Spencer**



First, can I say a big 'thank you' for the generous welcome you have all given me since I arrived here at the Mechanics in early May. It has made me feel at ease coming to work.

About myself now. I was born in 1981 in Nottingham and have been here ever since, apart from a year or two studying in Sheffield. I completed my GCSE's and A levels at West Bridgford School and moved on to university in Sheffield to undertake a sports management course which I successfully completed.

After this I went to work at Ruddington Grange Golf Club in various roles across the business, and was there for 20 years until I left a few months ago.

I am a keen footballer and still play, but the body feels it a bit more now than before (age is catching up with me!).

My home life gives me the most satisfaction these days, spending it with my lovely wife Emma and the two best things in life - my boys Freddie and Billy, aged 9 and 7. I also have a dog, Bella, who loves to go on big walks.

I look forward to working with you all in the friendly and welcoming place which is The Nottingham Mechanics.

**Wesley Spencer**

**COUNCIL MATTERS**

In July's Council of Management meeting, Trustees and Adam, the Manager, discussed attracting new members and funds to the Mechanics. Since Covid there's been a shortage of both coming in. Adam reported that a group of NTU business students have produced some ideas to work on and Adam will be visiting Ipswich Mechanics soon to see how it operates.

NMI was set up in 1837 to improve the education and social welfare of local people. The Council wants to return to these original aims by bringing more people into the organisation to enjoy a larger range of activities. In this way the Mechanics can ensure it has a future in Nottingham.

As we are keen to keep costs down at NMI, the manager was asked if there had been a reduction of waste in the kitchen since Covid. Adam replied that the policy is to buy only what is needed so we don't have to throw anything away. If you're planning to bring a group into the restaurant, do let us know in advance so we can make sure we have adequate supplies for you and your party.

**Kathie Price**