



NEWSLETTER

WHATS ON ? WHATS HAPPENED?



December Newsletter

Firstly, on behalf of the Trustees and the Team here at the Nottingham Mechanics Institute, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Viv launched this version of the newsletter in June 2017, and we are delighted to say that this is our 100th edition!

Building Sale Update

We are now waiting to exchange and complete. All paperwork is currently with our solicitors, and we hope to complete in early January. We will continue to update you as progress is made.

How you can help:

If you hear of any suitable properties or opportunities, please let us know—your local knowledge can make a real difference.

Leisure Learning

Our new Leisure Learning courses are now displayed on the board, and brochures are currently with Wes.

The website is also up and running:

DECEMBER MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM

1st: The Nativity (2009-101 Mins)

Get into the festive spirit with *Nativity!*, a warm and wonderfully chaotic British Christmas comedy. The film follows Mr Maddens, a down-on-his-luck primary school teacher, who finds himself in deep trouble after bragging that a Hollywood producer will be coming to see his class's nativity play. With his over-enthusiastic classroom assistant, a rivalry with a neighbouring school, and a group of unforgettable children, the pressure quickly builds—along with plenty of laughs. Heartfelt, funny, and full of Christmas charm, *Nativity!* is a perfect feel-good film for December.

8th: Nativity 2 – Danger in the Manger! (2012-106 Mins)

The festive fun continues in this lively sequel to the much-loved original. This time, a new teacher, Donald Peterson, finds himself swept into chaos when the ever-enthusiastic Mr Poppy persuades him to lead the school choir in a national “Song for Christmas” competition. What follows is a wild cross-country adventure involving rival schools, surprise twists, and plenty of musical moments.

Full of humour, heart, and holiday cheer, *Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger!* is a joyful family film that keeps the Christmas spirit alive.

15th The Snowman (1982-119 Mins)

A timeless Christmas favourite, *The Snowman* tells the enchanting story of a young boy whose snowman magically comes to life on Christmas Eve. Together, they embark on a magical journey filled with wonder, imagination, and the unforgettable song “Walking in the Air.”

Told entirely through music and visuals, this beautifully animated short film remains one of the most beloved festive classics for all ages.

A perfect, gentle winter tale to bring warmth and nostalgia to the season.

22nd It's a Wonderful Life (1946-131 Mins)

A true Christmas classic, *It's a Wonderful Life* follows George Bailey, a man who has spent his life helping others, only to find himself in despair on Christmas Eve. When he wishes he had never been born, an angel named Clarence shows him just how many lives he has touched—and how different the world would be without him.

Heartfelt, inspiring, and full of timeless messages about community, kindness, and the value of every life, this beloved film remains a festive favourite for generations.

A perfect choice for Christmas, reminding us all of the impact we have on those around us.



December

See the board for details

THE CURTIUS SALON – FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Robert Cockayne – Christmas Markets

Join Robert for a delightful pictorial tour of Europe's Christmas Markets, exploring some of the continent's most enchanting festive destinations. Through a blend of stunning photographs and engaging stories, Robert guides us through snow-dusted squares, glowing market stalls, traditional crafts, regional delicacies, and the unique seasonal charm each city has to offer. This beautifully presented talk is a perfect way to celebrate the run-up to Christmas and experience the magic of Europe's Christmas Markets without leaving Nottingham.

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Judith Hedley – 1816: The Year Without a Summer

Join Judith Hedley as she explores the extraordinary events of 1816, a year remembered across the world for its dramatic and devastating climate anomalies. Following the eruption of Mount Tambora in 1815, vast amounts of ash were thrown into the atmosphere, plunging the following year into unseasonal darkness, relentless rain, failed harvests, and widespread hardship.

Judith's talk looks at the global impact of this "Year Without a Summer," how communities struggled to adapt, and the surprising cultural and historical consequences that emerged—including influences on literature, migration, and scientific understanding.

A fascinating insight into a year when nature turned the world upside down.

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Bernie Bracha & Her Community Choir

Join Bernie Bracha and her wonderful Community Choir for our final event of 2025—a heart-warming morning filled with Carols and Christmas favourites.

This lively and uplifting session is the perfect way to round off the year, bringing everyone together in a festive spirit of music and celebration. Expect a mix of traditional carols, well-loved seasonal songs, and plenty of chances to sing along or simply enjoy the atmosphere, Bernie and her choir create a welcoming, joyful environment that captures the magic of Christmas.

Come and enjoy a wonderfully festive finale to 2025 with friends, music, and community cheer.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

DECEMBER

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

Next Meeting January 2026

DICKENS FELLOWSHIP, CONTACT: KATHY POWIS: 0115 9845375

2nd and the 16th @ 2.00pm

NOTTM SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY: SANDRA APPLETON: 0115 9256551

Tues 9th 7.00-9.00pm 16th 10.00-12.00pm

NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.

Wednesday 17th @11.00am

ELDERS' FORUM DANCE

Fridays @ 1.30pm

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday 5th @11.00am

NOTTM BRANCH, THE NATIONAL TRUST

Thursday 11th @ 1.30-3.30pm

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP)

Wednesdays @11.00am

THOROTONS SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAM

Saturday 13th @ 1.30-4.30pm

R.C.T.S MEETING

Tuesday 9^h @7.00pm

NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

Tuesday 9th 6.30-9.30pm

60+ Keep Fit: Audrey Malik, Mon: 10.30 to 11.30am

Seated Exercise Class 11.45 to 12.30am

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