

## The CURTIUS SALON Fridays at 11.00am

4 Feb: Robert Cockayne, Pacific Coast, California & Oregon  
11 Feb: Robert Cockayne, Olympic Peninsula & Seattle  
18 Feb: John Whitfield, '100 years On - The Great War'  
25 Feb: Chris Stone, 'Snowdonia'

### \* OPERA with ROBERT \*

Thurs. 3 Feb 10.30am: 'Suor Angelica' & 'Gianni Schicchi' - Puccini

Tues. 22 Feb 10.30am: 'La Rondine' by Puccini



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

7 Feb: 'South Pacific' with Rossano Brazzi & Mitzi Gaynor  
14 Feb: 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin' with Nicolas Cage & Penelope Cruz  
21 Feb: 'The Third Man' with Joseph Cotton & Trevor Howard  
28 Feb: 'Zulu' with Michael Caine

Please keep checking Noticeboard for 2022 Trips & Holidays!

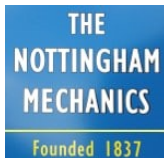
60+ Keep Fit with Audrey Malik, Mon: 10.30 to 11.30am  
+ Seated Exercise Class 11.45 to 12.30pm

*KEEP FIT! \*\*\* KEEP MOVING!*

Elders Forum DANCE - Fridays at 1.30pm

TABLE TENNIS - Fridays: 1.30 to 3.00pm

BINGO - Thursdays: 2.00pm



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# Your NOTTINGHAM MECHANICS



## Newsletter

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

### **KEN GODFREY'S JAZZ BAND**

performed for our members  
again on Friday 28 Jan, raising  
**£350!** So *HUGE THANKS*  
go to *KEN and his band!*



Our 2021 Christmas Party\* was cancelled because of the risks of Covid, so we'd like to replace it with a

### **SUPER EASTER EVENT!**

**Thursday 14 April** (the day before Good Friday)  
will be for Easter Lunch, Easter Bonnet competition,  
hunt the Easter Egg, and more!

Details later on

\* Deposits already paid will be  
carried forward to this new event



### **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!!**

We are inviting two keen members to fill vital roles on our Council of Management - a great opportunity to take part in the running of the Mechanics. Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month.

1. Treasurer      2. Minutes-taker

For more details please phone: 0115 9145838. Thank you!

## GROUP MEETINGS (please check with group contacts)

**Harlequin Ladies' Group: Next meeting - Wednesday  
2nd February, 2.00pm: Joy Rice, Poet: 'An Hour of Joy'  
Visitors welcome! £2. Contact Jacqui Curwood 0115 9586500**

**ART Class: 1.30pm, every Wednesday. Contact Rosemary: 0115 9229410**

**Dickens Fellowship, meets at 2.00pm - Contact Kathy: 0115 9845375**

**Friends of Nottingham Museums Contact Janet Lievesley: 0115 9221734**

**Next meeting: Tues. 15 Feb, 2.00pm. AGM (members only)**

**Nottm Writers' Club: All welcome! Contact, Carol: 0115 9817661**

**Next meeting: Friday, 25 February 2.30pm**

**Nottm Shakespeare Society Contact, Sandra Appleton: 0115 9256551**

**City of Nottingham Probus Club Contact: Robin West: 0115 9164774**

**16 Feb, 10.30am: Humour, Magic & Music with Dave Moylan**

**A Time to Stitch. Contact: Jan Merryweather: 07800 546428**

**Nottm RSPB Group, Contact: Barry Nelson 0115 9146583**

**Nottm Centre, National Trust, Contact: Irene Millburn 0115 9812267**

**2.15pm, Thurs 10 February: 'The Mary Rose' by Kathy Powis**

**Wed. 23 Feb, 2.15pm: 'Watson Fothergill' by Lucy Brouwer**

**Oddfellows Friendship Group: Games, Speakers, Dominoes etc.**

**Contact: Karen Pye-Smith 07921821866**

**[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)**

**National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP)**

**Nottingham Branch meets: Wed. 2, 9, 16, 23 Feb, 10.30am**

**Contact: Phil Wilson - 0115 875 2346**

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## How it All Began by John Wayman

One Saturday morning my parents took me by train from Netherfield to Grantham. On returning back to Grantham station there was a long wait for our train to Netherfield and I became interested in watching the trains departing to London, Newcastle, Aberdeen and even Fort William, all of which seemed a million miles away to a ten year old!

Weeks later, and after a lot of persuading, my father took me back to Grantham, but on this occasion we stayed on the station. The arrival and departure of trains were fascinating and we were invited onto the footplate of a locomotive, watching the driver and fireman getting ready for the 'off'. As we stepped back onto the platform - I decided.

**That was the career I wanted!**

Five years on, in 1963, I apprehensively reported to the Colwick Motive Power Depot in Netherfield to begin a career which lasted 48 years, as an engine cleaner, fireman and driver.

Colwick Depot and Marshalling Yard during the 1950s was the largest in the UK, mostly dealing with coal traffic from the Notts and Derbyshire coal fields. Today the whole site has been swept away and is now the Victoria Retail Park.

My first year comprised various jobs, working towards a fireman's position. I remember my first weeks' take-home pay for a 48 hour week was £3-1s-7d. Mother had the £2 and I felt quite rich with £1-1s-7d!

After the first year I was promoted to fireman, but steam only lasted for about another four years. Colwick depot closed in April 1970 with most staff transferring to Nottingham which had a better class of work, including passenger services.

It was whilst at Colwick that I first met my future father-in-law, Tom Marson. We had similar interests, and I met the lovely Kath, Tom's wife. I also met Tom's daughter Pat, and May 8th this year is our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! (Diaries to note!). It was Tom who persuaded me to join the Mechanics, and for twelve years I have found it to be a great meeting place with a warm welcome at any time, and have made many new friends.

And could we wish for a better team 'running the show'? I think not!

*John Wayman*

