

The CURTIUS SALON Fridays at 11.00am

4 March: Dr Catherine McAteer, 'From Russia with Love'

11 March: Andrew Farrar, 'The Power of Kindness -
150 Years of the British Red Cross'

18 March: Dennis Apple, Lady Hamilton - Lord Nelson's Mistress

25 March: David Templeman, 'Two Queens & a Countess'

* OPERA & BALLET with ROBERT *

Tuesday 8 March, 10.30am: - La Boheme

Tues. 29 March 10.30am: 'Giselle' (Ballet)



Music with Mary - Friday afternoons at 1.30.

* MONDAY FILMS - at 1.30pm *

7 March: 'All is True' - Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench

14 March: 'Oliver' - Oliver Reed, Mark Lester

21 March: 'The Wingless Bird' - Dinsdale Ladén, Anne Reid

28 March: 'Mrs Henderson Presents' Bob Hoskins, Judi Dench

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

+ Seated Exercise Class 11.45 to 12.30pm

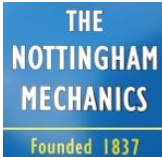
KEEP FIT!  *KEEP MOVING!!*

Elders Forum DANCE - Fridays at 1.30pm

TABLE TENNIS - Fridays: 1.30 to 3.00pm

BINGO - Thursdays: 2.00pm

Knit & Natter - see Noticeboard



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Your NOTTINGHAM MECHANICS



Newsletter

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



Please don't forget to look forward to...

OUR SUPER EASTER EVENT!



Thursday 14 April (the day before Good Friday)
for Easter LUNCH, Easter BONNET competition etc.
& **Thurs 31 March, 2pm: Bonnet-Making workshop!!**

** HAVE YOUR SAY **

Over 20 years ago, the Nottingham Mechanics bought an investment property in Phoenix Park. Due to our agents inability to find an occupier it has been severe drain on our finances for over two years. We now have a potential buyer for the property and negotiations are underway for its disposal. If you are a Member, and would like to add your ideas as to our future investments, please contact our Steering Committee on: 0115 9289403. Thank you.



Hello Friends -

It is with regret that I have had to resign as Chairman, and from the Council, owing to my unexpected ill-health. When my treatment is stabilised, I hope to return to see you all. I wish to thank you all for the cards and good wishes I have received.

Thank you all for the support that you have all given to me over the past few years. I hope to see you as soon as possible.

Best wishes, *Geoff Green*

GROUP MEETINGS (please check with group contacts)

Harlequin Ladies' Group: Next meeting - Wednesday
2 March, 2.00pm: Dr Ann Featherstone, 'Storm in a Teashop'
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
Tues, 15 March 2.00pm. James Wright, Castles of Nottinghamshire

Nottm Writers' Club: All welcome! Contact Carol: 0115 9817661
Next meeting: Friday, 25 March 2.30pm

Nottm Shakespeare Society Contact, Sandra Appleton: 0115 9256551
8 March, 10.30: Henry V. 22 March, 7pm: Anachronisms in Shakespeare

City of Nottingham Probus Club Contact: Robin West: 0115 9164774
No meeting in March

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 March: AGM.

Wed. 23 March, 2.15: Melanie Wilson, 'Bathing Beauties
and Bathing Machines' (history & fashion)

Oddfellows Friendship Group: Games, Speakers, Dominoes etc.
Contact: Karen Pye-Smith 07921821866
www.oddfellows.co.uk

National Federation of Occupational Pensioners (NFOP)
Nottm Branch meets: Wed. 2, 9, 16, 23 March, 10.30am

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Chance is a Very Fine Thing! by Keith Rowley

After 46 years in the road haulage industry, first as a mechanic and maintenance engineer, then later as a workshop manager, I found myself redundant due to the closure of the Company, and for the first time in my life I was unemployed. So I called into the local Job Centre.

The first question was:

"How old are you?"

"Sixty one." I replied.

"You don't need a job then."

"Yes I do. I've got bills to pay."

After a talk I was told that Watnall Heavy Goods Station was looking for a Vehicle Tester. So back in work with a small tapping hammer and a clip board, I became an MOT tester of HGVs - now working for a Government Department as a Civil Servant.

Four years quickly passed by, and with my retirement date fast approaching, the station Manager called me into his office: "Right Keith," he said. "I've arranged for you and your wife to attend a retirement course at Bristol HQ."

On arriving at the hotel we met several other couples on the same course. We were all wined and dined over a few days and attended several lectures on how to adjust to retirement.

At one of the lectures we were given 12 months free membership of The Civil Service Retirement Fellowship...

And guess what? Just '**by chance**' they held their monthly meetings at THE NOTTINGHAM MECHANICS!

It didn't take long for Julia and myself to become Members and to enjoy all that the Mechanics has to offer, including the fantastic day trips and Coach holidays.

Keith Rowley



**The Beetle Drive on 15 February raised £48 for the Mechanics.
'Thank you' to all those who took part in this FUN Fundraiser!**