#### **NOTTINGHAM MECHANICS**

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### NEWSLETTER

WHATS ON? WHATS HAPPENED?

#### WELCOME TO THE MARCH NEWSLETTER.

OUR NEW LEISURE LEARNING COURSES STARTED IN JANUARY WE HAVE 154 ATTENDES TO THESE CLASSES WHICH IS TWO-FOLD IT BRINGS IN REVENUE FOR THE ROOMS, BUT IT ALSO BRINGS IN ADDED REVENUE TO THE BAR AND RESTAURANT.

THIS IS CURRENTLY ABOUT £200 PER WEEK INCREASE WHEN WE HAVE COURSES ON.

WE HAVE THREE NEW TUTORS THIS YEAR AND WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER TALKS AND WALKS FURTHER ON IN THE YEAR, WE ALREADY HAVE ONE TUTOR WHO IS CARRYING ON STRAIGHT AFTER THIS SESSION, MARK BARNARD IS DOING.

#### "THE WAR OF THE ROSES"

AND WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE OUR SPRING COURSES READY FOR PUBLISHING IN MARCH/APRIL,
PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THE WEBSITE

#### WWW.NOTTMLEISURELEARNING.COM

WES HAS PUT A FEW IDEAS FOR TRIPS ON THE BOARD, WE MANAGED TO GET THE NARROW BOAT PEOPLE BACK ON BOARD AND WE HAVE NEGOTIATED A GREAT RATE FOR US THIS WILL BE GOING TO BEESTON AGAIN, THERE ARE OTHER TRIPS WE ARE ARRANGING SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN THERE IS A SHEET ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

WE NOW HAVE 223 MEMBERS INCLUDING HONORARY MEMBERS
WHICH IS ABOUT 10% UP ON LAST YEAR WE HAVE HAD NEW MEMBERS
JOIN WHO ARE DOING OUR LEISURE LEARNING COURSES WHICH ADDS
EVEN MORE VALUE TO THEM.

#### **MARCH MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM**

#### 3rd Murder on the Orient Express 1974 (122 Mins)

#### **Albert Finney Lauren Bacall**

The first class compartment of the December 1935 departure of the Orient Express from Istanbul is full, unusual for this time of the year. Regardless, famed and fastidious Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot, who needs to get back to London immediately, is able to secure last minute passage in the compartment with the assistance of his friend, Signor Bianchi,

#### 10th How to marry a Millionaire(1953)91 Mins Marilyn Monroe Betty Grable Lauren Bacall

Three New York models, Shatze, Pola and Loco set up in an exclusive apartment with a plan....tired of cheap men and a lack of money, they intend to use all their talents to trap and marry three millionaires. The trouble is that it's not so easy to tell the rich men from the hucksters - and even when they can, is the money really worth it?

#### 17th Florence Foster Jenkins (2016) 105 Mins

#### Meryl Streep Hugh Grant

Florence Foster Jenkins, an heiress from NYC, always wanted to be a concert pianist and play Carnegie Hall. An injury in her youth deterred that dream, so she sets out to sing her way to Carnegie Hall, knowing the only way to get there would be, "Practice, practice, practice". Her husband supports her venture, and Florence Foster Jenkins' performance at Carnegie Hall becomes a truly historic event.

#### 24th Bucket List (2007) 93 Mins

#### **Alicia Vikander Kit Harrington**

CORPORATE BILLIONAIRE EDWARD COLE AND WORKING CLASS MECHANIC CARTER CHAMBERS HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON EXCEPT FOR THEIR TERMINAL ILLNESSES. WHILE SHARING A HOSPITAL ROOM TOGETHER, THEY DECIDE TO LEAVE IT AND DO ALL THE THINGS THEY HAVE EVER WANTED TO DO BEFORE THEY DIE ACCORDING TO THEIR BUCKET LIST. IN THE PROCESS, BOTH OF THEM HEAL EACH OTHER, BECOME UNLIKELY FRIENDS, AND ULTIMATELY FIND JOY IN LIFE

#### **31st White Crow(2019) 122 Mins**

Director Ralph Fiennes captures the raw physicality and brilliance of Rudolf Nureyev, whose escape to the West stunned the world at the height of the Cold War. With his magnetic presence, Nureyev emerged as ballet's most famous star, a wild and beautiful dancer limited by the world of 1950s Leningrad. His flirtation with Western artists and ideas led him into a high-stakes game of cat and mouse with the KGB.

# ROBERTS MUSIC MORNINGS 10.30AM THURSDAY 13TH MARCH - ANNA BOLENA, ACT ONE THURSDAY 27TH MARCH - ANNA BOLENA, ACT TWO DONIZETTI

#### THE CURTIUS SALON - FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

7TH MARCH 25 DAVID SKILLEN THE BENTLEY BOYS

IN 1919 WALTER OWEN BENTLEY BUILT HIS FIRST MOTOR CAR. IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF ONE OF THE MOST CHARISMATIC MARQUES IN MOTOR RACING.BUT EQUALLY FASCINATING ARE THE MEN-ABOUT-TOWN WHO DROVE THESE MAGNIFICENT CARS, WOOLF BARNATO, TIM BIRKIN, GLENN KIDSTON, DUDLEY BENJAFIELD AND OTHERS.

- THEIR EXPLOITS, ON AND OFF THE TRACK, LED TO THEIR NAME "THE BENTLEY BOYS". THEY SUMMED UP THE DEVIL MAY CARE ATTITUDE OF THE ROARING TWENTIES.
- IN THIS TALK WE WILL LOOK AT HOW THE BENTLEY BOYS CAME TO DOMINATE RACING, ESPECIALLY LE MANS.

14TH MARCH 25 JOHN WHITFIELD NEW LIGHT ON EDWARD AND MRS SIMPSON

THIS TALK IS ABOUT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, WHO HAVING LIVED AS A SPOILT PLAYBOY, BECAME KING EDWARD VIII IN JAN 1936. FOR 8 YEARS HE HAD BEEN LIVING WITH WALLIS SIMPSON, A TWICE DIVORCED AMERICAN. IN DEC 1936 HE GAVE UP THE THRONE, AS HE WANTED TO MARRY WALLIS, BUT PARLIAMENT DEEMED HER TO BE UNSUITABLE. THE COUPLE LEFT TO LIVE IN FRANCE. MY TALK LOOKS AT WHAT THE COUPLE WERE UP TO DURING WW2, AS NEW FACTS AND LETTERS HAVE COME TO LIGHT, INCLUDING A NEW BOOK BY ANDREW LOWNIE. LOTS OF SCANDAL! AND A LITTLE BIT TO ABOUT THEIR LIVES IN FRANCE POST WAR.

#### 21ST MARCH 25 ANN FEATHERSTONE HISTORY OF PANTOMIME

FROM THE VERY EARLIEST PERFORMANCES IN THE 18TH CENTURY, THE GLORY DAYS OF THE 19TH CENTURY AND THE REALITY-TV PERFORMERS OF MODERN TIMES, TAKING IN SPECTACULAR SCENERY, CELEBRITIES, ANIMAL IMPERSONATORS AND PANTOMIME DAMES ALONG THE WAY, THIS TALK WILL

EXPLODE WITH THE HISTORICAL CRAZINESS OF THE MOST BRITISH OF ENTERTAINMENTS... PANTOMIME. 'OH YES IT DOES!!!!'

28TH MARCH 25 AIR AMBULANCE AIR AMBULANCE TALK

JOIN US FOR A TALK BY THE NOTTS AND LINCS AIR AMBULANCE, HEAR ABOUT THE AMAZING WORK THEY DO PROVIDING A CRITICAL SERVICE TO THE COUNTIES.

FIND OUT WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE PART OF A TEAM WHO DELIVER LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCY TREATMENTS TO SOME OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY ILL AND INJURED PEOPLE EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

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#### OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

#### **MARCH**

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

FRIDAY 28TH

DICKENS FELLOWSHIP, CONTACT: KATHY POWIS: 0115 9845375

TUESDAY 4TH & 18TH @2.00PM

NOTTM SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY: SANDRA APPLETON: 0115 9256551

TUESDAY 11TH @7.00PM AND TUESDAY 25TH @ 10.30AM

NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.

WEDNESDAY 19TH @10.00AM

ELDERS' FORUM DANCE

FRIDAYS @ 1.30PM

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

FRIDAY 7TH@11.00AM

NOTTM BRANCH, THE NATIONAL TRUST: IRENE MILBURN 0115 9812267

THURSDAY 13TH @1.30PM

WEDNESDAYS @11.00AM

THOROTONS SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAM

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP)

SATURDAY 8TH @1.30PM

R.C.T.S MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH & 25TH @2.00PM

NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

TUESDAY 18TH @7.00PM

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