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NEWSLETTER



WHATS ON? WHATS HAPPENED?

Greetings and warm wishes for the final newsletter of 2024! May your Christmas be filled with joy and your New Year be adorned with happiness. We eagerly anticipate reuniting with each of you in 2025! THE CURTIUS SALON - FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

6TH DEC GRAHAM KEAL

THE TRUTH ABOUT TERRY WOGANS HAIRPIECE

THE POPULAR SEQUEL TO GRAHAM'S HIT TALK 'OPRAH WINFREY
TOUCHED MY ELBOW' AS GRAHAM RECOUNTS MORE AMUSING TALES
OF CELEBRITY ENCOUNTERS FROM HIS NEAR-35 YEARS AS A SHOWBIZ
JOURNALIST.

THIS TIME WITH PHOTOS TO RELATE TO THE STORIES

13TH DEC ROBERT MEE

CLASSIFIED!

A LOOK AT 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY ADVERTISEMENTS
IN NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY NEWSPAPERS
20TH DEC BERNIE BRACHA AND THE TUNELESS CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CHOIR

JOIN US FOR OUR LAST CURTIUS SALON OF 2024 AS WE LISTEN
"AND JOIN IN "

WITH THE WONDERFUL BERNIE BRACHA AND HER CHOIR
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL

We had some thank yous for this newsletter but they will have to come in the next issue.
On the 12th of November we had the awful news that Viv had passed away we have posted a memorial.
to Viv on the notice board
Thank You

A CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION BY GEOFF FREEMAN

"SANTA WILL COME – WON'T HE"

SO EXCITED I CAN HARDLY BREATHE.

MAM IS HE COMING TONIGHT? WHO? SANTA.

HE ONLY BRINGS TOYS TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN GOOD. I

WAS GOOD YESTERDAY.

GOOD ALL YEAR NOT JUST ONE DAY.

IF HE DOESN'T COME TO ME WHAT HAPPENS TO MY TOYS? HE
GIVES THEM TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME.

CAN I GO AND LIVE AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME?

NO RESPONSE.

GO AND DO A PUZZLE OR SOMETHING.
I COULD DO WITH A NEW PUZZLE, PERHAPS HE'LL BRING ME ONE.
MAYBE I'LL BE GOODER THAN GOOD TODAY.

MAM, IT WAS GOOD THAT BABY JESUS WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY SO HE CAN HAVE TOYS TOO.

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT JESUS BEING BORN, LOVE, GOODWILL, SINGING, REJOICING, EVERYONE IN THE WORLD TRYING TO LIVE IN HARMONY.

A GOOD THOUGHT BUT DIFFICULT TO DO.

A BUSY DAY TODAY FOR MAM PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.
IT'S GETTING LATE, BATH AND BED. I'M NOT TIRED, TOO EXCITED.
THINK NICE THOUGHTS AND YOU'LL SOON NOD OFF. MUST HAVE SLEPT, ITS LIGHT. OPENING THE LIVING ROOM DOOR WITH TREPIDATION, YES, HE'S BEEN. A COUPLE OF DAYS BEING GOOD HAS WORKED WONDERS, ALL THE THINGS I WANTED.
I WONDER WHAT TOYS JESUS GOT FROM SANTA.

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I HOPE HE SAVED SOME TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE

CHILDREN'S HOME.

AFTER BREAKFAST WE ALL GOT READY FOR CHURCH TO CELEBRATE THE TRUE MEANING OF THE BIRTH. HOMEWARD BOUND NOW TO TUCK INTO THE CELEBRATION FEAST.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR".



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JULIA ROBERTS LILLY COLLINS

WHEN SNOW WHITE'S EVIL STEPMOTHER TAKES OVER HER KINGDOM AND BANISHES HER TO THE WOODS, SHE IS FORCED TO TEAM UP WITH A GROUP OF SEVEN UNRULY DWARFS TO TAKE BACK WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY HERS.

9TH MIRACLE ON 34TH ST(1994)

RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH ELIZABETH PERKINS
SUSAN, A CHILD, AND HER MOTHER, ALONG WITH THE HELP OF A
LAWYER, MUST DEFEND A MAN, KRIS KRINGLE, FROM BEING
INSTITUTIONALISED. IN ORDER TO DO SO, THEY MUST PROVE THAT HE
IS THE REAL SANTA CLAUS.

16TH WHITE CHRISTMAS

BING, DANNY, ROSEMARY AND VERA
BOB WALLACE AND PHIL DAVIS TEAM UP TO BECOME A TOP SONGAND-DANCE ACT. DAVIS PLAYS MATCHMAKER AND I BETTY AND JUDY
TRAVEL TO A VERMONT LODGE TO PERFORM A CHRISTMAS SHOW,
WALLACE AND DAVIS FOLLOW, ONLY TO FIND THEIR FORMER
COMMANDER, GENERAL WAVERLY, AS THE LODGE OWNER. A SERIES
OF ROMANTIC MIX-UPS ENSUE AS THE PERFORMERS TRY TO HELP THE
GENERAL.

23RD OLIVER

OLIVER, DODGER, NANCY, FAGIN, BILL
AFTER BEING SOLD TO THE MORTICIAN SOWERBERRY, YOUNG
ORPHAN OLIVER TWIST RUNS AWAY AND MEETS A GROUP OF BOYS
TRAINED TO BE PICKPOCKETS BY THEIR ELDERLY MENTOR FAGIN IN
1830S LONDON IN THIS MUSICAL BASED ON CHARLES DICKENS'
OLIVER TWIST.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM MUSEUMS: JANET LIEVESLEY: 0115 9221734
TUESDAY 17TH @ 1.30PM

NOTTM WRITERS' CLUB: ALL WELCOME: CAROL: 0115 9817661 FRIDAY 22ND @1.30PM

DICKENS FELLOWSHIP, CONTACT: KATHY POWIS: 0115 9845375

TUESDAY 3RD AND 17TH @2.00PM

NOTTM SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY: SANDRA APPLETON: 0115 9256551

TUESDAY 10TH @7.00PM AND TUESDAY 17TH @ 10.30AM NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.

WEDNESDAY 18TH @10.00AM

ELDERS' FORUM DANCE

FRIDAYS @ 1.30PM

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

FRIDAY 6TH@11.00AM

NOTTM BRANCH, THE NATIONAL TRUST: IRENE MILBURN 0115 9812267

WEDNESDAY 11TH @2.00PM

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP)

WEDNESDAYS @11.00AM

THOROTONS SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAM

SATURDAY 14TH @1.30PM

R.C.T.S MEETINGS

10TH @7.00PM

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

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