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NEWSLETTER

WHATS ON? WHATS HAPPENED?

WELCOME TO THE APRIL NEWSLETTER PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS EASTER THIS MONTH

WE ARE CLOSED ON THE 18TH AND THE 21ST.

OUR NEW SEASON OF COURSES FOR LEISURE LEARNING ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK, WE HAVE THE BROCHURE IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE, WE HAVE OUR WEBSITE SITE UP AND RUNNING WWW.NOTTMLEISURELEARNING.COM AND WE HAVE ALSO PUT THE COURSES ON THE BOARD PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AND JOIN IN THERE ARE SOME INTERESTING TOPICS THIS TIME AROUND WE WILL BE ADDING SOME EXTRA DAY TALKS AND WALKS FOR THE SPRING SUMMER SO BE SURE TO KEEP CHECKING THE BOARD

OUR TUESDAY AFTERNOON GAMES IS STILL GOING STRONG THIS STARTS AT 1.30PM AND THEY PLAY VARIOUS BOARD GAMES, AS IS THE SHORT MAT BOWLS ON A THURSDAY THAT HAS THE SAME TIME START.

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS SEE ADAM OR WES AND WE WILL POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

WE HAVE MOVED THE NOTICES FOR THE TRIPS TO THE FACING WALL AS YOU ENTER THE BUILDING THERE ARE A FEW NOW IN THE OFFING AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT TAKES YOUR FANCY, PLEASE SEE WES OR RUTH, THEY WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS OF HOW-TO BOOK.

KYLE UPDATES OUR WEBSITE WWW.NMI1837.COM WHICH HAS COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER AND ALSO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS, THERE IS ALSO A DIARY ON THERE THAT RUTH UPDATES THIS HAS EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING DURING THE YEAR.

AND ONCE AGAIN WE WILL BE SENDING THE NEWSLETTER OUT VIA EMAIL THIS SAVES ON TIME AND MONEY ON THE PRINTING AND IT IS PROBABLY EASIER TO READ FOR SOME OF YOU, THE FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED WAS POSITIVE SO THIS IS SOMETHING WE WILL CONTINUE WITH.

WE WILL OF COURSE STILL HAVE HARD COPIES IN THE ENTRANCE.
THE DATE FOR THIS YEARS A.G.M IS THE 26TH OF SEPTEMBER.

APRIL MONDAY FILMS AT 1.30PM HUGH GRANT MONTH

7th Notting Hill(1999) 119 Mins Julia Roberts Hugh Grant

Every man's dream comes true for William Thacker, an unsuccessful Notting Hill bookstore owner, when Anna Scott, the world's most beautiful woman and best-liked actress, enters his shop from here a funny and sometimes sad story develops.

14th Bridget Jones Diary

Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth(2001) 93 Mins

Bridget Jones is an average woman struggling against her age, her weight, her job, her lack of a man, and her many imperfections. starts a diary in which she will always tell the complete truth. The fireworks begin when her charming though disreputable boss takes an interest in the quirky Miss Jones. Thrown into the mix are Bridget's band of slightly eccentric friends and a rather disagreeable acquaintance into whom Bridget cannot seem to stop running or help finding quietly attractive.

21st Closed Bank Holiday

28th Bridget Jones the Edge of Reason Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth(2006) 108 Mins

We follow Bridget in the sequel to Bridget Jones Diary this funny and thoughtful film

will have you laughing and sometimes cringing it is a fun and enjoyable film. following Bridget as she navigates her relationship with Colin Firth's Mark Darcy.

ROBERTS MUSIC MORNINGS ROBERT IS AWAY FOR APRIL BUT WILL RETURN IN MAY

THE CURTIUS SALON - FRIDAYS AT 11.00AM

4TH APRIL IAIN WALTON NORTH KOREA TALK

TRAVELLING THROUGH NORTH KOREA WAS AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER, DESPITE THE POLITICAL CLIMATE, THE JOURNEY UNVEILED A WORLD SELDOM SEEN BY OUTSIDERS, FILLED WITH UNIQUE PLACES AND INTRIGUING PEOPLE.

BELOW, I SHARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF MY JOURNEY.

THE MILITARY PARADE IN PYONGYANG WAS A SPECTACLE OF DISCIPLINE AND GRANDEUR. SOLDIERS MARCHED IN PERFECT SYNCHRONY, THEIR EXPRESSIONS FOCUSED AND DETERMINED. REMINDER OF THE NATION'S CENTRAL FOCUS ON DEFENSE.

VISITING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ) WAS AN INTENSE EXPERIENCE. THE TENSION WAS PALPABLE AS WE STOOD ON ONE OF THE MOST HEAVILY FORTIFIED BORDERS IN THE WORLD. HERE, WE COULD SENSE THE WEIGHT OF HISTORY AND THE ONGOING COMPLEXITIES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

11TH APRIL PETER AMOUR "DERBYSHIRE, ITS CHARACTER & CHARACTERS"

THIS TALK TELLS THE STORY OF TRAVELLING TO ALL FOUR COMPASS POINTS OF YOUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTY, WITH PICTURES FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE PEAK DISTRICT. IT ALSO CONVEYS SOME OF THE HISTORIC EVENTS AND CHARACTERS THAT SHAPED THE COUNTY.

18TH APRIL CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

25TH APRIL KEITH SMALL A DAY AT THE CIRCUS" - A POPULAR HISTORY OF ROMAN GLADIATORS

A "DAY AT THE CIRCUS" IN ANCIENT ROME, PARTICULARLY FEATURING
GLADIATORIAL GAMES, WAS A SPECTACLE OF ENTERTAINMENT AND POLITICAL
DISPLAY, ENCOMPASSING CHARIOT RACES, BEAST HUNTS, AND EXECUTIONS,
ALL HELD IN MASSIVE VENUES LIKE THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS.

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OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

NOTTM WRITERS' CLUB: ALL WELCOME: CAROL: 0115 9817661 25TH APRIL

DICKENS FELLOWSHIP, CONTACT: KATHY POWIS: 0115 9845375 TUESDAY 1ST& 15TH @2.00PM

NOTTM SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY: SANDRA APPLETON: 0115 9256551 TUESDAY 8TH @7.00PM AND TUESDAY 22ND @ 10.30AM

NOTTINGHAM PROBUS CLUB ROBIN WEST: 0115 9164774.

WEDNESDAY 16TH @10.00AM THEN LUNCH AND FILM

FLDERS' FORUM DANCE FRIDAYS @ 1.30PM

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

FRIDAY 4TH@11.00AM AND WEDNESDAY 9TH (TAI CHI)

NOTTM BRANCH, THE NATIONAL TRUST: IRENE MILBURN 0115 9812267 **WEDNESDAY 9TH @1.30PM**

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS (NFOP) **WEDNESDAYS @11.00AM**

THOROTONS SOCIETY OF NOTTINGHAM **NO MEETING**

R.C.T.S MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH AND 29TH @7.00PM

NOTTINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

TUESDAY 15TH @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