

## Men's (de Luda) Society

Cottingham Men's de Luda Society

What is it?

It is an organisation for retired Gentlemen. No lower age limit if fully retired.

Its aims

To promote fellowship, friendship and social intercourse between "members".

What does it do?

Offers talks, lectures and presentations, either by "members" themselves or invited guests.

When does it meet?

Fortnightly from September through to early May.

Where does it meet?

In St. Mary's Church Hall, on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm. Tea/coffee are served with biscuits.

Are there any other activities?

There are two overseas tours/cruises arranged each year (for "members" and wives/partners), as well as five-day breaks within the UK along with days out to special events.

In addition a Christmas Lunch outing is arranged at exclusive hotels for wives/partners. Usually about an hours drive

away.

For the members a special "Men Only" Christmas outing is arranged (just for the day).

How does one become a "member"

Simply come to a meeting, introduce yourself to the treasurer, (on the right as you enter), and he will register you.

What are the fees?

There is no "membership" fee. You simply pay a levy at each meeting, currently £2.00, which covers the cost of the room hire, speakers and refreshments.

What are the rules?

There are only two rules. We do not discuss politics or religions from the floor or in debate.

Even so, the organisation is Non-denominational and non-political. All are welcome.

How are the officials elected?

As perhaps, the most unique and informal organisation in the village, all officials are invited by the committee to take up any post that becomes vacant. (The present Social Secretary was invited to take up the post in 1988). 'There is no A.G.M.

What's in a Name?

At its founding in 1975 when the present rules were laid down, the founder, Mr Harry Wrigh, was looking for a distinctive name for the organisation. As they met in the Church Hall it was suggested that a certain Nicholas de Luda who was sent from Louth (Luda) in Lincolnshire, by the then King in 1364, to rescue the church from its rather dilapidated state, and who is now much revered in the church, was just the name for the organisation. The rector approved, even though Harry Wright insisted on the two above mentioned, and only rules.

Do we support any Charities?

Yes. Just one. The GHURKA WELFARE TRUST.

This is a trust which provices support for those old Ghurkas (most of them now in their 80s and 90s) who fought so bravely for this country in the last World War but did not serve long enough to get a military pension, like thousands of us. We have our National Insurance to fall back on. They have nothing.

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### Speakers and Events 2010

February 17th - Bill Stansfield (M) - Mis-spent youth Part 2

March 3rd - John Fewings - Maximise your memory

March 17th - Mr. B. Crowther - Hull and Barnsley Railway

March 31st - Mrs. Michelle Beadle - Flight of Disaster R38 Crash

April 14th - Dr. Haris Livas-Dawes - Adventures of an International Journalist 2

April 28th - Ken Elletson - Reminiscences of the New Theatre

May 12th - David Bond - Tales of Yorkshire Cricket

May 17th to 21st - Bath & District via The Cotswolds

September 8th - Hazel Barnes - Life and Times of Stanley Holloway

September 13th - Northumberland and Durham

September 22nd - John Scotney - Work of Hull Civic Society

October 6th - Geoff Bell - Hull Fair

October 20th - Stuart Ledger - Trinity House of Hull

November 3rd - Mrs. Linda Whitton - Sun, Fun and Shopping

November 17th - Bill Bromwich (M) - Development of Written Language

December 1st - Mrs. Alison Parks - Martin House Trek to Nepal

December 8th - Christmas Lunch (with Ladies)

December 15th - Ms. Audrey Hickey - The Victorian Music Hall

December 22nd - "Men Only" Christmas Lunch

SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2011- Bring a friend