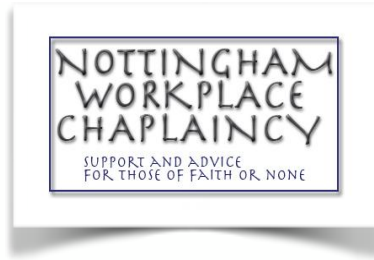


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## Interesting to Know.....

**January's ONS figures show that the number of people working grew again, with the share of the population in work now the highest on record. Meanwhile, the share of the workforce looking for work and unable to find it remains at its lowest for over 40 years, helped by a record number of job vacancies.**

BioCity Group founding CEO, Dr Glenn Crocker, MBE has stepped down and has taken up the role of Chairman. The leadership of BioCity has been taken on by Toby Reid, who has been with BioCity for nearly 8 years, most recently as Managing Director.

**The University of Nottingham is part of a major new government-backed initiative to trial self-driving taxis around parts of London.**

The number of dwellings on the City Council's 'Council Tax Valuations List' at 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 was 138,228.

**This year's Light Night takes place at venues across the city on 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

The Cornerhouse was the go-to entertainment complex in Nottingham for 2018. End of year figures revealed a 2% increase for footfall in the last quarter of the year, compared to the same period for 2017.

**Stricter rules to reduce the amount of charity collectors around the city and introduce a no-busking zone will start in March. Under the changes, mobile advertisers will have to ask the council for prior permission. A small no-busking zone will also be introduced on either side of the Council House, to protect the interests of the Coroner's Court.**

Brendan Moffett, the chief executive of place-making organisation Marketing NG is set to step down from his role in April to take up a new post in Derbyshire. He will become the new director for the University of Derby's Centre for Contemporary Hospitality and Tourism.

**Nottingham University Hospital employs 5,000 registered nurses, midwives and theatre practitioners and is striving hard to fill vacancies it has for about 11% of its nursing workforce.**

City centre living: Planning permission is being sought to turn empty office space above Sainsbury's on Carrington Street in to eight two bedroom apartments.

**A large block of student flats could be built at the entrance to Sneinton Market if planning permission is given. The six-storey development is planned in Lower Parliament Street, opposite Motorpoint Arena, featuring 176 student bedrooms. A cafe and exhibition space could also be built within the new development.**

Robin Hood Energy was the first local authority-owned, not for profit, energy company. It now has over 115,000 customers and has recently been independently valued at around £30 million.

**Upper Parliament Street/Milton Street - outside intu Victoria Centre - is top of the list of the most dangerous places for pedestrians in Nottinghamshire.**

The Government allows councils to charge pubs and nightclubs a 'late night levy' to fund policing. Out of 94 local authorities only eight (including Liverpool, Newcastle and Nottingham) have taken up the Scheme.

**Around 500 employers with 11 or more car parking spaces will be charged £415 per space from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. According to the Times the charge has generated £57.7 million since it was first introduced in 2012. Nearly four in ten employers pass the charge on to their employees.**

Nottingham's House of Fraser store is to remain open after a last-minute deal was reached.

You are welcome to join us at the next

## Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy *INSIGHT* Meeting

These meetings have the objective of informing people about different aspects of the day to day workings of the city. Key people join us to give an '*INSIGHT*' into their areas of responsibility and interest.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Noon - 1.30pm

– taking place in the Malt Cross on St James's Street

***"Who is wise?  
- the person who learns from all the people."***

**Our communities and workplaces comprise of people of different faiths and cultural backgrounds. This diversity positively adds to our quality of life and enhances our organisations - whether they be businesses, charities or public sector bodies.**

**The challenge we all have is 'understanding' and 'learning' about each other's ideas and ways of life so as to be able to respect the distinctiveness of different traditions within our communities and organisations. Nottingham's very own Inter Faith Council was set up to help with just that. Godfrey Nix, will give an *INSIGHT* into how this local charity actually encourages local people to get to know each other, in and beyond their communities and places of work.**

**A buffet lunch is provided.**

**To help with the catering arrangements please email: [lensimmonds@aol.com](mailto:lensimmonds@aol.com) to confirm your attendance.**

The Robin Hood statue near the Castle has been given Listed Grade II status and named one of the 'Remarkable Places of 2018' by Historic England.

**Nottingham is gearing up for the UK's biggest rollout of ultra-low energy homes in 2019. The City Council has secured over £5million through the European Regional Development Fund to roll out its Energiesprong, ultra-low energy homes pilot.**

Across the city 2,173 new student apartments are being built on seven sites to help accommodate the two ever-growing universities. Hundreds of new apartments and student flats could also be built on land to the south of Nottingham Train Station. The mixed development would be built on a vacant site near the Vat and Fiddle pub. It will provide 420 student beds and 149 apartments.

**Of the 570,000 UK people who die each year only 30,000 leave a large enough estate to qualify for inheritance tax.**

About 20% of Britain's tax income comes from VAT. In the last financial year £125billion was collected in this way.

**The University of Nottingham Innovation Park, launched in 2008, is currently home to more than 100 businesses employing 900 people. There are now plans to create enough space to house up to 2,000 people and increase its own turnover to £5.7 million.**

The Duke of Newcastle learned the cost of trying to hold back freedoms for working-class people in 1831, when a mob of Reform Law protestors burnt his house down in anger - his house being Nottingham Castle.

**Nottinghamshire County Council is weighing up an opportunity to buy the Laxton Village Estate, near Ollerton – the only place in Europe to still operate the medieval traditions of open field farming.**

The city centre Post Office facility is to move into WHSmith in the intu Victoria Centre in May.

**The Midlands Engine priorities were set out in the Vision for Growth report, published in September 2017. They focus on: Connecting the Midlands; Investing in strategic infrastructure; Growing international trade and investment; Increasing innovation and enterprise and Shaping great places.**

The City Council has acquired Pembroke House and Donington Court on Pegasus Business Park in Castle Donington for £11.2 million.

**The city's award-winning Hart's Restaurant has revealed plans to close after more than 20 years. Its owner says the city no longer has the same appetite for up-market dining as it did when the restaurant opened in 1997 and that he plans to downsize, opening a more intimate restaurant within Hart's boutique hotel.**

24% of young adults live with their parents. For those born between 1981 and 1996 it is fast becoming the most common living arrangement.

**The Old Angel Inn in the Lace Market that has stood on Stoney Street since the 1600's, has been used as a chapel, a brothel and was the scene of two murders in the 18th century. Dick Turpin is said to have been a drinker there.**

Newspapers in the 1930's credited Boots with the move to a five-day week describing them as "Five-Day Week pioneers". The son of Jesse Boot in 1933 put in place an experimental two-day weekend with no reduction in pay, a move that affected 5,000 members of staff. It became permanent at Boots in October 1934. The Wellcome Trust could be the first big organization to launch a four day working week.

**Curtains and blinds company Hillarys employs 500 people and is looking to improve its Nottingham infrastructure through a new head office at Colwick Quays Business Park.**

Return tickets on the trams (£3.50 adults) have been replaced with 'All Day' whole network tickets (adults £4).

**In 2017/18 the City Council issued 427 fines against people for misusing Blue Badges.**

In terms of classification, hotels seem to be moving away from a star classification and prefer to use alternative terminology. For example a business class hotel.

**Nottingham is likely to be the first city in the country to licence car washes. The pilot scheme to be introduced later this year is an attempt to crack down on modern day slavery.**

The most listened to radio station in the UK is ASDA FM which reaches 18 million people a week.

**The Old Market Square was originally transformed into 'Slab Square' 90 years ago and is the country's second largest space after London's Trafalgar Square.**

Nottingham Trent University nurtures the talent of young *local* people. It has nearly 3,000 students from an NG postcode studying at the University and another 5,000 from within the East Midlands.

**The unique St Ann's allotment site covers 75 acres and sits in the heart of the city. It is listed Grade 2\* by English Heritage.**

The Nottingham Post's What's On Content Editor (Food and Drink), Lynette Pinchess, estimates that 74 new cafes, pubs, restaurants and bars have sprung up or re-opened with a change of identity in 2018.

**In 2017-18 the City Council supported over 7,300 older and disabled adults, along with over 1,500 carers, spending in total over £100 million on adult social care. The cost of providing adult social care has begun to outstrip the available resources.**

Deloitte says that around 47 million people in the UK listen to radio weekly – reaching 90% of adults, including 83% of 15-24 year olds and 88% of 25-34 year olds. The success of radio is partly put down to people's ability to listen to it while doing other activities.

**Cinemas are experiencing the best attendances since the 1970's.**

Careers and enterprise firm Futures based in Maid Marian Way, offers development services to individuals and businesses, which includes apprenticeships and training. During the last six years Futures has been graded outstanding by Ofsted for delivery of the National Careers Service in the East Midlands.

**The average price for property in Croft Road, Edwalton, stood at £1,232,663 in December 2018. According to Invest in Nottingham the average house price is £136,000. More than 60% of houses in Nottinghamshire are in Council Tax bands A and B.**

In the wake of the four-year Great War came the 1918-20 Spanish flu pandemic. According to one source, some 60,000 deaths had been recorded in Nottingham by the time of the 1918 Armistice. Read: Pandemic 1918: The Story of the Deadliest Influenza in History, by Catherine Arnold.

**Government funding of £1million has been given to Nottingham to get more people into construction training and jobs. The bid was led by Nottingham College, along with partners Nottingham City Homes, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham City Council, Wates Construction and local construction firm Woodhead Group.**

Plans to transform a building near to the intu Broadmarsh Centre into a cycle gym have been revealed. The building sits on the corner of Carrington Street and Canal Street and would be converted if plans are approved.

## **Applications for the Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship are open**

**This unique Scholarship enables people aged between 21 and 35 and living or working in the City or County of Nottingham to visit the USA for between 6 weeks and 3 months to investigate a work-related topic of their choice. This unique career and personal development opportunity provides research funding plus a return flight to New York. Those with an interest in Nottinghamshire Heritage may also take notice of a special opportunity this year in connection with the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Applications need to be in before 1<sup>st</sup> March to become a 2019 scholar.**

See: [www.rooseveltscholarship.org](http://www.rooseveltscholarship.org)

