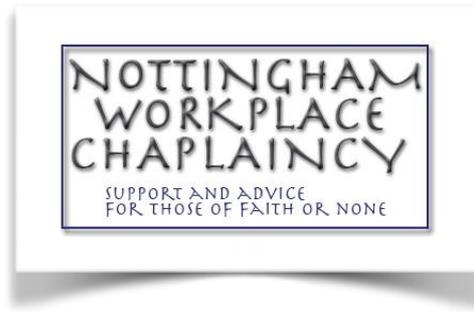


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Chaplains visit people in their place of work to offer friendship and to listen. Their support is unconditional, non-judgmental, independent and confidential.

Interesting to Know.....

The largest scheme to come before the City Council's planning committee has been granted planning permission. The *Boots Island Site* will now see more than 907 flats, 666 student beds, hundreds of new offices, a new hotel and a 'creative market'. The planning permission granted allows 15 years for work to be completed.

48% of schools in the East Midlands are academies now and a third of these academies are rated good or excellent.

Nottingham Trent University has been named '*University of the Year*' by The Guardian.

Those that are married by the age of thirty are now in the minority. The proportion of women who had never married by the age of 30 first dropped below a half in 2002. It now stands at a third having fallen from more than 9 in 10 in 1976.

The '*coffice*' – is half coffee shop and half office. It's where all the cool kids work. Rather than commuting to an office they take their laptops.

One of the last remaining pubs in the Meadows - *The Riverway* - has closed. At the time of the clearance of the Meadows in the 1970's 22 pubs were demolished.

Matthew Roberts, who knows Nottingham well after a stint as finance boss at Gala Bingo (later Gala Coral), has taken over as chief executive at intu, owners of the Victoria and Broadmarsh shopping centres. He was previously intu's finance director. intu has recently sold a 50% stake in its Derby mall in a deal worth £186.3 million.

On top of the Council House in Market Square, four statues stand, representing 'Commerce', 'Civic Law', 'Prosperity' and 'Knowledge' - the hallmarks of the City of Nottingham.

The Nottingham *Business Improvement District* that works with hundreds of businesses in the city centre has been granted £66,000 from the Home Office to work at tackling hate crime at night, particularly at LGBT+ venues.

11,000 Nottingham citizens are now supported to live independently with assistive technology in their home organised by the City Council.

Celebrity magazine '*Now*' has published its final print issue. The magazine peaked at a circulation of more than 630,000 in late 2002, falling to a circulation of 44,700 in the second half of last year.

The University of Nottingham will be building a £13.5 million *Research and Innovation Centre for Power, Electronics and Machines*. The 60,000 sq ft development is located on the university's Jubilee Campus and work is expected to start on-site in the summer.

Boots claim 90% of the UK population is within a 10 minute car journey of a Boots outlet. They have 2,485 stores employing some 56,000 staff.

Baxter Freight, the Nottingham-based logistics firm that distributes goods in the UK, Europe and across the world, was started only five years ago. It now employs 70 staff and has a turnover of more £50 million.

Around 250 families in Nottingham are living in homeless accommodation. As part of a plan to end the use of bed and breakfast in such cases, a further 50 properties are to be purchased by Nottingham City Homes with a loan from the City Council. This is the third set of homes to be purchased for this purpose.

The latest report from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development says it believes increasing automation across swathes of industry will put many middle class jobs at risk.

**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 22nd May - Noon to 1.30pm
at Capital One on Station Street (NG2 3HX)**

YMCA Nottinghamshire

For youth development - for healthy living - for Social Responsibility

Developing skills, friendships and confidence in young people is one of Nottinghamshire YMCA's core responsibilities.

At **Camp Williams**, 4 -15 year olds take part in activities that enable them to make friends and lasting memories along the way. **Camp Williams** promotes positive, experience-led development for young people and as they progress they are able to take part in Skill Clinics and skill-based activities.

This is your opportunity to have an *INSIGHT* into the important work the YMCA is doing with the young people of Nottinghamshire - and in particular through **Camp Williams**.

A buffet lunch is provided.

To help with the catering arrangements please email: lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

***Because of security arrangements at Capital One this is an *INSIGHT* meeting where you do have to register your intent to be at the meeting and you will need to bring with you some form of identification - a debit card, security pass, bus pass or driving license will do.**

According to the Land Registry, house prices in Nottingham have increased by 5.6% between October 2017 and October 2018. The overall average price for a property in Nottingham is now £195,797.

Workplace Sunday in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is on 5th May and churches throughout the county will be celebrating God's gift of work.

Marketing NG, the organisation tasked with promoting Nottingham, has named Stephen Jackson, the former CFO and COO at Nottingham Trent University, its interim chief executive. Paul Southby, chairman of **Marketing NG**, says "*Consideration is being given to bringing Marketing NG closer to other private sector-based city teams whose work might be said to overlap with ours*".

Public transport giant *Abellio* takes on the East Midlands Railway franchise in August. The contract will run for eight years.

The number of Nottingham city foster carers has increased by 30%.

74% of mothers in England return to work. This is the highest proportion of working mothers since records began.

Eight regional news providers have signed up as the first paying subscribers to the Press Association's "robot-generated" news service. The agency claims its automated news service, *Reporters and Data and Robots*, creates localised stories on topics from crime figures, hospital waiting times and pupil absences from school.

A bar with a theme inspired by family holidays, summer trips and iconic piers is to open in Fletcher Gate. Owners say it is set to create 50 jobs.

Planning permission is being sought to transform the Nags Head pub on Mansfield Road into student accommodation This was the pub condemned people stopped at for their last drink as they made their way to the gallows that used to be sited at the Mansfield Road/Forest Road junction.

The Police Commissioner at a recent meeting of the Police and Crime Panel explained that the emphasis on Police funding was moving away from a direct grant towards raising funding from the local taxpayer.

***Nottingham Citizens Accountability Assembly* takes place on Wednesday 26th June at Trent Vineyard at 6.30pm. They will be seeking accountability in the areas of mental health, work and wages and education and young people. Further information from the *Nottingham Citizens website*.**

Over the last month or so, the redevelopment works have forged ahead at Nottingham Castle with the foundations and frame structures now complete to the new Visitor Centre and the Ducal Palace extension.

One of the sites identified for development in the city centre is the *Nottingham College* building in Maid Marian Way. The space could be used for 25 town houses or 45 apartments.

When construction peaks, HS2 will need an estimated 30,000 people to design and build the full network. *The East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy* predicts that overall there will be 74,000 jobs and a £4bn boost to the region's economy.

This year, the Pugin designed *St Barnabas Cathedral* on Derby Road, celebrates its 175th anniversary.

Over the last 10 years the number of households that live in privately rented homes has increased by nearly 70% to 4.7 million. A fifth of households in the UK are now private renters.

The City Council estimates that approximately £48 million worth of rent allowance was paid to private landlords in Nottingham in 2017/18 and this is much more proportionately than that received by Council tenants. That figure is £59 million but there is nearly double the number of Council tenant claims than those in the private sector

Most recent NHS data shows that in the East Midlands in September 2016 there were 3,618 GP's but in September 2018 this had dropped to 2,819.

Chairman of the *Midlands Engine* Sir John Peace and Governor of Hunan Xu Dazhe, signed a strategic partnership agreement to further strengthen economic and trade cooperation. Hunan is China's seventh most populous province with a population of over 68 million.

A bill that proposes giving trustees the right to request unpaid time off from their jobs to carry out their trustee duties has had its first reading in the Commons.

The City Council have adopted "*Smart Nottingham*" as a collaboration between the Council, the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University to fast-track the adoption of technology and data science in order to improve city systems and services.

The City Council has delivered over 150,000 free books to more than 5,000 children as part of the *Dolly Parton Imagination Library*.

The latest research findings from NTU's *Nottingham Civic Exchange* have revealed:

- **the city's employment rate is the lowest of all the major cities in the UK;**
- **earnings in Nottingham are lower than in other major cities in the UK ;**
- **a quarter of Nottingham's workforce are located in the Business Administration and Support Services industrial sector.**

City Council organised *Primary Parliaments* are now held twice per term as there is so much demand from young people to become involved.

A change of law means that a couples mothers names will now be entered in marriage registers for the first time since 1837. The Act also provides for the digitising of registers.

The *National Ice Centre* and *British Ice Skating* have officially launched their new *Speed Skating Performance Programme* following a successful bid for funds to Sport England. The £100,000 grant will be provided to the National Ice Centre and be overseen by the City Council.

Nottinghamshire County Council has now finalised the outright purchase of *Via East Midlands*, which provides the county's highways and fleet services.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency has reported that the merger of *New College Nottingham* and *Central College Nottingham* in 2017 was aided with some £13 million of Government support. *New College Nottingham* has an income of £81 million, employs 1,300 staff and educates 30,000 students on 10 campuses.

For the first time ever, fewer than one quarter of all marriages in England and Wales were religious ceremonies, statistics from the Office for National Statistics show.

Redesigned on street telephone boxes are now known as *InLink* units. There is already one on Angel Row and soon to be another on Thurland Street. They allow people to make a free call through a speaker, charge mobiles, offer encrypted WiFi and have interactive maps. All together there is to be 18 on city streets.

Nottinghamshire is an important producer of sand, gravel and Sherwood Sandstone and has a large export market, particularly to South Yorkshire and the wider East Midlands.

The projected need for student accommodation has been investigated by the City Council in detail and it is considered that the planning permission applications in the pipe-line meet a clear demand, which is likely to continue to rise. They say that the level of student accommodation available is not able to keep pace with current demand and conversations are underway with the local universities to put strategies in place, as students represent a positive contribution to the local life and economy.

The Competitions and Markets Authority has launched an investigation into the funeral sector.

A student accommodation scheme which houses 47 bedrooms in Nottingham city centre is up for sale for £2.5 million. Harris Lamb has been instructed to market the site at 72-74 St James Street, just off Maid Marian Way. Projected income for 2019/20 is £219,000.

