

July 2019



**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 City Council's Executive Board has voted through an ambitious vision for a new neighbourhood along the banks of the River Trent. Located close to the city centre, the 27-hectare Waterside site is all the way along the waterside setting from Trent Bridge to Colwick Park.**

Small businesses account for more than half of UK GDP.

**More than a third (35%) of UK news consumers is actively avoiding the news with a majority (71%) of them giving Brexit as the reason why, according to the latest Reuters Digital News Report.**

Nottingham firm, Games Workshop, says it expects sales for the year to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 to be around £254 million and profit before tax to be not less than £80 million - up from £74 million last year.

**The NHS is the fifth biggest employer in the UK with 1.3 million staff but currently has 100,000 vacancies.**

The Inclosure Act was signed by Queen Victoria at the end of June 1845. It gave the people of Nottingham 130 acres of Recreation Ground forever and consisted of 3 miles of Walks and 5 Parks running round what was then the edge of the medieval town, now part of the inner city. Around 25% of land in Nottingham is green space and there has been £40 million of investment in parks over the past decade. The city has 64 Green Flags recognising well-managed parks – the most outside London.

**The Job Centre in Upper Parliament Street deals with about 800 people every day.**

The Midland Engine Investment Fund says it has reached a £50 million milestone. The Fund says it has made over 150 investments in firms across the Midlands – including £19 million of private sector leverage.

**Nottingham's tram system is the most well used per head than any other in the country, according to new statistics.**

Netflix says that Amazon is not its competition. It considers sleep is the competition.

**St Mary's Church, in the Lace Market, pioneered Sunday School education for those children unable to attend a day school. Pupils were taught reading, writing and arithmetic, as well as religious knowledge. The first Sunday School was opened in 1751, 35 years before the generally acknowledged first Sunday School was founded in Gloucester.**

In May 2019, online retailing accounted for 19.3% of total retailing, with an overall growth of 8.2% when compared with the same month a year earlier.

**Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking for on-call firefighters who are able to offer themselves for at least 84 hours each week.**

Blocwork – a partnership between Network Rail and Bloc Group – is hosting a public consultation on its proposals to regenerate a surface car park immediately to the south of the city's railway station, on Queen's Road. The plans will see a development of up to 10-storeys housing with between 340 and 350 apartments being built for long-term rent.

**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 17th July - Noon to 1.30pm  
at the Congregational Church on Castle Gate**  
(Access via the door to their conferencing facilities)

**Nottingham's Roosevelt Scholarship  
Expanding Young Minds  
- Improving Nottinghamshire**

This unique Scholarship enables people to visit the USA for between 6-12 weeks to investigate a work-related topic of their choice. Since 1946, over 150 scholars have been awarded this prestigious Scholarship. You will learn about the scholarship history, the experiences of a number of scholars and how it benefits organisations and individuals today.

**A buffet lunch is provided.**

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

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE**

**The police want to build a new 50 cell custody suite on the old gas works site on Radford Road close to the ring road.**

The Broadway Cinema is to have a £100,000 revamp. Two hundred and sixty eight old seats are being donated to Nottingham Arts Theatre.

**Over the last decade the volume and value of tourism in Nottinghamshire has been growing much more slowly than the national average and the visitor economy has been severely affected by the recession. The rate of tourism job growth has been 5% slower than for other sectors in the County too. (Nottinghamshire - The Visitor Economy Strategy)**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has announced a grant award of £1.5 million to the City Council, which will help secure the future of The People's Hall, on Heathcoat Street. Originally known as Morley House it was built in 1750 by, and for, a woman – Ann Morley - who was an independent, strong and successful businesswoman.

**Yates in Long Row, just off Old Market Square, is to be replaced by a Slug and Lettuce pub. It is a listed building Grade II.**

Life expectancy in Nottingham is significantly lower than the England average, with approximately 3 years less for men and 2 years less for women (77.0 men; 81.1 women). Nottingham's life expectancy for men is currently ranked 140th out of 152 local authorities in England and 136th for women.

**Property Week says that East Midlands Airport industrial assets are to be sold. The report suggests that the assets are all income-producing tied down on long leases.**

The rapid drop-off tariff cost at the airport has changed from £2 for 10 minutes to £3 for 10 minutes - then £1 a minute. Karen Smart, East Midlands Airport's managing director, said *"It is clear that the overall passenger experience of RDO can only be improved if we make some changes to the infrastructure and staff it better. But this comes at a cost and therefore we need to raise the funds to pay for it"*.

**Before the plan to create a new super council for Nottinghamshire was shelved £126,137 was spent on outside contractors to put the scheme together.**

One in ten Briton's own holiday houses, buy-to let's, and overseas properties, according to the Resolution Foundation think - tank.

**Bus pass prices for schoolchildren in Nottinghamshire are to go up by 17% twice in the next two years.**

The City Council reports that the social housing waiting list has grown by around 70% in the last two years. The waiting has grown to more than 8,000 households. Currently there are 25,500 council tenancies but this is down from around 50,000 in the 1980s.

**Nottingham Beach is back in the Market Square from 13<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> September. Organisers say it will be bigger and better.**

The City Council has agreed to the principle of entering in to a new 250 year lease with Nottingham Forest Football club for land and buildings.

**In the year 2016-2017 there were 121 permanent exclusions of pupils from Nottingham schools and the following year this reduced to 97 and in the year 2018-2019 it is predicted that 82 pupils will be permanently excluded in total.**

East Midlands Airport has sent a message to the Government that it must set out a plan to ensure that it continues as a "global significant" cargo hub.

**Only 3% of 18-24 year olds identify as Anglicans.**

Advertising spend on newspapers and magazines is set to account for less than 10% of the UK market this year, according to forecast figures.

**The Church of England is to recognise monasteries for the first time since the days of Henry VIII. Legal recognition will be completed next February.**

Nottingham's BT Centre is used to handle 999 emergency calls and receives about 86,000 of these every week. It does not provide a location due to the nature of the work and is just one of six which deal with emergency calls in the UK.

**Currently, 59% of staff at Nottingham Prison has less than 18 months experience.**

According to a recent Financial Times article, one in five people aged over 65 is a millionaire. This is because the sum of their property wealth, investments, and savings, exceeds £1 million.

**Due to a lack of supply, demand for good quality office space in Nottingham is strong and building owners are undertaking refurbishment schemes. One such scheme to come to market**

**is the former Nottingham College building in the Lace Market area which has been turned into 10,000 sq ft of office space.**

The world - wide *VF Corporation* has offices on Nottingham's NG2 business park. *VF Corporation* turns over £9.2bn a year and it owns brands such as Wrangler, Vans, North Face, Timberland and Dickies. VF's other Nottingham location is in Calverton where *VF Northern Europe Ltd* is based.

**Almost half a million Britons over 70 are in full or part-time work - an increase of 285,000 over the past ten years. The figures mean almost one in 12 people in their 70s are working.**

The City Council receives presentations from between 80 to 100 homeless families each week. Despite all that the voluntary and statutory sectors are doing, the number of people becoming homeless is increasing.

**intu Victoria Centre is the chosen destination for 24 million shopping visits a year.**

70% of those coming out of GP training are now women.

**Dementia and Alzheimer's disease remains the leading cause of death. It was responsible for more than one in eight of all registered deaths.**

Across the whole of the economy around 41% of women in work are employed part-time. For men it is 13% and that has stayed more or less the same for more than a decade.

**Keep Britain Tidy has found that 99% of main streets and 64% of all roads and pavements are stained by chewing gum. The estimated cost of trying to remove it is more than £60 million a year.**

The CE of Nationwide Building Society received a financial package worth nearly £2.4 million in the year to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019. It was some 77 times the amount the average Nationwide employee received (£30,939).

**The Colwick Quays Industrial Park could soon see waste land converted into warehousing and offices to help deal with the shortage on the market for small industrial units for local and start up businesses.**

The birth rate for women aged 18 fell by 58% between 2000 and 2016.

**Fewer people in the UK are donating money to charity, but people who do donate are giving larger amounts — the largest to religious causes, the latest UK Giving study has found.**

Spotify, the music streaming service has 100 million paying subscribers.

**In preparation for the new Broadmarsh regeneration from 29<sup>th</sup> July Canal Street will be closed in one direction for 14 weeks. No vehicles will be able to go Westbound from the BBC roundabout towards Broadmarsh. A decision is expected to be made on whether to keep the road closed in preparation for the eventual full closure.**

Parliament Street, between Chapel Bar and Broad Street was once known as Backside. Under the road, for most of its length, the lower part of the old town wall runs.

**A sign of the times - Permission has been given to turn 27-29 Lister Gate in the City Centre into a mixture of student accommodation on the upper three floors and retail on the ground floor.**

