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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.....

Cllr David Mellen, leader of the City Council, says "*Nottingham's economy has grown - faster than most areas outside London - by £1,100 million to £8,910 million, while the employment rate has increased from 59.5% to 63.3% (or 70% if you discount students) and claimant unemployment fell from 14,300 to 8,550 - an historic low*".

A report by D2N2 - a top-level board made up of council leaders and business experts - has warned that the case still needs to be made to convince decision makers that HS2 comes to Nottinghamshire.

Thea Caffea on Low Pavement has shut up shop. The closure of this independently owned traditional tea room follows a number of chain restaurant closures in the area which is close to the Broadmarsh Centre.

The world's largest domain name registrar *GoDaddy* has moved into Beeston Business Park and could create up to 110 extra jobs by the end of the year. *GoDaddy* is relocating all its current 190 staff from Nottingham city centre. The Arizona-headquartered company has nearly 19 million customers with 78 million domains under management and employs more than 9,000 people worldwide.

Victoria shopping centre operator *intu* has completed its 50% sale of its Derby mall in a deal worth £186 million.

In recent months, Invest in Nottingham, the organisation charged with growing the local economy through encouraging inward investment, has supported the expansion and relocation of 18 companies to the Nottingham city region. The organisation's work has supported the creation of 1,000 new jobs.

The Lord Mayor of Nottingham is Councillor Rosemary Healy who has been a Councillor representing Mapperley Ward for 8 years.

Around 40% of children are obese by the time they leave primary school according to recently published data say the City Council.

The City Council has approved plans to buy back more than 250 former council houses using Right To Buy replacement receipts and Council borrowing. The authority has a target to have an additional 1,000 new council or social homes to rent by 2023.

At long last there are plans to create *West End Point* in the city centre by rejuvenating the area between Angel Row, Upper Parliament Street and Market Street. At the centre of this would be a new and improved *West End Arcade*. The scheme has got through the first round of bidding for a share of the Government's Future High Streets Fund.

A project aimed at getting more people into construction training and jobs in Nottingham has been launched. The Government has awarded £1 million in funding to partners in Nottingham to launch construction academies with *Nottingham College*.

The net rate of return for private non-financial corporations' was 12.3% in Quarter 1 of this year; for manufacturing companies' 12.2% and services companies' 19.0%.

Number 33 Castle Gate (close to St Nic's church) was built in the mid 17th Century by Lawrence Collin who had been the Parliamentarian master gunner at Nottingham Castle during the Civil War. It is on Heritage England's *Heritage at Risk Register*.

Just over 6,000 people work in the two city centre shopping centres. In addition 170 are employed by the centres owners, *intu*.

Crowndale Properties wants to demolish buildings on Thurland Street and is planning 42 one-bedroom and studio apartments on the upper floor of a new building.

**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 14th August - Noon to 1.30pm
at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
on Wollaton Street**

**WANT TO FIND OUT EXACTLY
HOW A HOTEL WORKS?**

Then come along to this meeting.

The best asset in the hospitality industry is a willingness to please in a whole range of speciality departments. Julie Oliver, Crowne Plaza's HR and Enterprise Manager, will give us an *INSIGHT* into working in an industry that is constantly changing and how she ensures the right people are in the right place at the right time.

A buffet lunch is provided.

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

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE

Nottingham is twinned with nine cities across the world.

"What hurts the victim the most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander." - Arek Hersh MBE, a ninety-year-old Holocaust survivor.

Derby and Nottingham City Councils have submitted a joint outline business case to Government for up to £188 million, to better connect the D2N2 LEP area's two main cities.

There are 3.2 million people in central government jobs - a 39% increase on 1999. The number of people employed by local councils over the same period has fallen by 26%.

A Supreme Court judgement has ruled that councils can be sued for failing to protect vulnerable young people and children who are considered to be at risk, regardless of whether they are officially in care.

Divorces are at the lowest level in 50 years.

In Nottingham in 2017, the most recent available annual conception data, there were 125 in the 15-17 age group.

The Resolution Foundation has reported that the number of young people in private rented accommodation who moved for a new job is the lowest for 20 years. Despite more young people renting, the number of 25-34 year olds starting a new job and moving home has decreased.

More than 77,000 fines were handed out to motorists for driving in bus lanes, bus gates and tram gates in Nottingham over the last year raising £2.1 million for the City Council.

In order to continue to promote further public realm improvements to Station Street and its environs, it is proposed to develop the land under the arches on Trent Street for retail activity.

Figures released by the Office for National Statistics show a third of care workers leave the profession every year, the lowest retention rate of any public sector workforce.

Nottingham Civic Society objected to a tall building being erected immediately facing Nottingham Station. The mass of the proposed building would interrupt one of the 'Key Views' identified in the *City Centre Urban Design Guide* looking from The Embankment towards the Station Clock Tower.

The volume of plastic bags made in this country has decreased by 63% since the 5p charge was brought in four years ago.

In order to reduce the unlawful use of untaxed vehicles the City Council is to update technical equipment in its ANPR vehicles. The Council receives income as part of the enforcement measure and the revenue has been calculated at £125.00 per vehicle. Scrap revenue has been calculated that all vehicles are sent for end of life disposal at £140 per vehicle. Some vehicles will be sent for public auction dependent upon vehicle condition.

Ever AI says their facial recognition technology gives 99.84% accuracy. As well as face verification it can also give emotion, age, gender and ethnicity detection.

New Zealand is the first western country to state it should be judged not by its wealth but by its citizens' wellbeing.

Council tax arrears for Nottinghamshire council's, including money not paid last year and previous years, were £56 million at the end of March this year.

Just published figures from the *Office of National Statistics* show that in 2017, there were just over 2.4 million registered non-financial businesses in the UK, of which 1.1% were owned by businesses outside the UK (foreign-owned).

Technology consultants CACI predict that the use of mobile banking apps will rise above 60% in 2021, reaching 71% in 2024.

The £1 million security vault in the Lace Market is up and running. The facility will have the capacity in the future to store around 4,000 boxes - of various sizes and prices.

East Midlands Chamber has signed a commitment to support changing attitudes towards mental health in the workplace. It is estimated that one-in-four workers are affected by anxiety, depression and stress.

The Rt Revd Anthony Porter the Bishop of Sherwood is the first Anglican Bishop actually to live in Nottingham for 121 years.

More than 600 people attended a Nottingham Citizens event which focused on young people and education, mental health, work and wages and future aspirations for the city.

A full planning application for the £110million redevelopment of the Guildhall site in Nottingham might be submitted this autumn, according to the developer behind the scheme.

Eighty voluntary organisations, community groups and charities will receive a share of a £350,000 from the Nottinghamshire County Council to help mark next year's 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower to the United States.

The labour market continues to be strong, with the employment rate at a near-record high and unemployment down again. The number of self-employed part-timers has passed one and a half million for the first time, well over double what it was twenty-five years ago.

UK residents made 4.8 million visits overseas in March 2019 (4% more than in March 2018).

Retail sales growth slowed in the latest three months as food stores saw falling sales for the first time this year and department stores continued their steady decline. As part of the *Future High Streets Fund*, planning reforms are to be made to allow the conversion of underused retail space into residential developments.

Speeding awareness courses taken since 2010 have passed 10 million. They typically cost between £75 and £99 and drivers avoid a fine or points on their licence.

The chantry door of St Mary's Church on High Pavement is considered to be the oldest surviving door in Nottingham, dating from the 1370s or 1380s. It contains an example of iron work from the medieval period in the locking mechanism.

On Mansfield Road in the morning rush hour (between 7.30-9.30am) buses make up just 5% of the traffic but carry 48% of the people.

Official figures released for the Department of Education indicate that 47% of the debt of current students will be wiped after 30 years. This is based on projected lifetime earnings for those studying in the 2018/19 academic year.

A recent survey carried out suggests that two-thirds of churches had fewer than five young people in their church community, and a quarter had none at all.

The City Council's Library Service has been running a nationally recognised and award winning *Performing Arts Library Service* for 3 years, generating a significant income return for running the service across the East Midlands.

Benoy, the Nottinghamshire firm behind a multi-million pound redevelopment of Forest's City Ground, has been tasked with creating a new twin capital city in Uzbekistan.

Recently published figures show that nationally the East Midlands have the highest proportion of jobs in the production sector at 14.4%.

22,500 over 70's had their driving licence revoked last year for failing to meet required medical standards.

During the past year there has continued to be a high demand for Acas' individual dispute resolution. Overall, notifications increased by 21% compared to the same period the previous year and the number of cases involving a tribunal claim has increased by 40%.



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