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## Interesting to Know.....

**Employment continues to increase, with three-quarters of this year's growth being due to more women working. However, the number of vacancies has been falling for six months, with fewer now than there were this time last year.**

*Henry Boot Developments* has been awarded exclusive rights to transform the Central Library on Angel Row into Grade A office space. They are also involved in the regeneration of the former Imperial Tobacco factory - currently underway.

**In 2018, there were 19.1 million families in the UK, an increase of 8% from 17.7 million in 2008.**

The City Council spent £4.4 million on cleaning the city streets in the last financial year. This works out at a cost of £13.38 per head of the city's population.

**Half the Premier League football teams and 16 out of 24 Championship sides are sponsored by gambling firms.**

Financial services company *Talbot and Muir* has doubled its presence in Nottingham by taking out more office space in the city centre. The firm has moved from an office in Clarendon Street to set up its new headquarters in Maid Marian Way.

**Around half of the children in care in Nottingham have brothers and sisters who are also in care.**

A forgotten area of the city centre could soon have a new major mixed use development. The planning application for the redevelopment of the junction of Glasshouse and Howard Streets (behind intu Victoria Centre) is for a 90 student bed units and three commercial units over seven and eight storeys.

**The new *Lonely Planet* guide listing of the top 500 experiences in the UK includes four sites in Nottingham. These are: Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, Newstead Abbey, Wollaton Hall and Deer Park and the National Justice Museum.**

The government wants the Midlands to become a "growth engine" for the UK, and the *Midlands Engine* is made up of local authorities and local enterprise partnerships across the east and west Midlands. Special exhibition stands are being built to enable the Midlands Engine to have presence at this year's party conferences.

***Motorpoint* is the UK's largest independent car retailer. Since January 2016 they have been the title sponsors of the *Nottingham Arena* which is the region's premier entertainment venue.**

For the first time ever, the City Council has more female Councillors than male and more women in the group of 'Portfolio Holders'. Over a third of new Councillors are from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

**Professor Kevin Shakesheff, Pro-Vice Chancellor for the Faculty of Science at the University of Nottingham, has been elected as new Chair for *One Nottingham* which is the strategic partnership for the city. It encourages and facilitates collaboration across Nottingham, bringing together the public, business, faith, voluntary and community sectors.**

*Cosmopolitan* has seen the biggest circulation drop among women's magazines so far this year, new audit figures reveal. The monthly magazine's average circulation fell by 32% year-on-year in the first six months of 2019.

## **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 18th September**

**noon to 1.30pm**

**at the Salvation Army, King Edward Street, NG1 1EU**

*Helping to change lives for the better*

*Grace Enterprises* aims to grow a network of sustainable, commercially competitive and socially responsible businesses that help reduce long-term unemployment and poverty right here in Nottingham. The first business up and running is a cleaning company called *Radiant Cleaners* and managing director, Matt Parfitt, will give us an *INSIGHT* into the **instrumental** role *Grace Enterprises* plays in changing lives **through employment**.

**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**

**Peter Ireson is the new venue director for the Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall. He was the head of culture, events and tourism in Derby.**

*Shop Direct*, the digital retailer and financial services provider, has completed external building works at Skygate, its new 850,000 sq ft fulfilment centre at East Midlands Gateway near Castle Donington. The facility will bring distribution and returns for Shop Direct's Very.co.uk and Littlewoods.com retail brands under one roof.

**A cyclist from Bramcote is on the final stretch of his 18,000-mile solo journey around the world. Robert Cleave, 64, set off on his adventure on 7<sup>th</sup> April last year.**

The cost of retailing in the city centre - A 635 sq ft unit is now under offer on Lister Gate at a rent of £60,000 per annum and 46-48 Clumber Street is "under offer" for a rent of £350,000 per annum. The capital value of buildings is based to an extent on the rent it can command. If a landlord lowers the rent then that impairs the value of the property on their balance sheet.

**Nottingham-based craft condiment manufacturer *Sauce Shop* now produces up to four tonnes of sauce per week across 20 flavours and its products are available in over 700 outlets in the UK and Ireland. The brand was started by husband and wife James and Pam Digva from their home kitchen in West Bridgford in 2014.**

The developer of a site on Mansfield Road that was once occupied by York House wants planning permission to increase the number of student bedrooms to nearly 500. The original plan was for 422.

**The City Council is now supplying water services to its own buildings to create savings on the authority's bills and water consumption. Changes in the water industry allow businesses and organisations to choose how they receive water supply and wastewater services, and the City Council has chosen to become its own supplier. Nottingham will be the first council to run its own water services in-house, saving the council an estimated £64,000 a year .**

*Sports Direct* in 2018 was reckoned to be the third largest company in Nottinghamshire and has more than 17,000 employees. Its owner, Mike Ashley, is said to be the richest man in the East Midlands.

**Sixteen Bishops and their teams from the north of England will be in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham during September taking part in many outreach events and activities organised by local churches. The Archbishop of York will also be here.**

No pennies were produced last year for the first time in 46 years.

**Large digital screens like the one outside into Victoria Centre may be seen in locations around the city centre. Digital marketing experts have been appointed by the City Council to identify where the screens should be and what rent should be charged.**

Demolition of the car wash on the London Road Island has commenced to make way for 90 one and two bedroom apartments.

**On Derby Road - close to the University of Nottingham - a 620-bed block of student flats is to be built. The development will cost an estimated £48 million.**

About 4,400 people have applied for the Facebook-funded community news reporter's scheme. The candidates have been vying for just 83 positions in regional newsrooms as part of its £4.5m partnership project with the National Council for the Training of Journalists.

**The new chief executive of Nottingham Castle is to be Sara Blair-Manning who is currently a general manager of National Trust (North Lincolnshire and South Nottinghamshire).**

The total number of Nottinghamshire people receiving Universal Credit is 33,475. The number in the City Council area is 12,346.

**Fresh analysis by the *Office for National Statistics* shows that the health and tourism sectors employ around three-quarters of a million non-British workers, with the majority of those coming from the European Union.**

Friends of the Earth has highlighted Nottingham as one of four 'exemplar' cities as part of a new campaign to tackle climate change, recognising the city's efforts to reduce congestion and increase public transport use.

**A quarter of prisoners have nowhere to live on being released from HMP Nottingham according to a recent report. The category B prison houses around 800 adult male prisoners.**

The number of same-sex couple families has grown by more than 50% since 2015.

***Nottingham Digital Summit 2019* attracted 750 people – as well as exhibitors – from across the world to the city. The one day event has raised £20,257 for the Nottingham Samaritans**

The creative and digital sector is growing twice as fast as the rest of the UK economy.

**The new *Amazon* one million square foot distribution hub at Kegworth has the capacity to accommodate a workforce of upto 1,000.**

Facial recognition cameras that are creeping across Britain in privately owned places is causing concern. Spaces such as museums, shopping centres and casinos are using technology to capture the public's faces on camera.

**Nigel Wheatley, centre director for intu Broadmarsh, has said: *"Drury Walk will become an extension of the current Bridlesmith Gate to create an open street hosting new independent and high street brands along with restaurants. We're creating a destination with a difference with regeneration works well underway, due for completion in the summer of 2021".***

Local authorities in the East Midlands received 60,000 complaints to fix a pothole during the last year.

**Revd Canon Phil Williams is the 68th (at least!) Archdeacon of Nottingham, which is one of the most ancient offices in the county, having existed since the 1100s. Archdeacons take particular responsibility for buildings, the welfare of clergy and their families and the implementation of diocesan policy.**

On average men live to the age of 82 in Wollaton West. In the Arboretum, it's only 72.2 years old. That's a difference in life expectancy of 9.8 years. Men live to be 84.5 in Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph, but 77.3 years in Netherfield and Colwick – a gap of 7.2 years.

**The high profile former car dealership site on Loughborough Road opposite the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, has planning permission for it to become a mini retail park.**

According to the *Valuation Office Agency* there were 3,270 retail properties (including banks and professional services) within the city limits but the latest figure is 3,060 (-6.4%). The data can include both in-use and vacant premises as they need to be recorded for rating purposes.

**The analysis of births in England and Wales in 2018 shows that the birth rate was the lowest ever recorded, when births are measured as a proportion of the total population. There were 657,076 live births.**

Lord Heseltine has launched a new report calling for greater devolution to English cities, backed by the six current "Metro Mayors" in England, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region, Tees Valley, West of England and the West Midlands.

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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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