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Interesting to Know.....

The employment rate has remained fairly constant at a joint record high for some months now, while the unemployment rate was last lower at the end of 1974. Vacancies continue to fall back from recent record highs, with much of this decline coming from small businesses.

A £70 million development in Radford could provide 702 bedrooms for students if planning permission is given.

Colwick Hall Hotel's existing Banqueting Marquee facility needs to be repositioned in order to open up the view of the front facade of the listed Hall from the lakeside. Planning Permission has now been granted for a new larger brick built facility in a new position and suitable terms have been agreed with the City Council for the additional land required.

Retail sales grew moderately in the three months to August with online sales still providing the biggest driver, despite falling back in the latest month. Shoppers spent less on both food and clothing while department stores resumed their downward trend after a brief rally in July.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire is entitled to have 59 Deputy Lieutenants because the population of the county is over 1.1 million people. There are currently 45 Deputy Lieutenants.

The sale of 9 Council-owned diesel buses that have been used on the Locallink and Worklink contracts is expected to raise £120,000.

Baxter Freight is expanding yet again and 50 new jobs are to be created. Founded in 2014 it plans to increase annual turnover to more than £31 million by 2021. Its headquarters are in Lenton.

On Friday 22nd October 1875 there was a flood in the city that was reported as the greatest flood Nottingham had seen in that century. *'From the castle whichever way you looked the south part resembled a great sea'*.

The 172 bedroom 'Park Inn Hotel' on Mansfield Road, Carrington (once the Savoy) is being aligned with the Mercure brand by its Danish owners Proark. Mercure will manage the hotel.

The United Nations has reported that the number of people who have changed their 'usual country of residence' has grown to 272 million - up 51 million since 2010.

Nationally, Citizens UK now has well over 5,000 accredited Living Wage employers.

REBEL OR RADICAL? REFORMER OR REVOLUTIONARY? Reflections on 10 years with William Booth - a talk by Gordon Taylor on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm at the William Booth Birthplace Museum, Sneinton NG2 4QC. All Welcome

A new French restaurant has opened in the city centre creating 18 jobs. *Paris* is located at 3-5 High Pavement is the sister establishment of bistro *Petit Paris*.

The average office worker receives about 100 emails a day.

The City Council has successfully applied to the Government for funding to help develop a business case for developing *West End Point* - the area between Angel Row, Upper Parliament Street and Market Street. The City Council will then request up to £15million of capital to deliver this specific project.

Firms in Nottinghamshire export a total of £842 million in services every year to the EU.

Business in the Community's *Ban the Box* campaign calls on UK employers to give ex-offenders a fair chance to compete for jobs by removing the tick box from application forms and asking about criminal convictions later in the recruitment process. Championed by Boots 135 companies have signed up to the campaign. For more details about the companies who have banned the box please Google *Ban the Box*.

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.

'The Future is Bright'

The creative and digital sector is growing twice as fast as the rest of the UK economy and has become an interesting strategic sector to boost competitiveness, productivity, employment and sustainable economic growth. **Susan Hallam**, chair of Nottingham's Creative Quarter and founder and CEO of digital marketing agency Hallam, will give us an *INSIGHT* into how the creative industry is transforming the economy and the way we live our lives.

**Wednesday 16th October
Noon -1.30pm
at Jurys Inn Hotel, Station Street, NG2 3BJ**

A buffet lunch is provided.

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

The Royal Voluntary Service has found that as many as two in five hospital patients have no visitors.

Nottingham has long been famed for its pubs. In the Middle Ages the city was already a prosperous centre of trade in what is now called the East Midlands and three pubs date from this era - Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, the Salutation and the Bell Inn.

That Nottingham is not firing on all cylinders concerns Cllr.David Mellen, the City Council's leader. *"It is a big challenge and not the council's alone although people will look to us to lead and bring people together," he says. "We have lacked confidence as a city, suffered from a reputation that isn't wholly earned. I don't think we have had the boldness to say and to act as if we are the biggest city in the East Midlands. We should have confidence in ourselves. These certainly are challenges but we shouldn't wallow in them but move forward in partnership."*

As part of a drive to have a bigger footprint KFC has said it wants to open ten new outlets in Nottinghamshire.

The summer of 2021 promises to be a bit special! The Broadmarsh Centre make-over will be completed, Nottingham Castle will be once again open to the public and the Nottingham College Hub, near the law courts, will be about to start its second year 'in business'.

Ruddington-based software firm *Ideagen* has announced a new six-figure contract with leading aviation company.

The latest figures show that footfall is up 10% at the Cornerhouse leisure and entertainment venue, with nearly half a million visitors between April and June of this year.

The DVSA conducts over 1.9 million driving tests every year.

On the opening of the new Nottingham College City Hub the City Council will come into possession of the current Maid Marian Way campus of Nottingham College. It is thought the site will become a mixed-use development of homes, cafes and bars together with public space.

Over 55's released £1.08 billion of cash from their properties in the final three months of 2018.

This year marks the YMCA movement's 175th anniversary and YMCA Newark & Sherwood have partnered with the Tall Ships Youth Trust to host a relay-style sailing adventure around the UK coastline this Autumn. Fancy joining the crew for one leg? For more details see: <https://www.ymcans.org/tallships>

There are estimated to be around 30,000 privately rented properties in Nottingham that have to have a licence from the City Council. This is to ensure all the housing stock is of a good standard.

Nottingham was granted 'city status' in 1897 on the occasion of Queen Victoria's jubilee.

Eight shops at the top end of Bridlesmith Gate have either moved or shut. The wine bar Veeno has closed on Middle Pavement, telling Nottinghamshire Live, it had no longer become viable after footfall declined around the intu Broadmarsh shopping centre, which is currently undergoing redevelopment.

Fuel and dry food have been stockpiled by the City Council ahead of Brexit, it has been revealed.

The City Council has reported that in 2018, 4,800 households needed help for homelessness. The year before it was 4,400 and in 2016 it was 4,200. It was reported in September that despite substantial efforts, homelessness case management records show that there are a total of 698 households who are actually homeless.

Intu Victoria Centre has retail and leisure space in 104 units and the centre attracts 25 million shoppers a year.

Last year the local charity *AGE UK Nottinghamshire* helped 44,959 people.

A small shop on St James's Street launched in 2014 has been named as one of the UK's best small businesses. *Dukkies Gifts* sells items connected with the city and Robin Hood county.

Recently published Government figures indicate that 29.6% of the city's five year olds failed expected reading targets. Nationally the figure is 23%.

A firm has moved to a city centre site as a part of their plans for growth. Aviation technology firm *RDC Aviation*, which works with British Airways, Cathay Pacific and Ryanair, amongst others, is now in Imperial Buildings on Victoria Street.

The average tenure for a NHS trust CEO is three years.

Nottingham-based leading digital marketing agency Hallam have been given a silver award for Best Digital Agency at the UK Digital Experience Awards 2019.

The Church of England's self supporting ministers now account for 23% of the total clergy workforce.

The Battle of Trafalgar was on Monday 21st October 1805. The triumphs of Lord Nelson are marked by Trafalgar Street in Radford, Nile Street and Nelson Street, both off Bath Street.

Nottingham City Homes says that it has 9,000 people registered on its waiting list. Over the last four years the City Council has built 2,293 affordable homes with more than 500 in the pipeline. It intends to build or buy 1,000 more council homes for rent and facilitate the building of 4,000 homes across the City.

The first official Speakers' Corner outside London opened in Nottingham in 2009. It was officially inaugurated by Jack Straw, the then Justice Secretary. The large paved space at the junction of King Street and Queens Street is looked over by the statue of Brian Clough.

In the last year 13 household gas and electricity energy suppliers have failed or withdrawn from the market. Some industry commentators are predicting that a further six will go bust in the coming months.

The Experian building at NG2 Buisness Park has its own post code – NG80.

The City Council's present telephony contracts have combined costs in excess of £800,000 per annum.

Local solicitors practice Nelsons has been named regional conveyancing firm of the year for the East Midlands at the LFS Conveyancing Awards 2019.

Last year the number of electric cars sold in Britain was 1% of the total. The government have said that by 2040 all new petrol and diesel cars will be banned and all such cars will be off the road by 2050.

Over the past year there has been a steady increase in the numbers of children attending good or outstanding schools in Nottingham City - from 83% to almost 90%.

John Lewis saw a 23% increase in people spending on shopping on line between midnight and 6am in 2018 compared with the previous year.

Nottingham has been named third best city in the UK for a stag do - after London and Liverpool. There are 117 bars and clubs to choose from.

A luxury residential development on the banks of the River Trent has been sold in a deal worth at least £22 million. River Crescent, is made up of 129 apartments.

Newdigate House on Castle Gate was erected in about 1675. In 1704 the Duke of Marlborough defeated the French forces at Blenheim, and captured their general, Marshal Tallard, who was then sent to live in Newdigate House as a prisoner of war between 1705 and 1711.



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