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Interesting to Know.....

Nottinghamshire County Councils facts for 2019 include: there were 2,886 weddings; 8,493 births and 116 children were adopted.

The former Sandcliffe garage and showroom near Trent Bridge Cricket Ground is to have 54 apartments built on the site.

The UK has a shortage of 60,000 engineers.

The number of first-time buyers getting a foothold on the property ladder is at its highest since 2007.

A row of 'eyesore' shops near Motorpoint Arena are to be transformed as part of a project part-funded by the City Council and Historic England who have offered to pay £447,000 towards what is known as the *Southwell Road Project*.

A Reach Data Unit investigation found that in 2009 the median gross salary for a full-time employee in Nottinghamshire was £25,083. The 2019 Labour Force Survey shows the median salary was £28,612.

How do they get through it all? The Public Agenda Pack for the City Council Meeting of 13th January 2020 contained 864 pages of material. In addition was a 54 page supplementary report and members questions.

The City Council has recently completed a consultation about the future of the city centre. The draft *City Centre Strategy* document generated a large amount of interest, receiving over 500 responses.

Internet demand for music, films and games is revolutionising leisure time and now makes up 80% of all spending on entertainment products.

Roxy Ball Room's new £2 million bowling alley is set to open in the Cornerhouse in the autumn. It will take over the former World Cuisine Buffet restaurant.

The City Councils 'masterplan' has been agreed. Known as a *Local Plan*, it outlines where the council wants different types of buildings to be built. A total of 74 sites have been designated from small plots with 20 houses up to huge developments such as Boots Island .

At the heart of Nottingham's city centre the Market Square is the largest outside Trafalgar Square in London. It was once the centre-point between the Norman town situated around Castle Rock and the old Anglo-Saxon town which was based around the area where St Mary's Church is.

The *Cubo* brand of serviced office space is coming to Nottingham after one of the largest city centre deals of 2019 was completed. Staton Young has bought the 20,000 sq ft 12, King St office space.

Opposite Nottingham Trent University's Arkwright building stands *The University Hall* which is a brand-new venue that's aiming to bring modern classical music and other performances to both its students and to the city. It was previously a Jewish Synagogue, and originally a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel.

Nottingham-based fantasy games manufacturer Games Workshop has seen its revenue and operating profits soar after growing its trade, retail and online sales by 19%. For the six months to 1st December 2019 there was an increase on 2018's figure of £40.8 million – and they turned over £148.4 million as compared to £125.2 million this time the previous year.

Bet365's latest accounts show that gamblers placed £64.5 billion in bets with them over their last financial year, nearly a quarter up on the year before.

**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.

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Prison can be a closed world to the majority of the population. Martin Tyack will give us an *INSIGHT* into what an average day for a prison chaplain involves - the role, functions, expectations and duties.

In the last couple of months alone we've seen planning applications approved for major residential developments such as Trent Bridge Quays (44 apartments, 14 townhouses and retail space) and Riverside Way (42 apartments) as well as significant student developments on Radmarsh Road, Lenton (222 bedrooms) and a 700-bed scheme in Radford. The green light has also been given to a 348-bed student accommodation scheme which will be built next to the railway station.

13,728 new homes could be built in Nottingham this decade.

NotOnTheHighStreet.com was founded by two people in 2006 and was launched 'from a kitchen table' in Nottingham. The business now employs more than 200 people.

A Reach Data Unit investigation reveals that in 2008/09 there were 9,830 primary and secondary students at state schools in Nottinghamshire taking free school meals - or 8.8% of all pupils. As of 2018/19, however, that had increased to 15,606 such pupils, or 12.9% of Nottinghamshire students.

A Nottingham-based company has been appointed by the Home Office backed national accreditation scheme *Best Bar None* to manage its day-to-day operations. Night Time Economy Solutions designs solutions to address issues of safety and vulnerability in the night-time economy. It is led by Sylvia Oates and Jo Cox-Brown.

In the East Midlands there are 8,000 vacancies for NHS nurses (12. 6%). The NUH Trust that runs the QMC and City hospitals has 540 unfilled vacancies in nursing and midwifery. The total number of vacancies at these hospitals is around 1,170.

Cosy Club, a 21,000 sq ft bar and restaurant, has opened in the building that was previously known as casino and fine dining restaurant, the Victoria Club. There are currently 23 Cosy Clubs across the UK.

Across the city there are 40,000 gullies in roads and pavements which are all cleared annually.

The period building located at the junction of St Peters Gate and Bridlesmith Gate has been sold. The shops are occupied by *The Body Shop* and *Molton Brown*. The property currently produces an income of £205,000 but, with the fall in rents, the estimated rent value was considered to be £160,000 per annum so consequently when the lease to *Molton Brown* expires in April 2020 the rent will fall. Plans have been drawn up showing how this property could be converted to provide 13 studio apartments which will let at rents between £100 – £125 per week, per person. The quoting sale price was £2,350,000 and a deal was agreed "*close to that figure.*"

The Nottingham Post's web site attracted an average of 427,000 page views daily last year. Its Twitter has grown to 150,000 followers.

Team17, the Nottingham-based games company, has bought Manchester's Yippee Entertainment in a £1.4 million deal. Yippee is a software developer and digital publisher based in MediaCityUK.

***North Notts Business Improvement District* was the UK's first ever area-wide, place shaping BID. It is the largest BID in the UK by geography and the second largest by number of levy payers.**

A son of Polish immigrants now runs a franchised McDonald's empire which employs 1,400 people and turns over £54 million a year. George Michniewicz says he had "*humble beginnings*" working in his local Nottingham McDonalds in 1982 as a trainee manager.

Nottingham City Council made a profit of £3.5 million last year through car parks and on-street spaces - a significant drop on previous years. In 2017/18 the authority made £5.5 million and £5.6 million in 2016/17. These figures, released by the Government, include the cost for car parks and on-street parking as well as fines and permits. It does not include the income from the City Council's Workplace Parking Levy scheme which made £9.7 million last year bringing the overall total to £13.3 million - a loss of more than £1 million from the year before (£14.5 million).

Resolution Foundation research suggests that teenagers and students are turning away from Saturday jobs or working in their holidays.

Nottingham's historic *Church Cemetery*, better known as *Rock Cemetery* because of its sandstone caves, covers a wide tract of land, around 13 acres in total, bounded by Mansfield Road, Forest Road and The Forest recreation ground. It opened in 1856.

A discount furniture warehouse in the Meadows is to be demolished to make way for 42 apartments with riverside views.

The money we spend online has increased from a monthly average of 4.9% in 2008 to a monthly average of 17.9%.

One in three 16 - 24 year olds don't touch alcohol, a huge increase over the last ten years.

Jessop and Son had been trading in Nottingham for nearly 200 years when on 27th April 1933 they became the first John Lewis store outside of London. It was not until 2002 that the store, by now in the Victoria Centre, was actually branded John Lewis.

Costa Coffee has 2,389 cafes throughout the UK.

Around 33,500 private rented properties in the city need a licence to ensure their properties are meeting the criteria set by the City Council. The fee is set to rise from £480 to £670 (accredited) and from £780 to £890 (non-accredited) in March 2020. The Council said the value of the scheme is estimated at £24.2 million. At the beginning of December, nearly 18 months after its introduction, the City Council's Selective Licensing Scheme had generated a surplus of £4.7 million, whilst only 23% of the city's private rented properties had been issued with draft/full licences.

Currently, more than £16 billion is lent to about one million students in England each year. The value of outstanding loans is £121 billion.

Voluntary and community groups across Nottinghamshire can now apply for the latest round of grants (£1.4 million worth of funding) as part of *The Local Improvement Scheme*.

Buckingham Group has been chosen to deliver Nottingham Forest FC's £100 million stadium redevelopment.

A third of men aged 20-34 still live with their parents, compared to just one in five women.

Change is happening so rapidly it is said that 65% of today's school children will end up in jobs that haven't even been invented yet.

BSP Holdings has submitted a planning application for the redevelopment of the former Gala Bingo site on St Ann's Well Road to create a landmark residential/student accommodation scheme at the site.

Two-thirds of men aged between 25 - 35 have said they placed bets in the last year.

Video game developer *Sumo Group*, which has a studio at Castle Marina, has agreed to sell 15 million shares in its Perwyn Bidco business to Chinese internet giant Tencent Holdings. Tencent is the world's largest game developer and publisher by revenue.

In the last year mental health accounted for 12.4% of days lost at work (17.5 million days).

About 20% of women are childless by the age of 45. This has doubled in a generation, official figures have revealed.

The proposed future of the Cattle Market site is included in the City Council's masterplan for the city over the next eight years. Land has also been set aside for a new tram line, either to the south or north of Meadow Lane, which would then head east towards Gedling borough.

The former Peppers hairdressing salon in Trinity Square is to be an indie restaurant and takeaway - Rikshaw Urban Indian Kitchen.

All paid-for circulation UK national newspapers saw a fall in sales in December 2019, according to the latest ABC figures. The Sun -13%; Daily Mail - 7%; Daily Star -15% and Daily Mirror - 12%. The average daily circulation for the Sun was 1,215,852 copies. On his retirement Lionel Barber, editor of the Financial Times, said that the arrival of the smartphone had "*changed everybody's lives, including how the media works*". But he warned there would be "*more disruption to come*" with the rise of machine learning and artificial intelligence.



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