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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.....

The Office for National Statistics in its latest report tells us that there is a record number of people in full time work (20.7m); youth unemployment has halved since 2010; self employed people are at a level never seen before and three quarters of 'new' jobs were taken by women in the last 12 months.

Work has started improving the arrivals area at East Midlands Airport. It is doubling the size of its immigration hall to try and improve the experience for travellers. Around 4.9 million passengers use the arrivals hall each year.

EE has switched on 5G in Nottingham for the first time, with sites in Clifton and Kimberley going live last month.

Nottingham Post editor Mike Sassi has left after six years in charge. He will be replaced by Natalie Fahy, who has spent the past seven years as digital editor at the Post's website Nottinghamshire Live. The publisher of Nottinghamshire Live has also announced an expansion of its digital team which will see new jobs based in Nottingham. *Reach Plc*, which also owns brands including the Daily Mirror and the Daily Express, is now recruiting new journalists to be based in the Nottinghamshire Live office.

The latest analysis from the Office for National Statistics shows that 39.9 million overseas trips were made to the UK in 2018. Of these 233,000 visited Nottingham for at least one night.

This year a new \$77 million warehouse will open at the SEGRO East Midlands Gateway near Castle Donington. THE DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION CENTRE OF THE FUTURE will start handling goods made by food and drink company Nestle.

The Nottingham Belfry Hotel has rebranded as *Delta Hotels by Marriott*. This follows a £1.5 million refurbishment.

According to new research by GKRE there is a record lack of office space in Nottingham city centre and this is likely to lead to rising prime rents. The shortage of *Grade A* stock in Nottingham has been caused by the highest ever take up of offices in recent years, on the back of several significant regeneration and commercial projects. As a result, office supply in Nottingham is now at an all-time low of 897,000 sq ft, and prime rents are expected to rise from £20 per square foot to £25 per square foot by the end of 2020. The GKRE report also suggests that flexible workspace prices in Nottingham are also expected to rise over the next 12-24 months.

***Nottingham Business School* has been ranked in the top 100 globally in the Financial Times 2019 Masters in Management rankings - for the third year in a row! The Financial Times ranking for business schools is one of the most highly acknowledged and widely cited authority on quality and performance of institutions globally.**

The City Council has expanded its already extensive commercial portfolio by buying Thomas Bow Limited, a Nottingham-based road construction and repair company.

Daily freight train journeys begin on 6th January to East Midlands Gateway, near East Midlands Airport, with two arrivals from the Port of Felixstowe every day. As the operation expands, the terminal will be able to accommodate 16 freight trains as long as 775 metres each per day, from ports including London Gateway and the Channel Tunnel as well as Southampton and Felixstowe. The terminal also has the capacity to store more than 5,000 containers, which is equal to around 45,000 pallets of cargo.

Taking selfies is more popular than ever, with the average person in the UK now snapping more than 450 such photos each year, according to new research.

Investors tracking house price growth across the UK are heading to Nottingham and the East Midlands as they continue to outperform the UK average.

The City Council says that there is a perception that all new developments in Nottingham are for students *"but actually it only accounts for 6% of all accommodation in the city. Currently evidence suggests that we need more student bedrooms to meet the needs of both universities"*.

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 15th January 2020

Noon - 1.30pm

– our host is **ACAS East Midlands** at their offices in Apex Court, City Link (NG2 4LA)
– on the BBC Island, London Road

'THE DIFFERENTIATING FACTOR'

Shopping and leisure destinations have to offer customers compelling experiences. Here in Nottingham city centre **intu** are leading the way with intu Victoria Centre and the redevelopment of intu Broadmarsh, which is part of a £86 million transformation project. **Nigel Wheatley**, Centre Director, Nottingham, will give us an **INSIGHT** into the world of these two retail and leisure destinations.

A buffet lunch is provided.

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

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE

The *"UK's greenest towns and cities"* report by Compare the Market has revealed that Nottingham has the cleanest city air in the country.

The new Chief Executive of the *Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham* will be Martin Cooper who has worked with The Conservation Volunteers for five years and is currently their Finance Director and Company Secretary. Martin is a qualified Chartered Accountant and Tax Advisor. He will take up the role of Chief Executive in March next year.

Thirteen of the 64 children's homes in Nottinghamshire are run by councils. The rest are run by the private and voluntary sectors.

Over the next eight years the number of Nottinghamshire people aged over 80 will rise by 32% to over 50,000.

The latest available figures show that there were 24,566 motorists caught speeding by the police in Nottinghamshire in the year to April 2019. An average of a £100 fine for each brings in £2,456,660 of income.

WHAT A DECADE JUST GONE - **2010** - GPS Goes Mainstream -The first iPad came out; **2011**- Mobile internet use reached 50% in the UK; **2012** - Tinder, Netflix and Uber were launched; **2013** - People took endless "selfies" for Instagram, Apple introduced fingerprint scanning on iPhones; **2014** - Amazon launched its first ever Smartphone- the Fire Phone; **2015** - One billion people logged on to Facebook in a single day; **2016** - The world went crazy over Pokémon Go, Music streaming services such as SoundCloud, Spotify and Apple Music became the preferred music delivery systems. Amazon Echo launched in UK, IBM provided the public access to the first quantum computer in the Cloud; **2017**- Computers are beginning to recognise images better than humans; **2018** - Machine-learning tools based in the Cloud are bringing Artificial Intelligence to a far broader audience; **2019** - The 'Internet of Things' brings about new technologies to create smart homes and cities.

Every year *Openreach* experiences a 40% increase in data passing through its network. They are building a new full fibre broadband network and recent research shows that making it available to everyone in the East Midlands by 2025 would give a £3.5 billion boost to the region's economy.

According to NHS figures only 27.5% of family doctors are practicing full time in surgeries, defined as at least 37.5 hours per week.

Working in partnership the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University is to transform the way they work together to deliver civic good. Launching in early 2020, they will be the first universities in the UK to undertake a combined economic, social and cultural impact assessment. This will become the foundation of a "*Universities for Nottingham Civic Agreement*" with local partners, focused on driving transformative change for the people and place of Nottingham.

Plans to build a huge 702-bed student accommodation scheme in the city have been approved. *Cassidy Group* will build the student scheme on Deakins Place Road near to The University of Nottingham's Jubilee Campus.

Matthew Lymn Rose, managing director of the family run *AW Lymn* funeral service has been presented with the Midlands Next Generation Family Leader Award.

The Telegraph now has more paying subscribers online than in print for the first time in its 164-year history. The newspaper revealed it has passed the milestone as it reached 420,000 paying subscribers.

India is now the country's most common non-UK country of birth, the first time since 2015 that Poland has not been the most common.

A developing sector - Over 4,000 designers, engineers, innovators and manufacturers from all areas of the medical engineering and manufacturing community will attend the *Med-Tech Innovation Expo 2020* on 1st and 2nd April.

The latest data from *Nottingham Trent University* indicates that 2,212 students who graduated in the two year period 2015/17 went to work with an organisation with an NG postcode. 1,570 were graduate roles. In the same period there were 3,092 graduates of the University of Nottingham who worked for a business with an NG postcode

A new Customer Hub will open at the City Council's Loxley House on Station Street this month. The *Nottingham Revenues and Benefits Service* will move in to a redeveloped ground floor area to join *Jobcentre Plus* and *Nottingham Futures*.

In 2019 one new equity release product was launched every two days. There are now more than 300 plans on the market compared with 73 three years ago.

The fastest growing currency in households is time. Most of this millennium's breakthrough businesses have harnessed a convenience that was previously missing from everyday life - Google, Netflix, Spotify, Apple, Uber, Airbnb and Amazon.

East Midlands Railway has outlined proposals for Nottingham train passengers to have more available seats, less crowding and quicker, more reliable journeys to London by the end of 2020. This is because of a £1.5 billion investment in the Midlands Mainline.

A Nottingham City Transport bus driver has been named the nation's best. *Jatinder Kumar* was crowned the Top National Driver 2019 at the UK Bus Awards.

More than 3,000 people are reported to Nottinghamshire Police's 14 strong missing person's team every year. Sixty percent of them are children and five percent are over 65.

The Axis building that was once a CoOp department store on Parliament Street has been sold to a Jersey-based investor. The building includes a mix of office, retail, leisure and residential space, along with 193 car parking spaces. Occupiers include The Driving Standards Agency and London Clubs International Plc, trading as Alea Casino.

Wellbeing in the Workplace Workshop - Wednesday's between 5th February and 25th March. 7.15am to 8.30am – the course is free (and includes breakfast) for all who work within and around the Lace Market. Venue: St Mary's in the Lace Market. Take time out to focus on yourself.

Following on from the increases of street parking charges in the city centre the Council is now to increase the Workplace Parking Levy for the next charge period to £424.

If Ofcom agrees, Sky Local News will challenge the BBC's and ITV's dominance of local television news.

Around 80% of new Mercedes cars are sold on finance plans and the company dominates the car leasing market.

In the 1970s 95% of households had a daily pint of milk delivered to their doorsteps. Today it is only 3% but demand has jumped up by a quarter in the past 12 months.

Following the 725th Goose Fair opening and dinner in October, four local citizens - George Akins, Dalton Stephens, David Stewart and Phyllis Brackenbury – were presented with a Nottingham Award recognising their contribution to the City. This year's Goose Fair event attracted over 421,000 people, an increase of 60,000 people on 2018.

Pub owners, Greene King, are launching a *No One Alone* campaign. Their pledge is to provide community events and opportunities to meet new people in their pubs. They are teaming up with *MeetUp* for this venture and details of lots of social activities in Nottingham can be found at www.meetup.com.

T-Shirts used as mobile phones sounds like the stuff of science fiction. But a research project led by Nottingham Trent University could turn such future-gazing tech into reality. The university's *Advanced Textiles Research Group* has been given £1.3 million to advance the technology that will pave the way towards the world's first wearable computer.

