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## Interesting to Know.....

In the four weeks of 'Eat Out - Help Out' discount scheme more than 64 million meals have been consumed. Restaurants are also only being charged 5% VAT on sales rather than 20%.

**Figures published last week by the Office for National Statistics showed the number of people on UK payrolls in July 2020 fell by 730,000 compared with March 2020. The UK unemployment rate of 3.9%, however, is largely unchanged on the previous year and quarter as 7.5 million people were furloughed in June.**

The County Council is looking to provide a park and ride facility on land west of the A60/A614 roundabout with access taken from this junction.

**Birds Bakery is a family chain that was founded over 100 years ago and now has over 60 outlets across the Midlands.**

Online auction house John Pye Auctions, whose head office is in Nottingham, has recorded its highest auction figures in its 52-year history, with a 79% sales increase compared to pre-lockdown, after handling some of the biggest cases in the fall out from Covid-19.

**The Outbreak Control Cell meets daily to keep a close watch on what is happening across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire with regards to the Coronavirus. The Cell considers the latest data and intelligence to identify and investigate any hotspots and determine action to be taken accordingly. Nottingham City Council's Director of Public Health is Alison Challenger. For Nottinghamshire it is Jonathan Gribbin.**

Britons are spending £46 a month on subscriptions as entertainment and delivery services boom in lockdown. On average each household has seven subscription services.

**Walkers, cyclists and runners will all soon benefit from the new foot-cycle bridge to be built within the next 3-4 years across the River Trent on the east side of the city area. It will provide a link to several major leisure destinations on both banks.**

Retail is the largest private-sector employer in the UK providing work to three million people - the majority being female – who work part-time.

**A group of creative industry professionals are behind the efforts to turn 1 Fishergate Point on Lower Parliament Street in the city centre into a new facility aimed at the digital arts sector.**

The *Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency* driving test booking service had almost seven million visitors in 12 hours when it reopened after several months of suspension due to the Coronavirus lockdown.

**Logistics firm *Baxter Freight* has completed a 15,000 sq ft expansion and refurbishment of its Nottingham office. The move means the entire *Baxter Freight* team, consisting of 80 employees, can now gradually return to work with an abundance of extra space to accommodate for new social distancing measures. *Baxter Freight* has ambitious growth plans to reach 150 members of staff and a turnover of £30 million in the coming years.**

The requirement to wear face masks has led to a spike in sales of anything to do with eye make-up. *Primark* has sold 800,000 sets of false eye lashes since it reopened.

**Developers have acquired a number of key buildings in the city's Southside area. *Peeveril Securities* and *Sladen Estates*, the team behind the landmark Unity Square, now have sites that include Albion House in Greyfriar Gate, and Hanson House and Midland Scooter Centre in Collin Street.**

Over the last few years the switch to on-line shopping has led to the creation of 40,000 jobs. Most were for delivery drivers, warehousing and logistics, taken up by men. Tesco is taking on 16,000 more staff to help cope with the growth of online shopping.

**The tourism and hospitality sector in Nottinghamshire supported 22,000 jobs.**

The UK Business Counts Survey shows that Nottingham has 9,285 businesses.

**There are plans for the pedestrianisation of one lane of Trent Bridge. One lane of the bridge - heading in to the city - will be closed to traffic in a bid to encourage cycling.**

For only the ninth time in its 729 year history Goose Fair 2020 has been cancelled.

**The Broadmarsh Centre walkway which provides a key route into the city has reopened again.**

Commercial property consultancy *Innes England* has won the contract to manage the award-winning 45-acre ng2 - one of Nottingham's premier business parks.

**NOTTINGHAM WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY *INSIGHT* MEETINGS are cancelled until further notice. The programme will be reactivated at the appropriate time**

***Amazon* has announced plans to create 1,000 permanent jobs at a new fulfillment centre in Sutton-in-Ashfield as part of its expansion in the East Midlands. The online retail multinational will begin recruiting later this month.**

Three out of four over 55's are now shopping on-line for food.

***Stobart Air* has announced it will offer three daily return flights from East Midlands Airport to Belfast from 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

Part of Nottingham College, Adams, the gourmet restaurant, will relaunch at the new £58 million City Hub campus in Canal Street. Having left the Adams Building, it will be renamed *Fletcher's Restaurant* when it opens in January 2021.

**Nottingham leisure and restaurant business, *Fletcher Gate Industries*, has secured its seventh Nottingham venue - *Magic Garden* - in the former Jamie's Italian on Low Pavement.**

Pet food firm *Dogmates* is set to bring 500 jobs to North Nottinghamshire after signing a deal to move into a 150,000 sq ft unit.

**There has been a surge of demand for space from parcel delivery firms, traditional retailers and data centres. This has meant warehouse owner Segro's first half profits rose by 6.5%. The value of their warehouses and other properties is £11.2 billion. Locally they have warehouses at East Midlands Gateway near the airport.**

Nottingham-based business *Be Your Best Version* has launched a new service supporting businesses to minimise anxiety and boost the well-being and performance of their staff as they return to the workplace.

**Acor, who have 265 hotels in the UK , are offering to rent out rooms to homeworkers who are finding it difficult to work from home but cannot yet return to their offices. This service is becoming a competitive market.**

New city offices space on five floors of a building called *Fenchurch House* in King Street, and above Zizzi, is seen as a positive vote towards the "new normal" with co-working and hot desking. The offices will open in September and as part of the membership fee, workers will have access to printers, scanners and photocopying machines.

**An Office for National Statistics survey found that more than half of the addresses on British high streets are, in fact, residential.**

*The world is in the middle of the fourth industrial revolution. History illustrates that in the long run, industrial revolutions make nations wealthier, but in the short run they make individuals or sections of society poorer. For some that short run can last a lifetime.*

**Nottingham-based utilities provider to businesses Yü Group has bought the business to business customer book of Bristol Energy in a deal worth up to £2.3 million. The deal will see around 4,000 meter points go to Yü Group's current meter portfolio of 9,800.**

Circulation of Metro, the free daily which targets commuters travelling into cities around the UK remains more than 1 million copies below its circulation of a year earlier.

**Even after announced redundancies, Marks and Spencer will still have about 48,000 shop-based staff.**

TSB has started closing its over-the-counter services at 2pm in a pilot scheme being trialed in 14 branches. Staff has been told to focus on giving advice in the afternoon, rather than performing cash transactions. TSB has a management slogan '*Moving in the right way, at the right time, from transaction to interaction*'.

**More than 100 jobs will be created after a long-awaited Sainsbury's was finally given the go-ahead to be built off the Colwick Loop Road. The proposals, includes an Argos and petrol station.**

The rapidly expanding *Food Warehouse* by Iceland Food is to open at Lady Bay Retail Park. The £850,000 project will create 30 jobs.

**Nottingham Central Library will not re-open at its current location on Angel Row following the COVID-19 lockdown. The delivery of the new Central Library remains a key priority for the Council.**

*Glendine Properties* has been given the green light to turn a block of vacant offices on Wheeler Gate into 23 flats.

**The long leasehold of Apex Court on City Link Road in the Island Business Quarter has been sold to Singapore-based private equity firm Elite Partners Capital for £7.6 million. It is currently let in full to The Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government, generating an annual rental income of £595,712.**

A call has been made to create a tax-free port near East Midlands Airport. Under the plans the zone - possibly one of 10 around the UK - would be treated as an independent jurisdiction for customs purposes. It would see no tariffs, import VAT or excise paid on goods from overseas unless they leave the Freeport and enter the UK's domestic market.

**The Nottingham Board for Culture and Creativity is aiming to harness the power of culture, creativity, the arts, music and sport on a decade long mission to revitalise Nottingham and the creative sector. It will deliver this through a body of work known as *The Nottingham Project*.**

Audit and consulting business PcW are preparing for up to 60% of their staff to work flexibly on a permanent basis. By flexible they mean sometime at home and sometime in an office.

**More than 100 years ago (February 1918) a cataclysmic flu pandemic swept across the globe. Some 6,000 people succumbed to the virus in Nottingham alone in a single month. In November a second and most fatal wave struck. The Victoria Baths swimming pool was drained and turned into a temporary mortuary. Horse racing and other outdoor events carried on. In March 1919, the third wave of influenza hit. Catharine Arnold of Sherwood has written the book *Pandemic 1918*.**

The *Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club* says it has emerged from lockdown stronger than ever following a major investment in its facilities.

**John of Arderne was born in Nottingham in 1307. He was a surgeon, and one of the first of his time to devise some workable cures. He is considered one of the fathers of surgery, described by some as England's first surgeon. Many of his treatments are still in use today.**

Nottingham's only roller skating rink in Lenton is now back in business following closure due to the lockdown.

**After four months of online only printing *Left Lion* has returned to the streets of Nottingham with its print edition.**

Despite Covid-19 the transformation of *Nottingham Castle* has continued and is still on track to be completed by the end of the year with a view of welcoming visitors in early 2021.

**A new company has taken control of the intu Victoria Centre in Nottingham. Intu SGS has landed £30m of investment to take control of the shopping centre along with intu Watford, Lakeside and Braehead in Glasgow. Intu SGS is looking to take full control of the four centres and is likely succeed later this year.**

*ENSEK*, the software supplier to UK energy providers based on Canal Street, has bought *NrgFin*, a Benelux-based consultancy and data analytics company. This deal brings a well-established Benelux footprint to *ENSEK*. London & Scottish Property Investment Management, asset manager on behalf of Regional REIT is revamping 30-34 Hounds Gate to provide new offices for *ENSEK* which is expanding its operations in the city.

**The *Thea Caffea*, premises at Enfield Chambers, off Low Pavement is set to come back to life. New owners say that as well as operating as a tea room, the plan is to open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings as a wine bar with events and live music, including jazz and classical.**

The Nottingham City Transport depot (listed grade II) in the Meadows was built in 1901 over the Town Football Ground, home to Nottingham Forest FC for eight seasons and the first ground to have crossbars and football nets.

**The Starbucks site on QueensDrive which extends to 0.6 acres has been sold in a forward funding investment transaction. The site is let on a 20 year unbroken lease at a commencing rent of £115,000 pax. Property agents FHP says "*despite the Pandemic the drive through asset class is continuing to fare well in terms of operator's trade and investor appetite.*"**