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Interesting to Know.....

The Nottingham Business Improvement District (BID) has launched its business plan outlining how it will continue to deliver support and success for businesses in Nottingham for the period of 2021-2025. It focuses on four key strategic areas – those being 'Promoted City', 'Managed City', 'Working City' and 'Independent City'.

Nottingham City Transport has launched Pay As You Go Contactless travel for adults.

Frontline Recruitment is set to up skill over 100 people as the demand for specialist fork lift truck drivers booms and they are highly sought.

Electric cars account for just 4.7% of all new car sales in the first seven months of this year.

The fast-growing law firm *Knights* is seeing an "encouraging recovery" from the impact of Covid-19, with new business levels now only 10% below pre-pandemic levels. The firm has said it "expects this ongoing improvement to continue over the remainder of the year".

Notts TV has appointed the former Nottingham Post editor Mike Sassi to its board of directors.

Minster Developments wants to build a major multi-storey car park on the site of the former Bell Fruit Games site in Leen Gate in the suburb of Lenton, close to both a University of Nottingham campus and the Queen's Medical Centre. The facility would hold 1,500 vehicles.

Nottingham's oldest cinema is the *The Savoy* in Derby Road, Lenton, The art deco cinema opened in 1935 with just one screen and a balcony.

Tenants will soon move into an iconic old waterside hotel near Nottingham Railway Station. More than a dozen apartments are nearing completion in the former Gresham Hotel, Carrington Street.

***Influence*, who are landscape architects, say they will create new jobs over the next 12 months after demand for its services has boomed during the Covid-19 pandemic. The company which has offices in London and Nottinghamshire, has seen a 20% increase in live projects compared with the same period last year.**

The Environment Agency says there were over 100,000 new fishing rod license applications during lockdown. Around 760,000 people fish in England and Wales.

***Ideagen*, the Ruddington-based software firm has increased its revenues by 21% to £56.6m.**

Retailers have signed up for nearly all the new units at Nottingham's new multi-million-pound Broadmarsh Car Park and Bus Station. Property consultants FHP, who are acting on behalf of the City Council, said a mixture of independent, regional and national operators are set to open.

Newark's latest hotel development on Lombard Street is being built on the site of the former Robin Hood Hotel which was derelict until last year before £6.6 million began to be invested in the location. *The Travelodge* - which will create 70 local jobs - is due to open in February 2021.The third generation Lenton -based company, *Butt Foods*, which is celebrating 30 years in the

bakery business this year, has said that the Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated the company's plans to diversify into retail and it has now announced a raft of retail listings in the UK and Europe with its brand, *Baked Earth*.

A total of more than £800,000 is being spent on refurbishing the Lace Market Car Park which dates back to the 1960s.

Work can now begin to turn a key site in Newark into a community and activity village thanks to a multi-million-pound investment by D2N2. They will contribute £2.2 million from its Local Growth Fund allocation towards the £12.5 million project overseen by the *YMCA* creating up to 137 jobs, supporting the education of up to 1200 learners and 38 Apprentices. The village is the first of its kind, and once constructed, will provide a community space that offers opportunities to everyone, increasing social mobility and empowering young people and families. Work is due to begin on-site this month.

A new £21 million *Asda* superstore is set to open in the north of the county in Worksop this month.

Builders have transformed the former Habitat store near Old Market Square into a new *KFC* restaurant. The building is Grade II listed.

St Mary's in the Lace Market

How to be Resilient in a World of Change

Invitation to a Resilience Taster Session by Dr Debbie Hawker

Wednesday 14th October 2020, 12.30-2.30pm

How can we remain resilient in a world of lockdown and social distancing, cancelled plans and uncertainty? How can we help others to stay resilient despite disappointments and isolation? In this session we will consider physical, emotional, creative, spiritual and social aspects of resilience, with practical tips about steps we can take day by day to build resilience – even during a pandemic.

Debbie Hawker is a clinical psychologist. She and her husband support cross-cultural workers around the world. Debbie has served in over 30 countries, including several war zones. She has learned about resilience through observing how people thrive in difficult environments, as well as through research, and by being a parent! Debbie is the author of eight books, including "Resilience in life and faith" (BRF, 2019, co-authored with Tony Horsfall). She conducted psychological research at Oxford University Psychiatry Department for nine years before moving to Nottinghamshire.

To book a free place, or for details of livestreaming, please contact Di Illsley at dillsley@stmarynotts.org Telephone: 0115 9582105

Prime Group, a Nottinghamshire-based print firm has merged with two counterparts in a move that has created a multi-million pound operation. Major investment in equipment means the new organisation will have 15 digital presses, four litho presses, high speed inkjet, large format, laser cutting and a range of specialist finishing lines.

The City Council is to use £94 million of reserves in an effort to balance the books.

The site of the old Carlton Police Station, just three miles east of Nottingham city centre, is now being used by property agents *Base Lettings*. They are also looking to increase their workforce this year.

The number of rooms in accommodation has been collected since the 1891 Census and a question on the number of bedrooms was only introduced in 2011.

A super council plan for Nottinghamshire is now in the hands of Government despite concerns. The scheme, put forward by the Conservative-controlled County Council, would see all the councils outside the city scrapped, and replaced with one super council, representing around 828,000 people.

Carrington Street began life as early as 1829 when it was built over swamp land between Lister Gate and the River Leen.

Another large housing estate will be built in Calverton after a 350-home project was given the green light.

Nottingham based *Games Workshop* shares have soared as it has beaten sales forecasts yet again. For the three months to August they increased by £12 million. They are considered to be a 'winner' on the stock market.

Currently there are 100 on-street pay and display parking machines in the city which are at the end of life. They only take cash and card payments and need to be replaced. There is a proposal to refurbish 50 of these machines and convert them to contactless card payments only moving towards a predominantly cashless parking operation.

In 2012, around 70,000 driving tests took place in automatic cars, compared with over 185,000 last year.

Nottingham Trent University has been granted planning permission to build a new 34,000 sq ft Clinical Skills Centre at its Clifton campus. One entire floor will be dedicated to simulated healthcare environments including hospital wards, consultation and counselling rooms, and even a flat for home and emergency care scenarios.

Homewares giant *Dunelm* has reported strong sales for the last few months.

Reach plc has announced that Natalie Fahy, editor of the *Nottingham Post and Nottinghamshire Live*, will also be the editor of the *Derby Telegraph/Derbyshire Live* and the *Lincolnshire Echo/Lincolnshire Live*. *Reach plc* is the largest commercial national and regional news publisher in the UK,

Nottingham-based creative agency *The Dairy* has won a hat-trick of new clients. Managing director at *The Dairy*, Nigel Rowlson, said "We adapted to lockdown very quickly.... maintaining our high standards and dedicated levels of service. We've certainly seen a spike in enquiries since mid-June".

The CofE diocese of Southwell & Nottingham has 320 churches.

***East Midlands Airport* cargo figures show strong growth due to increased demand of pure cargo flights. Key operators added additional services to fly essential goods to the UK and adapted to the shifting consumer preference of online shopping as well as the new way air freight has been managed during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

A former Harvester pub building near the Castle Marina retail park is set to be turned into a gym. It is part of *Wellcomm Health and Fitness* strategy to roll out the *Orangetheory Fitness* brand. Their first studio opened in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 2010.

Motorist pay full duty tax equivalent to 64.55% of the price of petrol and 60.8% for diesel so 71p of £1.10 litre paid for petrol goes to the taxman.

The City Council has said they will no longer be selling the site of the former Central Library on Angel Row to Henry Boots Developments because of "changes in economic context". The site is to be put on the open market for sale.

Poundland has opened a second store in Bulwell.

A plan by Network Rail to electrify almost the entire Midlands rail network has been announced. Rail Partners say "This welcome announcement could unleash a rail revolution in the Midlands not seen in a hundred years".

The Nottingham Assembly Rooms that is now a part of Marks & Spencer on Low Pavement, had a much grander history as a public venue which saw performances by Franz Liszt and Johann Strauss the elder. The rooms were also used by the gentry of the city for dances and playing cards. The original building dated from the 18th Century but now the majestic frontage with its four Corinthian columns is all that is left.

Following an investment of £420,000 the former Maplin shop on Lower Parliament Street is now the *Saracens Cafe* complete with 200-capacity dining area, outdoor roof terrace and prayer room.

***Experian*, the Nottingham-based information services company, has revised its second quarter revenue expectations upwards after a strong period of trading in July and August. The firm had originally thought revenue growth for the three months would be flat; however this has now been upgraded to +3% or +5%, helped by further strength in the US mortgage market.**

The offices above the Exchange Arcade in the Council House building are set to be put up for sale. The council says it expects to make more than £1 million from the sale of the 30,000 square foot space.

A Nottingham businessman is championing the regeneration of Lister Gate by opening a *Rossi Clothing Company* store under the banner of 'The Sports Warehouse'. Julian Marzano is confident that, if business people like him commit to reopening vacant shop units in the vicinity of the Broadmarsh Centre it could help build a brighter future for people in the south of the city.

In the run-up to reopening their doors to the public in Spring next year, *Nottingham Castle* has unveiled a new brand image by releasing a video that plays on how local people pronounce 'No'ingham' without enunciating the two t's. The new logo makes a feature of the two t's in Nottingham and the rebrand also features a fresh green colour. Watch the promo video for the castle's rebrand through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uf1zVMUddw&feature=youtu.be>

The first fully-electric hackney taxi has been handed over to Nottingham cabbie. The Dynamo taxi is the first fully-electric cab in use outside London and has a range of 170 miles from each charge.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the *Nottingham Night Shelter* moved into a hotel on 27th March in response to the Government's 'Everybody In' initiative. Since the lockdown, the shelter has enabled 4,255 nights' protection for a total of 164 guests and rough sleepers, providing them with shelter, food, support and en-suite facilities.

Two 'stunning' new waterside restaurants planned for Nottingham's Island Quarter are set to open by Christmas 2021.

Nottingham's two universities have signed a new 'civic agreement' which aims to help the city create new businesses and generate more than 1,000 new jobs. The agreement includes city and county councils, hospitals and the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

Nottingham is to become one of 13 regional HMRC hubs and the development next to Nottingham railway station will house staff currently working across the East Midlands.

