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## Marathon Effort Raises Thousands for Charity

Specialist sports socks made in Nottinghamshire helped to keep their creator's feet blister-free as he completed a gruelling 'six marathons in six days' challenge for charity.

Ben Lowe, account manager at sock manufacturer SockMine, and his friends Jason Easy and Katie Bell, who both work for the BBC, have so far raised £14,040 for charity during the challenge, which culminated at the London Marathon at the end last month. The trio raised the cash for the Light Fund, the licensing industry's fundraising body, which raises cash for charities including the Children's Trust, Challenge Africa, the Orchid Cancer Appeal, and the New Life special care babies' charity.

They started their trek on Tuesday 18th April, when they ran the equivalent of five marathon distances – 131 miles – along the Grand Union Canal, which links Birmingham to London.

On the final day, they took part in the 2017 London Marathon, with Ben and Katie completing the course in just over five hours, and Jason managing three hours and 42 minutes.

By the end of the challenge, each had covered more than 157 miles, 470 miles as a team.

Ben, 26, from Nottingham, said: "It feels incredible to have achieved this feat and to have raised so much for charity in the process."

"I'd like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the challenge, especially all those who were generous with their donations."

*"It feels incredible to have achieved this feat"*

## COUNCIL WINS PRESTIGIOUS HOUSING AWARD

Last week Nottingham City Council were named Outstanding Strategic Local Authority of the Year at The UK Housing Awards.

The awards, organised by the Chartered Institute of Housing and Inside Housing, recognise the ingenuity, creativity, passion and hard work of housing organisations across the UK.

The judging panel considers the strategic role of councils as crucial in delivering housing that can make a real difference to local areas. The Outstanding Strategic Local Authority of the Year category focused on the contribution councils make to delivering affordable homes in their area, and their wider approach to tackling housing issues such as homelessness and housing conditions.

The City Council's submission focused on how working in partnership with housing associations, the health sector,

voluntary and private sector organisations has helped provide high quality housing for Nottingham's people. The City Council's strategic housing team leads the work and delivery is through a large range of partners, including Nottingham City Homes and organisations such as Framework.

Councillor Jane Urquhart, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing at Nottingham City Council, said: "The UK Housing Awards are some of the most prestigious in the industry and so we are delighted and very proud to have been named as 'Outstanding Strategic Local Authority of the Year.'

"This award recognises the hard work and dedication of the team, who have worked closely with our partners to provide leadership and to drive forward a committed approach to meeting our local housing needs. "Housing is vital to the overall

wellbeing of our citizens and this award is great recognition of the work we do to help change and improve people's lives."

The city aims to build 2,500 quality homes affordable for Nottingham people to rent or buy by 2019 and encourages well designed, good quality and affordable house building throughout Nottingham. The city also has an Additional Licencing Scheme for HMOs and is currently consulting on a Selective Licencing Scheme to help improve the standard of homes in the private rented sector, so that residents have access to a high standard of accommodation, whether renting or buying, which helps to create communities where people want to live.

The City Council's entry was one of over 400 across 14 categories at the awards, which took place at the Lancaster London Hotel on Wednesday 26 April.

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## Nottingham Schools Making Progress

Pupils, parents, teachers and staff have been praised for the improvements made in Nottingham schools. Councillor Sam Webster, Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills at Nottingham City Council, has acknowledged the combined efforts, which have seen the city begin to move up league tables for attendance and the number of Ofsted-rated 'good' or 'outstanding' schools. However, Councillor Webster has reiterated that the hard work doesn't stop there – the next challenge is to improve the city's GCSE results and to reduce the number of permanent exclusions. New figures show that 83% of schools in Nottingham are now rated by national regulator Ofsted as either good or outstanding – an increase of 3% on last year and a climb of 16 places up the national league table. This figure was 72% in December 2013.

### Latest successes include:

- Walter Halls Primary and Early Years School - rated good (up from 'requires improvement')
- Glenbrook Primary and Nursery School rated good (new inspection)
- The Bluecoat Beechdale Academy rated good (new inspection)

On overall attendance for all schools, the city sat 143th out of 152 authorities in 2014, but a major push to encourage more pupils into class – while issuing fines at the request of schools to the parents of persistently-absent children – has seen Nottingham climb more than 20 places to 120th. Figures show that 4.8% of pupils were absent from schools and academies in the city last year, which has come down from 7.2% in 2009/10 and at a time when absence is not reducing nationally. The gap between Nottingham and the national position for overall absence is now the smallest it has been for at least seven years. Councillor Webster said: "I'm really proud of the hard work and commitment shown not only by our teachers and school staff, but also parents, carers and pupils too. The Council's message about the importance of children being in school every day is clearly getting through and the City will reap the benefits through increased attainment in the years to come."

## Donations Expand Services for Newark Hospital



Neurology treatments at Newark Hospital have been expanded thanks to the generous donations of the Friends of Newark Hospital. Donations amounting to £1,115 from the Friends have enabled the department to purchase a double neurology couch, which will allow therapists to offer a greater range of treatments including using it as a plinth for gym situations and physiotherapy exercises. The wider couch can be lowered to the floor and allows for the patient and therapist to be on the plinth at the same time, which will mean a great-

er range of treatments will be offered due to the space and stability that the wider couch allows. Assistant Therapy Practitioner, Emma-Jayne Webster said: "The couch will make a real difference to the service that we offer. It's a brilliant addition to have and it will really benefit our patients by assisting them to carry out different exercises. As the couch is a double couch, it allows both the therapist and the patient to be on the plinth at the same time, which really helps when you are doing certain exercises, as it means we can support

our patients and allow them to do more assisted therapy." The Friends of Newark Hospital has also donated £391 to buy a skeleton which can be used by therapists to help patients better understand their conditions and look after their joints. Emma-Jayne added: "The skeleton is a fantastic piece of equipment and will help us to give a much more hands-on approach when teaching patients about how to look after themselves when they are at home. I'm really looking forward to using it with my patients."

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## The University of Nottingham in Top 20 Universities in the UK

The University of Nottingham is in the top 20 universities nationally according to TheCompleteUniversityGuide.co.uk's 2018 rankings, published last month.

Following its jump of four places last year, Nottingham has risen by three to rank 18th, second place in the East Midlands region.

The University recently celebrated being ranked in the top 20 for the Times Good University Guide as well as being named best in the UK for graduate employment according to the 2017 The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide.

Dr Paul Greatrix, Registrar at The University of Nottingham, said: "We have long been recognised as one of the world's top universities for the quality of our teaching and

research.

"We believe we offer an excellent experience both academically and outside of studies. This coupled with our strength in graduate employment provides a strong offering for students so I am delighted that we have performed so well in this league table."

The Complete University Guide league table takes into account nine measures; student satisfaction, research quality, research intensity, student: staff ratio, spending on academic services, spending on student facilities, good honours degrees, graduate prospects and completion.

Dr Bernard Kingston, Chairman of TheCompleteUniversityGuide.co.uk, said: "This year there is a considerable degree of stability at

the upper end of the league table, as in the past. This stability, while it may not attract the headlines, demonstrates that the rankings fulfil our principal objective – to provide credible and freely accessible information for individuals seeking a university place.

"The Government has said that applicants need access to robust, timely and objective information, based on criteria that are straightforward and easily understood.

"We believe that TheCompleteUniversityGuide.co.uk meets these criteria and more and we intend that this will remain the case for the next decade – and beyond. Indeed, we use the same three metrics which the Government plans to include in its much-heralded Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)."

## Hospital Trust in Top Spot

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been shortlisted in the best safety improvement team category at the 2017 Patient Safety Awards.

The national awards recognise outstanding improvements in patient safety practice within the NHS and independent healthcare organisations and will be held in Manchester on 4 July.

The entry, submitted by the Trust's sepsis team which includes sepsis lead nurse Paula Evans, infection control nurse consultant Rosie Dixon and

anti-microbial pharmacist An-eeka Chavda, was selected for their work screening 90 percent of patients for the potentially life-threatening condition and starting treatment within one hour.

Sepsis can be triggered by any type of infection. The body's immune system goes into overdrive as it tries to fight the infection which can reduce the blood supply to vital organs such as the brain, heart and kidneys. It is essential to treat the condition with antibiotics as soon as possible.

Sepsis lead nurse Paula Evans said: "We are delighted to be shortlisted for this award. We are now one of the best performing hospital Trusts in the country for treating patients with sepsis. This life saving work is down to team work, educating staff and establishing efficient systems to identify and treat infections appropriately." The shortlisted finalists will now complete presentations and interviews to a judging panel made up of senior and influential figures from the health sector.

## Become a My Guide Volunteer

Guide Dogs are looking for volunteers in this area to help its My Guide Service build greater confidence amongst people that are blind and partially sighted when getting out and about. Find out more at: [www.guidedogs.org.uk/my-guide](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/my-guide).

My Guide is a service provided by charity Guide Dogs that matches trained sighted guide volunteers with people in the community that are blind or partially sighted. This partnership then works together to build the confidence of the person with vision loss in getting out and about. Currently there

are five people waiting for a My Guide volunteer in the Slough area.

Emma Moonlight, My Guide Volunteering Officer at Guide Dogs says: "Every hour in the UK someone loses their vision and when they do their world can become a lot smaller, and something as simple as getting out and about can be really challenging."

"Imagine suddenly losing your sight. How would you get to the shops, to the doctors and so on? Our My Guide service not only

makes a huge difference to the person that is blind or partially sighted, but our volunteers learn useful skills, develop a greater understanding for what life is like as a person with vision loss and, can see exactly how they're contributing to their local community."

The role involves providing sighted guiding generally once a week for two to three hours. However, exact requirements can vary due to individual circumstances. Volunteers must be 18 or over and have a DBS check. Full training and ongoing support is provided.

For further information, either visit: [www.guidedogs.org.uk/myguide](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/myguide), email Emma Moonlight [emma.moonlight@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:emma.moonlight@guidedogs.org.uk) or call 0345 1430221

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## Dementia Care Appeal Launched

Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity, together with the Friends of Newark Hospital and the Friends of Sherwood Forest Hospitals has launched an appeal to raise £105,000 to make a ward more dementia friendly. The appeal, to improve the environment at Newark Hospital's Sconce Ward, has been kick-started by a generous £10,000 donation from the Friends of Newark Hospital.

The Sconce Ward is a sub-acute ward and although it treats the full age range of adult patients many are frail older patients with dementia.

Possible plans for the ward include colour coded areas, clear signs with pictures and better lighting to help patients who might be disorientated, an end of life care room in a quieter part of the ward where patients can spend time alone with family members, a social activities area to keep patients stimulated meaning they are less likely to try to walk around the ward unattended, reducing the risk of falls, adapted flooring to help reduce the risk of falls and mobile nursing stations so that nurses can work closer to vulnerable patients.

Matron for Newark Hospital

Carly Rollinson said: "It's really exciting for us to be looking at this project at Newark Hospital. We really want to improve the ward for our patients by making areas easier to recognise and navigate around. I would urge everyone to get behind this appeal as it really will help to make such a difference." Chair of the Friends of Newark Hospital, June Howsam, added: "We are delighted to be working with Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust Charity on the appeal. I can't wait to get started on the fundraising. People are always so generous and we are really grateful for the support from the community."

People can donate via [www.justgiving.com/sherwoodforest/](http://www.justgiving.com/sherwoodforest/), by cheque made payable to Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds -please specify where you would like your donation to be made to and send to Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Community Involvement Department, Newark Hospital, Boundary Road, Newark, NG24 4DE or by credit or debit card via telephone on 01636 685664 Monday to Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm.

## Interns Contribute to Local Organisations

An internship programme launched by The University of Nottingham has trebled in size to support more small businesses and charities across the county.

The scheme places University of Nottingham students in paid internships during holidays using funding from Santander Universities and other sources to support the host organisations.

Its success has seen student numbers grow from 22, when it started in 2014, to more than 80 during summer 2016 and has led to a new two-week programme being set up for the spring break. The scheme enables interns to gain crucial work experience, build their skills and develop business contacts, whilst providing them with an insight in to working life in Nottinghamshire.

Twenty companies are currently hosting more than 40 student interns to undertake a specific

project. The host organisations include start-up businesses, established SMEs and charities.

Chris Colegate Careers and Employability Placement Consultant at The University of Nottingham has led the development of scheme since inception. He said: "Expanding the Nottingham Internship Scheme offer not only allows our students more opportunity to gain work experience and build their employability skills, it also allows The University of Nottingham to support local charities and small companies to bring in talent at a different time of year, a time when they need it.

"Students will be working hard over a condensed period to deliver something tangible for their host organisation. It's a great way for the students to access work experience at a different time of year and a fantastic opportunity for an organisation to get something done."

The University of Nottingham's long-standing relationship with Santander Universities has enabled the growth of the Nottingham Internship Scheme.

Thanks to this funding support every intern is paid for the duration of the spring internship and participating organisations incur no costs for being involved.

Jonathan Powell, University Relationship Director at Santander Universities, said: "Santander is committed to supporting higher education as well as local communities across the UK.

"The importance of preparing students for their first job is high on our agenda and one of the reasons that in 2017, we'll be helping more students secure an internship with local SMEs than ever before.

"As a result, this will help to improve the employability of young people across the UK as well as help local businesses access new skills and talent."

## Programme Contributed £32m to Local Economy

Research has revealed The Grand Tour programme of cultural events and exhibitions in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire contributed more than £32m to the local economy in 2015 and 2016.

The research, undertaken by NGI Solutions on behalf of The Grand Tour consortium venues, used robust methodology and the STEAM visitor value figures for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to create an accurate picture of the significant contribution of The Grand Tour to the region's visitor economy.

The Grand Tour took place over two seasons in 2015 and 2016, and was funded by Arts Council England's Cultural Destinations programme, with support from VisitEngland and D2N2 LEP.

Led by Nottingham Contemporary, the seasons took place across four of the UK's most distinguished cultural institutions: Chatsworth, Derby Museums, The Harley Gallery and Nottingham Contemporary. They joined forces to create a cultural journey for today's Grand Tourist. The venues worked with local tourism organisations Marketing Peak District & Derbyshire and Visit Nottinghamshire to deliver a wide variety of exhibitions, attracting new visitors to the region.

The second season of The Grand Tour took place from March to June 2016, and featured Turner Prize-winning artist Simon Starling, along with Sir Peter Blake and influential performance artist Rose English, who showed their work alongside masterpieces from the venues' own collections - offering an exciting mix of contemporary works and old masters.

Season 1 of The Grand Tour resulted in expenditure of £7,584,066, with 461,818 visitors taking part in the programme.

Season 2 enjoyed higher visitor numbers of 1.2million, thanks to the increased awareness of the collaboration. The resulting expenditure was £24.46m, giving a total overall impact of both seasons of £32,225,036.

The evaluation, undertaken by NGI Solutions, used surveys in person at venues and online to gather feedback, understand visitor profiles and the overall economic impact of the project.

Brendan Moffett, Chief Executive, Marketing Nottingham & Nottinghamshire, said: "The first two seasons of The Grand Tour clearly had an enormous impact on the local visitor economy, which is terrific news for the region as it helps to deliver local jobs and support local businesses.

**" We are now looking forward to building on this success by working with our partners to attract cultural tourists to the region for the third season of The Grand Tour in 2018 "**

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Aries

You may well be on the verge of something new and extremely empowering that will change the course of your life forever. A new chapter begins that introduces you to an interesting, lively circle of friends and associates that welcome you with open arms. Packing your bags and saying goodbye to the circus is crucial if you are to make the positive progress you have craved for all these years.

Taurus

Social and romantic affairs could get you into a lot of trouble if you try to fool someone who is experiencing serious trust issues within your personal relationship. You enjoy nothing more than throwing caution to the wind and enjoying the fine of your life whenever possible, but there will be a hefty price to pay if you don't stop to consider the consequences of your actions.

Gemini

Partnerships are in the spotlight and your priorities are changing dramatically. You know exactly what you want in which direction you must go in need if you are to fulfil certain ambitions. Working harder than ever won't be a problem, especially when you start to reap generous rewards for all your efforts. Some fabulous news will prove to be the 'cherry on the cake'.

Cancer

Times are rapidly changing and by choice you will be seeing a lot less of certain people but meeting up with new companions that take you in a brand new direction filled with good, wholesome benefits. If you are self employed, new business will come pouring in from the most unexpected places and a slow burning romance will start to blossom.

Leo

Watch your spending, especially if you are socialising with people who don't have the cash to splash and expect favours from you or anyone else who is offering to pay for their entertainment. Communication is absolutely buzzing and you're looking to start a new project, but however eager you may be, there are some secrets you must keep to yourself!

Virgo

To achieve your ambitions you must put every possible effort into starting how you mean to go on. Previously taking risks and chances has not proved too easy because you have experienced serious trust issues. You don't have to reveal every plan you have hidden up your sleeve, just the basics and take things from there.

Libra

Someone is starting to annoy, irritate and generally get on your nerves. You don't suffer fools gladly at the best of times, but rather than instigating a confrontation, you may choose to cut all ties with a certain group of people who have not done you any favours at all. If someone wants to go into a business partnership with you, check their credit rating because you could be in for a shock.

Scorpio

This is a week when your luck finally turns for the better. One of the greatest compliments anyone can pay us is to attempt to copy our lifestyle, but friendship will show signs of straining at the leash. You will discover the truth regarding an important situation that has been deliberately kept from you and your only way forward is to sever all ties and walk in a completely different direction.

Sagittarius

Like everyone, you have secrets that you go to great lengths to be kept hidden, but someone is definitely on your case and will try to uncover information that has nothing at all to do with them. New people and interesting social activities take your fancy. If you are up for a fling or a bit of fun, the opportunity will be staring you in the face.

Capricorn

The happy, zesty mask you wear is often just a show. What lies beneath is another story, especially if you have endured a lot of stress in your life, some of it of your own making. Love and romance is in the air with someone very attractive, but first you must put your personal and working life in order before agreeing to any new involvements.

Aquarius

Communication is the key to everything. Friends love you honestly because they know exactly where they stand with you. Listen to your inner voice regarding a situation that you have been waffling with. If you have given someone a second chance and they have let you down again, then do the only sensible thing and remove yourself from that situation.

Pisces

You are not always sure what to make of certain people. One minute they want to be friends and are full on in your face and in the next they are nowhere to be found and don't even bother returning your calls. Confused about your career and which direction to go in next? It's important that you manage your finances sensibly and avoid wasting it on trivia.

# Middlefell Makes Way for New Homes

The next brand new homes to be built as part of the Building a Better Nottingham programme are now ready for three Nottingham families.

The three family homes on Middlefell Close in Clifton (just off Middlefell Way) form part of Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City Homes' (NCH) extensive council house building programme, which has so far seen hundreds of homes built on a range of sites across the city.

Built on a former disused garage site the two bedroom homes have been built by Nottinghamshire construction company, Robert Woodhead Ltd. Two semi-detached properties and one detached family home, have been created to help meet the housing needs in the local area.

Energy efficient, warm, secure and modern homes, the properties have been built using a fabric first approach, which entails constructing a highly insulated and airtight building to reduce the need for complex and expensive 'bolt on' green technologies. Highly efficient gas boilers have been fitted, which are both sustainable and simple to operate. External walls are highly insulated to ensure heat retention,

and LED light bulbs have been used throughout to make sure running costs are kept to a minimum.

This approach, along with fitted photovoltaic solar panels have achieved an EPC rating of B, which is above the national average. This makes the homes simple for tenants to run, reduces their running costs and reduces lifecycle costs for NCH as a landlord, as no complex systems are installed requiring high level of maintenance.

Richard Whittaker, Head of Development at Nottingham City Homes, said:

"We're delighted to have completed this first development in a series of smaller sites being delivered over the next couple of years across the city."

"We have some huge developments in Nottingham at the minute, but these smaller sites are just as important, not only providing homes for local families, but also ridding areas of the anti-social behaviour often associated with disused areas of land."





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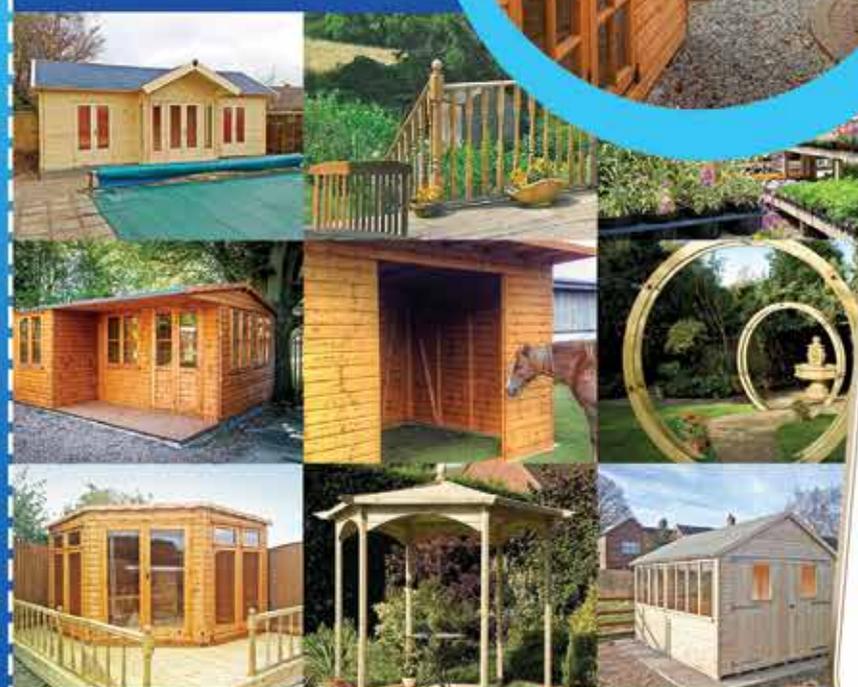
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# IT Company Wins Excellence Award



Managed IT and Communications provider, Air-IT have won the Managed Service Solution of the Year Award at the IT Europa European IT & Software Excellence Awards, recognising their expertise in managed backup and business continuity solutions. Based on their use of StorageCraft backup and disaster recovery technologies for which they have Platinum Partner status, the award showcases their excellence in the support of IT infrastructure, and provision of hosted or Cloud based IT services opposed to on premise based solutions. With many decades of experience in IT between them, the judges were looking for the number one company who met the customer needs and had a proven record of how service level

agreements were not only monitored but guaranteed. John Garratt, Editor of IT Europa and head of the judge's panel said: "Not only did we have a record number of entries and votes from the industry, but the quality was even higher than previous years and confirms our view that Europe has entered a new era of IT confidence. It is up to us as an industry to take these ideas out to the market, to show the general media, politicians and governments that the industry is not all about security threats and scare stories, but regularly delivers great productivity gains to ordinary businesses and people. The evidence is in the projects that we have highlighted with our selection of finalists and winners." Now in their ninth year, the awards are highly recognised within the ICT

industry. This year they attracted more than 500 entries representing 28 countries across Europe. Major technology firms including Microsoft, Dell-EMC, Amazon Web Services and Cisco were named amongst winners, demonstrating the high standards East Midlands based Air-IT were competing at. Air-IT's Managing Director James Healey said: "We're extremely proud to pick up the Managed Service Solution of the Year Award. IT Europa is a leading name within our industry, and the standard of these awards is always incredibly high. It's an outstanding achievement and recognition for our team and testament to the quality services we're committed to offering to help our clients achieve their business technology goals."

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## Accreditations for Local Employees

Four employees of Mansfield based business gifts and promotional merchandise company, Pellacraft, have gained industry recognised qualifications.

In an effort to professionalise the industry, the British Promotional Merchandise Association (BPMA), has created a structured training programme that can

be integrated into businesses and provide training tools that encourage continuous professional development for people working in the promotional merchandise sector.

Whether students are from a supplier or distributor background, the programme has been created to suit every individual

within a business of any size. With education and training firmly on everyone's agenda for 2017, Pellacraft has taken advantage of the three BPMA courses. So far, four team members have passed the accreditation and they hope that more will be encouraged to follow suit in due course.

Rebecca Coles (Marketing), Shantelle Hall and Louise Henshaw (Sales) have all completed the Trained in Professional Merchandise (TPM) qualification, which is aimed at individuals who have up to three years of industry experience.

Abbi Walkman on the other hand has completed her Certified in Promotional Merchandise (CPM) qualification, which is aimed at individuals who have three to five years' industry experience.

As part of the course, all individuals have to earn credit points in each of the 14 subject categories, which includes topics such as customer service, decoration, HR/Legal, ethics, marketing and product compliance. After completing each subject category individuals must complete an exam consisting of timed multiple choice questions, in front of a webcam reviewed by an invigilator.

Having now earned their qualifications, the accreditations has placed the girls in a much better position to further understand the needs of our customers and advise on what promotional merchandise will work in different situations.

Sam Pella, Director at Pellacraft commented, "I am delighted to see that the dedication and hard work has paid off for the girls resulting in them earning BPMA qualifications. The educational programmes are a fantastic way to learn the fundamental aspects of the promotional industry. Our business has grown significantly over the past 12 months, and this further proves that we are committed to continuously developing and providing our customers with the best possible service."



### Love Your Local Mansfield Market

From Wednesday 17 to Wednesday 31 May, Mansfield Market will once again be joining the national Love your Local Market campaign and is looking for businesses and individuals to take part. The fortnight will include competitions, events and specialist markets for shoppers along with offers and incentives for traders.

Wednesday 17 May will feature a baby and children's speciality market selling pre-loved children's toys, books, clothes and equipment alongside entertainment for youngsters laid on by Sure Start.

Friday 26 May the market will host an arts and craft market with homemade products, crafts, gifts and food alongside craft and gardening workshops.

Spaces are still available for businesses or individuals to take up a stall, which can be booked by calling 01623 463818.

The Mansfield Market team is always keen to encourage regular traders and offers all licenced traders a £5 reduction in stall rents during the Love your Local Market campaign.

New traders  
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bring new product lines to the market can also apply to take up the incubation unit scheme, which offers 12 months of rent free space to encourage people to take their first steps as a new business on Mansfield Market. More information about the support available is available on the website.

Mike Robinson, Director of Economic Growth at Mansfield District Council, said: "The Love Your Local Market campaign allows us to show off what Mansfield Market has to offer and reward existing traders for their loyalty."

"The two specialist markets which will feature this year are a great opportunity to sell pre-loved baby and children's items which may be cluttering up your house or sell your quality handmade crafts and gifts, so make sure you book your stall."

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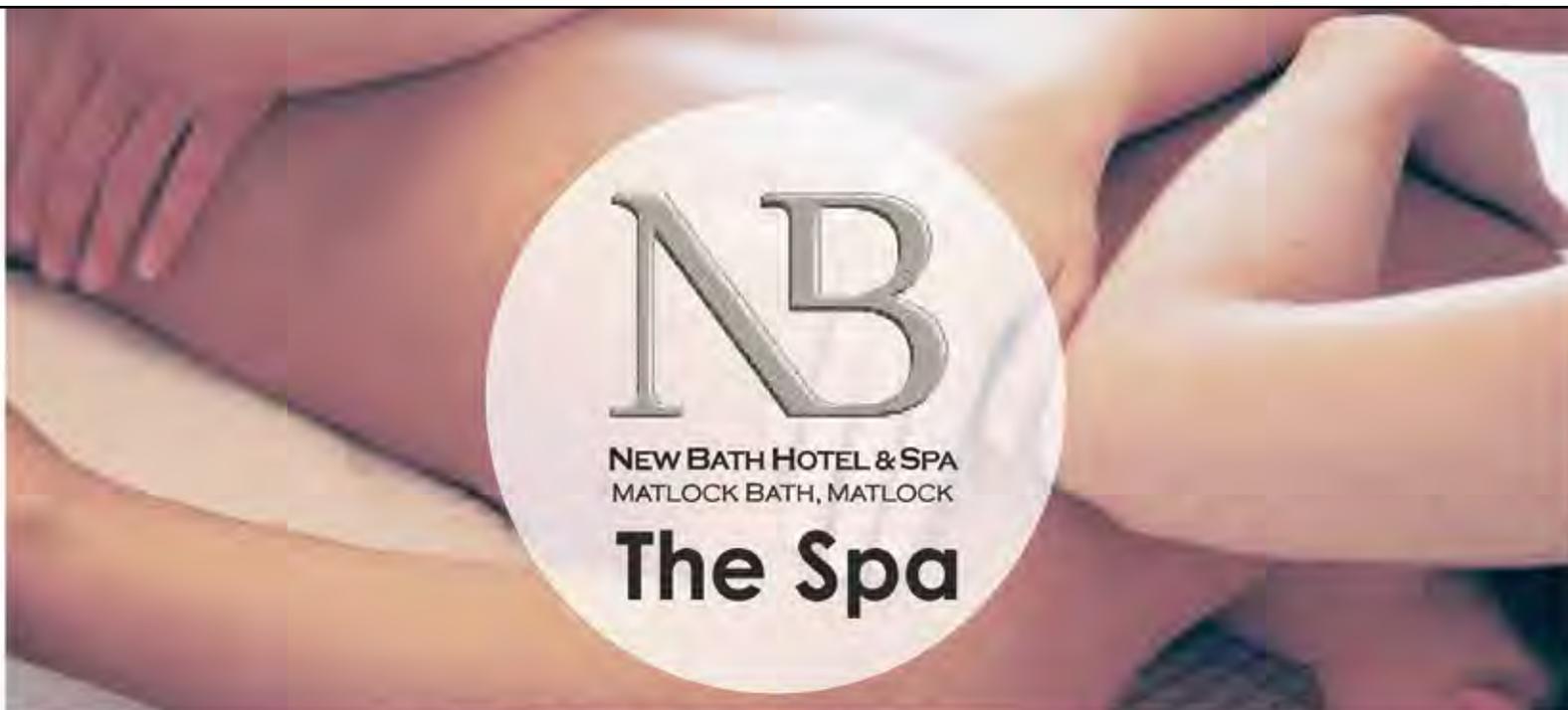
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Entrepreneurial young people in Nottingham have been given a helping hand to set up their own companies thanks to support from Nottingham Business School (NBS) students.

As part of the Young Enterprise Company Programme, which involves 320 pupils from 16 Nottinghamshire Schools, 10 NBS students have been volunteering as business advisers alongside experienced industry professionals. The Europe-wide business competition for school pupils aged 15-18 years enables pupils to start up their own company and operate it as a real business for an academic year. As part of the scheme, the groups have undertaken three Young Enterprise UK competition challenges, including selling their products at a market day, compiling a compa-

ny report, and giving a company presentation. The challenges were judged by experienced business professionals and the top five companies have now gone forward to the Nottinghamshire County Final on 3 May, with the opportunity to progress to the East Midlands, UK and then European finals.

This year's winners were announced at a special celebration event which took place at Nottingham Trent University and featured a motivational speech by Prince's Trust-supported magician, Scott Perry. As business advisers, the NBS students have been acting as mentors and attending the weekly board meetings of the groups they're supporting.

Dave Perkins, Young Enterprise Nottingham Area Board vice-chair, said: "The involvement of the students brings an extra exciting dimension to the programme, adding tremendously to its intensely inspiring business learning theme for all involved. Feedback from the NBS business advisers is highly positive and, in turn, they are warmly welcomed in our Nottingham schools and by our experienced business advisers. It's a win/win solution."

Fiona Winfield, NBS employability coordinator and a Young Enterprise Board member, is keen to support Young Enterprise, which is advertised as an opportunity for students from across the University by the NTU Volunteering team. She said: "Not only is it a great experience for our students, it is also good to welcome the local schools into Nottingham Trent University for their training sessions and presentation evenings."

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The 2017 week-long event, from 3 - 10 June, is completely free to the public, and takes place in the Bonington, Newton, Arkwright, Waverley and Barnes Wallis buildings on the NTU City Campus.

The show unites the creative force of just over 1,200 final-year students in a wide range of subjects spanning visual arts, photography and graphic design; fashion, knitwear and textile design; fashion management, marketing and communication; theatre, media, film and costume design; as well as architecture, interiors, product and furniture design.

Two days of catwalk shows and a fashion exhibition (24 and 25 May)

will also present almost 100 new collections from emerging fashion, knitwear and accessory designers - these events regularly sell out so early booking is advised.

Visitors can keep in touch with the degree show behind the scenes by visiting the specially created online social media hub at [www.ntu.ac.uk/degreshowhub](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/degreshowhub) or by using the hashtag #NTUDegreeShow.

The launch event of the #NTUDEGREESHOW for creative professionals and industry representatives takes place on Friday 2 June (register to attend at [www.ntu.ac.uk/industryevent](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/industryevent)).

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## Site Manager *Shortlisted* for Building Excellence Award

A site manager from Sutton-in-Ashfield based house builder Rippon Homes has been shortlisted for Site Manager of the Year at the Local Authority Building Control

(LABC) Building Excellence Awards for the East Midlands region.

There are 12 regions of the LABC Network which covers all the local authorities of England and Wales and all the sites being developed in those areas. The awards evening celebrates the achievements of individuals in the construction industry, as well as excellent buildings, compliance with regulations, craftsmanship, and the ability to think of creative solutions for difficult problems. Rippon Homes is a member of the LABC, meaning that it ensures buildings are safe and follows standards set by the regulatory bodies through the building regulations.



Neil Vickers, 41, is one of only seven site managers to be nominated in this category. His nominator was a Senior Building Control Officer at Erewash and Broxtowe Borough Council. Neil has been working for Rippon Homes for 25 years, starting as an apprentice bricklayer and then becoming a site manager. He is

currently working on a site in Mansfield called Oakham Gardens.

Neil said: "I am privileged to have been nominated as Site Manager of the Year. There are a lot of top quality site managers in our region and it's an honour to have been nominated."

Ian Dyke, Managing Director at Rippon Homes, said: "Neil is a great site manager. He works really well with customers and has developed great working relationships with trade suppliers."

The East Midlands Building Excellence Awards will be taking place in June at the Leicester Athena. Winners at this regional event will be automatically shortlisted for the Grand Final Building Excellence Awards in London in November.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON 4 MAY

BROXTOWE VOTERS are being urged to make sure they are ready to take part in the County Council elections taking place next week.

Polling stations will be open from 7.00am to 10.00pm on Thursday 4th May and residents can only vote at the polling station stated on their own poll card. You can find where your polling station is at [www.wheredoivote.co.uk](http://www.wheredoivote.co.uk)

Postal votes must be returned by 10.00pm on Thursday 4th May. Anyone who has not been able to post their vote before polling day can take their completed postal vote to their polling station on polling day and hand

it in before 10.00pm.

If you've appointed a proxy, then they need to make sure they are able to vote at the correct polling station on your behalf.

The full list of candidates for Broxtowe is available on the Council's website at [www.broxtowe.gov.uk/elections](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/elections) vote. So if you have moved house recently, then make sure you're registered correctly. If you're not registered, you won't be able to have your say on issues that directly affect your day-to-day life in Rushcliffe."

To register to vote, visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) before Thursday 13 April.



## Hospital Trust in Top Spot



Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been shortlisted in the best safety improvement team category at the 2017 Patient Safety Awards.

The national awards recognise outstanding improvements in patient safety practice within the NHS and independent healthcare organisations and will be held in Manchester on 4 July. The entry, submitted by the

Trust's sepsis team which includes sepsis lead nurse Paula Evans, infection control nurse consultant Rosie Dixon and antimicrobial pharmacist Aneeka Chavda, was selected for their work screening 90 percent of patients for the potentially life-threatening condition and starting treatment within one hour. Sepsis can be triggered by any type of infection. The body's im-

mune system goes into overdrive as it tries to fight the infection which can reduce the blood supply to vital organs such as the brain, heart and kidneys. It is essential to treat the condition with antibiotics as soon as possible. Sepsis lead nurse Paula Evans said: "We are delighted to be shortlisted for this award. We are now one of the best performing hospital Trusts in the country

for treating patients with sepsis. This life saving work is down to team work, educating staff and establishing efficient systems to identify and treat infections appropriately." The shortlisted finalists will now complete presentations and interviews to a judging panel made up of senior and influential figures from the health sector.

## News in Brief

### The search is on

Nottingham City Council is offering the opportunity to be a part of the incredible Dinosaurs of China, Ground Shakers to Feathered Flyers Exhibition coming to Wollaton Hall and Nottingham Lakeside Arts from 1 July to 29 October with a number of exciting volunteering roles.

Dinosaur Rangers: This involves supporting Hunter the animatronic Sinraptor dinosaur on public appearances around the city and beyond in the build-up and during the exhibition! The role will include assisting the operator of the dinosaur and giving out information about the exhibition. Hunter has already visited the intu Victoria Centre, Nottingham Panthers, and Notts County Football club and has many other exciting visits and events lined up including 20/20 cricket at Trent Bridge, the Riverside Festival, and Splendour scheduled. These events are in the lead up to and during the exhibition dates.

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A Nottinghamshire funeral company is reporting an increase in demand for a new line of keepsake jewellery which bears the pattern of a loved one's fingerprint. Gillotts Funeral Directors says it has seen a notable rise in inquiries for pendants and rings made from silver, gold or white gold and finished with a raised impression of a person's fingerprint, taken in the days before their funeral.

The company introduced the items last year and sales are still in single figures per month, but interest is growing slowly alongside demand for other so-called keepsake jewellery such as lockets, bracelets and silver or gold hearts designed to hold a small portion of a person's cremated remains or a lock of their hair.

Joanne Hutsby a partner in the firm, which operates funeral homes in Eastwood, Kimberley,

Stapleford, Selston and Heanor, Derbyshire, said: "Numbers are still relatively small but there has definitely been a growing demand for fingerprint jewellery from people who want something to remember their loved ones with. "There is no doubting the powerful symbolism of a person's fingerprints are totally unique to ourselves and so when they

There is no doubting the powerful symbolism of a person's fingerprint

are recreated on jewellery they offer a highly personal reminder of somebody dear to us." The fingerprint jewellery is part of

a limited range of keepsakes that Gillotts offers, although the wider market for remembrance products is vast.

They range from diamonds that can be made from a person's cremated remains to a Canadian company's service, which involves extracting and preserving people's DNA so that it can be kept by families as a biological heirloom.

Joanne said: "There are an extraordinary number of ways in which people can remember their loved ones and some of them are extremely way out and definitely not something that we would consider offering.

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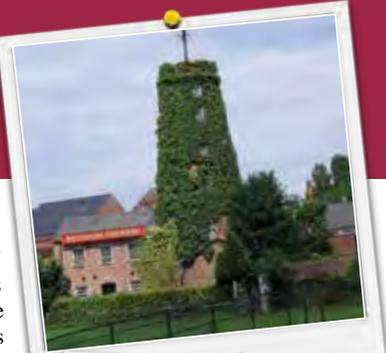
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Enjoy a great family day out at the fabulous all-weather Nottinghamshire County Show. Advance tickets cost £10 and accompanied children under 17 years go free. At this first agricultural show of the season will be hundreds of animals from all over the country, featuring the best cattle, sheep, goats and pigs, alongside superb equine events, including national level show-jumping and the ever-popular majestic Heavy Horses. When the animals are not showing, families will be able to meet their favourite farmyard characters in their holding areas where the handlers will be only too happy to answer questions about animal husbandry.

*The show offers a jam-packed day out with lots to see and do.*

The freestyle motorcross display team, Broke FMX, will be performing spectacular stunts twice daily in the Main Ring and this year there will be a fabulous collection of big, bright, shiny new machinery, including tractors, with more than 30 agricultural machinery stands to visit.

Show Manager, George Taylor, said: "We are delighted at the return of the Music Marquee, located near the Main Ring, which will feature a plethora of musicians. Families can take a seat and listen to the likes of the Hope Community Gospel Choir, a jazz quintet, and the Nottingham Police Band, to name but a few."

Alex Mercer AWCF will be running Farriery competitions on both days with classes for both registered farriers only and 1st and 2nd year apprentices. Schedules and entry forms are available on [www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com](http://www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com). The competitions will be judged by Mr Russell Jones DipWCF. This year's competition is kindly sponsored by Arthur Cottam & Co (Horseshoes) Ltd and Read Hyundai of Lincoln.

Entries are coming in fast and furious for the Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Rally. Harriet Aram, Senior Show Assistant, says: "There is a lovely mix of car types amongst the entries received so far, including a Morris Minor Series 2 1956 and a Jaguar XK40 1955. We are grateful to Marshalls of Sutton On Trent for their sponsorship of this rally." Closing date for entries is Friday 7 April.

Floral Art competitions and demonstrations will take place in the Lady Eastwood Centre. Competitions are open to all and the closing date is Friday 14 April. The schedule is downloadable from the Nottinghamshire County Show website, [www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com](http://www.nottinghamshirecountyshow.com) and judging will be done by Mrs Pat Hutchinson. Administration Manager, Una-Marie Palin said: "We are always looking for local businesses interested in promoting their products or services through sponsorship of the Nottinghamshire County Show and the Floral Arts would be a perfect opportunity for anyone in the horticultural industry."

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Other attractions in this popular area are the Highland Ponies, new for this year, demonstrating the versatility of the breed and Rand Park Farm, a family favourite, returning with their friendly farmyard animals. Avon Valley Ferrets will perform their entertaining antics and there will be rural crafts on display such as stick making and handcrafting of Windsor chairs with the chance to also watch some pottery being hand-thrown. Representatives of Nottinghamshire Bee Keepers



Association will be on hand to answer questions about their fascinating hobby.

All ages will have fun at the Inspire Shows in The Family Zone, watching co-ordinated free running routines in the George Stevenson Exhibition Hall with runners flipping and leaping through the air - skilfully negotiating any obstacle in their path - demonstrating tremendous agility, body power and strength. Go Photography, Crazy Golf, Newark Canoe Club and Girton Sailing Club are just some of the organisations within The Family Zone where children can get involved and have a taster of a variety of arts and sports, including Party Workshops





Family Circus who throw out the challenge to become the 'star of the show' and try your hands at juggling, your feet at unicycling or even your nerves on their tight wire walk! All ages are welcome!

Nottinghamshire County Show also offers a great retail experience with around 150 traders expected selling everything from outerwear to hand-carved furniture and rocking horses; hand-made leather goods to pet products.

*The Food Experience is the destination for those looking to buy tasty food and drink to take home.*

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When it's time for a bite to eat, take advantage of the ample refreshment outlets serving light snacks and hot drinks as well as hot lunches with wine. Or why not become a Society Member and enjoy free entry to the Show on both days, along with VIP parking, Members Only facilities, and complimentary morning coffee with biscuits and afternoon tea with scones. Children catered for.

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burners and underfloor heating are the perfect cosy additions that make a stay at Studford Luxury Lodges an option all year round. Cycling, walking and golfing are just some of the activities guests can take part in nearby and with heritage sites such as Castle Howard and Byland Abbey nearby, there's plenty on offer for the more cultural visitor. Flamingo Land and Lightwater Valley mean it's an ideal stay for families too. But if the English weather lives up to its reputation,



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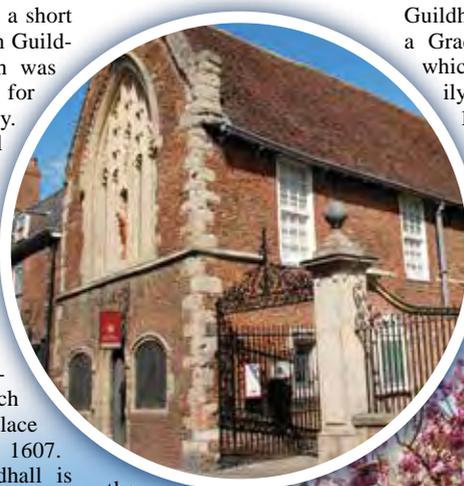


## Markets & More in Boston

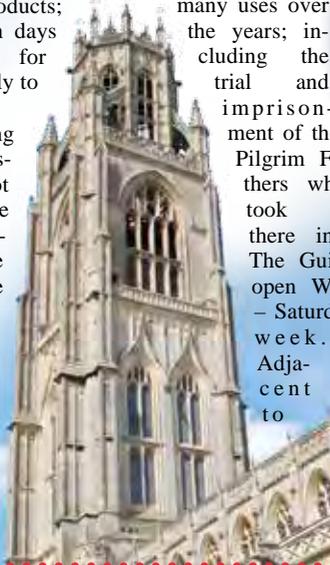
Come to Boston Market Place this year for a traditional twice-weekly market selling anything and everything you can think of, from groceries to gifts. There will also be craft markets where you can purchase handmade products; and family fun days with activities for the whole family to take part in.

Whilst visiting markets in Boston, why not explore a little further? Overlooking the Market Place is St Botolph's Church, which has one of the tallest towers in the UK; providing visitors with wonderful views

across the fens. Just a short walk away is Boston Guildhall Museum which was built in the 1390s for the Guild of St Mary. Visitors can learn all about this medieval building and its many uses over the years; including the trial and imprisonment of the Pilgrim Fathers which took place there in 1607. The Guildhall is open Wednesday - Saturday every week. Adjacent to



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## 'ENGINEERS AND ENGINEERING'

This year National Mills Weekend is taking place over the weekend of 13-14 May, when hundreds of windmills and watermills across the UK will open their doors to visitors in an annual celebration of Britain's mills and milling heritage.

This year's theme, Engineers and Engineering, will celebrate the engineers and millwrights who built our country's mills and their machinery, and the millwrights of today who continue this ancient craft. Britain has some of the richest milling heritage in the world and this is an opportunity to explore it through open days and special events being held over the weekend.

Details of participating mills can be found at [www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk](http://www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk).

Mill visits offer a fun day out for the whole family, whether you're hooked on heritage, mad about machines, into baking or a kid who loves clambering about.

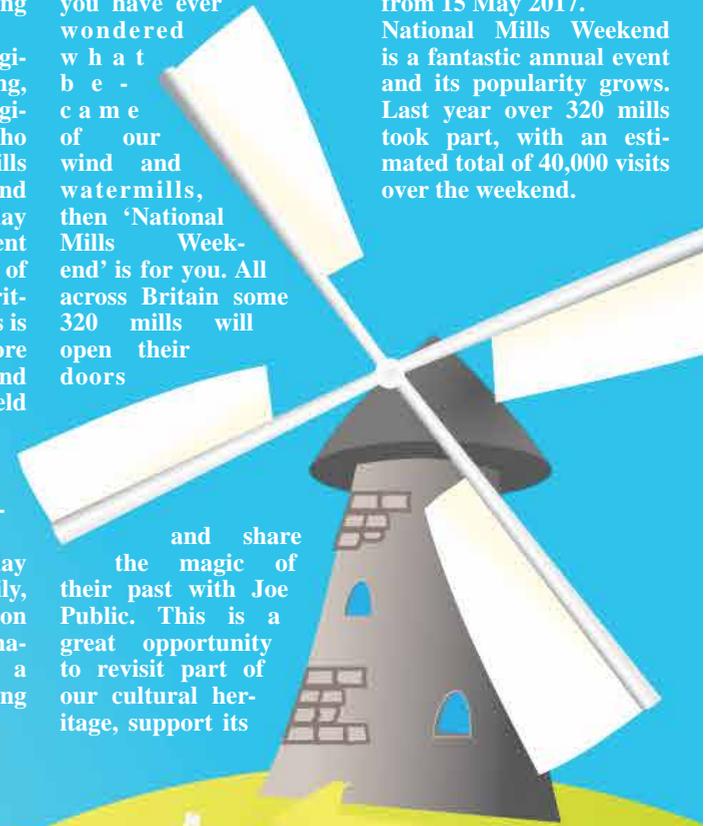
The SPAB Mills Section launched the event in 1984. The SPAB (the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) is Britain's oldest heritage charity.

SPAB supporter Kevin McCloud says: "If you have ever wondered what became of our wind and watermills, then 'National Mills Weekend' is for you. All across Britain some 320 mills will open their doors

conservation and promotion to a wider audience, and see, on occasion, mills continuing to provide a useful functioning role."

National Mills Weekend is linked to the start of Real Bread Week which runs from 15 May 2017.

National Mills Weekend is a fantastic annual event and its popularity grows. Last year over 320 mills took part, with an estimated total of 40,000 visits over the weekend.



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## Six Figure Boost For Local Firm



A leading Nottingham technology company, which counts Asda, Waitrose and Walmart as clients, has secured a six-figure investment to further develop its pioneering software.

Solutions for Retail Brands (S4RB), based on Queensbridge Road, received the capital boost from the N2 Business Growth Programme, which is delivered in partnership by The University of Nottingham and East Midlands Business Ltd and is part-funded by the Government's Regional Growth Fund and the European Regional Development Fund.

Established just over a decade ago, S4RB creates and manages solutions for retailers to improve relationships with their own label suppliers and customers. The funding will be used to drive forward its Unified Brand Experience (UBX) Cloud Services software, which enables retailers to work as one team with their suppliers and continually develop their products.

The N2 Business Growth Fund programme is delivered, in part, by The University of Nottingham. It will also undertake a Knowledge Transfer Partnership with The University of Derby to drive the UBX Cloud Services forward.

Commenting on the investment, S4RB's

Managing Director James Butcher said:

"Nottingham has a thriving technology community, thanks to the high number of tech firms and outstanding education facilities. It is always rewarding to receive local recognition, and the team is really excited about taking our product forward. We are also pleased to have this opportunity to work with The University of Nottingham and The University of Derby, two fantastic local institutes.

"Supermarkets are responsible for thousands of own label products, so it can be a real challenge for the teams to manage these in the time they have. This project is about making the process more automated so they can identify issues with the products much earlier on. Instead of waiting for a customer to make a complaint, they can see exactly what is happening and take appropriate action."

S4RB launched UBX Cloud Services at Oracle OpenWorld in San Francisco in 2014, after receiving initial funding from N'Tech Nottingham Technology Fund and Creative England.

At the end of last year, private equity investment manager Foresight Group provided an additional seven-figure sum to enable S4RB to further develop the software and grow its presence in the North American market.

# Five Stars for Customer Satisfaction

Local Nottinghamshire housebuilders Barratt Homes North Midlands and David Wilson Homes East Midlands have been awarded a maximum five star rating in the new HBF (Home Builders Federation) customer satisfaction survey 2017.

The new nationwide survey lists the UK's best housebuilders according to which have the highest customer recommendation scores.

For Barratt and David Wilson Homes to be rated as five star means that more than 90% of their customers say they would recommend the homes to a friend. It also means that Barratt and David Wilson Homes now become the only major national housebuilder to be accredited as a five star builder for eight years in a row.

The HBF survey is one of the largest customer surveys of its

type, with more than 50,000 customers taking part in it. It was developed to give customers an independent quality rating of

the new homes being built across the country, with the star rating a handy guide for customers to quickly see which housebuilders have the highest recommendation scores.

Stewart Baseley, Executive Chairman of the Home Builders Federation, said: "The Customer Satisfaction and Star Rating Scheme is an accepted, robust and independently assessed measure of customer service. Achieving

the highest levels of satisfaction is a huge challenge that requires commitment from everyone in an organisation from top to bottom. To do so whilst increasing output, as Barratt and David Wilson Homes has done, to help address our acute housing shortage is especially commendable."

## Two years of Success

Financial and business management software provider Solutions for Accounting has marked the second anniversary of its merger with BluebirdCRM with a new name and logo, following two years of growth.

Nottingham-based Solutions, which acquired BluebirdCRM, of Derby, in April 2015, has increased its employee headcount from 27 to 40, creating 13 new jobs since the merger.

The firm has redesigned its company logo to reflect the change, and from now on will be called Solutions for Accounting and CRM.

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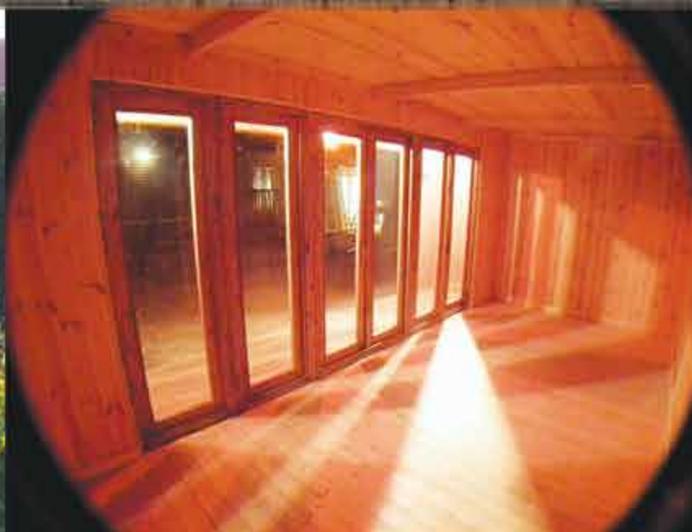
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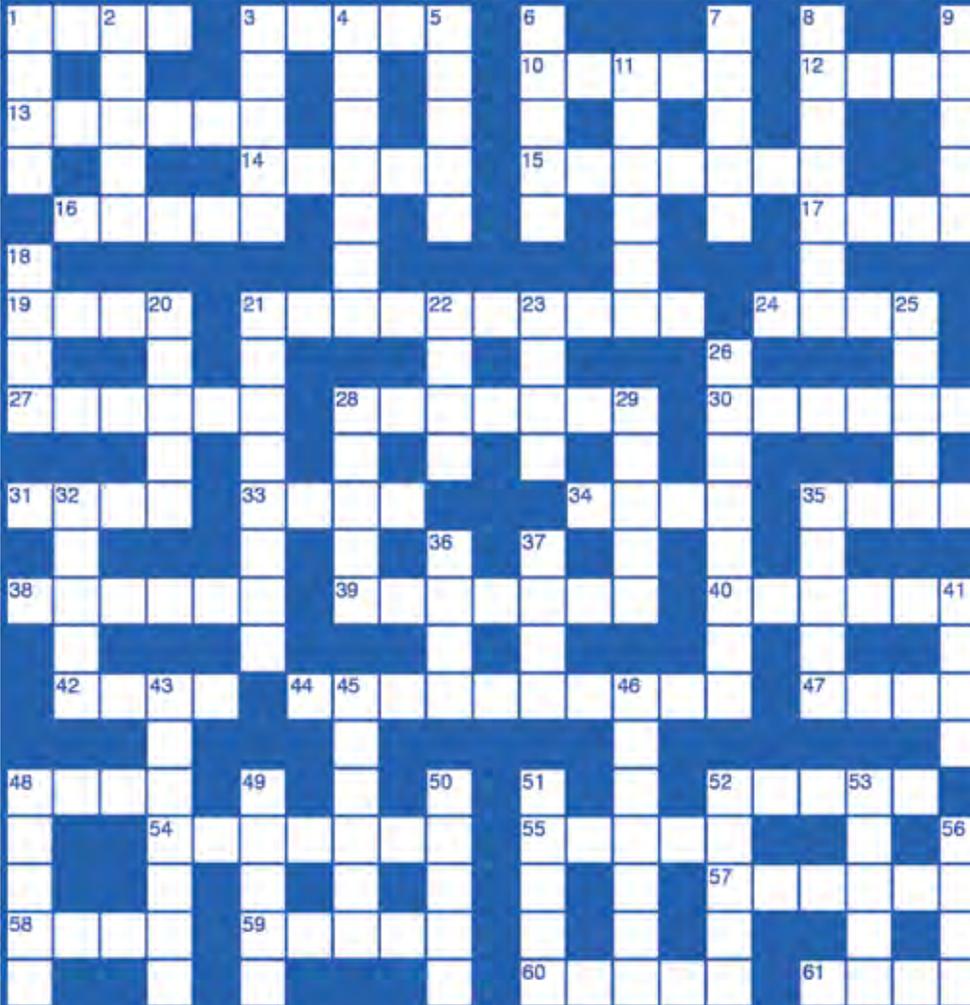
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ANSWERS DOWN  
1 Total 2 Address 3 Teething 4 Comedian 5 Forecast 6 Silent 7 Gossip 8 Tariff 13 Beetroot 18 Fun 20 Ape 21 Smile 22 Archery 23 Imp 25 Dog 26 Vanilla 28 Vent 30 Ant 31 Nun 33 Rung 34 Faint 36 Sad 37 Sapphire 38 Win 40 Hat 42 Dot 44 Grateful 45 Assemble 46 Murderer 47 Cockpit 48 Sprout 49 Paddle 50 Dossier 53 Shiny

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|---|--|
| 1 Command to stop(4)                          | 1 Misty heat shimmer (4)                   |
| 3 Phantom (5)                                 | 2 Oval citrus fruit (5)                    |
| 10 Very tall building (5)                     | 3 Bowling area (5)                         |
| 12 Well-heeled (4)                            | 4 Very large garment (7)                   |
| 13 Walking corpse (6)                         | 5 Scandinavian folklore dwarf or giant (5) |
| 14 Artist's frame (5)                         | 6 Rigid (5)                                |
| 15 Leaves of plants (7)                       | 7 Test of suitability (5)                  |
| 16 Pungent edible bulb (5)                    | 8 Sales promotion gift (7)                 |
| 17 Bankrupt or broken (4)                     | 9 Housing for the lungs (5)                |
| 19 Magic stick (4)                            | 11 Veneer timber (6)                       |
| 21 A fresh start (5,5)                        | 18 To study excessively (4)                |
| 24 Gentle and quiet (4)                       | 20 Bedcover measured in togs (5)           |
| 27 Journey from place to place (6)            | 21 Catastrophe (8)                         |
| 28 Small and bijoux (7)                       | 22 Devoid of sensation (4)                 |
| 30 Bird with large brightly-coloured beak (6) | 23 Unofficial tip-off (4)                  |
| 31 Precise location (4)                       | 25 Eucalyptus eater (5)                    |
| 33 Breakfast or dinner (4)                    | 26 Left high and dry (8)                   |
| 34 Skipjack fish (4)                          | 28 Boxing winner (5)                       |
| 35 Can you repeat that? (4)                   | 29 Goods wagon (5)                         |
| 38 Orange vegetable (6)                       | 32 Downy-skinned fruit (5)                 |
| 39 Strutting showy bird (7)                   | 35 Snow coloured (5)                       |
| 40 Small and delicate (6)                     | 36 Radio wavelength (4)                    |
| 42 Dirty dingy hovel (4)                      | 37 Penny or pound (4)                      |
| 44 In close association (4,2,4)               | 41 Tug very hard (4)                       |
| 47 Provide an income (4)                      | 43 Game of chance (7)                      |
| 48 Maggots for angling (4)                    | 45 Hook and line person (6)                |
| 52 Helmet sunshade (5)                        | 46 Fair to middling (7)                    |
| 54 Dagnet boat (7)                            | 48 Colour of earth (5)                     |
| 55 Trio (5)                                   | 49 Heart blood-flow gate (5)               |
| 57 Sharp end of syringe (6)                   | 50 Babbling stream (5)                     |
| 58 Shallow dam (4)                            | 51 Begin (5)                               |
| 59 Sign of the zodiac (5)                     | 52 Second planet from the sun (5)          |
| 60 Forest growth (5)                          | 53 Religious sect (5)                      |
| 61 Clothes presser (4)                        | 56 Broad or runner (4)                     |

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# Study highlights impact of CCTV

CCTV cameras provide evidence 'useful' to the police in two-thirds of the investigations in which they are available. New research suggests.

The Nottingham Trent University study, involved analysing more than a quarter of a million crimes recorded along the railway network by British Transport Police over a five-year period.

It was found that CCTV was available in the investigation of almost half of those crimes – 111,000 offences – and proved useful in 65% of those cases. When CCTV was deemed 'useful' by the police – when they felt it was helpful in some way to their investigation – the probability of a crime being detected rose significantly from an average 23% to 48%.

Large variations were identified in relation to crime type and the extent to which cameras were viewed as useful.

Cameras were deemed useful

in 62% of the 83% of robbery investigations in which they were available. For serious assault cases, they were

useful 61% of the time – available 74% - and when investigating theft from a shop, cameras were useful in 53% of a possible 60% of cases.

They were also useful for most public order investigations in which they could be called upon – 44% from a possible 52% of cases.

"This study is the first to look at both availability and usefulness of CCTV,"

said Dr Matt Ashby, lead researcher and criminologist in Nottingham Trent University's School of Social Sciences.

He said: "It shows that CCTV is frequently useful in the investigation of crime and is associated with a substantial increase in the likelihood of most types of offences being solved. CCTV is clearly a powerful investigative tool, particularly for more serious crimes."

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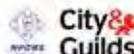
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