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## Children Sing for Uganda

Pupils from Haddon Primary School have performed in a concert for their families to continue their fundraising efforts for fellow pupils in Uganda.

Intrepid Head Teacher, Nina Capek, said the fundraising began after she visited The Little Angels Orphanage and School in Uganda during the summer break: "I was backpacking around Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda. This included lots of safaris and gorilla tracking, but whenever I go anywhere I try to do some voluntary work or at least visit local communities and get off the tourist trail." Nina says that a startling lack of resources at the school didn't mean that a passion for learning was missing: "Little Angels is for orphaned children from around the Lake Bunyoni area in Uganda. The children are all transported to school by boat. The classrooms were very, very, bare and basic and the teachers were doing everything they could to support the children. The children were all taught in English despite it not being their first language."

Nina said she was sure that the children and families of her Carlton school would want to support and share experiences with the Ugandan school children: "The thing which struck me was how happy they were with so little, and how much they wanted to learn. It made me realise how fortunate we are and that perhaps we don't always appreciate that."

"So as soon as I returned I shared photos and discussed what could be done with the rest of the school staff. We decided to work together to both teach our children about other cultures, look at the similarities and differences, and help the African children learn about the UK and support them at the same time. I spoke to the teachers at the school and



asked about the possibility of setting up a link between our children and theirs, and that is what we have done!" Pupil Sienna Staniforth is 6 years old, but already has a strong understanding of the differences between the schools. "We are singing for our mums and dads to help the school in Uganda. We have been writing letters to the pupils there, telling them about ourselves. They need our help because they don't have any clean water, paper or pencils. They don't even have proper floors." Fellow pupil Joshua Hollingworth, aged 6, said he wasn't nervous about performing in the concert. "We have been practising lots and I have really enjoyed learning the songs. I have already written a letter to a pupil at

the school telling them what my favourite food and games are, so we can get to know each other better."

With the help of families attending the concert, £121.79 was raised, but further fundraising events are planned: "If we can raise enough we are hoping to sponsor a child through the school, and stay informed on their progress. The Little Angels School is also looking to buy a few computers so hopefully we can communicate through Skype."

"We want to say a big thank you to the families who have supported us so far and hope that we can all benefit from the relationship with the Ugandan school for years to come."

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# Invaluable Life-Saving Skills



Midlands Ambulance Service said: "CPR so important. If you ring 999 with someone who isn't breathing, it is the first thing they will tell you to do.

"People shouldn't be frightened of doing CPR because you can save someone's life."

The event was managed by the group from start to finish, Tessa said: "The process of setting it up has been a challenging but rewarding process. The skills the group has learned through the process are invaluable and knowing how much of an impact we will have on the local community is hugely motivating."



Nurses have taken to the streets to share potentially lifesaving skills with children and families.

Staff from Nottingham Hospital's Emergency Department provided free training in giving CPR and how to deal with choking and burns during the teachathon in Nottingham city centre.

Hospital staff were joined by East Midlands Ambulance Service and Base 51, a Nottingham base counselling service, offering advice and information about their services.

Tessa Jones, Children's Emergency Department (ED) nurse said dozens of people took part in the event, walking away with vital new skills. "We were

inspired to set up this event from what we see at work on a day to day basis.

"We wanted to educate the public in some basic first aid that will give parents the confidence to act, should an emergency happen."

Emergency Department nurses carried out CPR and choking child demonstrations as well as providing specialist information and advice on burns and basic first aid.

Sian Palmer-Abbott, 16, from Hucknall, attended the event with her younger sister and said: "It has been brilliant. CPR is such a good skill to learn because it can happen to anyone at any time."

Tammy Hazard, paramedic with East



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# Exclusive global Wedding dress launch



Nottinghamshire-based Cockcliffe Country House Hotel has announced a partnership with leading local wedding suppliers to host the launch of revered international wedding dress designer Caroline Castiglioni in the area. Working alongside local businesses, Iconic Bride Bridal Boutique and Mirror Imaging Photography, the 17th century former farmhouse in Burntstump Country Park will provide the venue for the launch of an exclusive new range of

dress for brides-to-be and their friends and family. The event will take place on Sunday 5 November between 11:30 and 14:30, and will include a free glass of prosecco and canapés on arrival. Every bride-to-be who registers at the event will also be entered into a prize draw - including the chance to win a hen-do retreat for 20 guests worth £1,400 at Horspool Luxury Retreat & Spa in Southwell - and will centre around a catwalk show featuring

the breath-taking new lines. The announcement follows the news of the £750,000 refurbishment programme at the hotel, which has seen the creation of a new stone built state of the art banqueting suite, ideal for weddings. The final elements of the refurbishment are planned to be completed by the end of 2017. "To be chosen to be part of this event for such an iconic name in the wedding business is testament to our facilities

and how far we've come as a business in recent years," explained Jon-Paul Davies, director of independent hotel group Heritage Estates, which owns Cockcliffe Country House Hotel. "The event promises to be a great occasion for everyone - there's no stands or sales pitches, it's just a great opportunity for people to experience all things 'wedding' and meet with talented and knowledgeable professionals face-to-face.

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## City-Wide £70 Fine for Street Drinkers



New Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) have come into force since 20 October in Nottingham, providing Nottingham's 100 Community Protection Officers (CPOs) with the powers they need to deal with street drinkers and keep the city safer. The new PSPOs will cover the whole of the city of Nottingham from the city centre to suburbs like Clifton, Wollaton and Bulwell - and crucially, our Community Protection Officers will now have the power to fine offenders £70 - previously only police officers were able to fine. Under the new order, a Community Protection Officer can:

- Require a person not to consume alcohol
- Require a person to surrender any alcohol in his/her possession
- Dispose of the alcohol
- Issue a fine of £70

The new order will help tackle anti-

social behaviours associated with street drinking, including vomiting, urinating and defecating in public areas, littering, violence, aggressive or intimidating behaviour and criminal damage. When a CPO intervenes in those cases, the street drinker will be asked to stop drinking and surrender their alcohol - if the street drinker complies with those instructions, they won't receive a fine. If the street drinker fails to comply - they will receive a fine of £70. If the fine isn't paid, they can be taken to court and given a higher fine of up to £500. Councillor Toby Neal, Portfolio Holder for Community &

Customer Services at Nottingham City Council said: "Street drinking can result in unpleasant anti-social behaviour. We have a huge active night-time economy in Nottingham, and although it's only a small minority who disrupt our city in this way, these new measures will allow our Community Protection Officers to deal with disruptive street drinking quickly and effectively."

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# Hoping To Catch A UK Bus Award

**The man who keeps trentbarton's thousands of bus stops informative and welcoming places is in the running for a major national prize at the UK Bus Awards 2017**

Chris Plummer, trentbarton's roadside officer, is a finalist for the Unsung Hero Award and will find out at a ceremony in London on November 21 if he has won.

Chris, 46, from Ilkeston, plays a vital role at trentbarton and has already scooped the unsung hero title at the company's 2017 really good service awards.

Chris, who is up against seven other finalists from across Great Britain, said: "I was really surprised and very pleased to win

trentbarton's award. To get to the national final of the UK Bus Awards is a great accolade from our industry."

The Unsung Hero Award, sponsored by Backhouse Jones, recognises people who are committed, devoted to duty and truly go above and beyond making sure customers get where they need to be.

Mark Yexley, UK Bus Awards chairman, said: "This award is really special. Lots of true heroes in the industry go unnoticed, work-

ing behind the scenes and devoting their time to making sure passengers are given the very best service. It's great to recognise them. We wish Chris the very best of luck at the awards ceremony." Tom Morgan, trentbarton's director of service delivery, said: "Since starting as trentbarton's roadside officer in 2006, Chris has been 100 per cent dedicated to each and every customer getting the information they need at our 6,000-plus bus stops.



## Specialist Consultancy Chooses Notts for HQ



Specialist consultancy, the-Grogroup has moved offices from the Lace Market to the newly opened Business Hub, which is part of the Landmark Business Centre in West Bridgford.

The company also has offices in East Sussex and the move will establish the Nottingham office as the main headquarters. This central location means the company is well placed to service its UK wide client base.

Founded in 1996, this Director team have been working together for almost ten years. Kate Hennig and Alex Shacklock both live in Nottingham and headed the award winning RSM Tenon Acad-

emy. They joined Paul Richmond's existing business, to create the-Grogroup as a niche consultancy to focus upon Professional Services Firms in 2014. Since then, the-Grogroup has grown by over 170%, with year on year growth in 2016 of 40%. The aim is to achieve a target of 30% consistent growth over the next three years.

The company has a team of over 20 consultants employed on a full time and contract basis and the move to West Bridgford will create three new employment opportunities over the next twelve months, as well as several new contract roles to facilitate client assignments.

Commenting on the move, the-Grogroup Director Alex Shacklock, said: "We have been delighted with the growth of our consultancy over the last three years and this office move is the next step in our strategy to become the leading provider of strategic, leadership and skills development advice to professional services firms."

Kate Hennig added: "When we were looking for new premises we realised that West Bridgford was ideal for our new HQ. The location allows us to be based in premium office space in one of Nottingham's exclusive suburbs whilst still within easy access of all transport links."

*"Chris is completely determined that every single piece of information at each of those bus stops is not only correct but stands out and is visually appealing. When services and timetables change, it's Chris who rises to the challenge, making personally sure that every new bus stop version is accurate."*



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**Aries**  
Certain people are guilty of taking advantage of your time and generosity, but not prepared to either admit it nor return the favour. Love is in the air and someone's surprise suggestion will set your mind racing and for once, you will be lost for words. Prepare yourself for even more excitement on the financial front because a wise investment made earlier will start to pay excellent dividends or you may start a lucrative business venture that will offer a more secure and comfortable lifestyle.

**Taurus**  
Breaking through emotional blocks will prove liberating because you are finally beginning to discover who you really are. With your popularity soaring sky high, friends will ask you for advice and guidance regarding numerous matters because they trust your business acumen and know that you will be completely honest with them. Investment issues must be handled properly. Seek legal advice before signing your life away on the dotted line because they could be a hidden catch somewhere in all that paperwork.

**Gemini**  
A highly charged emotional situation dominates your thoughts and waking moments causing a few sleepless nights. You don't take kindly to being issued ultimatums or squeezed into a tight corner. Beware of caving in under pressure because everything now depends on you remaining very much in control of your behaviour. Revelations come to light regarding a matter you've harboured suspicious about and will only prove that you were right all along to trust your gut feelings.

**Cancer**  
Family commitments and work related matters keep you busy with your nose to the grindstone with each day like yet another ground hog day, but take heart, because your routine is about to experience a massive change that will benefit you in many positive ways. An event you've been busy planning for many months begins to take shape, but you are right to review the guest list and be more realistic about who to invite into your world.

**Leo**  
Working to improve your world will attract admirers, luck, adventure and a few hangers on. There is no reason to stick to a routine if a timetable is not suiting your requirements. Use your charm and charisma to win people around to your way of thinking because what you need now is the full support of a team who believe in you and your ability to reach your goal.

**Virgo**  
Expanding your education will pave the way to rich and rewarding relationships. When you act with confidence and authority, people tend to take more notice and feel encouraged to follow your lead. Working with painstaking partners will be good for you because you like people who mean what they say and who are punctual and mega reliable. Take this opportunity to plan some time for yourself so that you have a good life balance and it's not all work and no play.

**Libra**  
You are a born leader and it's time to go after what you want with a good support network behind you. This is a great time to launch a new business or make an investment. You know exactly what you are capable of doing, it's not better than your rivals, so have more faith in your abilities to start over again. Proceed with quiet determination and be patient as good things are now approaching you that could also include a spot of romance.

**Scorpio**  
Wherever you go and whatever you do over the coming weeks, you will carry with you an aura of authority and command. There is no reason why you should endure an unsatisfactory situation any longer. Your influence will greatly increase in both your personal and professional areas putting you on the top rung of the ladder. A financial windfall could act as a safety net providing you with a little bit of security and reassurance that everything is going to be just fine.

**Sagittarius**  
A passionate relationship brings out the daring in you, but be careful in whom you place your trust because not everyone will have your best interest at heart. Work pressures take their toll as heavy demands are made upon your time so no wonder you feel under pressure and a touch irritable. If you feel as though other people have the upper hand in numerous areas, this is probably because you have taken your eye off the ball because of too many outside distractions.

**Capricorn**  
If you are involved in a close and personal relationship, keep your wits about you because love is blind and the two people involved are not always able to think clearly about their next move, so prepare yourself for a few snags that will need diplomacy and tact if they are to be ironed out satisfactorily. A job offer could turn out to be exactly what you are currently looking for if you are to make any kind of positive progress both financially and career wise.

**Aquarius**  
A close friend will give you excellent advice and guidance regarding an important personal or professional matter, but are you prepared to hear the truth or will you choose to live in a fools paradise? Overseas travel looks likely and if you are in the holiday mood, now is a great time to indulge in a brand new adventure that could involve some serious thinking about relocating and starting over again somewhere brand new and where you can put your past behind you.

**Pisces**  
As your mind is at it's brightest and most ingenious, you will come up with some great ideas both in business and socially, putting you in great demand socially as long as you are aware that there are only so many hours in the day and that you will need some down time at some point. Numerous unexpected developments in your love life could leave you standing at a crossroads because you will be questioning your inner feelings for both the person involved and the situation you have found yourself in.



Children at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy have been taking part in a new drive to increase their love of reading with the help of their families.

# Learning to Love Reading

The scheme sees parents coming into school to spend time reading with children, using the school's extensive library. Acting Headteacher Anne Ingle said she hopes it will encourage a lifelong love of reading in the children, and to encourage families to read together more at home: "If we can instil a love of reading in our pupils, then those literacy skills will inform all of the work they do in school. We are hoping that more and more families will take the time to read with their

children at home, and for those families who are already doing that, to utilise our library to enrich their choices." Pupil Milla Bickerton, 7, attended the event with her parents: "I am reading a book with my parents today, it's called Patrick and the Fox. I like it when my parents come into school, it's nice to get together and read a book." Mum, Mrs Bickerton, thinks it's a great scheme: "I love reading and we are a reading family. It is so important for developing

their imagination, language and spelling. We are joining in with this because we always try to support anything she does in school." Dad, Mr Bickerton, agrees: "I think this is a great idea, and there are a good number of families attending. Hopefully it will encourage everyone to read more together." Milla says that she thinks reading can help her in all of her lessons. "I think reading helps you to know the world and the way it is. It also gets your brain power stronger!"

## 'Literary Greats' Campaign to Attract Visitors From Across the Pond

Nottinghamshire is set to lead a new project to attract more American visitors to the area in partnership with Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature, Visit Hampshire and Shakespeare's England.

The project, called 'Creating England's Literary Greats', is one of a number of successful bids to secure funding from

The £40 million Discover England Fund, administered by VisitEngland, which funds projects to enhance England's tourism offer to overseas visitors. The Fund is a central government funded programme of activity, supported by match funding by partners in the public

and private sectors.

Focusing on the US travel trade, the project aims to explore the demand for increased literary themed visits to England, introducing new ideas for itineraries and presenting them to US tour operators to sell in their programmes.

Brendan Moffett, chief executive of Visit Nottinghamshire said: "This is fantastic news for Nottinghamshire and we're thrilled to have been awarded this opportunity to test the market to see if there's an appetite for US tourists to explore our literary legends and their attractions, including DH Lawrence Birthplace Museum and Newstead Abbey.



"The concept behind the project is based on research from VisitBritain, which has found that more than a third of overseas visitors want to see places from film and literature, and that almost half visited museums, art galleries, castles or historic houses – demonstrating the significance of the

UK's heritage and culture."

Sandeep Mahal, director of Nottingham UNESCO City of Nottingham said: "Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature is delighted to be working in partnership with Visit Nottinghamshire on this project and to see the development of the city's literary tourism offering. "Nottingham is truly blessed with our literary credentials and we see this project as a real opportunity for tourism operators to create and deliver literary tourism experiences that set us apart from our competitor destinations. This project will help shine a light on our literary tourism potential."

## Warm Homes on Prescription for Patients



Financial help to reduce heating bills is on offer in Mansfield to homeowners on a low income who have a health condition that could be made worse or put them at risk if they live in a cold property. People with various illnesses and conditions could qualify for help as part of Mansfield District Council's Warm Homes on Prescription programme which is for people who live in their own home or privately rented accommodation.

Assistance offered depends on the financial means and health of the occupant and can include:

- Grants for boiler repairs, replacement, or improvements (home owners only)
- Help to make heating more affordable, such as guidance on switching energy supplier, ensuring all benefits are claimed, and using heating efficiently
- Advice on keeping warm and safe.

People with heart, blood pressure, respiratory and circulation problems, osteoporosis (brittle bones), strokes, diabetes and cancer can seek this support.

The council can also negotiate with landlords to secure energy efficiency improvements to privately rented properties, subject to a property assessment. According to Government statistics, 4,395 households in Mansfield - 9.6% of all homes in the district - are fuel poor. Fuel poverty and low incomes are more prevalent in the private rented sector with 19% of households being fuel poor. Properties in this sector are also more likely to have poor energy efficiency ratings.

CLR Barry Answer, the council's Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "Staying warm and safe is especially important for people with a health problem and this scheme will help some of our most vulnerable resi-

dents. "If anyone knows someone who could benefit from this scheme I urge them to let them know about it and encourage them to get in

touch. They might even qualify for a grant to get a new boiler." To apply for help, contact the council's Private Sector Housing Service at adminpsh@mans-

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# Big Plans for Farnsfield

Homebuyers will soon have the chance to put down roots close to the world-famous Sherwood Forest, as Miller Homes Midlands reveals plans for a new development in Farnsfield.

The neighbourhood comprises a mix of 60 three, four and five bedroom energy-efficient new homes, all set in a landscaped green space and a short walk to popular amenities and visitor attractions.

Named Augustus Grange, work on the new neighbourhood is now underway and the showhome is due to open in March 2018.

Farnsfield is just a stone's throw away from Sherwood Forest, which offers walking and cycling trails, along with children's events, activities and concerts. It is also within easy reach of Southwell, Mansfield and Nottingham, making it the ideal base for commuting.

Explaining more, Alastair Parsons, sales director for Miller Homes Midlands, said: "Our homes are contemporary, spacious and built to the highest standard and design specifications. They also include traditional features, such as dentil brickwork, feature porches including free-standing timber, and decorative details to ensure they are sympathetic to the village."

"There are few villages in Nottinghamshire more peaceful and picturesque than Farnsfield, so we are delighted to bring this new neighbourhood to the area. Farnsfield has a strong community feel and offers a choice of stunning walking trails. Venture a little further afield and you'll discover a fantastic choice of shops and restaurants in Nottingham and outdoor activities at Sherwood



Pines and Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre." Prospective buyers can benefit from a number of purchase incentives at Augustus Grange including the Miller Homes Part Exchange scheme and the government-backed Help to Buy scheme.

For more Miller Homes' developments in Nottinghamshire and the surrounding areas visit [www.millerhomes.co.uk](http://www.millerhomes.co.uk). To register your interest in the new Farnsfield development visit the website or call 03300 370 300.

# Brewing Up Support

Nottingham-based accountancy firm UHY Hacker Young enjoyed a 'Tea & Talk' event this on 23 October – raising awareness and £262 for The Mental Health Foundation (MHF).

UHY Hacker Young recently chose MHF as its national charity for 2017/18 and funds are being raised across its 22 offices. The MHF delivers programmes, training

and guidance which help to prevent mental health problems and support good mental health, the charity works to influence policymakers and advocate for change.

Tea & Talk is MHF's national fundraising campaign, in conjunction with World Mental Health Day, and UHY's event focussed on cake, coffee, friendly conversation and a sweepstake for the charity.



# RizkMcCay Celebrate 15 Year Anniversary

Nottingham creative design and strategic marketing agency RizkMcCay celebrated in style at a special event held at Curious Manor to thank its clients, employees and partners for their hard work and contribution to the firm's fantastic 15 years in business.

Founded in 2002 by Nadia Rizk and John McCay, the company provides high quality branding and marketing campaigns for a range of businesses from construction, property, education to health brands.

Following a highly successful 2016 which saw sales increase 18%, 2017 is proving just as exciting for the business, with September's figures 9% higher in terms of sales than any month

in the history of the company.

Account director Helen Andrews is proud to reach this milestone. She said: "The event was incredibly special; it was such a blessing to have our clients celebrating our 15th birthday alongside us. We have had the chance to work with some wonderful clients over the years, and I'd like to thank everyone for making it a brilliant evening."

RizkMcCay started life as a creative design agency before expanding into strategic marketing as a result of an evolving client base. Experienced marketer Helen Andrews joined RizkMcCay in 2007 as equity director to help drive the company's growth.

Creative director John McCay added:

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## Children's TV character at Big Switch On



Mansfield's Big Switch On event to turn on the town's Christmas lights on Sunday 19 November is always a popular family occasion with lots of activities for youngsters. This year, one of the stars of the show will be Marshall, from PAW Patrol, as seen on kids' TV channel Nick Jr, who will be out and about enchanting younger members of the audience with personal appearances. He will appear first at the Four Seasons Shopping Centre at 2pm before heading to the stage show. The shopping centre will also have craft activities at the popular Buzzy B Club, plus there will be street entertainers and a food court in the Market Place. Marshall, the loveable, clumsy Dalmatian puppy in PAW Patrol, will be appearing again during the stage



show hosted by Mansfield 103.2 in the Market Place from 3.25pm. As well as Marshall, the show will

feature live acts, prize giveaways, panto cast stars from Mansfield Palace Theatre's Jack and the Beanstalk, and special guests, including Santa.

Kate Allsop, Executive Mayor of Mansfield, said: "The Big Switch On is always an exciting event for children and Marshall will be helping our younger citizens get into the festive spirit."

The Big Switch On is organised by Mansfield District Council in partnership with the Four Seasons Shopping Centre, Mansfield Palace Theatre, Mansfield 103.2 and Mansfield BID. This year Matthews and Tannert, plumbing, heating and electrical services specialist is also sponsoring the event.

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## CAR SHOW A ROARING SUCCESS



On Sunday 22 October Mansfield District Council hosted its second Car Show on Mansfield Market Place, which saw 42 vehicles line up on display.

Stunning vehicles included a Morris 1800, an Aston Allegro, a Mini Cooper, a Ferrari 355 GTS replica, and a vintage fire engine from Mansfield Fire Museum. Three prizes were up for grabs too, available to all those who took part in the display.

The public voted for their favourite vehicle for the People's Choice prize, which was a £100 cash prize donated by John Sankey Estate Agents. John Sankey, who is an avid car fan, attended the event with his own 1976 Rover p6 3500L VIP and presented the winners with their prize. The winners, Neil and Mel Hill from Mansfield Woodhouse, were thrilled to receive their prize and certificate after displaying their 1958 Oldsmobile Super 88.

Second place winners, Dave and Wendy Brown from Mansfield Woodhouse, were the Deputy Mayor's choice with their 1931 Lagonda. They won a £50 cash prize.

John Dexter from Clifton was the Lucky Draw prize winner after his name was selected at random from a list of all exhibi-

tors who attended the event. He displayed his 1969 Plymouth Valiant and won a £20 voucher to spend on Mansfield Market. The event was a real hit for families as well as car enthusiasts, with free face painting and craft activity for the children, as well as free-to-play giant games and live music played at intervals throughout the day.

Members of the public also supported the Royal British Legion by sponsoring a knitted poppy and attaching it to netting for the council's Remembrance Day display. There is still time for the community to help attach the poppies and donate to the Legion this half-term on Mansfield Market Place, during the Halloween hunt from 24 to 28 October, 11am to 2pm.

So far the public has helped to raise more than £330 for the project, but there are still thousands of poppies yet to be sponsored and attached before the netting is installed prior to the Remembrance Day parade on Sunday 12 November, so the community is urged to get involved and dedicate some time to help out.

Deputy Mayor Mick Barton, who judged part of the Car Show competition, said: "I chose the Lagonda because it has been restored to a very high standard by a

specialist, local restorer. It was a difficult decision as there were so many other beautiful cars too, but the Lagonda just ticked every box for me.

"The event was very well received by all and it was great to see so many people turn out to support it. The atmosphere in the town centre was a real buzz of excitement, so I'd like to say a big thank you to all the car owners for making this event such a great success, as well as the organisers and sponsors too."

To express an interest in taking part in the 2018 Car Show, email [events@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:events@mansfield.gov.uk) with your contact details and information about your vehicle. If you'd like to find out more about the poppy project, visit [www.mansfield.gov.uk/poppyparade](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/poppyparade).

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The High Growth Summit welcomed over 220 ambitious business leaders from across the UK looking to uncover the strategies to help them reach the next level, with a further 550 accessing the summit online.

The sold-out event, which took place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, East Midlands Airport on 13 October, saw a host of inspirational speakers present on topics including high performance leadership, entrepreneurship and growth hacking.

Lisa Nichols, leading US business coach and contributor to the world bestselling book *The Secret*, made her debut appearance in the UK, motivating the audience with her unique experiences and insights into how planning and presentation can enable growth.

Also speaking at the event was Matthew Farrow, financial director of leading estate agent Purplebricks.

In the first public presentation on the company's success, Matthew revealed some of the secrets to its meteoric rise. Other speakers included Tamie Adaya, CEO and creative director of the Shangi-La hotel in Los Angeles, customer service and marketing expert Geoff



Ramm, and Nigel Knapp from the Manufacturing Technology Centre. Stuart Ross, CEO of High Growth, said: "The East Midlands is a real hub of

entrepreneurship and so it's brilliant to be able to share such expertise with so many ambitious businesses. The summit has gone from strength to strength each year and we are very proud that world-leading speakers chose the region to showcase their knowledge.

"For the fifth year, the summit saw a great mix of people come together to share and learn some crucial business strategies that will help to drive them to the next level of growth."

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## All aboard! HMS Sherwood



Students from Nottingham College and members of the public were among those to get on board behind the scenes at the East Midlands' only Royal Naval Reserve (RNR) unit on Tuesday 17 October.

Reservists from HMS Sherwood, who are based at Foresters House in Chilwell, welcomed the young people and a host of potential recruits to hear about life with the naval unit.

The students, who are in their second year of studying Public Services at Nottingham College, were the first to get the chance to try equipment, learn life-saving techniques and speak to reservists about their military careers at the HMS Sherwood Live event.

Nottingham College student Stefan Thomas, aged 17, said: "It was very exciting and I learned a lot."

Fellow student Georgia Haywood, aged 18, added: "It was a very good day and a new experience. I've learned about the weapons reservists use, about life rafts and survival as well as First Aid."

Petty Officer Derek Parsons of HMS Sherwood, said: "These kinds of events are something we really enjoy doing."

"It gives the students, cadets and people who have expressed an interest in joining us an insight into what we're all about."

"They all seemed to get a lot out of HMS Sherwood live and we're delighted to be able to spread the word about all the benefits that being a reservist here brings."

For more on HMS Sherwood visit [www.royalnavy.mod.uk/sherwood](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/sherwood) or the unit can be contacted on 0345 600 3222.

## New Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University Announced

Sir John Peace has been announced as the new Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University.

Sir John is the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, and has had a long and distinguished career across the technology, financial services and retail sectors.

He is currently Chairman of global fashion brand Burberry plc and Chairman of the Midlands Engine. He is committed to supporting the

growth of the region and has a long-standing interest in education.

Between 1999 and 2009, he was Chairman of the Board of Governors at NTU, and he is

also a Trustee of the Djanogly City Academy in Nottingham.

Sir John has held Chief Executive roles within a range of organisations including the financial services company Experian plc, of which he was one of the founders, and GUS plc. He has also been Chairman of Standard Chartered plc and the Work Foundation, a leading independent think-tank.

Sir John said: "I am delighted to be returning to a role at Nottingham Trent University. It is a fantastic institution and one that I know well from my time as a member of the Board of Governors. The University has much to be proud of, and makes a hugely important contribution to the ongoing growth and cultural development of the region."

Sir John will be officially installed in his new role at a special ceremony on 8 December at the University during the winter graduation period.

The role of Chancellor is to undertake a number of important



ceremonial duties, including conferring degrees at graduation ceremonies and representing the University at events. He takes over the role from Kevin Cahill OBE, who was Chancellor of the University for three years from 2014.

Sir John was knighted in 2011 for services to business and the voluntary sector, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from NTU in 2015, in recognition of his contribution to the civic and commercial life of the City and County.

## Designer opticians practice expands team

Award winning opticians, Lesley Cree Opticians in Radcliffe on Trent has expanded its team following the appointment of Ben Cree as a Business Development Manager.

Ben graduated from Leeds University with a first-class degree in Business Management in 2016, and after travelling around South East Asia and Australia, he joined the Lesley Cree team to help develop "SUNNIES", their online designer sunglasses business.

Initially, this involved promoting

the "SUNNIES" brand and building online customers using 'pop-up' shops at leading sports and lifestyle events such as Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, Royal Wind-



sor Horse Show, Eastbourne Tennis Competition, Southampton Boat Show, Carfest South, Burghley Horse Show and Goodwood Revival.

Now that the Winter season has arrived, and the SUNNIES 'exhibition' season is quieter, Ben has joined the Opticians practice and will begin a three year FdSc Ophthalmic Dispensing

award category in the Association of Optometrist Awards.

Commenting on Ben's appointment, Lesley Cree said, "Ben has been very successful in establishing the SUNNIES brand name and developing our on-line business. The next three years will see him further develop and learn how the 'bricks and mortar' part of running an opticians practice works."

Ben added, "It has been great to build the on-line side of the busi-

ness model, as well as gaining my formal qualifications in dispensing optics. This combined experience will certainly benefit me in the future, particularly when I am advising SUNNIES customers on the best choice of designer sunglasses."

He added, "Even during the winter months it is important to protect eyes from harmful UV rays as the sun's UV radiation can be very

light. This effect can only be supplemented by a good quality pair of UV blocking sunglasses, which are important to protect eyes from long-term damage e.g. cataracts and macular degeneration."

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## Play Area Improvements in Stapleford

Children got the chance to test out the improvements to the play park at Judson Avenue in Stapleford thanks to the hard work of the Judson Play Park Community Group and partners.

The Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor Halimah Khaled MBE, visited the newly refurbished park to meet the group, who helped raise funding for the improvements, and some of the local children who are already benefiting from the new and improved play park.

The play area is specifically aimed at the youngest members of the local community and has had a new dog proof fence, swings, trampoline, and

springy seesaw installed, along with rubber surfacing and new play bark. Local vol-

unteers gave their time to help give the park a face lift by painting the original items and fencing. A spokesman for the Judson Play Park Community Group said: "Local residents came together very quickly for this worthy cause. We identified

what needed to be done and put the effort in to make it happen. It's been great to work together with the agencies involved to secure the future of this popular local park."

The project has been achieved with funding of £18,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council; Tesco Bags of Help grant awards; and Broxtowe Borough Council; along with volunteer time from the Judson Play Park Community Group and employees from Concept Painting Contractors. Paint was donated by Dulux Decorating Centre on Alfreton Rd Nottingham and Brewers Decorating Centre in Hucknall.



## Research Inspires New Menu

As stats reveal that the average UK family spends more on eating out in restaurants, bars and pubs than any time in the past five years (£45.10 per week), Nottingham brewpub Brewhouse & Kitchen has announced the relaunch of its food menu with the intention to cater to all party sizes, ages and occasions.

In 2015, 72% of people aged 45-64 ate out at least weekly, along with 60% of 18-24s and 55% of 25-34s. Millennial friendship groups and families led the way in the casual dining sector, with Generation X couples also making a regular trip to dine out of home.

David Griffiths, general manager of Brewhouse & Kitchen in Nottingham, explained how national statistics on dining helped to inspire a change in the venue's food offering.

David said: "As a venue, we're ideally located on the banks of the River Trent in stylish West Bridgford, a stone's throw from two of the city's premier sporting venues. With that in mind, it made perfect sense for us



to reconsider what we can and should offer for the customers walking through our doors.

"Mid-week, we are seeing the 'after work' crowd coming for a drink or two with friends and colleagues and they are often looking for light bites rather than a full meal.

"On the other hand, at weekends we are a popular pre and post-match venue for Trent Bridge and Notts County's Meadow Lane as well as for family gatherings.

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**News in Brief****Broxtowe Bin Changes**

Changes to bin collections in Broxtowe Borough will soon come in to effect and the Council is urging residents to keep an eye out for information about the changes, which will be coming through their letterboxes in the next few weeks.

New bin calendars will be sent to every household in the Borough in November ahead of the changes, which start on 4th December. Residents should continue to use their existing calendars until 1 December.

Whilst not all residents will have a new collection day, some could see their collection day change by up to four days or see their black or green lidded bin collection week swap. Anyone affected will receive additional information in the post about how the Council will help them manage their waste during the transition weeks.

Residents are also reminded of the new bin collection start time of 6.30am, which also starts on 4 December.

"The new arrangements will make them more efficient and take into account new homes which have been built or are due to be built in the Borough," said Shane Easom, Chair of the Leisure and Environment Committee.

"Please be patient with us over the coming weeks whilst we get the new arrangements in place. Our contact centre is likely to be very busy so if you can, check our website or your new calendar before calling. If you have neighbours who aren't sure, then pass the information on to them to help us get the message to everyone."

**For more information, visit [www.broxtowe.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/recycling), call 0115 917 7777 or email [recycling@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@broxtowe.gov.uk)**

**NTU Graduate Named Agricultural Student of the Year**

A recent graduate from Nottingham Trent University has been named Agricultural Student of the Year.

Benjamin Theaker, 22, is from a non-farming background and was presented with the national accolade by the British Farming Awards.

The awards showcase the innovation and achievements of farmers from across the agricultural industry. Benjamin was praised by the judges for his knowledge of the challenges currently facing UK agriculture and for taking the opportunity to attend university.

Benjamin, who was based at the university's Brackenhurst Campus, graduated this summer from a two-year BTEC Agriculture course with a Triple Distinction Star (D\*, D\*, D\*) and a number of other practical qualifications.

He was sponsored to go to university by his employer Worksop Manor Farm.

After gaining his A-levels Benjamin spent a summer's harvest on the farm, which turned into a year's work placement.

While at university he established a Brackenhurst Young Farmers' Club, after spotting an opportunity to bring students together for fundraising, activities and competitions.

He also showed the Brackenhurst Lincoln Red herd at Newark and Lincolnshire county shows, where they achieved champion breed.

Benjamin, who is an active member and vice-chairman of a Nottingham Young Farmers' Club, hopes to become an estates manager in the future.



Emma Penny, Group Head of Content at Briefing Media Agriculture, Benjamin Theaker, award winner, and Rob Edwards, Business Development Manager- Agriculture at Kubota.

**Now you see us!**

Oakwood Fuels Ltd has donated 110 high visibility vests to their local school, Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy.

Acting Head Teacher Anne Ingle said the vests are crucial equipment for the school. "We are so grateful to Oakwood Fuels Ltd for the donation; the company is a great supporter of our wonderful school. The vests are required to help us to keep children safe on outings and donations of this kind mean that school

funds can be directed towards learning resources instead. All of the staff and children want to say a big thank you to Oakwood for once again stepping in to help us."

Gareth Lowry, Commercial Manager at Oakwood Fuels Ltd says his company maintains strong ties with the school: "We heard that the school required high visibility jackets so that when they take the children out on excursions children will be

visible and safe. They needed a cross section of sizes to suit the different age ranges and we were pleased to provide 110 of them."

"We are a very large employer within the village and we felt it was the right thing to do. Many of our own employees have children at the school and we would like to think that in years to come some of the children here will come and work for Oakwood too!"

**Public Urged to Sleep Out**

"Thanks to the event sponsorship from The Nottingham all participant fundraising will be used directly to help street homeless people. Money raised from the Big Sleep Out enables us to put in place some really effective additional measures including the services of an NHS nurse who is able to address the many serious health conditions people are living with on our streets. It also funds a free-phone hotline that provides a life-line to rough sleepers and intensive one-to-one support for people moving into a home of their own."

"Money raised at the Big Sleep Out really does have an effect on our work. It is no exaggeration to say that it changes lives and saves lives as well."

To book your place at Framework's Big Sleep Out visit [www.frameworkha.org/bigsleepout](http://www.frameworkha.org/bigsleepout).

**For more information about taking part please contact Abigail Mayfield on 0115 970 9558 or [abigail.mayfield@frameworkha.org](mailto:abigail.mayfield@frameworkha.org)**

Members of the public are being asked to do their bit to help homeless people this winter – by sleeping out for a single night in Nottingham so that others don't have to.

Homelessness charity Framework is holding its annual Big Sleep Out fundraising challenge on Saturday, November 18, at the Forest Sports Zone – a secure location within the Forest Recreation Ground.

The event, sponsored by Nottingham Building Society, comes at a time when rough sleeping in the city of Nottingham has reached record highs. Framework is currently finding more than 30 people sleeping rough in Nottingham on a typical night. On one night in September they found 43 people – more than ever before. These figures reflect a national rough sleeping crisis, and would be far worse if not for the work of Framework's Street Outreach Team, which is funded by Nottingham City Council with additional support from the public to work directly with people on the streets.

This year's Big Sleep Out aims to raise more than £20,000 to support the life-saving work of the Outreach Team and is being supported by Nottingham Forest's Community Trust.

Jason Marriott, Framework Outreach Manager, explained: "Because people who sleep rough often have very complex needs, they need far more than a roof over their heads or a hand-out on the streets to get them back on track. They need intensive, structured programmes of support that are tailored to their needs."

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The team at Another? Wine Bar in Trinity Square welcomed nearly 50 VIPs to a special preview night, before opening to the public on Friday 27 October.

The concept is the first of its kind in the city and sees guests using special tasting machines to serve themselves from a selection of 32 reds, whites, rosés, sparkling wines, Prosecco and vintage Champagnes.

Reflecting on the opening, owner Sam Benjamin said:

"It's been so well received and the reaction from our first customers has been fantastic. It's been great to see people who have stuck to the same wine for years using the venue as an opportunity to try something completely different.

"We're taking a very relaxed approach to wine and want people to enjoy it in their own way and at their own pace, and that's exactly what's been happening."

Another? Wine Bar is open Wednesday and Thursday 5.30pm-11pm, Friday and Saturday 12pm-12am and Sunday 12pm-10pm. The venue is also available for private hire on Mondays and Tuesdays.



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## Digital agency lands in Nottingham



Fifteen, a full-service digital agency, has just secured its brand-new headquarters in Beeston, Nottingham. As part of its rapid expansion plans, the company has invested a six-figure sum in the Media House premises.

The award-winning company has transformed the office at Media House into a creative hub that provides a vibrant environment for its expanding team. The move ends a 12-month long search for the perfect space in order to facilitate the agency's huge growth aspirations. The space promises room to

double the current number of staff, creating at least 30 new positions within the agency with scope for more growth.

Managing Director Ollie Piddubriwnyj set up the digital agency in 2004 having worked in the creative industries. After hand-picking his team and consistently winning clients with a unique approach to the agency industry, the company has become known for its eccentric culture every bit as much as its digital and brand work.

Their new office boasts a ping pong table, comic-book themed board rooms, two beer fridges,

an arcade machine – and a wall of vintage Apple computers.

Ollie says of the expansion: "We reckon we're different from other agencies. By giving the team an epic culture to do great things, that helps us do great things for our clients – in turn setting them apart."

Ollie adds: "The team work outrageously hard, so we all deserve an outrageous space to work in – and a Sonos speaker in every room! We're searching for passion and talent in its raw uninhibited forms, so our new space is all part of nurturing that passion."





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Lincolnshire has also become well known for its markets, which come alive in the winter time with lots of festive cheer and activity, making it the perfect place to buy some Christmas presents or indulge in a little retail therapy. Find rich traditions and lingering memories in charming market towns full of character.

The 11th century castle and medieval

cathedral are famous for miles around, and the region's stately homes offer an even more focused perspective on the history and culture that is still prominent today. These historical attractions are well worth a visit as you explore the rich landscape.

Church spires and towers, bustling market places and a rich food heritage mark out Lincolnshire towns, each offering an appealing mix of independent shopping, traditional markets and historic architecture.

Pass the time in the market places of Louth with its smart Georgian streets, or meander through the streets of Stamford. Visit Grantham, where Sir Isaac Newton was schooled, and Margaret Thatcher born, or Gainsborough, on the bank of the River Trent, which boasts one of England's finest medieval market houses.

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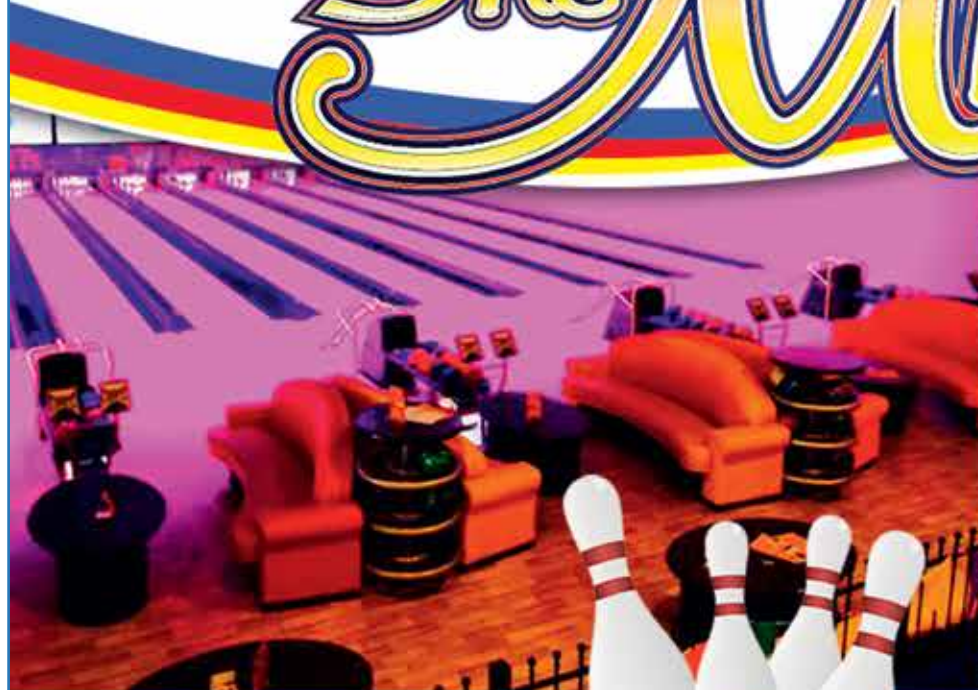
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- 54 Stopping (7)
- 55 Joint in the arm (5)
- 57 Cold geological  
period (3,3)
- 58 Lower leg bone (4)
- 59 Small amount of  
suffused colour (5)
- 60 Cereal grass (5)
- 61 Hold for the future (4)

## DOWN

- 1 River mud (4)
- 2 Following on (5)
- 3 Strainer or riddle (5)
- 4 Without any abilities,  
of no purpose (7)
- 5 Dodge (5)
- 6 A snag or beg lifts (5)
- 7 Large wading bird (5)
- 8 Mouldable substance (7)
- 9 Impudence (5)
- 11 Morose, quietly angry (6)
- 18 Qualified cook (4)
- 20 Haughty (5)
- 21 Impermeable (8)
- 22 Wealthy (4)
- 23 To pine or lack spirit (4)
- 25 Go over again (5)
- 26 Pig-headed (8)
- 28 Fruit extract (5)
- 29 Lightly sticky (5)
- 32 One-third of a  
cricket wicket (5)
- 35 Interrogate (5)
- 36 Puff and pant (4)
- 37 Awaken or churn (4)
- 41 Computer enthusiast (4)
- 43 Brusque (7)
- 45 Whim or idea (6)
- 46 American rubbish (7)
- 48 Copper-zinc alloy (5)
- 49 Roofing stone (5)
- 50 Consent (5)
- 51 Down under (5)
- 52 Take a free card in  
pontoon (5)
- 53 Realm of the stars (5)
- 56 Profound (4)

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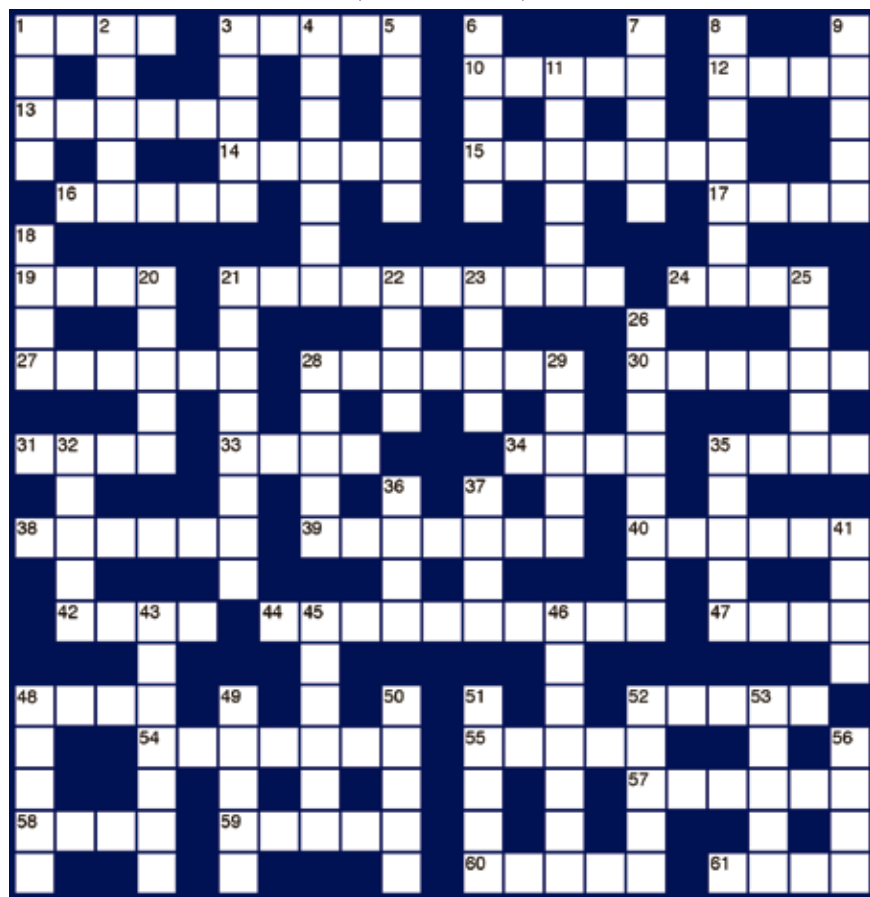
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## Leading UK Craft Market Returns



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A must for the style and design conscious seeking a unique Christmas gift or treat; Lustre is one of the highest quality craft events in the UK and the largest and most prestigious event of its kind in the East Midlands.

During this special weekend (4-5 November) visitors to the University of Nottingham's Lakeside Arts will find over 80 of the country's finest contemporary craft makers, selling everything from artisan jewellery and bags to ceramics, glass and tableware. Each maker has been specially selected for the quality and uniqueness of their craft, and each one will be on hand to talk about the ideas and techniques behind their work.

This year's makers again include a mix of first-time exhibitors and returning favourites. However, new for this year is representation of the Crafts Council's 'Hothouse' – an exciting initiative supporting talented makers at the start of their career; and the Young Meteors gallery, showcasing some of the most cutting-edge work produced by recent UK graduates.

Lesley Beale, Craft Coordinator at Nottingham Lakeside Arts, said: "We have such a great array of talent again this year, so I'm really looking forward to

it. I am always especially excited to see the work of the Young Meteors, my selection of newly graduated makers from around the country that hopefully will be the established makers of the future."

The makers from Nottingham will be bringing an array of talents and products to the high-end craft event, including glasswork, ceramics, jewellery, homeware, textiles, illustrations and mixed media.

Lesley added: "Yet again we will be showcasing some amazing home-grown talent. Recently graduated from Nottingham Trent University, Nigel Eagle makes beautiful porcelain vessels focusing on shape and colour and Emma Lycett creates hand-built objects and vessels informed by a sense of space and environment. From slightly further afield we welcome Angie Packer, a De Montfort University in Leicester graduate, who works with glass and metal to create fluid and expressive forms."



Sarah Allen



Sarah Grove



Thomas Petit

Entry for this year's Lustre is £5 (concessions £4, under 16s free), which allows visitors to come back as many times as they like over the weekend

## Intu Makes £300m Impact on Local Economy



Nottingham's intu Victoria Centre and intu Broadmarsh contributed £314.7 million to the local economy last year\* according to a new report by owner intu.

Nearly 6,000 local jobs were also supported by the two centres in 2016, representing 2.3 per cent of all jobs in the area.

intu owns many of the UK's largest and most popular shopping centres and the research from planning consultants Lichfields measured the economic impact of each centre to reveal how much retail destinations and physical stores are worth to their local areas as a result of employment, regional investment and business rates paid.

It found the total contribution by intu shopping centres grew by £700 million in 2016, from £4.2 billion in 2015. The number of jobs they supported across the country increased by 14 per cent to more than 137,000, with

a total wage bill of £1.9 billion.

In Nottingham, intu has plans to re-develop intu Broadmarsh will see the centre transformed with the provision of more leisure and retail facilities to complement what the city already has to offer.

Nigel Wheatley, general manager for intu in Nottingham, said: "Creating and managing retail and leisure destinations that customers want to visit helps businesses flourish across the country, drives up investment in towns and cities and establishes real local prosperity. The jobs they create cater for a wide range of skills and abilities and deliver more entry-level and flexible routes into employment.

"In Nottingham, we have seen the multi-million pound remodelling scheme at intu Victoria Centre and are looking ahead to the redevelopment of intu Broadmarsh, both of which will have a hugely positive impact on the local economy."

## Casting Call: 'Strut Your Stuff' For Charity

A couture fashion designer, who has showed his collections at London, LA and New York Fashion Week, is looking to give would-be models the chance to walk in his December showcase in Nottingham.

As the 27-year-old prepares to launch his own charity, The Michael Wallace Foundation, the designer is looking for 20 female models and 10 male models to star in his show, with the chance to be the face of The House of Michael Wallace in future campaigns. Michael has travelled the globe with his designs, having recently won a Nottingham Dragons' Den style contest and has showcased his work at some of the biggest events on the fashion calendar. The casting will be held on 2 November between 5pm-8pm at the Pitcher and Piano in Nottingham.

Michael, from Ilkeston, said: "My Christmas showcase will be my biggest event to date and I am looking to cast around 30 models in total to appear in the show. I have built my brand, studied in Nottingham, so I was keen to give others the same opportunity. Models who are successful will gain profession-

mark the launch of the Michael Wallace Foundation, which will raise money to support charities, businesses and individuals throughout Nottinghamshire and the surrounding areas through a series of fundraising events. Anyone can attend the casting on 2 November, but the designer is seeking models

over 5ft 7ins in height, with few or no visible tattoos. He is encouraging models of all ethnicities to attend, and has hinted that he loves models with a unique and quirky style. Models who choose to attend the casting will be asked to walk for a panel of

judges. Models will also have a short informal chat with the panel and have some test photos taken. To apply, simply attend the Pitcher and Piano casting in Nottingham on 2 November between 5pm-8pm to be considered for the show.

Taking place on 8 December, the catwalk show itself will be held at St. Mary's Church in the city, and will



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## Staff Excellence Awards for Care and Service



The final shortlist for this year's Sherwood Forest Hospitals Staff Excellence Awards has been announced. Almost 400 nominations were received from staff, patients and visitors, for both teams and individuals, in a number of categories, including categories that represent the Trust's four core values and special categories.

The judging took place in October and included members of the Board of Directors, Foundation Trust Governors, Staff Side representatives and representatives from the local media.

Chief Executive, Richard Mitchell, said: "We received

393 nominations from staff and the public this year, which is 55 more than last year! I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete a nomination form as it means so much to a team or individual to be nominated by someone they have cared for. It has been brilliant to read about the many outstanding individuals and teams nominated for their hard work and dedication to our patients.

"I know that the judges had a tough decision choosing the shortlist this year and they commented that the quality was yet again very high. All teams and individuals that were nominated should take pride in the fact that a colleague or a patient has taken the time to nominate them for the care or service they

provide.

"I am proud of the hard work and dedication shown by all staff across our hospitals and I would like to thank them all for their support delivering the many noteworthy improvements across our superb Trust. It is really important we take the opportunity on Friday 10 November to celebrate the teams and individuals that have been shortlisted. I look forward to joining them for what will be a very special and fun evening."

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# Time to Get Started

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Checking your central heating, safety equipment and motor will help you to avoid some preventable situations that could leave you out of pocket as the seasons start to change. Ensuring that your boiler is in working order before you rely on it in the colder months will leave your family high and dry throughout the worst of the weather. Checking safety equipment including locks on your windows and doors, as well as your fire and burglar alarm, will help to keep you and your family safe and secure as the festive period begins. Keep your garden looking alive over the

colder period by investing in evergreen plants that look good all year round. Give nature a helping hand by adding a good quality lawn fertiliser to take care of your flower beds before your garden faces the challenging winter season. If you're not the most green-fingered gardener, it's a good idea to get in touch with a professional who can do all the hard work for you so you can reap the rewards without having to get your hands dirty. Taking care of your car, making sure that it has been serviced, topping up the oil, water and brake fluid levels, as well as checking your tyre pressures and lights, will help to keep you safe on the road during the changing conditions. Lastly, a splash of col-

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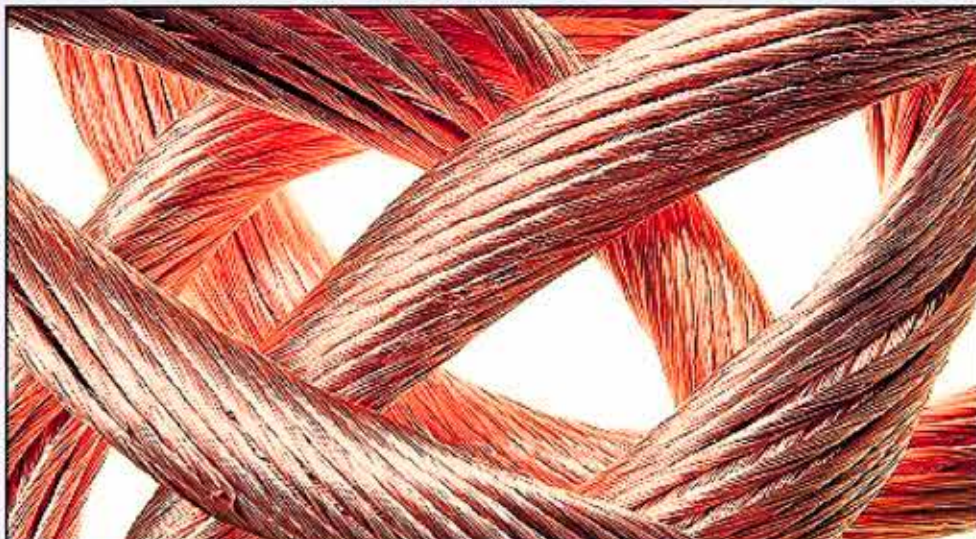
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