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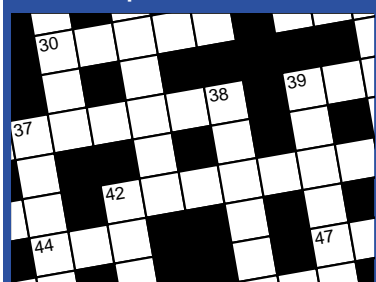
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Charity single for young brain tumour patient Poppy

A charity single has been released in honour of a young Nottingham brain tumour patient who featured on last year's BBC 'Hospital' show.

Five-year-old Poppy McGill, from Arnold, won the hearts of the nation when she was featured in the documentary last year as she battled a serious brain tumour. She is now recovering well, and features in the video for the new single 'Stand Up and Shine', which was written and produced by her dad Steve McGill.

The song features local musicians including Scott Bugg, as well as Poppy's brain surgeon Donald MacArthur, Paediatric Neurosurgeon at Nottingham Children's Hospital, on saxophone.

The single, which is now available on iTunes and Spotify, is raising money for the Big iMRI Appeal. The appeal is run by Nottingham Hospitals Charity and aims to raise £1.6million for an intra-operative MRI scanner to be used during children's brain tumour surgery at Nottingham Children's Hospital, where Poppy is treated.

Poppy's dad Steve explained: "Really it was down to Donald MacArthur that we appeared on the BBC Hospital programme, as well as the life-saving, amazing surgical job he did with our daughter. Of course we'd do anything to support any appeal he's involved in and we know the Big iMRI Appeal is a big deal to him. Being a professional musician the idea of a charity single came quite naturally."

Talking about his involvement in the charity single, Donald MacArthur said: "Steve and I had talked about the fact we are both musicians when I first looked after Poppy last year and when he asked me if I'd be keen to play on the single I was very happy to do so. She's doing very well now and it was great to be doing something together that celebrates this."

To download the single search for 'Stand Up and Shine' on iTunes or Spotify. Watch the full music video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vID7D5cbXig>



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Rehearsals of the plays Kelly's Day Out, Serendipity, Not One Of Us and Best Of All Possible Worlds start in Barcelona in Spain in October as part of a seven-month tour through Spain, Belgium, Sweden, The Netherlands, Portugal and Italy.

Evie, who now lives in Stratford, attended the

Minster School in Southwell and following her A levels secured a BA (Hons) Degree at the Academy of Live and Recorded Art (ALRA) Drama School in London.

She has recently starred in two Edinburgh Fringe smash hits 'Think' and 'The Ladies Loos Chronicles' both of which have gone on to have runs in a number of London Fringe Theatres. Evie is best known for her lead role in 20th Century Fox's 'The Greatest Showman' flash mob in Covent Garden which has now secured nearly nine million YouTube views.



First time in Nottingham for African children's choir

An African children's choir is to play in Nottingham for the first time to raise awareness of an education charity that is supporting children in rural villages.

The charity, which is run by volunteers, is called Educate the Kids and is dedicated to enabling children in Kenya to gain an education. So far the charity has built a school and put thousands of children through education.

One of the main fundraising events each year is a Singing Choir consisting of children and teachers from the school who are sponsored to fly over to the UK and tour from Scotland down to Somerset. Any money raised in the UK supports children in rural villages in Africa to be able to receive an education.

The Nottingham concert is being held at West Bridgford Baptist Church on Melton Road on Saturday 21 September. It starts at 7pm and is free to attend. The children of the choir have made gifts which will be on sale at the event, along with items of African clothing.

Volunteers will also be on hand to explain more about the work of the charity and how you can sponsor a child's education for just £11 a month. This funds annual school fees,

provides books, a pair of new shoes each year and two meals a day when the children are in school. Jordan Wilkey, a volunteer with Educate the Kids, said: "The children are so full of

energy you just fall in love with them."

To find out more about the charity or the concert go to www.educatethekids.com or email jordanwilkey@gmail.com



Canal Street reopens

Major gas works on Canal Street have now been completed and the road reopened a minute past midnight on Monday (9 September).

The £250,000

works to replace half a kilometre of gas mains have finished a month ahead of schedule due to good weather and favourable conditions under the surface of

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Canal Street, including discovery of an old valve to drain the gas away.

Traffic has been diverted along Southern Relief Route during the works which were

carried out during the summer holidays to help keep any disruption to a minimum. Councillor Adele Williams, Portfolio Holder for Transport, said: "We're

pleased Cadent have been able to finish their works ahead of schedule and with minimal disruption to the public, and we thank them for their efforts and the public for their patience during these works.

"The Canal Street works have hopefully shown people that while there are big changes due to happen in the Southside area over the coming years, we are doing everything possible to manage the roads and diversion routes effectively to keep commuters and visitors moving when coming in to the city. We will continue to do this as Nottingham's Southside transformation takes shape, so people can still easily come in to the city and enjoy everything it has to offer."

Top award for Nottingham Sports and Leisure team

The Sport and Leisure team which manages Nottingham's seven leisure centres has been handed a prestigious award in recognition of ensuring customer safety.

The Gold Leisure Safety Award is part of the internationally-renowned

RoSPA Health and Safety Awards, which are the longest-running industry awards scheme in the UK.

The awards scheme, which receives entries from organisations around the world, recognises achievement in health and

safety management systems, including practices such as leadership and workforce involvement.

Councillor Dave Trimble, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, said: "This Gold award is credit to the hard work of the management team

and staff at each of our city's leisure centres, who go the extra mile to ensure that the safety of our customers is a key priority. I'm delighted that the Sport and Leisure team has been recognised as being one of the best in the country in the leisure industry."

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More than 150 lives saved thanks to Nottingham donors

More than 150 people received life-saving organ transplants courtesy of donors from Nottingham in the past year.

Outside of London, the city of Nottingham has the highest number of donors in the UK with 63 families consenting to their loved ones becoming an organ donor. This resulted in 48 donors proceeded to become a donor and ensured that more than 150 people received life-saving organ transplants.

Dr Dale Gardiner, Critical Care Consultant at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) and National Clinical Lead for Organ Donation, said: "We need more people in Nottingham to talk about organ donation to increase the number of lifesaving transplants."

"While most people agree that it is important to talk to their family about organ donation, it is less likely that they will have actually had this important conversation."

"Sadly, many opportunities are lost every year because families don't know if their loved one wanted to be a donor or not. Please don't wait. Speak to your family about organ donation today."

Next year, the law

around organ donation is changing in England. From spring 2020, all adults in England will be considered as having agreed to donate their own organs when they die unless they record a decision not to donate or are in one of the excluded groups.

In the lead up to the change in law, NHS Blood and Transplant is urging families across England to talk about their organ donation decision, with the campaign message 'Pass it on'. Even after the law has changed, families will continue to be approached before or

gan donation goes ahead. Knowing what their relatives want helps families support their decision at a difficult time. Find out more and register your decision by visiting NHS Organ Donor Register at www.organdonation.nhs.uk and share your decision with your family.



Hospice welcomes 1000th visitor to new café

Treetops Hospice Care has welcomed its 1000th visitor to its weekly drop in Wellbeing Café which opened its doors in January.

The Café, open every Thursday from 10am to 3.30pm, is open to people with a life-limiting illness, or those who've been bereaved, along with their families and friends

Treetops, which is based in Risley, provides nursing care and emotional support for adults with life-limiting conditions such as cancer, motor neurone disease, respiratory conditions and heart failure. Services are provided free of charge to people living in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and last year the hospice supported over 1,800 people and their families.

The 1000th visitor to the café was Shelagh Hind, 80, from Stanton by Dale. She said: "It's wonderful here – nice and airy, welcoming and everybody's so lovely. It's a very warm environment. Immediately when you walk through the door, there's a feeling of relaxation."

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Archbishop's four-day Nottinghamshire mission:

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu and 14 other Bishops will be supporting churches across Nottinghamshire on a four-day mission to reach new people in their communities.

Hundreds of events have been planned to connect with people who do not normally go to church, from film shows and picnics, to gospel concerts and pub visits.

The oneLIFE mission is being launched at 3pm on 12 September at Field Mill, the home of Mansfield Town FC and runs until Sunday 15 September.

The Archbishop will be at the launch along with the Rt Revd Paul Williams, the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, and the Rt Revd Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood. They will be joined by twelve other Bishops from across the north of England.

Bishop Tony said: "I am so excited to see local churches engaging with local communities with so many varied, enjoyable and thought-provoking opportunities. The weekend will be a catalyst for future events. What an opportunity not to be missed."

The events include:

- 2pm Thursday 12 September at Mansfield Town FC, Field Mill, Quarry Lane, NG18 5DA: penalty shoot-out between team of Bishops and staff from Betel, a charity helping people battling addictions
- 10.30am Fri 13 September: Archbishop visiting Magnus Church of

England Academy, Earp Avenue NG24 4AB

- 1.30pm Friday 13 September: Archbishop visiting St John the Baptist Primary School, Vale Road, Colwick, Nottingham NG4 2ED
 - 7.30pm, Saturday 14 September: Newstead Centre and Courtyard Café, Tilford Road, Newstead NG15 0BS. Hear the Archbishop's story during an evening hosted by Frances Finn of BBC Radio Nottingham.
- If you want to attend one of these events to talk to the Archbishop contact richard.ellis@southwell.anglican.org
- For a full list of events: <https://southwell.anglican.org/onelife-mission-events/>

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All in the name of love

Almost three quarters of Brits have sat through a gig or live event they had no interest in – just to please someone else.

A poll of 2,000 adults found the nation forks out a whopping £965m every year sacrificing their own entertainment preferences for a loved one. In fact, of all the entertainment events Brits attend each year, more than half (62 per cent) are for someone else's benefit. Despite this, 68 per cent admit to secretly enjoying these events when they expected the opposite.

Barclaycard has identified 'Gig-plomats' as those who forgo their own entertainment preferences in support of a partner, friend or family member. Of these giving individuals, 50 per cent do so to make someone happy, 43 per cent attend in the name of love and 38 per cent say it's worth it to spend more time together.

Cool car for 'special little people'

Nottingham Children's Hospital received a very special vehicle recently – a new Porsche replica car.

The car was donated by Porsche Centre Nottingham last week as part of a new partnership with Nottingham Hospitals Charity, supporting the charity's Big Appeal for Nottingham Children's Hospital. The mini-Porsche has joined a growing fleet of vehicles used to make children's journeys to surgical procedures and tests less intimidating and more fun.

Six-year-old Marley Smith, a patient at Nottingham Children's Hospital, enjoyed trying out the ride-on Porsche at today's presentation. His mum, Rebecca Smith, said: "I think it's a fantastic idea. It makes going down to theatre or for tests less daunting, especially for the younger children."

Porsche's Service Centre Manager Andy Woodward, who handed over the car, said: "The Children's Hospital at QMC is a stone's throw from Porsche Centre Nottingham so we couldn't think

of a better home for our little Restoracing Porsche than to be used by the special 'little people' at the hospital."

Louise Knight, Nottingham Hospitals Charity's Head of Fundraising said: "We are delighted to have Porsche Centre Nottingham on board with our Big Appeal for Nottingham Children's Hospital and look forward to further work with them this autumn as we move in to the next phase of the appeal."

For information visit www.nottinghamhospitalscharity.org.uk

Representatives from Porsche present the mini car to patients and staff from Nottingham Children's Hospital



Gedling Country Park has been awarded a 'much loved' park status in a national competition to find the UK's best park.

This summer's UK's Best Park award, organised by the Fields in Trust, has seen all-time high numbers of nominations and a record votes tally, with 36,832 park users casting votes to help decide the UK's Best Park 2019.

In the East Midlands, 17 local parks and green spaces were nominated for the award. These nominations were then championed by park users, communities, Friends of groups, landowners and elected representatives as part of the public vote.

Following close of voting, the top four parks with the most votes received the 'much loved' status that included Gedling Country Park. The park will receive a certificate to recognise the support of the people who voted for it.

Gedling Country Park wins 'much loved' status

Deputy Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor Michael Payne said: "I'm delighted Gedling Country Park has been granted 'much loved' status after it came in the top four parks in the entire East Midlands when the votes had been counted.

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Volunteer sandwich makers in Clifton

Volunteers are a cut above

The Leader of Nottingham City Council has thanked local businesses, charities, faith groups and volunteers who helped provide free lunches for vulnerable children this summer.

A number of community initiatives took place in Nottingham over the school summer holidays in a bid to tackle holiday hunger, activity and isolation among children.

Volunteers based at Clifton Young People's Centre in Green Lane, Clifton, packed the lunches before teams transported them around Nottingham to free summer holiday activity days and children's centres.

Nottingham Citizens Forum and Lenton Baptist Church provided further support, while the local business community and voluntary sector rallied around and donated:

- 30 fresh loaves of bread a day from Iceland
- 500 refillable water bottles from Boots
- 200 refillable water bottles from Nottingham Forest

- £250 towards supplies from staff at Sytner Volkswagen Contact Centre
- Sandwich fillings and fruit through the FareShare charity that works with supermarkets to prevent food waste going to landfill
- Snacks from staff at Nottingham City Council's Loxley House headquarters
- Nottingham Catering supported with staff time as well as water, fruit and snacks
- Wilford Co-op collected donations from customers

Hundreds of thousands of youngsters are affected by holiday hunger across the country. While many children from low-income families are entitled to free school meals during term-time, there is currently no such provision during holidays.

Councillor David Mellen, Leader of Nottingham City Council, said: "I'd like to say a huge thank you everyone who worked so hard this summer to provide free food and activities to children in the city."

New routes from East Midlands Airport

Loganair, the newest operator at East Midlands Airport, has recently introduced routes to Inverness and Brussels.

The service started on 2 September with a 06.55 flight to Brussels.

The UK's longest operating airline has recommencing the route after it was lost some months ago when flybmi ceased operations earlier this year.

Both the East Midlands and Brussels have close ties in the manufacturing sector, including Toyota Europe HQ being based in Brussels and Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK based in Derby, which employs over 3000 members in the Midlands.

In response to the calls from the business community, Loganair and East Midlands Airport have stepped in to secure the routes future.

The schedules provide early morning and afternoon flights to Brussels between Monday and Thursday as well as afternoon

services on Friday and Sunday, allowing convenient day-return options for business and well-timed weekend flights for those looking to explore the grand European City that is also home to famous beer, waffles and chocolate.

Another new route took to the skies in the afternoon, to Scotland's Highland Capital - Inverness. There are also strong business links between the two regions - with Inverness currently ranked as Scotland's fastest growing city.

Jonathan Hinkles, Managing Director at Loganair, said: "East Midlands marks our fourth base in England and we are delighted to be able to restore the much-needed route between East Midlands Airport and Brussels for the benefit

of local businesses and to support growth in the region. We're also pleased to bring Scotland's Highland Capital, Inverness, closer to the Midlands - greatly reducing journey times and improving accessibility for everyone."

Tourism growth for county

New statistics have revealed that tourism and the wider visitor economy in Nottinghamshire saw an impressive growth in 2018.

The latest Scarborough Tourism Economic Activity Monitor (STEAM) report, which provides data for 2018, revealed the value of tourism to the city and county increased by an impressive 4.9% on the previous year, up to £1.903bn from

£1.814bn in 2017.

The data revealed that the average spend per trip in Nottinghamshire had risen by 4.5% to £52.84 compared to £50.54 in 2017. The number of visitors to Nottinghamshire also increased by 0.3% to 36.01 million, up from 35.89 million in 2017. This means that overall there were more visitors to Nottinghamshire and each of them spent more during their trip than the previous year,

providing a dual strong boost to the local visitor economy.

The number of overnight visitors also increased by an impressive 3.1% from the previous year, whilst the average spend during their stay increased by 3.4%. Overnight visitors are particularly valuable to the visitor economy: not only do they boost the accommodation sector, they are also more likely to visit additional attractions

and restaurants during their stay than a day visitor, benefiting the wider visitor economy.

Nottingham City demonstrated strong growth in several areas, with the overall value of tourism rising by 4.5% to £656.91m, and the average spend per trip rising by 3.9% to £56.24. The value of overnight stays in the city - including those who were visiting friends and relatives - also increased by 4.8% to £266.51m.

Train as a phlebotomist

Most have experienced it. A doctor says you need some blood tests and a half a dozen stabs and prods later - sometime more - the doctor has your blood sample and the patient has a sore arm that resembles a pincushion.

Once in a while, however, in walks a cool and calm phlebotomist who manages to hit home and finds that tricky vein in one swift and painless stab! Skilled phlebotomists - the healthcare professionals who take your blood - are the experts who have been gradually replacing nurses and doctors in this role and who specialise in just collecting blood samples. Many healthcare institutions such as GP surgeries and hospitals now employ phlebotomists to perform the role of collecting blood from their in-patients and out-patients. Phlebotomy posts are usually very flexible and can vary from full and part-time hospital posts to part time work in surgeries and clinics.

Geopace Training has built a nationwide reputation for teaching phlebotomy the right way and students travel from all over the country and even internationally to be trained by experienced Geopace tutors.

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LECTURER SHORT-LISTED FOR MAJOR AWARD



A forensic science lecturer from Nottingham Trent University (NTU) has been short-listed for a national teaching award.

Andy O'Hagan, who teaches in the School of Science and Technology, has been shortlisted in The Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2019 in the Most Innovative Teacher of the Year category. The award recognises staff whose imagination and passion have transformed a course and inspired students.

Andy, who has been working at NTU since 2010, uses inventive and hands-on teaching methods to bring his lectures to life and inspire students. Before coming to NTU, he gained 31 years of policing experience, working his way up to the role of detective sergeant on the Nottinghamshire Police Serious and Organised Crime Unit. He also worked undercover in covert policing in the UK, the Netherlands, and Poland. Alongside his teaching, Andy is an international drug trafficking expert, regularly provides evidence for the courts, and gives talks in the Netherlands, something that develops his expertise and allows him to bring real-life experience to his teaching. Andy has won the student led Student Union award for Outstanding Teaching Staff for the last six years, and been awarded the Vice Chancellor's Teaching Award, both of which recognise and celebrate inspirational teaching at NTU.

Andy, who is delighted to have been shortlisted, said: "I feel very blessed to be in a position to actually give something to our young students in the form of my experience and knowledge from my years of policing. Being nominated for this award is such an honour which reflects the fantastic students at NTU."

The winner will be announced at the THE Awards at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London in November.



Top chefs take lessons at The School of Artisan Food

Experts at The School of Artisan Food have been cooking up bright ideas with top chefs from the National Trust to take back to share with their millions of visitors at Trust properties around the country.

Chefs from National Trust's Food Innovation Group have been travelling to the school, which is based on the historic Welbeck Estate in the heart of Sherwood Forest, for hands-on food production lessons in curing and smoking, BBQ-ing, cheesemaking and breadmaking.

Dozens of the Trust's top Chefs have been using the extensive kitchens and teaching facilities and working alongside the school's acclaimed food producers to develop innovative menus using locally-sourced, seasonal and sustainable ingredients.

The School of Artisan Food is a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity dedicated to teaching skills in all aspects of sustainable and artisan food production. Courses run several times each year for National Trust chefs as part of a long-term partnership agreement to develop their skills in butchery, brewing, charcuterie, chocolate-making, patisserie and much more.

"We're passionate about what we do so working with the National Trust's Chefs means we can promote the benefits of seasonal and sustainable food far and wide. By working together we can help deliver great food for the millions of people who visit their wonderful properties every year," said Julie Byrne, Managing Director at The School of Artisan Food.



Council is granted court injunction

Gedling Borough Council has been granted an injunction by the courts that bans any unauthorised encampments within the borough.

The council's legal team put a case to Nottinghamshire County Court who granted the injunction, the first of its kind in Nottinghamshire, banning anyone from setting up an unauthorised encampment within Gedling Borough.

The injunction means that anyone who sets up an unauthorised encampment within the borough can be held in contempt of court, liable to imprisonment, fined or have assets seized. The court granted the injunction until the end of October.

The council has previously had success in the removal of unauthorised encampments through action under common law as landowners, using private bailiffs and court orders, however, this is the first time the council has successfully been able to gain an injunction that covers the entire borough.

Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor John Clarke said: "We are really pleased that the courts have finally granted us this injunction that bans illegal encampments across the borough. Evicting illegal encampments, unfortunately, is not as simple as it should be. There is a legal process that is required to take place and, as a council, we are very limited with the powers we have available to evict occupiers. It's frustrating for us and it's frustrating for residents. Our legal team have done a fantastic job at finding new ways to get eviction orders that we can use across the borough. We will continue to challenge any unauthorised encampments and remove them as quickly and efficiently as possible."

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Pictured below are local artists from Art Tempo, school children from Ordsall Junior school, Retford Rainbows, Retford Business Forum, Retford Civic Society, Nottinghamshire County Council's Chairman, Cllr Kevin Rostamce, Cllr Deborah Meryweather, Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council's Cllr Handley and Cllr Vickers.



Retford's latest town improvement revealed

A new mural designed by local artists and children, is the latest in a series of improvements which aims to put Retford even more firmly on the map.

The new 36-ft Canal Heritage Mural forms part of an investment worth more than £45,000 designed to highlight some of the town's historical features, improve the environment and boost tourism.

Nottinghamshire County Council is contributing half of the project costs (£22,638) after a successful

bid for Local Improvement Scheme funding by Retford Business Forum. This is being match-funded by Bassetlaw District Council.

The mural, which features an illustrative history of the Chesterfield Canal in Retford, was created by local artist Jenny King and other local artists from Art Tempo, school children from Ordsall Junior school and Retford Rainbows.

Six heritage information boards have also been installed along the Chesterfield Canal through Retford, giving more detailed information of canal's fascinating history.

The need for improved directional signage and information throughout the town was highlighted as part of a Signage Strategy, commissioned by the district council and supported by Retford Business Forum and Retford Civic Society.

The signage in the town centre will also form an extension to the signposting and station improvement scheme which is being funded by an LNER Community Fund Grant to improve access to the Retford Train Station.

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Aries



There could be a person in your life who was once very important to you but have now grown apart. Fortunately there is a powerful force about to descend that will sweep you along a positive pathway leading you to new people and places. You will begin to notice that finally you are able to make a decision without feeling constantly doubting yourself. Don't be surprised if you are drawn towards a more artistic and creative field of work or leisure activities.

Taurus



Perhaps you have given in too quickly in the past to people who have always managed to manipulate you into doing things their way. All this is now about to change as you start to show the more assertive and dynamic side of your personality. A job offer or career move with a difference will soon come your way that will enable you to develop your talents and skills by meeting new exciting people who can open important doors.

Gemini



Prepare yourself for some exciting new experiences. An unexpected text, email or phone call could set your heart racing. Some people may not share your upbeat mood, but that is their problem, not yours. It's important that you listen to your gut instincts regarding one particular situation otherwise you could risk making a huge error of judgement. All too often in the past you have been far too soft and given people the benefit of the doubt.

Cancer



Your head is full of ideas and one in particular should be taken seriously. Leave your inhibitions where they belong because you have some organisation to do and challenges to overcome if you are to succeed in your desired venture. Forget about disagreements because living in the past isn't going to get you anywhere. The time has come for you to break free from claustrophobia and all the emotional shackles and chains that have held you hostage for far too long.

Leo



It's imperative that you learn to stand your ground in order to demonstrate that you mean business. The idea is not to back down because you are fearful of the consequences, but to demonstrate that you are a person who can be trusted and relied upon. Unexpected information will provide you with plenty of ammunition to fight your battles with. A financial worry will soon be resolved and romantic liaison with someone you spiritually connect with could lead to a meaningful, life time friendship.

Virgo



Clear your schedule and create more quality time for yourself by ditching all that is unnecessary and surplus to requirement. By taking positive and decisive action you will succeed in removing unwanted restrictions from both your business and personal life. Serious discussions with your romantic partner or business partner will settle a few doubts and scores. A close friendship will become increasingly important and you may agree to involve yourself in something very special and unique.

Libra



Your mind is usually streets ahead of everyone else because you know the importance of pursuing your dreams and goals. Tread with caution as now is not a good time for you to broadcast your intentions to all and sundry, otherwise they will all want to jump on the bandwagon. A new and rather intense romance could begin soon that will become extremely important and meaningful but not without its problems.

Scorpio



There will be an overwhelming feeling of peace and serenity descending upon you over the coming months because you are starting to accept and love yourself, thus attracting lots of positive energy your way. You are starting to realise just how fortunate you really are compared to a lot of other people and much happier in your own space than ever before.

Sagittarius



A social invitation will arrive soon from someone you only met once and didn't expect to hear from again. Life is full of unexpected surprises and there is a strong chance that romance is in the air. Forget about past disagreements because they are no longer an issue. Just keep thinking and planning your future because the only way from now on is forwards.

Capricorn



You have drawn a line underneath a certain course of action or person you may have been pursuing realising that you are probably wasting your time. Instead, learn to recognise you really feel comfortable with and focus your energies on positive pursuits. Finances are showing positive signs of progress, thus putting you in a very comfortable position indeed.

Aquarius



Someone you were once fond of may contact you because you have been on their mind a lot recently and they are hoping you are willing to start over again. Meet up with them only if you are genuinely interested, otherwise, decline the offer and move forwards with your life. New love interests will monopolise your thinking as you become more and more excited about what new adventures possibly lie ahead for you to enjoy.

Pisces



After a busy start to the week you can now take a breather and look back over the last few months and see just how far you have come. Someone close to you could be feeling a bit neglected so why not take a few days off and spend some much needed quality time together. There still may be a few work colleagues or family members who drive you to distraction because of their selfishness and inability to see another person's point of view.



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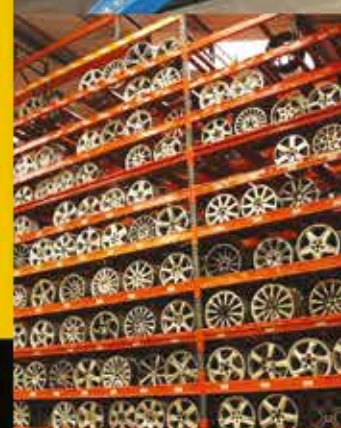
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Councils given extra £1.5bn funding for social care

Nottinghamshire County Council has welcomed the significant increase in funding for local authorities revealed in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Spending Review.

An additional £1.5bn has been pledged for adults' and children's social care including £1 billion direct from central government, as well as the continuation of £2.5bn of temporary social care grants and £700m for special educational needs, which is an 11% increase on last year.

"It will help to ensure older people and disabled people can live the lives they want to lead and it will support our most vulnerable young people."

Councillor Kay Cutts, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, said: "This is the biggest increase in spending power for local government in a decade and will help councils to meet the rising cost and demand pressures they face in 2020/21.

"We've been lobbying government for some time on the provision of extra funding for social care and I'm delighted that this Government has recognised the pressures we face.

"This new funding will help us continue to provide the social care services needed by Nottinghamshire residents.

"It will help to ensure older people and disabled people can live the lives they want to lead and it will support our most vulnerable young people."

The new funding is a one year grant effective from April 2020.

Local veterans invited to WWII commemoration tea

To mark the 75th anniversary of four of the major battles of the Second World War – D-Day, Monte Casino, Imphal and Kohima – Age UK Notts' Forces Friends project, Nottinghamshire County Council and Ladybrook Community Centre would like to invite local veterans to join them for an

afternoon tea. The event is taking place from 3pm to 5pm on 26 September at Ladybrook Community Centre in Mansfield, complete with live music with a 1940s flavour.

There will also be information stands from organisations that work locally to support veterans, provid-

ing an opportunity to connect with services.

Nicky Wheddon, Living Well Manager at Age UK Notts said: "Many older veterans experience loneliness and social isolation. We wanted to put together an event to honour this significant anniversary, but also offer the

opportunity for veterans, young and old, to come together and connect with each other and local organisations that can support them."

If you would like to attend, RSVP to Age UK Notts on 0115 859 9203 or by email on forcesfriends@ageuknotts.org.uk.

BROXTOWE BOROUGH HONOURS MERCHANT NAVY

Broxtowe Borough honoured the Merchant Navy at a special flag raising ceremony to mark Merchant Navy Day.

Mayor of the Borough of Broxtowe, Councillor Michael Brown joined Deputy Lieutenant Dr Richard Bullock and Youth Mayor, William Mee to raise the Red Ensign in Beeston Square on Tuesday 3 September at 11am.

At the same time, hundreds of places

across Britain also took part in Seafarers UK's Fly the Red Ensign campaign, to honour those who kept our island nation afloat during both world wars, and to celebrate the modern day Merchant Navy seafarers who are responsible for 95 per cent of the UK's imports.

Since the start of this century, 3 September has been the UK's designated Merchant Navy Day.



Youth Mayor, William Mee; Deputy Lieutenant Dr Richard Bullock; Mayor of Broxtowe Councillor Michael Brown; and the Mayor's Consort June Dennis raise the Merchant Navy Day Flag.



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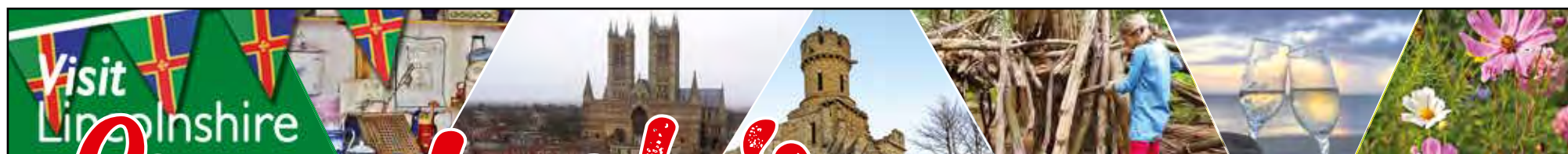
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the community of Louth and offers a calmer yet just as satisfying change to the hustle and bustle of dynamic town life. If you are a lover of historic towns then visit Stamford. The town has 17th and 18th-century stone buildings, older timber-framed buildings and five medieval parish churches to visit. Stamford is often used as a filming location and in 2013 was rated the best place to live in a survey by The Sunday Times.

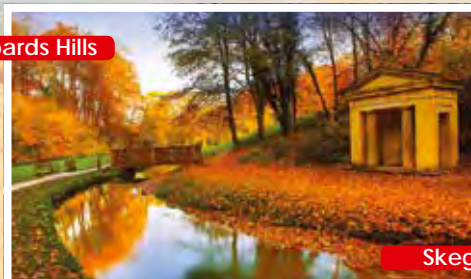
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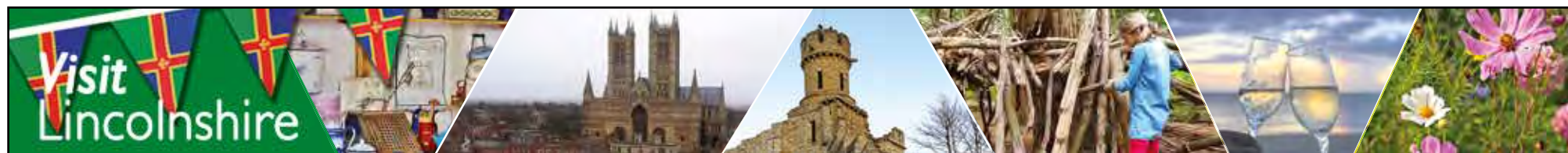
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Historic Lincoln

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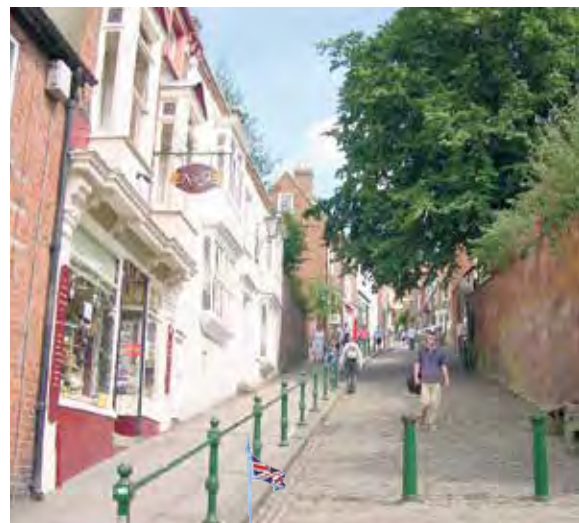
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Lincoln Castle is a major Norman building constructed during the late 11th century by William the Conqueror. It houses a Victorian prison and chapel and a medieval wall walk and offers a fascinating glimpse into the past.

The Museum of Lincolnshire Life is a free to enter attraction also based in Lincoln. It celebrates the county's rich and varied history and its people from 1750 to present day. Exhibits illustrate commercial, domestic, agricultural, industrial and community life. The museum is also home to an authentic World War One called Daphne. There are also interactive galleries featuring the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment which have won prestigious national awards.



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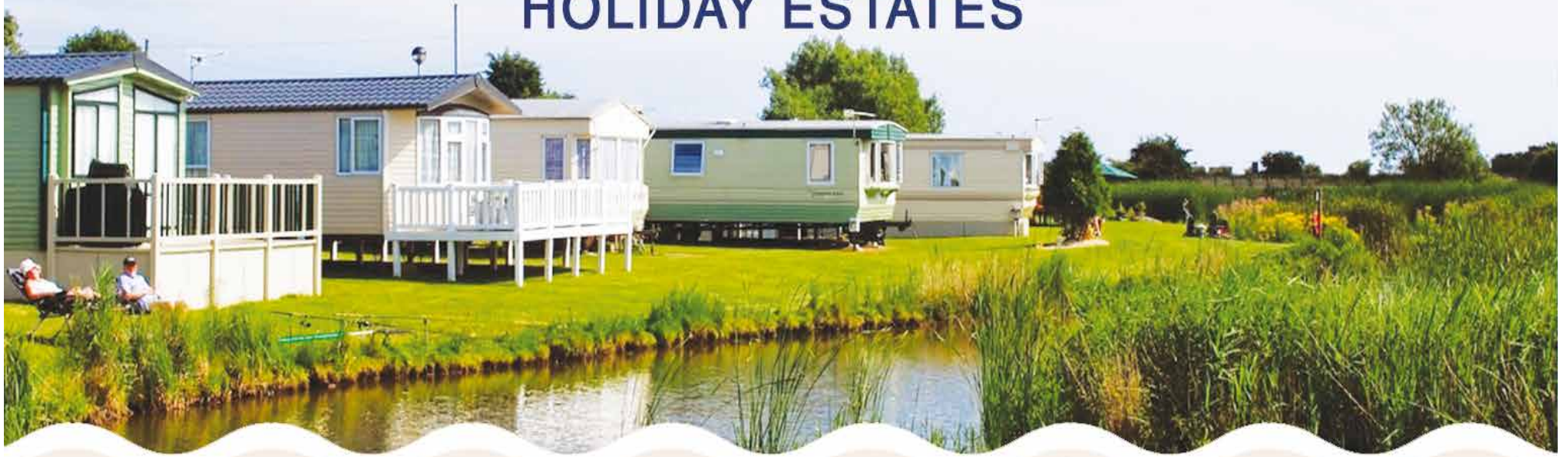
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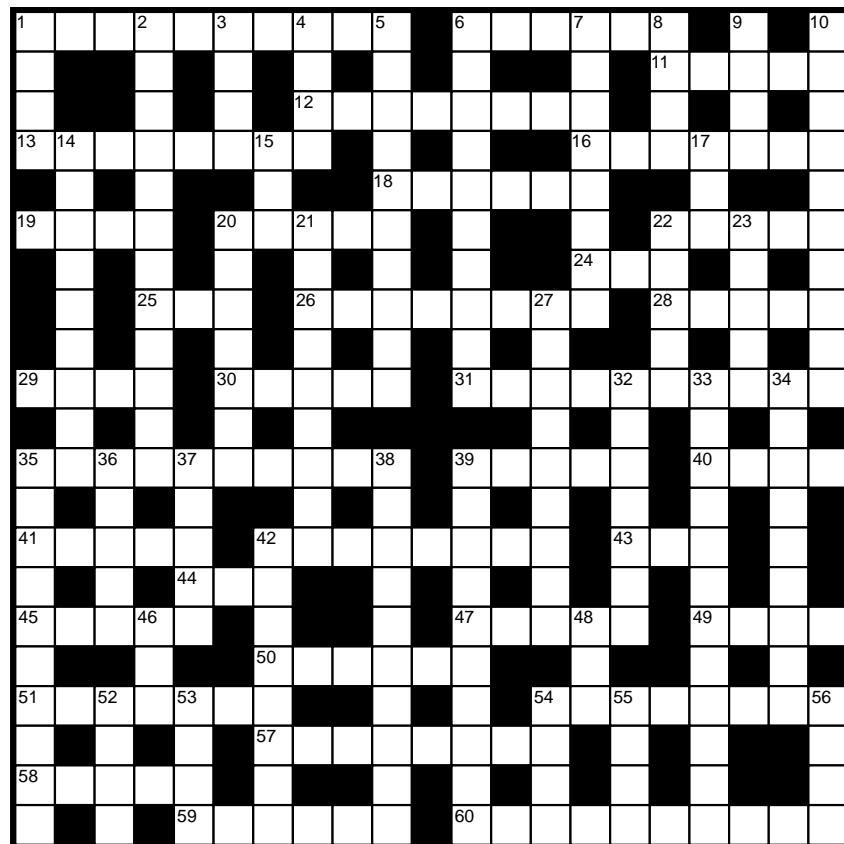
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- 1 Nearest and dearest (4,3,3)
- 6 Be sorry (6)
- 11 Alert and vigilant (5)
- 12 Fills with loathing (8)
- 13 In the buff (8)
- 16 Immediate like coffee (7)
- 18 Had a clear-out (6)
- 19 Fifty of a hundred (4)
- 20 Spanish friend (5)
- 22 Thigh bone (5)
- 24 Commotion (3)
- 25 Bowler or beret (3)
- 26 Drying-up cloth (3,5)
- 28 Tooth cap (5)
- 29 An empty space (4)
- 30 Ethically virtuous (5)
- 31 Crafty cheats (10)
- 35 Aircraft-carrier landing area (6,4)
- 39 Purple fruits (5)
- 40 Bash with the foot (4)
- 41 Gemstones (5)
- 42 The dregs and gunge (8)
- 43 Jog or sprint (3)
- 44 Nervous twitch (3)
- 45 A hostile force (5)
- 47 The optimum (5)
- 49 The rule or standard (4)
- 50 Blunt needle (6)
- 51 Lucky dip bin (4,3)
- 54 Spit and snort (8)
- 57 Ocean (8)
- 58 Vision in sleep (5)
- 59 To ornament the Christmas tree (6)
- 60 Puppet on a string (10)

DOWN

- 1 Lips caress (4)
- 2 Hangover remedy (4,2,3,3)
- 3 Short memo (4)
- 4 Children (4)
- 5 Bumper to bumper (4,2,4)
- 6 Playground ride (10)
- 7 Remaining as residue (8)
- 8 Catches the sun (4)
- 9 Father (4)
- 10 Peachy fruits (10)
- 14 Fairytale fungus (9)
- 15 Jamaican spirit (3)
- 17 Golf starting point (3)
- 20 Good try (7)
- 21 Butt in (9)
- 22 Adjust for optimum sight (5)
- 23 American elk (5)
- 27 Good manners (9)
- 32 Small falcon (7)
- 33 Ignore (4,2,6)
- 34 Ascot runner (9)
- 35 Plots for plants (6-4)
- 36 Furiously angry (5)
- 37 Rather rash (5)
- 38 Trifling ornament (5-5)
- 39 Snooping busybody (7,3)
- 42 Sword sheath (8)
- 46 Bloke (3)
- 48 Swiss mountain (3)
- 52 Many years (4)
- 53 Burial vault (4)
- 54 Wound legacy (4)
- 55 Outside bathing pool (4)
- 56 Leaf-gathering tool (4)

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Toddler Talks
at Twycross

Twycross Zoo has started its brand new Toddler Talks which are aimed at inspiring the zoo's youngest visitors about the importance of conservation. The talks, which started on 3 September, have been expertly prepared by the zoo's award winning Discovery & Learning Team specifically designed to engage those under the age of five on important conservation topics.

Both chimpanzee and tiger Toddler Talks give an insight of conservation with fun activities to captivate little ones, showing that even at a young age we can all make our mark and look after our planet. Talks will take place every Monday to Friday, at 11am for Sumatran tigers and 2:30pm for chimpanzees until 30 September. All participating toddlers will be awarded with a special sticker at the end too. Matyas Liptovszky, Head of Life Sciences at Twycross Zoo said "As a conservation charity part of our vision is to educate and inspire the next generation about the endangered species that live on our planet, and how zoo's and conservation organisations like us at Twycross Zoo work to preserve species from extinction."

During a day out at Twycross Zoo, visitors can say hello to over 500 animals from 125 different species, including the zoo's most recent residents, critically endangered Sumatran tigers, Jahly and Sialang and Nandi the Eastern black rhino. For more information and to book tickets visit www.twycrosszoo.org/adult-toddler-ticket/.

James Blunt
announces
Arena date

James Blunt will be heading to the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham on Thursday 20 February 2020 with his Once Upon a Mind Tour.

Following the news that his sixth studio album, 'Once Upon A Mind', will be released on October 25 via Atlantic Records, James Blunt has announced a major 2020 UK and European tour including a return to Nottingham.

This is the first tour for James since his 'The AfterLove' tour which kicked off in Nottingham in November 2017 and his third appearance at the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham.

Tickets are now on sale and limited to six per person. They can be purchased online at: <https://www.motorpointarenanottingham.com/Online/article/james-blunt> or by calling 0843 373 3000 and in person at the Motorpoint Arena Box Office, Bolero Square, The Lace Market, Nottingham.

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This season 2019-2020, under the guidance of our artistic directors, Jane Herring and Linda Croston, we are staging 15 rather than the usual 14 plays and the season begins this month with two studio plays.

The first "Foxfinder" by Dawn King opens on Tuesday September 12 at 7.30pm and is set in a futuristic dystopian Britain. This is followed by "Every

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New Mansfield website launched

A new council website has been launched to help thousands of people find what they need more easily.

Mansfield District Council's improved website www.mansfield.gov.uk will pave the way for the introduction of more online services over the coming months. The website will

make it easier for residents, businesses and visitors to contact the council, to access the services they need and to learn more about the facilities and events available locally.

Cllr Craig Whitby, Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Finance, said: "We're committed to putting our customers first and we've made

it easier for people to find what they need online, first time around by making it easier to navigate and search our website.

"We plan to bring many more services and tools online in the future and the long-term vision is for the website to become the first choice for customers to do council business. In the

coming months people will be able to access an increasing number of services, make bookings and online payments at a time and in a way that suits them best.

"We asked customers what they thought of the old site and what improvements they wanted. We've listened to their feedback and over the next

12 months visitors will be able to do even more of what they want online.

"Like anything new, it might take a little bit of getting used to and we may need to make some tweaks along the way, but we're confident we've got a good platform to adapt and improve going forward."

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- Who would you like to

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- What funeral arrangements would you like?
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1970s was the best decade for fashion

The 1970s has been crowned the best decade for fashion and beauty, according to research.

A study of 1,000 adults found more than 40 per cent of respondents would choose the disco era as the decade they would like to revisit.

Almost three in 10 wish they had lived through the seventies and 41 per cent believe the 'disco vibes' made it the most 'fun' period.

Along with other key trends such as bell-bottom trousers – which 29 per cent of respondents voted as needing to stage a comeback – platform shoes, knee high boots and maxi dresses were also classed as fashion heroes.

The research was commissioned by shopping destination centre:mk to celebrate its 40th birthday, as part of a project called 'Four Decades of Style – 1979 to 2019'.

County council working to protect Arnold from future flood risk

With this summer's excessive rainfall, Nottinghamshire County Council and partners have been working hard to protect homes and businesses from future flood risk.

In June, the Arnold area was hit with torrential rain when 92mm fell in just three days, more than the average rainfall for the entire month.

This excessive rainfall resulted in 24 homes and 20 businesses suffering serious flooding. As Lead Local Flood Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council worked closely with Gedling Borough Council and Severn Trent Water to react quickly and offer assistance to all those affected.

The County Council initiated and co-ordinated the emergency planning response and Gedling Borough Council and Severn Trent Water attended the site immediately following the event to assist residents.

Councillor Phil Rostance, Vice-Chairman of Communities and Place Committee for Nottinghamshire County Council, said "We know flooding can be devastating for those affected and that's why we are doing such an extensive study to identify how we can improve the flood management systems in place in Arnold to reduce the risk of something like this happening again and to ensure residents' homes and business properties are as protected as possible."

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Berridge Primary celebrates landmark rating

Pupils at Berridge Primary are celebrating after their school has improved its Ofsted rating to reach the 'Good' standard.

An inspection at the school in Hyson Green found the primary has taken all of the steps needed to move up from the previous 'Requires Improvement' rating in November 2017.

It means that all primary schools run by Nottingham City Council are now judged to be 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

Cllr Neghat Khan, Portfolio Holder for Early Years,

Education and Employment in Nottingham, said: "This is a landmark moment for the council – all of the primary schools we oversee are now Good or Outstanding. That's a tremendous achievement and is down to the collective hard work of everyone involved in education in our city: from the council to the school leaders, our teachers, governors, pupils and parents – it's something to really shout about."

"In particular, I'm delighted to see such a positive and inspiring report about

Berridge Primary. This is the standard we set for all of our schools; we will keep going until every school in Nottingham is judged 'Good' or 'Outstanding'."

Ofsted praised Berridge Primary for its teaching, leadership and the pupils' 'impeccable manners' and behaviour. The early years provision was also found to be 'Outstanding'.

Head Teacher James Tee said: "I am very pleased with the recent inspection report which recognises the excellent progress the school has made. The hard work of the staff, governors and children, working alongside a supportive parent community, has enabled Berridge to make continuous improvements."



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Crafty kids plan lunch swaps

Half of crafty school children admit to trading their packed lunch on the 'playground black market'.

A study of 1,000 parents and their kids aged 6-11 has revealed what the youngsters really think about their packed lunches with many swapping items with their friends at school for something tastier.

Seven in 10 parents say the health benefits of their child's lunch box is the most important factor when deciding what to put in it.

Children have other ideas though, as they would most like to see chocolate, crisps and biscuits waiting for them at lunchtime.

Instead, the study conducted by bakery brand Warburtons, revealed the average lunchbox includes a sandwich, a piece of fruit, bag of crisps and a bottle of water.

A third of the nation's young school kids are sent through the gates with veggie sticks and a dip in their lunch box, and one in 10 will have a nut bar



to help keep them going through the day.

It also emerged that 47 per cent of parents say cost is a factor when deciding what makes it into the midday meal.

And fussy eaters rule

the roost in some households as 43 per cent of parents are sometimes dictated to by their kids when it comes to what they'll accept in their packed lunch.

The study also saw

ham and cheese come out on top for favourite fillings.

But chocolate spread and jam also featured in the top five most requested sandwiches by the children surveyed.

Fines for poor parking outside schools

Nottingham City Council's CCTV vehicle is set to become the latest tool to prevent dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside schools.

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days of the date of the alleged parking contravention. This will be accompanied by photographic evidence of the parking contravention. Portfolio Holder for Transport, Cllr Adele Williams, said: "The situation outside schools at dropping off and picking up times is a constant source of concern and frustration for us, our schools and

local residents. Poor driving and parking too often places children at serious risk of harm and causes problems for local residents and other road users. We will not hesitate to issue fines to parents whose inconsiderate motoring habits place children and others at risk, as part

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Open event for new riverside homes



Blueprint is releasing a new wave of riverside homes and townhouses at its popular Trent Basin development at Nottingham Waterside this month.

Seven new three and four-bedroom homes will be released for sale at a special open event on Saturday 14 September and represent the final opportunity to buy on the water's edge.

During the event, visitors will also have the opportunity to walk

around the new riverside show home. Trent Basin's sales agents, FHP Living and Royston and Lund will also be on hand to field any queries and offer tours of the homes.

Sam Veal is Chief Executive of Blueprint, the award-winning developer of Trent Basin, and she said "Since our launch event in May, the response from buyers looking to make the move to one of these stunning riverside homes

has been fantastic. We already have a great deal of interest in the final homes to be released at Trent Basin and we don't expect them to be on the market for long.

"There is no other development in Nottingham quite like Trent Basin. In addition to providing contemporary, waterside living minutes from Nottingham's lively city centre, it offers a way of life and sense of community that is truly special."

Gary's new role is close to home

Mansfield-based house-builder Rippon Homes has recently welcomed a new Architectural Technologist, who is a resident of the town, to its expanding team.

Gary Wright (33), who lives with his wife Rebecca and their two cats, was appointed to the position in July 2019.

Having spent a period of eight years working in the architectural sector, Gary then transitioned into the housing industry, in which he has spent the past six years of his career.

"I first discovered the job when driving past the Wellow Gardens development in Ollerton, and just out of interest, decided to look up the developer," Gary explains.

"Upon finding out that it was Rippon, I not only saw that they were local to me, but also that they were advertising for an architectural role.

"The convenience of finding a job well suited to my skills and nearby to where I lived really appealed to me as I was already on the lookout for a new opportunity that would allow me to improve my work/life balance following the previous six years of commuting long distances."

Ian Dyke, Managing Director of Rippon Homes, said: "I would like to wish Gary a very warm welcome to the team."



"He brings an impressive range of experience working in both architecture and the housing industry to the role, and I'm confident that his talents will continue to flourish with us here at Rippon."

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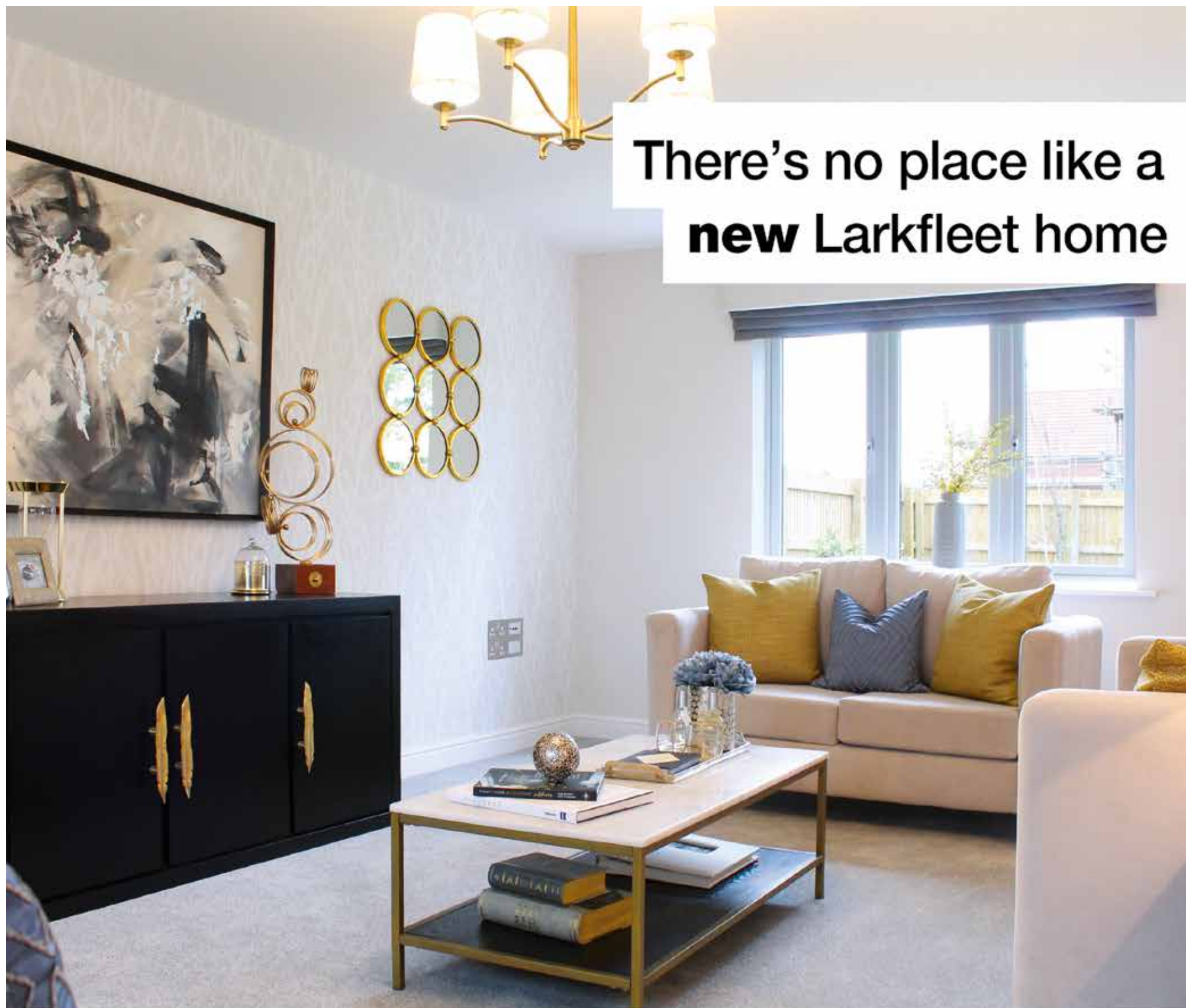
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