



August 2020

Welcome to the August Castle Transformation Newsletter

This month, we feature:

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Image:

Nottingham Castle (Charles I Raising His Standard, 24 August 1642)
Henry Dawson, 1811–1878
Nottingham City Museums

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Project update

Welcome to our project update for August



Live action filming begins - Members of the Project Team were very excited to travel down to London this month to be present at the live action filming for the Robin Hood films.

It was probably the hottest day of the year, but the actors still managed to give marvellous performances. It was lovely to see the research, scripting, costumes and acting all coming together in what is the culmination of years of preparation.

These performances will feature as part of the Robin Hood gallery's immersive film experience, which merges animation with character narrator screens.

Fit out progresses - We are pleased to report that the exhibition fit out is progressing very rapidly, and the galleries are emerging and coming to life as we speak.

The early stages of the work have focused on the first floor galleries which will be home to our extensive fine and decorative art collections. Pictured below are the beginnings of the Early Craft and Nottingham Lace galleries, with backdrop images and plinths being installed. It won't be long before they're ready for objects!



Return of objects - ...talking of objects, the team at Nottingham City Museums and Galleries is hard at work making final preparations for the recant of the collections objects from storage back into the Castle. This is obviously a massive undertaking, but also one that's incredibly exciting. Having been in store for two years, it will be a very special moment when the objects arrive to be placed in their new cases in beautifully

refurbished galleries. We'll keep you updated over the next couple of months.

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The two new galleries

Fit out - in focus

Beck Interiors is an award-winning international fit out specialist, responsible for some of the world's truly outstanding interior projects, and operating worldwide in a number of niche sectors.

Here's a bit more detail on the fit-out and a sneaky peek at the continuing works for the current Nottingham Castle project. These are multiple history information totems for the Rebels Gallery.

They have been created using direct digital printing to Tin Tab 19mm Alder Grey Distressed Veneer.

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Nottingham Castle Trust News

Puppets Galore!

Over the past few months, our Learning Development Officer Gareth has been working with final year BA (Hons) Theatre Design students at Nottingham Trent University to produce our very own puppet show. The puppets, which have been created for families and schools, are to be used alongside traditional and international storytelling techniques, including [Japanese Kamishibai](#), to help in the retelling of 1000 years of history of the Castle.

Finished this month, it was the perfect time to take the puppets for a spin with a special video acknowledging the 378th anniversary of Charles I raising his standard at Nottingham Castle. The magnificent example of puppetry (the best and only way to portray historical events) was shared across all social media platforms and can be watched by clicking the image below.

With the puppets at hand in the Nottingham Castle Trust office and the team desperate to have go, it's fair to expect that Charles I's appearance online won't be the last in the run up to the reopen.

Sign up to hear more Don't forget to sign up to the Nottingham Castle Trust's newsletter to keep up to date with news and events in the lead up to the Castle's much anticipated reopening. FYI, keep your eyes peeled over the new two weeks on the social media platforms when something much anticipated will be revealed... <https://bit.ly/2G76cFd>

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King Charles 1 Puppet - Click the image above to meet him

Top Trumps #16

Welcome to the sixteenth character in the series of Castle stories, turned into a game of Top Trumps.

Top Trumps #16 is King Charles 1 - King of England

Find out more at:

[The BBC History Website](#)

[Nottinghamshire History Website](#)

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King Charles I (1600 – 1649) King of England beheaded in January 1649.

Coming to the throne in 1625 King Charles I was soon at loggerheads with parliament, he dissolved it 3 times & finally decided to rule without it in 1629.

This led to the start of the Civil War when Charles raised his royal standard at Nottingham Castle and found little local support.



King Charles I (1600 – 1649)

Scores

Style - 82

Claim to Fame - 95

Rebel Rating - 66

Dreadful Deeds - 34

Popularity - 46



References

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Contractor Update from G F Tomlinson

The G F Tomlinson Team is very proud to have been a big part of the transformation works at the Nottingham Castle. As our works draw to a close, we are looking forward to seeing this historic site re-open in 2021!

This image was taken in 2018 to celebrate G F Tomlinson's appointment as contractor and marking the beginning of the relationship with Nottingham City Council and the Castle Project Team.

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Appointment of contractor photo

