

George Osborne increases VAT rate to 20 per cent

By **Tom Walker**

Chancellor George Osborne has announced that the government will increase the rate of VAT from 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent on 4 January 2011.

The decision will hit the retail and service industries and could also have a significant effect on tourism and hospitality, as the increase will directly increase the prices consumers pay for goods and services.

The decision was received with a mixture of disappointment, resignation and anger within the leisure sector, with Kirk Kinsell, president of InterContinental Hotels Group, saying that the chancellor had



The tax increase will make some leisure pursuits more expensive

"missed an opportunity grasped by most of our European partners, to stimulate growth in the tourism sector".

In a statement, The World Travel & Tourism Council said:

"At £140bn the share of the UK's tourism industry of GDP is higher than the £114bn contributed by the financial and business services sector. Yet tourism has received very

little direct support compared to the £850bn given to the financial sector. Investment in tourism has the very real potential to grow national and local economies."

On cuts to public spending, the chancellor revealed that the government would not be making any further, immediate cuts in large capital projects, although he emphasised that in future, all projects that are in line to receive public funding would need to deliver "significant returns to the economy".

Osborne added that the government would look to identify projects that do not meet this criteria in the autumn spending review later this year.

National Theatre to undergo £70m redevelopment

Haworth Tompkins-designed revamp to include education and participation centre

By **Tom Walker**

London's National Theatre (NT) has submitted plans for a major £70m overhaul of the South Bank venue in a bid to transform its facilities and "open up" to more people.

The theatre has been working alongside architects Haworth Tompkins over the last two years to draw up development proposals as part of its NT Future scheme, which could get underway in late 2011.

Lambeth Council will now decide the fate of the plans,



Plans for the theatre include a new education centre

which include a new education and participation centre – Discover – to enable a further

50,000 people a year to engage in onsite training activities. The Cottesloe Theatre and its foyer will be transformed to incorporate a number of education spaces, while its auditorium will benefit from work to expand capacity, improve access and enhance technical facilities.

Plans also include the refurbishment of external areas to provide green space and gardens, while the NT aims to reduce energy consumption and replace ageing technical infrastructure.

Worthing pool plans submitted

London-based Wilkinson Eyre Architects has submitted plans for a new £17m swimming pool complex in Worthing, West Sussex, to replace the Aquarena venue.

The proposals include a six-lane, 25m competition-standard swimming pool and a leisure pool.

A combined learner/diving pool with 1m (3.3ft) and 3m (9.8ft) boards; a health and fitness centre and outdoor waters are also included.

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£100m worth of leisure projects axed

Stonehenge visitor centre and free swimming fall victim to planned spending cuts

By Tom Walker

The coalition government has wielded its axe and chopped more than £100m worth of leisure projects and initiatives in the first round of a programme of cuts which aim to curb public spending and bring down the deficit.

The new government has pulled the plug on free swimming, the planned visitor centre at Stonehenge, the £35m Holt Park wellbeing centre in Leeds, the £45m BFI Film Centre and a nationwide modernisation of libraries.

In total, the government expects the first round of cuts to make savings of at least £100m within leisure, although it admits that exact savings are hard to calculate. The cancellation of the projects is part of a



The Stonehenge scheme will no longer receive government funds

larger cutting spree which the government hopes will save a total of £25bn in the first year.

As part of the cuts, funding for the free swimming scheme will end this summer. The government said the decision was made after "new research" suggested that the scheme has not delivered value for money.

Sport and Olympics minister Hugh Robertson said: "The research shows that the great majority of free swimmers were swimming already, and would have paid to swim anyway."

"With a crippling deficit to tackle and tough decisions to take, this has become a luxury we can no longer afford."

Prime Minister's Award shortlist revealed

By Pete Hayman

Hafod Eryri, a visitor centre developed on the summit of Snowdon, North Wales, is among more than 22 projects shortlisted for this year's Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award.

In addition to the Ray Hole Architects-designed attraction, the refurbished Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and Hull Truck Theatre's new Humber-side home have been shortlisted for the prize.

Nottingham Contemporary, – a new 3,400sq m (36,600sq ft) city arts complex, London's Victoria and Albert Museum; and The Junction, an arts and civic centre in Goole, East Yorkshire, are also shortlisted.

Sponsors of the Prime Minister's Better Public



Snowdon's Hafod Eryri is one of the shortlisted schemes

Building Award include the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), the Office of Government Commerce and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The award – now in its tenth year – aims to recognise the schemes incorporating

high-quality design, sustainability and value for money as part of a "good public building".

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt said: "I congratulate all those involved in these outstanding projects. They are helping us to enhance the cultural life of the nation and provide better education and healthcare, as well as creating a more sustainable environment."

"I am convinced that creative design, high-quality construction and efficient procurement make a real difference to quality of life and give us real value for money."

CABE chief executive Richard Simmons added: "In straitened economic times, investing in good-quality, efficient design is the best use of public money."

The winner is due to be announced on 13 October.

Robertson outlines Olympic legacy plans

Government's 2012 legacy efforts to focus on facilities and community engagement

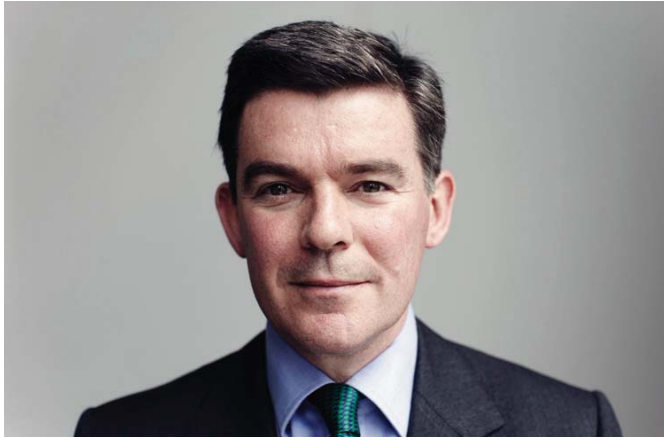
By **Pete Hayman**

Hugh Robertson, the new minister for sport and the Olympics, has set out the government's plans to provide a lasting sports legacy from the 2012 London Games.

Addressing representatives of Olympic sports' governing bodies at the British Olympic Association, Robertson announced new sports legacy priorities that focus on facilities and community engagement.

Sport England has been told to deliver on "two clear priorities", which include supporting governing bodies through Whole Sport Plans and driving up participation as a result of the London Games.

The minister also reaffirmed culture secretary Jeremy Hunt's plans to boost sports' share of



The minister confirmed plans to increase Lottery funding to sports

Lottery funding, while also planning to bring UK Sport, Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust under one roof – each remaining independent.

Meanwhile, Robertson said an Olympic and Paralympic-style school sport competition will be created and a consulta-

tion launched to examine legislation to make it easier for sports to bid for major events.

"These changes will boost school and community sport, increase the flow of lottery money and further improve the way our key sports bodies work together," he said.

Boyle to direct 2012 Olympic opening ceremony

By **Pete Hayman**

Danny Boyle, the Oscar-winning filmmaker behind *Slumdog Millionaire* and *Trainspotting*, has been named artistic director of the 2012 Olympic opening ceremony.

Four executive producers have also been appointed by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) to form a team that will oversee all four opening and closing ceremonies.

Stephen Daldry is executive director, creative; Catherine



Danny Boyle (left) will direct the Olympic opening ceremony

Ugwu will be executive director, production; Mark Fisher is the executive director, design; and Hamish Hamilton will be executive director, broadcast.

The production centre for the London 2012 Ceremonies Team will be based at 3 Mills Studios, East London, which is to be acquired by the Olympic Park Legacy Company.

LOCOG chair Sebastian Coe said: "Each one of these individuals would hold their own on the worldwide stage."

Boyle added: "I'm honoured to have been invited to be the artistic director for the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games. It's a completely unique opportunity to contribute to what I'm sure are going to be a fantastic Games."

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ERL unveils new gym chain partnership

► England Rugby League's (ERL) national and elite junior squads are to benefit from facilities at Total Fitness clubs as part of a new three-year agreement. The new partnership is designed to help the teams in the build up to the 2013 World Cup, while also providing specialist support such as physiotherapy and strength and conditioning for players. Warrington Wolves and England prop Adrian Morley said: "This is something we've been badly lacking in the past and it could make the difference between winning and losing."

Technogym secures World Cup deal

► Technogym has been named as the official equipment supplier for the England World Cup Squad. The supplier has kitted out the England squad's training camp in Rustenburg for the duration of the tournament. Enrico Brascresco, managing director of Technogym UK said, "We pride ourselves on providing innovative, effective and superior training equipment, which is exactly what the England team need to maintain optimum fitness levels during a, hopefully long tournament."

Future trends for classes revealed

► IDEA Health & Fitness Association has defined three exercise classes that have seen recent increases in participation and, according to the association, are likely to shape future programming at health clubs and personal training studios. The three classes identified by IDEA are mixed martial arts (MMA), metabolic conditioning and body leverage training. MMA, a full-contact activity that combines a variety of martial arts, has gained popularity due to a number of MMA-related TV shows.

Smoking ban delivering health benefits

Number of emergency admissions for heart attacks in sharp decline across the UK

By **Pete Hayman**

The number of emergency hospital admissions for heart attacks has fallen 2.4 per cent since smokefree legislation was introduced in England, according to a new report.

The study, compiled by the University of Bath's Tobacco Control Research Group (TCRG), was published in the British Medical Journal earlier this month and was funded by the Department of Health.

In the year following the implementation of smokefree legislation on 1 July 2007, the report found that there was a decrease of 1,200 emergency admissions for heart attacks across the country.

The fall in admissions has been attributed to measures such as the ban on smoking in pubs and restaurants, which have reduced exposure to second-hand smoke.



IMAGE: BARNSLAY LEISURE CENTRE

The smoking ban has had a positive effect on the nation's health

TCRG director Dr Anna Gilmore, who led the research team, said: "Given the large number of heart attacks in this country each year, even a relatively small reduction has important public health benefits. This study provides further evidence of the benefits of smokefree legislation."

Dr Michelle Sims, the first author of the paper, added: "After the implementation of

smokefree legislation there was a statistically significant drop of 2.4 percent in the number of emergency admissions for myocardial infarction."

The report found a smaller decline in admissions when compared with other studies, but the authors attribute this to a low exposure to smoke levels before July 2007 and the elimination of other reasons for heart attack admissions.

Gymbox to open Westfield club

Health club operator Gymbox will open a new flagship club on the top floor of The Village – a luxury retail section at the Westfield London shopping complex.

Set to open in 2011, the 19,650sq ft (1,800sq m) club will offer an Olympic size boxing ring, 70 cv stations, an indoor sprint track, a large free weights area and the customary live DJs and nightclub-like interiors created by Hacienda club designer Ben Kelly.

Law firm Mishcon de Reya advised Gymbox on the lease deal for the site.

Wallsend site to open this week

By **Tom Walker**

A new £9.7m leisure centre being developed in Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, has been formally handed over to the North Tyneside Council (NTC) ahead of its 5 July opening.

Watford-based contractor Vinci Construction UK has now completed work on the main build phase of the Hadrian Leisure Centre scheme, which has taken 18 months and has been finished on time.

Located on the site of the Burnside Business and Enterprise College, the facility will include a Contours fitness gym, a 25m, six-lane swimming pool and a teaching pool, as well as a six-court sports hall, fitness



The project has taken nearly 18 months to complete

rooms, dance and exercise studios and changing facilities.

NTC cabinet member for community services Glynis Barrie said: "The building handover is a key milestone. Our team is really excited about getting inside Hadrian Leisure Centre and preparing for the opening on 5 July."

Feedback sought for TwentyTen report

FIA looks to gauge industry views on ambitious future strategy for fitness sector

By **Tom Walker**

The Fitness Industry Association (FIA) is inviting feedback from the industry as it seeks to draw up a comprehensive future strategy for the fitness sector.

The industry consultation forms a part of the TwentyTen Commission's work, which was set up by the FIA and a number of partners in December 2009.

At the initial meeting in December, the commission was divided into five focus groups - each led by industry experts - which have since met regularly to draw up a number of goals, targets and suggestions for the way forward.

The FIA has now published the commission's findings and is inviting people working in



The FIA is looking to produce a long-term strategy for the sector

the industry to comment and add their views.

David Stalker, Fitness Industry Association's (FIA) executive director, said: "In the 20 years the FIA has been in existence, we have never undertaken anything as

ambitious as this Commission.

"We want everyone to read the Commission Report and comment on it. If our industry is to prosper in the next 20 years, we must agree on a common view of where we want to go."

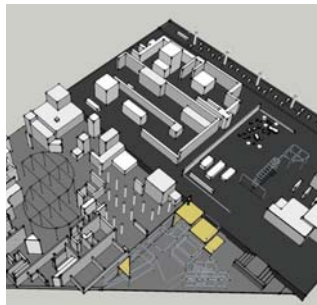
Outdoor parkour site planned for central London

By **Tom Walker**

Westminster City Council (WCC) has confirmed plans for the creation of a purpose-built outdoor parkour facility in Westbourne Green, London.

Located at Westminster Academy, the site will include obstacles for participants of all abilities and aims to replicate an urban environment with a range of walls, rails and stairs.

The site will provide a safe, managed space for parkour



The plans for the parkour site

and freerunning practitioners to take part in the sport, with space for up to 100 people at

any one time and qualified Parkour UK instructors on hand.

London Marathon Trust has provided £80,000 towards the new parkour facility, in addition to the £90,000 invested by WCC. Work is due to start in October and will be completed in early 2011.

WCC cabinet member for community services Steve Summers said: "This will also provide a great way to get people motivated and enthusiastic about the sport."

IN BRIEF

Exclusively Ladies gym chain liquidated

► Exclusively Ladies gyms in Barnet, Tring and Henley have closed after the company went into liquidation. However, leisure management company Nexus has taken over the lease for the Henley site. A spokesperson for Nexus told *Leisure Opportunities*: "Further to Exclusively Ladies being wound up, Nexus Community has taken over the lease of their site in Henley which is owned by Henley Town Council."

Third Space to launch second site

► The owners of the Third Space health club in Piccadilly, London, will open a second site in the Marylebone area in spring 2011. The new 15,000sq ft (1,400sq m) club will cost around £2m to develop and will be located at the Marylebone Hotel. Although exact details of facilities are yet to be confirmed, the club will include a spa and a swimming pool. Third Space chief executive Eric Dunmore said: "We're committed to developing the Third Space brand. Once the new site has opened, we will work towards identifying new locations across London"

Tegelaars retires from FIA board

► Harm Tegelaars, a board director and current treasurer of the Fitness Industry Association (FIA), has decided to retire from his roles at the organisation. Tegelaars, who was one of the FIA's original founders and a former chair of the association, made the decision to concentrate on his duties of president of the European Health and Fitness Association. Fred Turok, FIA chair, said that Tegelaars' long and distinguished career in the industry made him a valuable asset at FIA.

Ricky Hatton's health club introduces new classes

Hatton Health and Fitness Centre in Hyde, Greater Manchester, has added a range of new group classes to its offering.

The club, which is owned by boxer Ricky Hatton, has introduced Hi-Low Retro and Holistic Fusion classes, as well as Zumba classes at the 1,000sq m (10,764sq ft) club.

According club manager Nigel Wilkes, the new classes are being offered free of charge to members and non-members (on a trial basis) for over 50's. It is part of the club's aims to encourage older members to the club, which also includes a 'no joining fee' offer for everybody over the age of 60 years.

IN BRIEF

New adiZone to open in Hayling Island

► Havant Borough Council has unveiled plans for the creation of a new adiZone in Hayling Island, Hampshire, which is due to open by the end of the summer. Designed and developed by London 2012 kit supplier adidas, the new 625sq m (6,727sq ft) multi-sport outdoor gym will be located at Eastoke Corner and will include facilities for football, basketball, a tennis area and a climbing wall.

Haringey Council unveils tennis plan

► Haringey Council has unveiled its new strategy, designed to increase the number of people participating in tennis and help to improve local facilities. The launch of the local authority's development plan has coincided with the opening of new tennis courts at the Albert Road Recreation Ground in Muswell Hill, which received a £300,000 Tennis Foundation grant. Six new courts, four mini-courts, basketball courts and floodlights have been installed at the venue, which were unveiled by former GB player Greg Rusedski and television presenter Sue Barker.

Green light for ExCeL 2012 preparations

► London 2012 organisers have been given the green light to move forward with plans to prepare the ExCeL exhibition centre for hosting events at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Newham Council has granted planning permission for temporary structures at the site and at Pontoon Dock, North Woolwich, for Games time. ExCeL will incorporate five separate temporary arenas to host seven Olympic events and six Paralympic sports. The structures at ExCeL will include security and broadcast compounds.

Survey reveals participation increase

More than 7 million adults regularly taking part in sport in the year to April 2010

By **Pete Hayman**

Overall sports participation in England continued to increase over the past year, according to the latest *Active People Survey* from Sport England.

More than 7 million adults over the age of 16 years old – 16.6 per cent of the population – took part at least three times a week for 30 minutes at moderate intensity in the 12-month period to April 2010.

According to the research, the number of participants has grown by 193,000 compared with 2007-08, with male participation increasing by 209,000. Female participation, however, fell by 16,000.

A spokesperson for Sport England said: "Among those



Participation has increased by 193,000 compared with 2007-08

achieving significant increases were sports which encourage more flexible participation, such as British Cycling's Sky Ride and England Netball's Back to Netball.

"The number of adults cycling at least once a week has

increased by more than 100,000, with netball up by almost 20,000."

The surveys are designed to measure Sport England's progress in seeking to increase participation by one million more adults by 2013.

Portsmouth FC creditors accept administrator deal

By **Pete Hayman**

Administrators acting on behalf of Portsmouth Football Club (PFC) have secured a deal with creditors that could help secure the long-term future of the former Premier League club.

It is now hoped the Company Voluntary Arrangement, which will see creditors receive 20p in every pound owed, will allow the South Coast club to come out of administration after more than four months.



Creditors will net 20p in the £1

David Lampitt, chief executive at PFC, said: "The deal between the administra-

tors and the creditors provides us with the first step towards the rebuilding of the club."

In late February, the club became the first Premier League club to call in administrators after accumulating a multi-million pound debt amid a succession of owners.

UHY Hacker Young was appointed to oversee the management of the beleaguered club, which has also faced the prospect of being wound up over unpaid tax.

Australia confirms 2018 World Cup bid withdrawal

England has been handed a boost in its bid to host the 2018 World Cup after Australia announced that it was withdrawing from the race to focus on securing the 2022 tournament.

National governing body Football Federation Australia (FFA) and world governing body FIFA said the decision was due to a "growing movement" for the 2018 event to be held in Europe.

FFA chair Frank Lowy said: "We have been in discussion with FIFA for months and it is that trusting relationship with the leadership of the governing body that has caused us to focus on 2022 and decide to leave the field for 2018 to European contenders."

£4.3m rowing facility for Durham Uni

Construction work on 25m artificial river tank begins at Graham Sports Centre

By **Tom Walker**

Construction company ISG has begun work on the £4.3m rowing centre at The Graham Sports Centre in Maiden Castle – owned by Durham University.

The centre is the main site for the university's sports teams and ISG is set to develop existing rowing amenities, as well as refurbishing and extending the building to accommodate additional facilities.

ISG will build two steel frame extensions onto the centre, one of which will house an indoor rowing tank – one of only five such facilities in the UK.

Approximately 25m in length, the concrete rowing tank incorporates water pumps to simulate rowing conditions on a river and monitoring systems



The centre will act as a training facility for the 2012 London Games

will enable real time information to be fed back to rowers to improve performance.

The new facility is set to become a key training resource for the highly successful University rowing teams and is potentially being lined up as a 2012 Olympics training facility.

The second extension will house fencing facilities and an enlarged cardio room, as well as a café and relaxation areas.

ISG will also build a new boathouse with access to the River Wear, which will provide additional storage for the University's fleet of 'eights'.

IN BRIEF

DCC receives £1.4m football funding

► Derby City Council (DCC) has been handed more than £1.4m by the Football Foundation to build new changing rooms at two sites in the city. The new facilities will be created at both Racecourse Park and Alvaston Park as part of a wider £3.6m revamp of sporting provision – both including team and officials' changing rooms. A club room, a kitchen and public toilets will also be included at both sites, while Alvaston Park's changing facilities will also incorporate a café area.

New tennis facilities for Clapham Common

► Lambeth Council and the Lawn Tennis Association have officially unveiled new tennis courts at Clapham Common in London, following a £250,000 joint investment. Eight courts were revamped as part of the scheme, while five will benefit from new floodlighting. New LTA-standard surfacing and fencing have been provided, while facilities are accessible for disabled users. Lambeth Council head of sport and recreation Derek Prentice said: "This investment means thousands of people in Lambeth now have access to public tennis courts that meet the highest national standards."

Shropshire pool to undergo 'major works'

► Telford and Wrekin Council has announced that a swimming pool in Newport, Shropshire, will close on 6 September to allow "major works" to be carried out. The 10-week repair programme is set to include improvements to Newport Swimming Centre's roof, the installation of a new air handling system and the introduction of a new heating and ventilation system in the venue's changing rooms.

Rangers 'no longer for sale'

Glasgow Rangers Football Club's (GRFC) principal shareholder, Murray International Holdings (MIH), has confirmed it is no longer looking to sell its controlling stake. The announcement comes after RFC Holdings – the company controlled by property developer Andrew Ellis – told the London Stock Exchange it was at an "advanced" stage of talks over a possible takeover.

In a statement, a MIH spokesperson said: "We believe the outcome of our recent positive discussions with the bank gives us a real platform for operational stability at the club and we thank Lloyds for their support."

Welsh events research released



Cardiff's SWALEC Stadium hosted an England Test match last year

By **Pete Hayman**

New research by the National Assembly for Wales has called for a new strategy to ensure the country benefits from major sporting tournaments.

The communities and culture committee study – *Making the Most of Major Sporting Events* – has made a series of recommendations to the Welsh Assembly Government to provide long-term "legacies".

A national calendar of events; a central source of guidance for organisers and a review of accessibility at potential major event locations are among the report's recommendations.

Major sporting events that seek Welsh Assembly Government financial support should now include a post-event strategy, while events should also have to boost participation and tourism, according to the committee's findings.

IN BRIEF

ECJ upholds Dutch online gambling laws

► European Union (EU) member states have retained the power to ban online betting operators based in other countries following a ruling by the European Court of Justice (ECJ). The ECJ has backed the Dutch government's decision to prohibit UK-based operators Betfair and Ladbrokes on the grounds that it aims to protect consumers in the Netherlands. According to the court's ruling, national judiciaries should be able to determine whether a ban on foreign-based companies aims to help combat fraud and addiction. The ECJ also ruled that a UK licence does not give either Betfair or Ladbrokes the right to operate in another country, but said all member states must allocate licences in a "transparent" manner.

New owner for iconic London nightclub

► London's iconic Fabric nightclub appears to have been saved from closure after PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) successfully secured a buyer for the venue. PwC partners David Chubb and Colin Haig were appointed earlier this month to oversee the running of Fabric 591, a company incorporated in 1993 and operated the 1,500-capacity club. The company has now been sold to Fabric Life for an undisclosed sum, which will enable Fabric to remain open and will help to save more than 100 jobs. Chubb said: "This ensures that Fabric, an iconic London club, will stay open and continue to entertain. Through the sale of the business, the jobs of more than 100 people will be saved. We kept the club open during the administration and this would not have been possible without loyal employees, clientele and suppliers." Edward Symmons supported PwC on the sale.

Cineworld unveils digital rollout plans

Cinema group's deal with Alliance Media to introduce new format across UK portfolio

By **Tom Walker**

Cinema operator Cineworld has revealed plans to roll-out digital projection facilities across its entire UK and Ireland estate after securing a partnership with Arts Alliance Media (AAM). The group will use existing resources and cash flow to invest around £30m in converting the remainder of its properties over the next three years, after already spending £10m during 2009 and the first half of 2010.

Under the terms of the new agreement, AAM will receive a Virtual Print Fee from distributors each time Cineworld screens a film using digital projection rather than a 35mm projector. The cinema operator will then receive a quarterly payment from AAM that reflects the total projected Virtual Print Fees earned, which will go towards recouping some



The move will allow Cineworld to screen 3D films and sports events

of the £40m outlay over the next seven-to-10 years.

In addition to the screening of 3D films, it is hoped the move will also allow Cineworld to screen live sporting events, plays and concerts as a result of the new digital agreement.

Cineworld chief executive officer Steve Wiener said: "Digital is a core part of our strategy and we are pleased to

be partnering with Arts Alliance Media to continue our rapid roll out of digital projection facilities to encompass our entire estate.

"Going to the cinema will no longer be just about going to see movies. Alternative content in 3D such as live sport, plays, opera and concerts will now become more readily available at all Cineworld cinemas."

Two more 3D sites for Odeon

Cinema operator Odeon has continued its 3D digital rollout across the UK and Ireland with the installation of projection equipment at venues in Kilmarnock and Lincoln.

The latest phase means that Odeon and UCI has now installed digital projection equipment at 266 UK and Ireland cinemas, and 414 across Europe overall.

It is anticipated the chain will pass the 500 mark by the summer in time for a number of scheduled 3D film releases, such as *Shrek Forever After* and *Toy Story 3*.

Gala completes debt restructuring

By **Tom Walker**

A new shareholder group led by Apollo Management has taken control of the UK betting and gaming group, Gala Coral, after writing off £558m as part of a restructuring exercise.

The group's mezzanine debt holders – which also include Park Square, Cerberus and York Capital Management – have injected an additional £200m to help pay down existing senior debt. It is anticipated that the move will reduce Gala Coral's net debt by more than £700m to around £1.9bn, while existing shareholders Candover, Cinven and Permira will leave the company. Gala Coral executive chair Neil Goulden

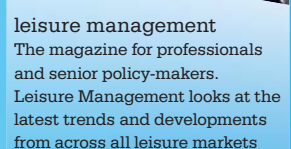


The group currently operates 148 bingos and 32 casinos

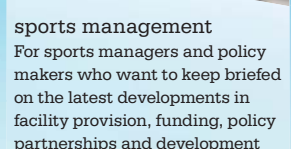
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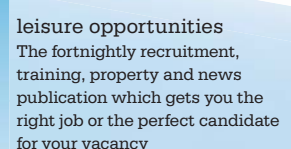


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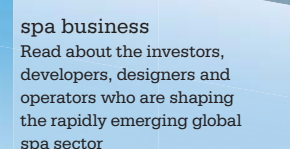


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IN BRIEF

Luxury hotel group enters administration

► KPMG's Jane Moriarty and Allan Graham have been named administrators of the London-based upmarket hotel operator, the Eton Group. Five boutique properties that comprise part of the Eton Collection are affected by the proceedings, including Quebecs in Leeds and The Glasshouse in Edinburgh. Three London hotels – Threadneedles Hotel, the City of London; The Colonnade, Little Venice; and The Academy in Bloomsbury – are also in administration.

Like-for-like sales up at Whitbread

► Whitbread has released a set of strong first quarter figures showing total sales up 13.5 per cent and like-for-like sales up 7.6 per cent. Highlights were budget hotel chain Premier Inn and coffee outlet Costa Coffee, which saw like-for-like sales up 10.5 per cent and 8.5 per cent respectively. Total sales were up 14.1 per cent at Premier Inn and up 26.9 per cent at Costa Coffee. The company's restaurant brands – Beefeater, Brewers Fayre, Table Table and Taybarns – saw 5.2 per cent more customers over the period, with total sales up 4.2 per cent and like-for-like sales up 3.6 per cent.

Gondola to open Pizza Express in Herne Hill

► Gondola Holdings has secured the leasehold of the former Mela restaurant in Herne Hill, London for an undisclosed sum. The group plans to refurbish the 3,178sq ft (295sq m) restaurant – which closed last year and was taken over by administrators – and reopen it as a Pizza Express. The 35-cover property had been on the market for nearly a year after being put up for sale by Christie + Co in August 2009 with a guide price of £40,000.

Tune Hotels.com to unveil London site

Budget operator to open first UK property in August on Westminster Bridge Road

By **Pete Hayman**

Malaysia-based budget chain Tune Hotels.com has made 1,000 rooms available for 1p as part of a new promotion to mark the launch of its first property in London.

The operator's Westminster Bridge Road hotel is due to open in August – the first of 15 locations scheduled to open across the Greater London area over the next seven years.

Tune Hotels.com plans will create 1,500 more rooms and represent an investment worth £150m in the capital's hotel sector, while contributing towards efforts to establish 100 hotels globally by 2015.

The company operates nine properties across the Asia-Pacific region, which are modelled



The new hotel is the first of 15 properties planned for the capital

on a budget airline concept and aim to offer guests 'pay-as-you-use' amenities such as televisions and hairdryers.

Tune Hotels.com group chief executive officer Mark Lankester said: "Our opening offer of a room for a penny is outstanding and we hope it will

encourage people who may not yet know about the Tune Hotels.com brand to try staying in one of our properties.

"We are targeting the savvy traveller – leisure, business, and those who prefer the idea of an affordable night in a hotel to an expensive cab ride home."

£1.3bn resort plans rejected

Woodland Trust Scotland has welcomed Perth and Kinross Council's (PKC) decision to reject plans for a £1.3bn luxury resort scheme at Pitlochry.

The trust had expressed concerns that Dall Estate and M James Developments' proposals would result in the loss of 160 hectares (395 acres) of historic forest, while an further 240 hectares (593 acres) would be at risk.

Under the proposals rejected at a meeting of PKC's full council, the estate would have been redeveloped into a private members' club with a 104-suite hotel, a health spa, a body enhancement clinic, a concert hall and two 18-hole golf courses.

Chef unveils Center Parcs eatery

A second Aldo Zilli-branded café has been opened by Center Parcs

By **Tom Walker**

Center Parcs has teamed up with celebrity chef Aldo Zilli to open a Zilli Café at Center Parcs Elveden Forest, Suffolk.

The restaurant will be the second Zilli-branded site within the Center Parcs portfolio, the first having been launched at Longleat Forest in 2009.

Located at the holiday resort's Aqua Sana Spa, the 100-cover restaurant replaces

the existing Conservatory Café and will offer a menu designed specifically for Center Parcs by Zilli himself.

Center Parcs has signed a three-year franchise agreement with the chef and the group is hoping to add Zilli Cafés to the other two Center Parcs villages in the future.

Center Parcs chief executive Martin Dalby said: "We're thrilled to be working with such a highly respected chef as Aldo."



The property's refurbishment has been hit by a number of delays

Savoy set for October reopening

Iconic London hotel to relaunch after major renovation

By **Martin Nash**

After closing in December 2007 for a restoration programme which encompassed the entire building, London's iconic Savoy hotel will be reopening on 10 October this year.

The structure's new interiors have been designed by Pierre Yves Rochon, working with Chorus Group as general contractors and Reardon Smith as architects. The cost of the project has been reported as being in excess of £200m, structural problems having delayed construction.

Highlights of the renovation include the remodelling of the River Restaurant, the addition of a two-bedroom Royal Suite and the re-launch of 38 River suites and guestrooms.

New to the 120-year-old hotel – managed by Fairmont Hotels and Resorts – will be The Beaufort Bar, an art deco bar, and Savoy Tea, a bijou teasop selling Savoy tea, accessories and fresh patisserie.

Elsewhere, a winter garden gazebo has been reintroduced to the Thames Foyer, while the Savoy Grill will be operated by Gordon Ramsay Holdings

UK industry shows signs of recovery

UK operators were given a boost during May after occupancy, room rate and rooms yield all showed signs of growth, compared with the same period last year.

According to new figures from PKF Hotel Consultancy Services, London's hotels saw occupancy increase by 3.3 per cent to 84 per cent, while room rate (8.9 per cent) and rooms yield (12.4 per cent) also increased.

Regional operators saw a 5.3 per cent increase in occupancy, with Birmingham hotels reporting a 47.4 per cent increase in room rate due to the European Gymnastics Championships and a number of conferences.

Cities in northern England reported signs of recovery, with a 5.4 per cent occupancy growth in Manchester. However, Cardiff saw room rate and occupancy fall.

In search of the next big hospitality stars

The annual Young Chef Young Waiter competition showcases the best of UK talent

Entries to Young Chef Young Waiter 2010 – the industry's premier craft competition – must be submitted by July 5. I would urge any talented youngster to enter.

After regional finals in Darlington and London in September, eight young chefs and eight waiters will compete for their place in the finals on 20 October of what is now one of the toughest of all culinary competitions. Thanks to all our sponsors but especially to our headline sponsor, von Essen hotels.

We are often told that the hospitality industry can't attract the right kind of person; that parents and careers teachers discourage young people from entering the industry because of its image of hard work and long hours.

Yet Young Chef Young Waiter has always belied this. All the finalists demonstrate huge talent and considerable strength to get so far. Frequently, some enter the competition more than once; for example, last year's chef winner, Rose Greene, had reached the finals in 2008; William Bonfield, who won the waiters' section in 2008, had also reached the national finals in 2007. What is so pleasing about this (indeed, about the restaurant industry in general) is that so many of the young chefs working their way up the ladder are talented, skilful, committed – and British-born and British-trained. Whereas, years ago, it would have been commonplace to see many continental youngsters in the competition, in recent times, the vast majority of those competing are British. The industry should take heart over this and should acknowledge their efforts, just as we should recognize that the restaurant industry now has such a wealth of extraordinary British talent.

Guide books are full of known name British chefs such as Paul Heathcote, Marcus Wareing (himself a former YCYW winner), Phil Howard (The Square, London) and Bruce Poole (chairman of the YCYW chef judges). Chefs of this calibre have led the renaissance of the British restaurant industry and continue to lead it to world-class levels.

There's no doubt that competitions like Young Chef Young Waiter have played their part in encouraging and nurturing this talent. The industry's future reputation partly rests on the young shoulders of these very able and totally committed competitors. We should be proud of what they have already achieved – and what they will undoubtedly achieve in the future. For entries, access www.ycyw.org.uk



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Bristol open spaces consultation launched

► Bristol City Council has launched a new consultation exercise to gather comments on two sets of proposals for the development of open spaces over the next 20 years. The first – Area Green Space Plans – outlines ways to improve the city's green open spaces in a bid to provide local communities with a range of "good quality" park and related facilities.

Administrators called in at CDC Leisure

► John Hansen of KPMG's Belfast office has been appointed administrator of licensed premises operators CDC Leisure and Tarwood Limited. The company runs a number of Belfast pubs and entertainment venues, including Auntie Annies, Katy Dalys, The Limelight and The Spring and Aircake. Hansen said: "We are currently reviewing the business, however I can confirm that [the properties] will continue to trade as normal while we assess all potential future options."

Empty property to host ENO production

► An empty warehouse and office block at the Royal Albert Dock in Beckton, London, is to premiere a new production from the English National Opera (ENO). Newham Council has approved the organisation's plans to debut The Duchess of Malfi at the former Ivax Pharmaceuticals buildings. Forming part of the annual Create 10 arts festival spanning the London's five 2012 Olympic host boroughs, the ENO will stage 13 performances of its new production from 13 July.

Blaenau Ffestiniog scheme submitted

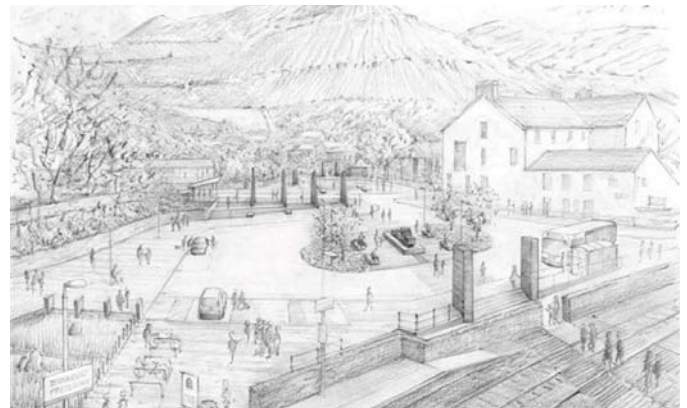
Council's plans for £4.5m overhaul aim to establish "distinctive visitor destination"

By Pete Hayman

Gwynedd Council has formally submitted a planning application for the proposed regeneration of Blaenau Ffestiniog town centre, North Wales.

In February, consultants Miller Research launched a four-month design process for the £4.5m transformation of the town, which is due to start in early 2011 in partnership with regeneration group Blaenau Ymlaen.

A public exhibition was scheduled for 17 June at the former tourist information centre to enable residents to view the plans. Proposals for lighting the Zig Zag – a path running down the Oakley Quarry tip – went on show at the rugby club on 16 June. At the centre of scheme is the



Construction on the scheme is expected to start in early 2011

creation of a "vibrant shopping street" and the development of a "distinctive visitor destination", based on the town's heritage and culture.

Pryderi ap Rhisiart, Gwynedd Council regeneration officer for Ffestiniog and Eifionydd, said: "Many believe that the lighting of the [Oakley] incline could be

a way of celebrating the town's history, while others feel that the feature should be left alone and respected as it is."

Dewi Lewis, portfolio leader for the economy, added: "By securing a £4.5m regeneration boost for the town, we can move forward in protecting these key elements of Blaenau."

Court ruling 'disappoints' council

By Pete Hayman

Leeds City Council (LCC) has expressed disappointment at the High Court's decision to allow a legal claim by Montpellier Estates relating to the city's proposed arena development.

The local authority had asked for part of the developer's challenge to be struck out, although the Honourable Mr Justice Eady ruled that the company should be given an opportunity to argue its case.

Montpellier Estates launched its legal action against LCC after it was unsuccessful in its bid to develop Leeds Arena, which is set to be built in Claypit Lane.



The proposed new Leeds Arena

According to the developer, the council "actively concealed" its plans by not including the site on the initial shortlist.

Mr Justice Eady, however, did confirm that a bid to prevent the council agreeing a contract would be unlikely to succeed.

Hall to make way for square?

Plans for the demolition of Perth City Hall in order to make way for a new civic square or public space are to be recommended for further consideration by the local authority.

A special meeting of Perth and Kinross Council will be asked to explore the project in more detail, after a public consultation saw 43 per cent of local residents back the proposals.

Five options for the City Hall project were put forward as part of the consultation exercise.

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Fundraising continues for Cheltenham gallery

► Cheltenham Art Gallery's development project has been awarded a first-round pass for a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant of £750,000. While the pass does not guarantee that the scheme will receive the money, it does mean the project has been judged as having potential. Jane Lillystone, museum & arts manager, said: "We are extremely delighted to have secured the HLF's endorsement of a project that is so important for the region and spans our activities as both a museum and a gallery." The existing Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum, which is more than 100 years old, attracts more than 60,000 visits each year, but presently only has enough space to exhibit around a third of its collection.

Lottery funding for arts centre scheme

► Inverclyde Council's new Greenock Arts Guild has been awarded a £378,000 Big Lottery Fund grant for the theatre at East India Harbour. The new arts centre will be sited on a former dockyard site in Greenock adjacent to the historic Georgian Customhouse and overlooking the River Clyde. The new building will form part of the wider regeneration of former industrial land throughout the Inverclyde waterfront. The building will house a 500-seat main auditorium together with a 130-seat studio theatre, rehearsal rooms and a riverside cafe/bar. Building work is due to commence shortly and the arts centre is scheduled to open in early 2012. The grant is among the last to be made from the Growing Community Assets programme which aims to empower and strengthen communities by allowing them to take control and ownership of local assets.

Bangor arts venue designs unveiled

Grimshaw Architects, Arup and Atkins part of team behind £35m Pontio Project

By **Pete Hayman**

Bangor University (BU) has unveiled the design for a new £35m arts and innovation venue, which is to be developed in the North Wales city.

The Pontio Project – a name derived from the Welsh word for "to bridge" – will boast a theatre with a capacity of between 450-550 seats; a cinema space and a studio theatre. An outdoor amphitheatre, bars, dining and park areas also form part of the public performance spaces, which aims to become a "major focus" for Welsh culture.

Meanwhile, the development is set to include a dynamic innovation hub, new teaching facilities and a new home for



The venue will include a 500-capacity theatre and park areas

BU's students' union. Designs for the Pontio project, which is being backed with £15m of Welsh Assembly Government funding, have been drawn up by consultants Atkins, Grimshaw Architects and Arup.

BU deputy vice-chancellor Professor Fergus Lowe said: "This is the project that will put Bangor on the map and will help to regenerate the city's urban heart." The new venue is scheduled to open in 2012.

HMS Victory joins Nelson at Trafalgar Square

By **Pete Hayman**

Nelson's Ship in a Bottle, a scale replica of historic warship *HMS Victory* contained in a glass bottle, is the latest commission to occupy the empty fourth plinth in London's Trafalgar Square.

The work, which was created by Anglo-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare, is supported by Arts Council England. Guaranty Trust Bank of Nigeria is sponsoring the commission,



The replica of the famous ship

with further funding from the Henry Moore Foundation. Commissioned by London

mayor Boris Johnson, Nelson's Ship in a Bottle is designed to reflect the historic symbolism of Trafalgar Square - named after the Battle of Trafalgar, where *HMS Victory* saw action.

Johnson said: "This colourful and quirky take on our seafaring heritage provides a vivid contrast that intensifies the historic surroundings of Trafalgar Square.

"It's a vibrant coalition bringing together the traditional and the contemporary."

Work starts on £6.5m Scarborough Spa revamp

Scarborough Borough Council has announced the start of work on a £6.5m project to transform the North Yorkshire resort's Spa complex into a new entertainment venue.

The scheme is set to include an extensive refurbishment of the Grand Hall to provide facilities for a wide range of productions,

including an enlarged stage area and an access lift for sets.

Additional backstage areas and an improved dance floor also form part of the plans for the Grand Hall, while the Grade II-listed building's Sun Court, buffet bar and office space will also be upgraded.



The "Workplace Activators" will look to motivate less active staff

Workplace health scheme begins

Government-backed training project for London

By **Tom Walker**

A new pilot workplace health programme – Workplace Activator – has been unveiled in London in a bid to encourage employees to become more physically active.

Time Out magazine and television company Talkback Thames are among the companies to take part in the initiative, with the results to be evaluated by the University of Westminster. Central YMCA has developed the new scheme with the backing of the Department of Work and

Pensions and the NHS after it was found that sickness absence costs firms nearly £500 per employee each year.

The initiative will see a small number of company employees trained to become Workplace Activators, who will then be responsible for helping less physically active colleagues to become fitter.

A total of 17 companies have signed up as part of the pilot programme, which will also allow employees to access a Central YMCA-developed wellbeing package including free gym membership.

Training remains central to sector success

The government needs to be sensible when it comes to cutting back on training subsidies

As we continue to ride the recession wave, the public spending cuts are now in full flow. We knew they were coming, and we knew they had to be hard-hitting.

In tough times there are always two key areas that tend to be affected immediately – marketing and training. Despite the UK needing a more qualified and skilled workforce now more than ever, the skills budget itself will continue to be affected. As far as training is concerned, this will mean that employers will be asked to contribute more from their own budgets to develop their staff. This will be difficult for many employers, but evermore so for public sector linked facilities as pressure begins to rise on local authorities. It's going to get more challenging and we need to continue our coordinated voice as a sector to government. We also have a practical role to play to ensure we achieve best value for the investment in training.

For the individual, we need to ensure that they are informed, and are given a clear choice as to what jobs exist – because, at the moment, they still do. We also need to provide clear information on which qualifications and training will get individuals into those jobs – the kind that employers require, and will therefore not have to spend money re-training new recruits – and be clear, and signpost the right training opportunities available. For employers, we must ensure that vocational education and training is focused on preparing people for employment, and that the right training is available. Working through our National Skills Academy, employers have group purchasing power, are able to access relevant training that is quality assured and, crucially, at the lowest possible cost.

For government, we can support its direction of funding, albeit significantly reduced, to qualifications that are valued by the employer and the individual. And crucially, help to reduce the risk of wasting money on funding the wrong qualifications.

Our vision is compelling and unchanged – a skilled and qualified workforce with a coherent framework of qualifications and training that provides clear entry routes, professional recognition and career development pathways. And so, we urge the government to be sensible when it comes to cutting back on training subsidies. Our sector is both unique and vitally important; it contributes so much more than increased productivity and GDP, it is at the heart of broader government agendas of health, participation and social cohesion.



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PTI opens London training academy

Fitness training provider Premier Training International (PTI) has announced the official opening of its £550,000 flagship academy in Finsbury Park, London.

The 12,187sq ft (1,132sq m) facility was launched by PTI founder Norman Basson and chief executive Debra Stuart and includes a new on-site job shop for personal trainers.

PTI's new London Academy is the provider's largest investment in a single site since its formation in 1993, and is to become the leading venue in its network of 19 training facilities in the UK.

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Closing date: 14th July 2010

Interview date: w/c 26th July 2010

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Recreations Assistants

Company: Parkwood Leisure
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Location: Torbay, United Kingdom

Contract Manager

Company: Impulse Leisure
Salary: Circa up to £40,000
Location: Thurrock, United Kingdom
Closing date: 02 Jul 2010

Sales and Marketing Director

Company: Parkwood Leisure
Salary: c£70,000 + benefits inc bonus
Location: Hartlebury, United Kingdom
Closing date: 04 Jul 2010

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Company: Parkwood Leisure
Salary: c£70,000 + benefits inc bonus
Location: Hartlebury, United Kingdom
Closing date: 04 Jul 2010

Duty Manager

Company: Dacorum Sports Trust
Salary: £18,393 pa
Location: Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom
Closing date: 05 Jul 2010

Community Activity Officer (Learning Disabilities)

Company: Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust
Salary: Scale 4/5 (£17,331 - £21,732) per annum
Location: Wigan, United Kingdom
Closing date: 08 Jul 2010

Swimming Teacher

Company: Rossendale Leisure Trust
Salary: £9,2113 per hour
Location: Rawtenstall, United Kingdom
Closing date: 09 Jul 2010

University Tennis Co-ordinator

Company: University of East London
Salary: £20,870 to £23,007 per annum incl. pro-rata
Location: London, United Kingdom
Closing date: 11 Jul 2010

Football Development Officer

Company: National Deaf Children's Society
Salary: £21,934 - £25,974
Location: Birmingham, United Kingdom
Closing date: 12 Jul 2010

Sales Manager

Company: Holmes Place
Salary: Basic CHF 60,000 + OTE
Location: Switzerland

Sales consultants

Company: Holmes Place
Salary: Basic CHF48,000 + OTE
Location: Switzerland

Gym/Fitness Instructor

Company: Elsenham Golf Centre
Salary: Negotiable depending on qualifications/experience
Location: Bishops Stortford, United Kingdom

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Company: The British Cycling Federation
Salary: Band 5 (£28k to £35k) + benefits
Location: Manchester, United Kingdom
Closing date: 16 Jul 2010

Freelance Personal Trainer / Lifestyle Coach

Company: Profile Health & Fitness
Location: London, United Kingdom

Master Trainer

Company: Power Plate UK Ltd
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Location: London, United Kingdom

Become a Nutritional Therapist

Company: Premier Training International Ltd
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ASA Level 2 Swimming Teachers

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Trainee Personal Trainer / Fitness Instructor

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Closing date: 01 Mar 2011

Full Time Fitness Instructor

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Salary: £7.50 per hour
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Company: Steiner One Spa World
Location: Worldwide

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Company: Mitonia
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Therapists

Company: Cinq Mondes Spa
Location: Egypt

Spa Manager

Company: Cinq Mondes Spa
Location: Egypt

Personal Trainers

Company: Holmes Place
Salary: OTE of CHF 60,000
Location: Switzerland

Spa Therapists

Company: Holmes Place
Salary: Basic CHF23 per hour + Commissions
Location: Switzerland

Regional Sales Manager (Switzerland and Hungary)

Company: Holmes Place
Salary: Basic CHF 72,000 + OTE
Location: Switzerland

Waterfront Manager

Company: Plymouth City Council
Salary: £50,000
Location: Plymouth, United Kingdom
Closing date: 06 Jul 2010

Property Manager

Company: National Trust
Salary: circa £40k
Location: Llandeilo, Wales, United Kingdom
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If you have the relevant experience, qualifications and leadership skills to meet the challenge of this key post, please apply for an information pack by email to enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk or by telephone to the Information Point at the Town Hall, 01249 446699.

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Sport England commended for improved performance

National Audit Office report notes progress but criticises 'lack of focus' of previous participation strategies

By **Pete Hayman**

The National Audit Office (NAO) has welcomed "positive developments" in Sport England's bid to increase participation after previously failing to meet its aims for priority groups.

The NAO report, called *Increasing Participation in Sport* revealed that during the three-year period to March 2008 a total of £660m was invested in the promotion of sport and physical activity but the scheme "lacked a focus" in targeting priority groups.

The NAO said that Sport England's new strategy leading to 2012-13 – including efforts to boost participation by 1 million – offered more value to the taxpayer. NAO added that the organisation's plans to increase participation by 1.25 million more people was "reasonable" in order to compensate for what it called "inherent uncertainties" in achieving its 1 million target.

Amyas Morse, head of the NAO, said: "In setting the 1 million by 2013 target, the DCMS has given Sport England a clear objective."



Participation levels have increased, but not at the target rate

£39m Mumbles pier proposals put on display

By **Pete Hayman**

Plans for the £39m transformation of Mumbles Pier near Swansea into a "21st century visitor destination" have been put on display by the historic attraction's owners.

Ameco staged a two-day public exhibition on 18 and 19 June in the Pier Hotel ballroom near the pier entrance in order to allow residents to view the proposals, which are now ready



Artist's impression of the plans

to be submitted to Swansea Council for consideration.

The project will include the restoration of the Victorian pier

and the development of a new resort hotel, boardwalks, public spaces, cafés and restaurants and apartments, as well as the creation of a leisure and family entertainment destination.

It is hoped that proceeds from a redevelopment of the foreshore will help to fund the restoration of the pier and creation of a new visitor destination, with Ameco hoping to receive the green light by the end of the year.

DfT to sell High Speed Rail

Transport secretary Philip Hammond has confirmed plans to sell the country's first high speed railway – High Speed 1 – as part efforts to tackle the deficit.

Interested bidders are being invited to come forward for the route between London and the Channel Tunnel, which includes Ashford and Stratford stations.

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