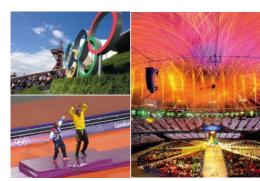
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London's memorable and record-breaking Olympic Games were brought to an end in the main stadium with a dazzling closing ceremony directed by Kim Gavin

IOC praises London's 'happy and glorious' Olympics

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge has praised London's "happy and glorious" Olympic Games after the Closing Ceremony concluded the two-week event.

In a speech marking the end of the Games of the XXX Olympiad, Rogge paid tribute to the athletes, organisers, volunteers and spectators for ensuring London's success as host city.

Rogge said: "The legacy of the Games will become clear in many ways. Concrete improvements in infrastructure will benefit the host nation for years to come.

"The human legacy will reach every region of the world. Many young people will be inspired to take up a sport or to pursue their dreams."

As the Games drew to a close, the government announced UK Sport will receive around £125m a year over the next four years to support preparations ahead of Rio 2016. It comes after Team GB recorded its best medal tally for more than 100 years, with 29 gold medals ensuring third place in the 2012 medal table.

Exchequer funding for elite athletes will remain in place until the end of the current spending review period in 2014-15 – the first two years leading up to the Rio Games.

However, an exception has now been made to commit further funding up until 2016-17 in order to offer greater "financial certainty" to athletes in the final years before the Games.

Baroness Sue Campbell, chair of UK Sport, said: "The government's announcement to maintain funding in our high performance system demonstrates vision and commitment to sustain this level of high performance beyond London onto Rio and bevond."

 Prime Minister David Cameron has also confirmed that competitive sport will be at the heart of the new primary school curriculum – using the London Games as inspiration.

The PE programme of study will be refined to help pupils to become active over a sustained period of time, while providing competition within competitive environments.

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- Olympic Games, visit: http://lei.sr?a=k9C2g
 To read how FIA CEO David Stalker has urged
- a unified approach to legacy, turn to p.5
 To read how the Olympic Games will 'turbocharge' the UK tourism sector, turn to p.11
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2012 Olympics in numbers

· 34 venues used across the UK · 2.5sq km (1sq mile) - the size of the Olympic Park in Stratford, one of UK's largest regeneration projects. • 10,000 tonnes of steel used in the construction of the Olympic Stadium's 53m (174ft)-high structure. · Nearly 11,000 athletes representing 204 NOCs around the world - with all teams including female athletes. · 8.8 million Olympic Games tickets sold, with a further 2.2 million sold for the Paralympic Games 70,000 Games Makers volunteers recruited to welcome visitors, assist with directions and staff the venues. • 1 million+ visitors who watched the action at London's Live Sites in Hyde Park and Victoria Park. · 60 million+ journeys taken on the Tube during the Games and 500,000 trips on the new Emirates Air Line.

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SPORT

AFC Wimbledon plans new stadium

AFC Wimbledon has revealed plans to return to the London Borough of Merton with the redevelopment of Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium into a new 22,000-capacity venue.

According to the club, an initial stage will deliver a multi-use venue with a capacity of 12,000 - part of a wider scheme that will fund the creation of its new home

It will be the first time a club with the Wimbledon name has played in Merton since Wimbledon Football

Club (WFC) left Plough Lane in 1990. WFC played its home matches at Crystal

Palace's Selhurst Park for more than 10 years after efforts to redevelop the Plough Lane stadium in order to comply with the Taylor Report were deemed to be infeasible.

AFC Wimbledon, which currently competes in npower League Two, was established in 2002



AFC Wimbledon currently plays its matches in Kingston upon Thames

following the controversial decision to allow the relocation of WFC - now called MK Dons - from south London to Milton Keynes.

Erik Samuelson, chief executive of AFC Wimbledon, said: "We have a long way to go and hurdles to clear, but we want to build a stadium that is embedded in the community." Details: http://lei.sr?a=c7Q2N

Sport Wales funding for Swansea watersports centre

Swansea's new 360 Beach and Watersports centre has been awarded £25,000 by Sport Wales to acquire equipment for its beachfront hub.

Due for completion next month, the new Mumbles Road facility will focus on three main beach sports and three main watersports

- football, rugby, volleyball, kayaking, powerkiting and stand-up paddle boarding

Among kit approved for purchase are 10 siton-top kayaks; seven stand-up paddle boards; footballs and volleyballs; and floodlighting. Details: http://lei.sr?a=C4a6g

Inflatable sports domes for Seaton Carew

Work is to start on the erection of two inflatable sports domes - among the first in the UK - at a site in Seaton Carew, near Hartlepool, as part of a wider £7m development.

The largest of dome is to include six five-a-side or two seven-a-side pitches, with the other aimed at golfers and exepected to house a putting course and chipping green.

The existing Mayfair Centre at the Tees Road site will be turned into a gym with mem-

bership for 2,000 people and will include a steamroom among its facilities.

The 455sq m (4,898sq ft) fitness suite will be equipped by Matrix, while there will also be a TRX suspension training zone. Elsewhere, a sensory room to stimulate disabled children and a 72sq m (775sq ft), 12-station gym for



The largest of the domes (top) will contain small-sided football pitches

young people are also proposed as part of the Mayfair Centre renovation.

Entrepreneur Brian Morton is behind the scheme and said: "These domes are very popular in America where they are used by both amateur and professional sports people." Read more: http://lei.sr?a=W1N7N

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Lord Moynihan to leave BOA role

British Olympic Association (BOA) chair Lord Colin Movnihan is to step down from the post following the 2012 Olympic Games.

Lord Moynihan, a former sports minister who served in the Thatcher government and an Olympic rowing silver medallist, has chaired the organisation since 2005.

However, he has now confirmed he will step down from the post in a recent letter to the BOA board, the National Olympic Committee and the BOA Advisory Board.

Lord Moynihan wrote: "The press will be looking forward to what lies beyond the Games: to the UK's sporting future and the delivery of a real London 2012 sports legacy.

"In this context of looking forward, I will let them know I intend to hand on the baton smoothly and securely to a successor chair



Lord Moynihan has chaired the British Olympic Association since 2005

who, once elected, will work with Andy [Hunt] and the board to take us forward to Rio.

"I strongly believe that this is the right time: a new chair must have the opportunity to play a central role in the future strategy and direction of the BOA henceforth."

Read more: http://lei.sr?a=z8O3R

Northern Ireland minister pledges boxing investment

Northern Ireland sports minister Carál Ní Chuilín has announced a new boxing strategy to provide funding for the sport. following success at the Olympic Games.

Two Belfast boxers - Paddy Barnes and Michael Conlan - picked up bronze medals at the London Games and Ní Chuilín said the strategy will build on that success.

Sport NI will help in developing the strategy and will be asking clubs across the province to indicate equipment needs, before allocating funding in Q1 2013. Details: http://lei.sr?a=B8j8k



S&P Architects designed the £20m development

Rotherham United's £20m **New York Stadium opens**

Rotherham United Football Club (RUFC) has returned to its home town after a four year absence, with the new £20m New York Stadium opening its doors.

Although the 12,000-seat venue was not at full capacity for its first match - a friendly against Barnsley on 21 July - the club confirmed it will be fully complete in time for the start of the 2012-13 season.

S&P Architects designed the stadium, which was built by Gleeds along with GMI Construction. 3E Consulting Engineers have also worked on the scheme. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=om6vo

BMX star partners with council to build new track

North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) has unveiled a BMX track at Sheffield Park in Scunthorpe, as part of a partnership with international BMX rider Mark Harrison.

The council provided equipment, materials and land as part of the project, while Harrison - who comes from Scunthorpe - designed and built the new track.

NLC cabinet member for customer services Carl Sherwood said: "BMX riding is a rapidly growing sport and there is a shortage of quality BMX tracks." Read more: http://lei.sr?a=t5278

Derby arena development moves forward

The proposed development of a new multi-million pound sports and entertainment arena near Derby's Pride Park stadium has moved forward.

Members of Derby City Council's (DCC) cabinet have approved the appointment of Bowmer and Kirkland as the preferred contractor for the scheme, with Morgan Sindall named as reserve contractor. The Derbyshire-based firm

held off competition from four rival bidders for the contract, which included BAM, Galliford Try and Interserve.

Designed by FaulknerBrowns Architects, the 14,500sq m (156,077sq ft) multi-sport arena received planning permission earlier this year and is to include a 250m cycling track and a 1.5km (0.9-mile) outdoor closed cycle trail.



DCC project manager Mace submitted the proposals, which also include the provision of a sports infield accommodating 12 badminton courts and hospitality facilities. Details: http://lei.sr?a=E4woF

KKP to help deliver British Wrestling's Olympic legacy

Independent consulting firm Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP) has been appointed to help British Wrestling deliver its new nationwide club development and support project.

The aim of the scheme is to enhance "many aspects" of the national governing body's core network of clubs to capitalise on the sport's increased profile following London 2012.

Main areas of focus include the recruitment and retention of participants and volunteers; as well as the improvement of coaching quality. Details: http://lei.sr?a=k3z8W

£750,000 investment planned for Rugeley facility

Wigan Leisure and Cultural Trust is planning to invest £750,000 in extending and improving the fitness offer at Staffordshire's Rugeley Leisure Centre.

A Profiles Health and Fitness Suite is to be introduced, with the extension adding 130sq m (1,399sq ft) to the gym – creating a total floorspace of 379sq m (4,080sq ft).

The fitness suite will contain 80 pieces of Technogym equipment if approved, with the trust having submitted its plans for the scheme to Cannock Chase Council.

Read more: http://lei.sr?a=1517X



The facility aims to provide a 'focus for education'

£6m Godalming Leisure Centre opens its doors

Waverley Borough Council has opened the new £6m Godalming Leisure Centre, which took just over a year to complete.

ISG delivered the Pozzoni-designed facility, which is operated by DC Leisure and houses a 60-station gym – 40 stations of which are Precor cardio equipment.

The rest of the first-floor fitness suite contains around 20 stations of resistance equipment from Technogym, with users able to tailor sessions to tone, build up muscle and improve general fitness. Read more: http://lei.srta=guo8N

September launch for Bokwa classes at DLL

Bokwa – a dance-inspired fitness class combining footwork based on the alphabet and numbers – is to be offered by David Lloyd Leisure (DLL) across the UK.

The programme also uses hand signals and American sign language and aims to provide an "intense cardiovascular workout". It has been developed by Paul Mavi.

DLL head of sports, health and fitness Rob Beale said: "We are always looking to develop our timetables and provide new innovative activities for our members." Details: http://lei.sr?a=hyv4t

FIA CEO calls for legacy 'unity'

Fitness Industry Association (FIA) CEO David Stalker has called on all political parties and stakeholders across the leisure sector to join forces to ensure a lasting legacy from the 2012 London Olympics.

In a passionate blog post, Stalker heralded the Olympics as a "magical event" and added that to squander the chance of benefiting from the mood created by the Games would be "criminally negligent".

Stalker said: "Creating a lasting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic

Games is too important for knee-jerk decisions and party political positioning.

"Even before the Games, we learnt that Tony Blair was to return as a policy advisor to Labour on legacy. Yesterday we had the announcement that Seb Coe would take up the same role for the government. My hope is



Stalker said the Games' legacy is "too important" for party politicking

that they pick up the phone to each other and tackle this challenge hand in hand."

He also offered seven key recommendations for legacy plans, which include ensuring that the thousands of volunteers who helped make the Games aren't "lost" as a resource.

Details: http://let.sr?a=d8D3w

New report: 'Never too late to exercise'

A new study has shown that middle-aged adults who regularly engage in leisure-time physical activity for more than a decade may benefit from lower levels of inflammation in later life – and, as a result, suffer less heart problems.

The research, which was funded by University College London and published in the latest issue of American Heart Association's journal Circulation, also suggests that it is especially important for older people to be active to prevent heart disease.

For the study, more than 4,200 participants in the UK with an average age of 49 reported the duration and frequency of their leisure-time physical activities – such as brisk walking, vigorous gardening, cycling and sports.



the research has underlined the importance of exercise in older people

Results showed active participants at baseline had lower C-reactive protein and interleukin-6 levels – two proteins in the blood whose increased levels indicate inflammation. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=Z6d8L

Upgrade programme for Redditch leisure facilities

Redditch leisure centres are to undergo a programme of improvements, while also offering reduced prices on some membership packages, under plans unveiled by the local authority.

Arrow Vale Sports Centre will see new cardiovascular and strength equipment in its fitness suite, which is also to be redecorated under Redditch Borough Council proposals.

The centre will now offer exercise-to-music classes in an expanded membership package, which is being cut from £22 to £16 a month.

Read more: http://lei.sr?a=U7E5H

Wales sets out new health plan

The Welsh Government has vowed to boost awareness of "positive lifestyle improvements" such as regular exercise as part of a major new strategy to reduce heart disease by 2016.

Health minister Lesley Griffiths has published a draft version of its Together For Health - A Cardiac Delivery Plan, which is subject to consultation until 26 October.

Working with partners including the NHS, the Welsh Government will focus on prevention, earlier diagnosis and

treatment to reduce heart disease deaths.

Among outcomes expected for people as a result of NHS care is an improvement to both the access and co-ordination of services that address risk levels - such as exercise referral.

Meanwhile, the Welsh Government will promote the use of exercise in reducing heart



disease and will help all Welsh people to take responsibility for their own health.

Griffiths said: "We must do more to prevent avoidable cardiac disease. Where cardiac disease does occur, we want to focus on prompt diagnosis and the best treatment." Details: http://lei.sr?a=t4X7z

Technogym kits out £26m Inspire: Luton

The new £26m Inspire: Luton Sports Village has opened.

Active Luton will manage the new complex, which was designed by S&P Architects and incorporates an Olympicsize 50m swimming pool, a competition-standard diving structure and a health club.

The gym features a 100-station Technogym fitness suite, a Technogym group cycle room and a group exercise space for dancing classes as well as an aerobic studio. Technogym product man-

ager Craig Swyer, said: "We're delighted to support such a significant project, contributing to the world class facilities

with our leading innovative equipment such as Arke, Kinesis Stations and the latest in fitness digital platforms, Visioweb.



The Inspire: Luton Sports Village has been designed by S&P Architects

"Building on the work of Active Luton, this will undoubtedly have a positive effect."

Inspire: Luton Sports Village also houses the Bedfordshire town's largest sports hall. Details: http://lei.sr?a=p2P3g

Fitness operator Frame opens second site in London

Frame, the indepedently-owned health club operator, has announced the opening of its second site in Queen's Park, London.

The chain is an upscale concept which specialises in dance, fitness, yoga and Pilates classes, and already operates a club in Shoreditch, .

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Both studios have an ultra modern décor and changing facilities, with the Frame clubs on a pay-as-you-go model. A Frame Card provides discounts for topping up in a similar way to Transport for London's Oyster Card. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=toS9f

Newest 'legacy gym' to open in County Durham

A new 'legacy gym' - part of a joint initiative between Durham County Council (DCC) and the Changing the Physical Activity Landscape Project - has been unveiled at Leadgate Community Centre.

The 32sq ft (3sq m) facility boasts nine pieces of equipment from Technogym and is the 13th gym of its kind to open.

It follows the success of the Wellness on Wheels scheme, DCC's mobile gym which travels around the county to provide communities with access to fitness facilities. Details: http://lei.sr?a=c2a9H



Work starts on Putney Leisure Centre renovation

Work has begun on a £400,000 revamp of Putney Leisure Centre in West London.

The refurbishment is being funded by DC Leisure, which manages the leisure centre on behalf of Wandsworth Council.

The revamp includes includes new CV equipment for the kinetika gym, which will feature 60 stations from Precor's next generation Experience Series, including treadmills, crosstrainers, upright and recumbent bikes, as well as Vplate Pro vibration machines and TRX equipment. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=G7E7X

Opening date for Sandown leisure centre's new gym

Isle of Wight Council will open the new Tone Zone gym and refurbished pool at Sandown's Heights Leisure Centre on 15 October - two weeks later than planned.

The first of a two-phase redevelopment incurred delays due to poor weather in early summer, with the new gym housing 70 stations of Life Fitness equipment.

Visitors can use the current Tone Zone gym - plus the health suite - until the new facilities open, while swimming is available at Newport's Medina Leisure Centre. Details: http://lei.sr?a=e9G7O









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3D video fly-through service launched at LIW 2012

Safe Space Lockers will launch its new 3D video fly-through service at LIW 2012.

Safe Space Lockers interior design and 3D rendering service was launched last year and has proven to be very popular.

The new 3D service enables customers to design and visualise their new changing room before committing a penny. sales director, Daniel Jones said "We are renowned for the quality of our lockers, washrooms, cubicles, padlocks, service and account management. Now with the added 3D video fly-through, we're really excited about showcasing our range at LIW".

Fitnesswest debuts mobile obstacle course

At LIW 2012, Fitnesswest will debut the Railyard Fitness mobile obstacle course equipment for the first time in the UK. Railyard is popular across the globe and is set to make a big impact in the UK

Railyard Fitness is mobile obstacle course equipment for fun functional fitness, versatile enough for all ages - from five to 95.

Creators claim it improves all aspects of fitness agility, balance, co-ordination, strength, cardiovascular fitness, flexibility and posture, using the body as it was designed to move; jumping, crawling, ducking and squatting.

Life Fitness to showcase Life Fitness Forward™

This year at LIW, Life Fitness is proud to showcase Life Fitness Forward™ - a collection of all new and highly innovative products including the complete workout solution SYNRGY360™, LifeCycle GX™, Lifescape™ and Hammer Strength HD Elite". Designed to connect, engage and motivate users like never before, these new products provide fun and interactive ways to train in both small and large group environments. Visit the stand to chat with the experts and see the new SYNRGY360™ in action.

Les Mills launches GRIT SERIES



The GRIT SERIES is designed to assist operators maximise revenue and attract younger club members

Les Mills UK is set to launch GRIT SERIES, their latest High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) programme at Leisure Industry Week 2012. HIIT has been scientifically proven to provide better results than any other type of training, in much less time.

GRIT SERIES provides the perfect platform for operators to maximize revenue around the demand for small group and team training, while also helping to attract and retain younger club members.

Keith Burnet, CEO of Les Mills UK, says: "Les Mills GRIT SERIES is the ultimate opportunity to increase retention and membership. It's the most innovative fitness trend right now and we've designed our offering so clubs can provide members a premium, P.T-style workout without the expensive price tag, or offer it to members free of charge as a value add.

Les Mills UK will be running daily demonstrations of the new GRIT SERIES within the Les Mills Group Exercise Area (stand H700).

LIW 2012 puts Innovation in the spotlight

The team behind LIW 2012 has announced a brand new feature designed to highlight new and recently launched products to the leisure market.

David Sanvoisin, event manager said "Our tag line is 'where innovation meets inspiration' and we know that visitors to LIW come with new products and technologies right at the top of their agendas. So,

in that vein, we've launched the Innovation Trail which will highlight the products which have either been launched this year or are being launched to a UK audience at the show."

The new Trail will be highlighted on the LIW website, on the floor plan signage on site



The show's tag line this year will be 'where innovation meets inspiration'

and in the LIW show guide - published by The Leisure Media Company.

Featured products will include equipment from Keiser, Pulse, SportsArt Fitness, Aquavate, Octane Fitness, Life Fitness, PT Portal and Fitness Jar.



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Leaving an Olympic legacy for the sector



UFI IBRAHIM is chief executive officer of British Hospitality Association

hen International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge applauded British hospitality in his speech at the Olympics' Closing Ceremony, he rounded off a fortnight in which the country's warm welcome was a major talking point for athletes and visitors.

The value of this impression to UK tourism is inestimable, because its future as a destination depends as much on the welcome it can give as on the quality and variety of the various aspects that make the country such an exciting place to visit. With the Olympic Games showing off Britain as such a feel-good destination, the UK has done itself proud. If only in this way, the Games will be a lasting legacy to the economy.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that the 2.4 million people who work in hospitality have been the greatest-ever ambassadors for Britain. But what we must do now is to harness this success and the worldwide visibility that the Games have given us to spread the message worldwide that the UK is open for business and has a fabulous welcome to offer everyone this year, and in the future.

Significantly, it has been BHA members that have done much to make the Olympic Games such a success, with Holiday Inn and McDonalds as two of the main sponsors. Meanwhile, it was Aramark, BaxterStorev and Sodexo who provided extensive catering facilities in the media village, corporate hospitality and other areas.

We must build on the success of the Games to create a sustainable legacy for young people, particularly those currently unemployed. A few weeks ago, The Big Conversation highlighted pledges made by key employers to recruit the young unemployed into placements and apprenticeships. The BHA will be working with government and the industry to help realise the opportunities that hospitality offers young people.

It offers a magnificent career to the many volunteers who showed such an aptitude for hosting members of the public during the Games. We must grasp the opportunity of harnessing this talent and enthusiasm for the UK's hospitality industry.

Read Leisure Opportunities online: www.leisureopportunities.co.uk/digital

HOTELS

Social media being 'put on hold'

Hotel operators are putting social media on hold as a marketing mechanism and are more likely to partner up with online agents in an effort to drive direct bookings, according to a new report.

A six-month qualitative study by Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne and RateTiger found that while social networks including Facebook, Twitter, TripAdvisor and YouTube are recognised as new forms of digital marketing, hotels are still unconvinced about the impact these channels will

actually have on bookings and are deterred from implementing short term strategies.

The report - The Distribution Challenge 2012 - also shows that one in three of the hotels surveyed have no social digital media strategy, and only one in eight use any form of social media as a marketing tool.



Hotel operators are "still unconvinced" of the potential of social media

Hotels have instead focused on the development of offline strategies to build more corporate contracts that deliver more predictable business, and to diversify their online distribution mix to generate additional revenue opportunities.

Read more: http://lei.sr?a=m2e7Y

Furniture giant IKEA to launch budget hotel chain

IThe parent company of furniture giant IKEA has announced plans to launch a 'budget design' hotel chain for the European market.

Inter IKEA, which owns IKEA's intellectual property rights, is considering more than 100 locations and it is understood that negotiations

are at an advanced stages for sites in Germany, the UK, the Netherlands and Poland.

Hotels will likely be run by an established management firm outside the IKEA group, with properties to be owned by Inter IKEA. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=Q3Y7d

PwC: 'Mixed' first half of 2012 for London

Benchmarking data analysed by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has revealed that the hotel sector in London experienced mixed fortunes during the first half of the year.

Figures from STR Global reported a 1.8 per cent growth in average daily rate to £154, but occupancy fell 1.2 per cent. As a result, RevPAR has only shown marginal growth.

It compares with a 12.7 per cent increase in RevPAR recorded the same point last year, with June 2012 showing as a "particularly disappointing" month for the capital.

Looking forward, PwC said London is likely to remain one of the top two cities in the world for hotel accommodation, but has predicted challenges for the sector post-London 2012.



Q3 results will be shaped by planned rate increases during London 2012

PwC's Liz Hall said: "Overall performance in the third quarter will be dictated by the extent to which hoteliers are able to hold on to their planned rate increases during the Games." Details: http://lei.sr?a=R8Y9g

Cornwall spa plans submitted

Espalier Developments has submitted a planning application for the construction of a spa at its planned £50m Millendreath holiday village in Looe, Cornwall, UK.

The developer has already revealed proposals for 150 luxury holiday homes on the site and has now made public intention to establish a luxury spa as part of the resort.

BFLS designed the building which will house the spa, which will include treatment rooms; a health and fitness club; and an indoor pool.

Following lengthy consultation with residents and the Cornwall Council, Espalier has specified design adjustments to reduce the impact of the original concept, presented to residents and the public earlier in the year.

The project team includes Arup, the engineers which developed London's Olympic



the holiday village's spa will house treatment rooms and an indoor pool

velodrome and LDA, the landscape architects which masterplanned the Olympic Park.

Rick Gibbs, director of The Millendreath Project, said: "The new building will offer facilities typical of high quality leisure spas with a focus on health and wellbeing." Read more: http://lei.sr?a=o8y4E

Tring resort to offer fertility treatments

Champneys Tring has said it will be launching tailored fertility programmes in September after the health resort teamed up with one of the UK's leading IVF clinics. It will be the first time that

Assisted Reproduction and Gynaecology Centre (ARGC) will be offering its 14-day fertility treatment in a location apart from its London base.

The programme will be offered to women either as resort guests or as outpatients, with staff at Champneys Tring on hand to provide advice on

the treatments and exercises available.

ARGC was founded by Mohamed Taranissi in 1995 and treats each patient on an individual basis – including daily blood tests and scans to monitor all changes in the woman's body.



It will be the first time ARGC's treatment will be offered outside London

Champneys owner Stephen Purdew said: "We are delighted to be offering IVF patients the opportunity to undergo this treatment at Champneys Tring."

Read more: http://lei.sr?a=J6f9Z

Hilton's 'football hotel' to feature wellness spa

A spa is among facilities at Hilton Worldwide's first UK dual-branded property – the Hilton and Hampton by Hilton at St. George's Park.

Located at the Football Association's (FA) new National Football Centre in Burton upon Trent, the Health Club and Spa at St George's Park will offer fitness and spa facilities as well as an indoor pool and relaxation area.

The Spa includes four treatment rooms offering treatments by Comfort Zone, exclusively designed for the St George's Park property. Details: http://lei.sr?a=V9K5f



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ACE announces Creative People and Places grants

Arts Council England has awarded the first commissioned grants from its Creative People and Places programme, which is designed to empower communities to take the lead in shaping local arts provision.

The programme takes a new approach by allowing communities and grass roots groups to play a leading part in inspiring others to get engage with the arts.

Seven consortium applications were successful and have been awarded a total of iust under £16m over three years. Details: http://lei.sr?a=R7y8L



Edinburgh's new-look King's Theatre unveiled

City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) has unveiled the new-look King's Theatre following the completion of an initial £2.6m refurbishment of the historic venue.

The local authority, Historic Scotland and The Nancie Massey Trust funded the project, with work starting in September 2011 and including "essential" repairs.

Structural engineers Will Rudd; mechanical and electrical engineers Rybka; and Smith Scott Mullan Associates - all based in Edinburgh - worked on the revamp. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=g4d8K

ACNI launches £1.35m Culture for All programme

The Big Lottery Fund and Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI) have launched the £1.35m Culture for All programme in support of the 2013 UK City of Culture.

Derry-Londonderry was confirmed as the UK's first City of Culture in July 2010 and the project aims to encourage communities across the province to participate.

The small grants scheme will provide funding worth up to £10,000 towards projects linked to the City of Culture celebrations, as well as promoting new talent. Details: http://lei.sr?a=por6t

Work starts on Glasgow project

Scottish Opera has announced the start of work on an £11.5m redevelopment of Glasgow's Theatre Royal, which is to provide "much-needed" new public spaces at the venue.

It is hoped the project will be completed in time for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, with Glasgow-based architects PagePark behind the design of the new-look Theatre Royal.

Plans include a new entrance on the corner of Cowcaddens Road and Hope Street, which will accommodate new bars, a box office, cloakrooms, toi-

let facilities and hospitality suites.

Lifts will be installed for the first time to improve access to all levels and a new Education Suite will help Scottish Opera expand the delivery of its arts education work.

The arts organisation has owned the theatre since 1974 and is fronting a campaign to



Work will take 18 months, although the theatre will only close for three

raise funds for the scheme, with the Heritage Lottery Fund contributing £850,000.

Scottish Opera said 85 per cent of the funding is in place, with the Scottish Government investing £3.96m. Creative Scotland and Glasgow City Council are also contributing. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=B7R7O

Funding secured for Portsmouth theatre renovation

The final piece of funding for the planned £4m redevelopment of New Theatre Royal (NTR) in Portsmouth has been secured.

NTR has received a £350,000 grant from the Monument Trust and the Foyle Foundation, which has paved the way for work to begin on rebuilding the arts complex's stage house - destroyed in a fire in 1972.

The work, which will also include increasing the arts venue's capacity from 500 to 700 people, is set to begin in January 2013. Details: http://lei.sr?a=e7s1W

New report: Arts 'losing out' on donations

A report by consultants Arts Quarter claims the UK sector is missing out on donations as a result of staff incompetence and a lack of resources.

Increasing Individual Giving to the Arts: Evidence, Aspirations and Potential Barriers to Success found that the ability of industry trustees to articulate a clear case for support to potential donors is "surprisingly low".

Just a third of respondents reported understanding by all trustees of their fundraising strategies at this time. Similarly, only a third said all

trustees understood the role of fundraising in their organisation's business models. Actual participation in fundraising solicita-

tion and stewardship is also currently low with



The ability to make a clear case to potential donors is "surprisingly low"

just 10 per cent of respondents able to report that all trustees take part in making approaches or play a role in thanking donors. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=t7X3e

2012 to 'turbo charge' tourism

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt has said the successful hosting of the 2012 Olympic Games has boosted the nation's reputation as a destination and will 'turbo charge' inbound tourism to the UK.

Announcing the government's new tourism strategy at London's Tate Modern on 14 August, Hunt said a new target has been set to increase overseas visitors from 30 million to 40 million by 2020.

Hunt is also proposing a regular event to follow from the success of the London 2012

Festival - an arts festival that included 12,000 performances and events across the UK.

He said: "Following success of London 2012 Festival, I've commissioned a report on feasibility of a London or UK biennale. We must use this extraordinary year to turbo-charge our tourism industry and create prosperity.



Hunt unveiled a target of attracting 40 million overseas visitors by 2020

Hunt also revealed some of the government's spending plans on tourism. He said: "We're continuing the GREAT campaign next year with an £8m focus on China. We'll also invest a further £2m in a follow-up domestic tourism campaign next year." Details: http://lei.sr?a=L1q9f

Birmingham welcomes record visitor numbers

Birmingham welcomed a record number of visitors last year - up 740,000 to 33.5 million - as the city's tourism economy continues to grow, according to newly-released figures.

Global Tourism Solutions' STEAM Report also highlighted a 2 per cent increase in visitor

expenditure to £4.9bn compared with 2010, which helped create more than 2,000 jobs.

The figures mean that visitor numbers to Birmingham and the surrounding areas have risen 10 per cent over the last six years. Details: http://lei.sr?a=v5z5a

PwC: 99pc of Olympic tourists 'to return'

A survey of overseas visitors to London conducted during the Olympic Games by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has shown that 99 per cent of visitors want to return to the city in the future.

PwC polled the visitors to London between 29 July and 11 August, with 59 per cent giving the Games as the primary reason for their visit.

The vast majority (95 per cent) enjoyed their stay, with 55 per cent rating their experience as excellent and 40 per cent describing it as good.

Aside from the Games, tourists rated heritage sites as their best experience, followed by the British people. Museums came third, with the city's atmosphere and parks in fourth and fifth place respectively.



PwC's poll found that 95 per cent of Olympics visitors enjoyed their stay

PwC's Robert Milburn said: "Visitors have enjoyed much more besides and the good news is they want to come back for more." Read more: http://lei.sr?a=5N4d6



Preston Park Museum reopens in Stockton

Preston Park Museum and Grounds has reopened its doors in Stockton-on-Tees following the completion of a £7m renovation programme led by the local authority.

The museum refurbishment has been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund; the Green Museums Programme; the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation; and Playbuilder.

Themed galleries explore the history of the Grade II-listed building and the wider borough, with visitors stepping back in time to 1895 to the museum's Victorian Street. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=z5G6C



Thrill-o-Matic will replace the former Gold Mine

Wallace and Gromit ride for Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Blackpool Pleasure Beach, the amusement park and resort owned by the Thompson Family, is to open a new £5.25m Wallace and Gromit-themed experience next year.

The Thrill-o-Matic - a dark ride - is to be developed in partnership by animation firm Aardman and Blackpool Pleasure Beach's design and engineering team.

Visitors will be able to experience scenes from Wallace and Gromit films including A Grand Day Out, The Wrong Trousers and A Close Shave on the four-minute ride. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=S6Z8g

Mixed-use plans for former Derbyshire theme park site

Derbyshire County Council has approved a development masterplan for the site of the former American Adventure theme park near Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

The 390-acre (158-hectare) attraction opened in 1985 as Britannia Park and closed for the last time at the end of the 2006 season after struggling to attract guests.

Developer Waystone now plans to create a mixed-use development covering 114 acres (46 hectares) and featuring leisure facilities, housing and commercial properties. Details: http://lei.sr?a=b7X1Y

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Dorset visitor centre work starts

Work has now started on the construction of a £1m visitor centre at Hengistbury Head Nature Reserve in Dorset. which is scheduled to open to the public in July 2013.

The eco-friendly building will transform a thatched barn next to the site's Iron Age Double Dykes, extending the existing Barn Cottage using straw bales and a green roof.

Frome-based Nugent Vallis Brierley are the architects, while York-based Querceus Design will lead the interpretation design. Herbert H

Drew and Son is the lead contractor.

The centre will house an exhibition area for archaeology, ecology and geology detailing 14,000 years of Bournemouth's history, as well as learning and education space.

A retail outlet similar to a National Trust shop and work space for community groups



Querceus Design will lead the interpretative design of the visitor centre

are also planned, with the Heritage Lottery Fund contributing £432,000.

Developer contributions worth £300,000 will also fund the centre, while the rest - £300,000 - has been invested by Landfill Communities Fund via Canford Environmental. Details: http://lei.sr?a=z9Soo

Welsh theme park in Severn Toll campaign

Visitors to Pembrokeshire's Oakwood Theme Park are to be offered a toll refund if they used the Severn Bridge to get to the Welsh attraction.

The park decided to offer the refund in a bid to encourage people to visit from across the river from England.

Anyone presenting a receipt showing they paid the bridge toll on the same day as their visit to the theme park will receive a £6 reduction on their admission, matching the cost of driving a vehicle with up to nine seats over the bridge.

Oakwood's Park Director, Dominic Iones, said: "Admission to the park compares extremely favourably with other theme parks in England but we believe the additional cost of paying the bridge toll is putting people off.



"We want as many people as possible to enjoy what the park has to offer and hopefully this incentive will prove popular with our English neighbours."

Details: http://lei.sr?a=Xoh9r

Minto named chair of National Museums Scotland

Fiona Hyslop, the Scottish cabinet secretary for culture and external affairs, has announced the appointment of Bruce Minto as the new chair of National Museums Scotland (NMS).

Minto will replace Sir Angus Grossart and is the co-founder of corporate law firm Dickson

Minto. The appointment will run for four years, effective from 1 August 2012. A member of the NMS board of trustees.

Minto led a fundraising campaign for the £46m National Museum of Scotland revamp. Details: http://lei.sr?a=V5b3Q

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The snowsports centre has been acquired by GSL

New owner for Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre

Gloucester Sport and Leisure (GSL) has acquired Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre and announced ambitious plans to develop the site over the coming months.

GSL is owned by local entrepreneur Mark Hamilton-Davies, who said improvements would include a larger slope. He said: "We want to improve and modernise the site by extending the main run to 250m (820ft).

"With the slope due to be completed by the end of September, it won't be long before we see significant improvements." Read more: http://lei.sr?a=doT2K

New design panel to shape future of Olympic Park

A new design panel has been set up by the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) to shape the future of the capital's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The LLDC will be taking on planning powers for the entire site, as well as the surrounding areas, from October and will be supported by the Quality Review Panel.

English Heritage adviser Peter Studdert will chair the panel, which will test the fundamental principles of proposals before and during the application process. Details: http://lei.sr?a=y6s8X

Cedar House Investments to work on DCFC scheme

Derby County Football Club (DCFC) has ioined forces with Cedar House Investments in order to move forward with proposals for The Plaza @ Pride Park.

The nower Championship club is to deliver a phased development of the project, with the initial stage to start early next year on land surrounding the stadium.

A combination of uses are proposed as part of The Plaza @ Pride Park - including bars and restaurants to the south west of the venue and retail space to the north east. Details: http://lei.sr?a=s8c10

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Extra space approved for LDN pod hotel

Plans for a Japanese-style pod hotel and rooftop bar at London's historic Trocadero complex have been given the green light by Westminster City Council (WCC).

Criterion Capital is the developer behind the project, which will see the hotel accommodation being offered across 583 bedrooms measuring between 9sq m and 17sq m (97sq ft and 183 sq ft).

Plans to create a 495-bedroom hotel at The Trocadero were originally granted planning permission in 2010.

Current proposals for the LDN hotel have added 88 rooms and the rooftop bar within a space previously occupied by Funland, an amusement arcade acquired in 2005 that was phased out and closed in 2011.



London's historic Trocadero will house the new 583-bedroom pod hotel

London's most famous buildings."

Read more: http://lei.sr?a=i7X3T

WCC's Heather Acton said: "This scheme

will help to breathe new life into one of

KSL acquires landmark Belfry resort

US firm KSL Capital Partners acquired the Belfry Hotel and Golf Resort - located amid 550 acres (223 hectares) of Warwickshire countryside.

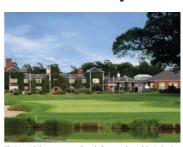
A subsidiary of the De Vere Group has been chosen to run the resort, with the group having owned the Belfry prior to its sale to an affiliate of The Ouinn Group in 2005.

It is the world's only fourtime host of the Ryder Cup golf tournament and features a 324-bedroom property housing seven dining outlets, a 25,000sq ft (2,323sq m) fit-

ness centre and simply THE spa.

The Belfry's spa - inspired by Eastern promise and ultimate tranquility - currently includes 10 treatment rooms; a bespoke pregnancy room; and a double treatment rooms.

Elsewhere, the spa includes a manicure and pedicure room and post-treatment areas.



The Warwickshire property is the only four-time host of the Ryder Cup

ESPA, Clarins, Solutions, Jessica, Fake Bake and Bare Escentuals products are used.

KSL is now proposing to undertake a full revamp of the hotel - including all public areas, bedrooms, dining outlets and meeting spaces to enhance visitor experience. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=09ToG

Peel Group to acquire Salford's Lowry Outlet Mall

The Peel Group has agreed a deal with the Emerson Group for the purchase of the Lowry Outlet Mall - a 300,000sq ft (27,871sq m) retail and leisure complex at Salford Quays.

Located adjacent to the Peel-owned MediaCityUK complex, the Lowry Outlet Mall

boasts a seven-screen Vue cinema and a variety of cafés and restaurants as part of its offer.

Peel chair John Whittaker said: "This is an important acquisition for us and continues to extend the MediaCityUK community." Details: http://lei.sr?a=R6Z4H

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As a first step the Council will be holding a soft market testing event on Wednesday 5th September 2012 from 10am - 4pm allowing the Council to engage with operators to test its proposals and assumptions against current best practice. The day will include an introduction from the Council followed by "break out" sessions to discuss key issues (see prospectus) critical to the procurement process.

To make maximum use of the day it is important that the right people attend the event. The accompanying prospectus provides more detailed information on the current service. It is important that those attending the event are able to engage with the Council in addressing the key issues highlighted in the prospectus. Operators are asked to restrict the number of attendes to no more than 3.

To record your interest in attending the event and view the prospectus you will need to log onto the Council's Pro-contract portal or register on the portal: www.nepoportal.org

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Bournemouth selected to host new NCTA

Bournemouth is to host one of the first National Coastal Tourism Academies (NCTA) in Europe - a new knowledge transfer institution focusing on customer care in the tourism and hospitality sectors.

Funding is being contributed through the government's Coastal Communities Fund and is part of its wider pledge to increase the UK industry.

Bournemouth Borough Council is working alongside the School of Tourism at Bournemouth University and local businesses to design and deliver the new academy.

NCTA will support 23 new jobs and 107 volunteer roles initially and is expected to grow Bournemouth's local tourism economy by 2.3 per cent to £9.5m within three years.



The academy will deliver three elements - a Coastal Activity Park at Boscombe; a resort-wide visitor experience initiative; and a research and development programme. Details: http://lei.sr?a=Uoqoi

Royals unveil Coach Core programme

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry have launched a new coaching initiative created by their charitable foundation in partnership with Greenhouse.

Greenhouse is piloting the Coach Core programme, which is funded by The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess and Prince Harry. will train young people aged between 16- and 19-years-old as mentors and coaches.

It is hoped that those who receive training will inspire students and establish a future for themselves in sport.

If the pilot proves successful, it is hoped the Coach Core scheme will be rolled out further to governing bodes including the Football Association and Rugby Football Union.

Speaking at the launch, The Duke of Cambridge said: "What all three of us have



in common is that we love sport. And not just playing it, but for what it does for people young and old. It builds confidence, engenders mutual respect and responsibility, and teaches us about the value of team work.'

Read more: http://lei.sr?a=R4C4f

CYQ accreditation for Wright Foundation's training

CYQ will now accredit The Wright Foundation's exercise referral training, as well as both their Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing and Level 3 Certificate in Personal Training.

There has been a rapid growth in the skill base and expertise of professionals in the area of exercise referral and The Wright Foundation is seen as a leading authority in this field.

CYQ head Jenny Patrickson said: "There is a great deal of synergy between the work of both organisations to improve wellbeing." Details: http://lei.sr?a=m3x8g

Hospitality leads the way on job creation



SAM COULSTOCK is operations director of The Springboard Charity and Springboard UK

mong all the doom and gloom surrounding the economy there's good news from the hospitality sector, which is vowing to reduce unemployment by offering work placements, apprenticeships and job opportunities over the next three years.

These pledges were given in London at the first of a series of Big Conversations in Hospitality - an event that brought together over 140 young people and senior hospitality industry executives. The Big Conversation in Hospitality was organised by Whitbread, Thistle Hotels, Marriott, ISS and a number of other hospitality companies in conjunction with Springboard UK and the British Hospitality Association (BHA). It was designed to encourage more hospitality companies to introduce structured work placements and apprenticeships for young 18- to 24-year-old unemployed.

Patrick Dempsey, managing director of Whitbread's hotels and restaurants division. chaired the event and said that Whitbread was pledging to fill half of all new jobs from the ranks of the unemployed and recruit 500 apprenticeships this year. He urged other companies to make similar pledges.

Springboard UK chief executive Anne Pierce underlined the importance of structuring work placements and urged employers to use Springboard's INSPIRE Quality Standard mark. Pierce also emphasised the work Springboard did in influencing school children towards a career in hospitality - mainly via the Ambassador's Programme, which has more than 1,000 volunteers from industry who work with schools and colleges.

BHA chief executive Ufi Ibrahim said the next steps were vital if the Big Conversations are to succeed. We will work with the BHA and the BiTC to roll out more with the central topic of the next Hospitality and Tourism Summit - due to be held on 11 June 2013 - to be the Big Conversation.

With the sun beginning to reappear, it seems that there's also an extremely bright outlook for the UK's hospitality industry.



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ISG nets £61m Center Parcs deal

Construction firm ISG has secured a £61m deal to build the accommodation element of a new Center Parcs holiday village in Bedfordshire.

Center Parcs Woburn Forest will be the operator's fifth UK village and the project will see ISG deliver 625 lodges across the 365-acre (148-hectare) site, which is due to open in spring 2014.

Commencing in November, the 59-week fast-track construction scheme will lead to the creation of Woodland,

Executive and Exclusive lodges configured around woodland clusters

When completed, the £250m village will also include a 75-bedroom hotel, an Aqua Sana spa and two main centres housing indoor sports facilities, swimming pool and restaurants.



Work to start the accommodation element will commence in November

Private equity giant Blackstone, Center Parcs' owner, will invest £100m into the venture while four UK banks - RBS, Barclays, HSBC and Lloyds Banking Group - have committed to a loan of approximately £150m. Read more: http://lei.sr?a=Q7eoK

Public consultation for £150m Ebbw Vale race track

A consultation period has begun on plans to build a £150m race track at Ebbw Vale.

The Circuit of Wales is billed as a world-class complex and will be centred around a performance circuit designed to host global events such as MotoGP and World Superbikes.

The company behind the proposals, Heads of the Valleys Development Company, is headed by former banker Michael Carrick and also sees former Labour leader Lord Kinnock chairing its advisory board. Details: http://lei.sr?a=v6f2I

Olympics deliver UK business boost

The government has vowed to capitalise on the success of London's Olympic Games to the UK economy after businesses secured deals worth up to £14bn in recent weeks.

During the Games, leading government figures such as chancellor George Osborne were among 35 ministers to meet with around 3,000 business leaders and global representatives.

Brazilian vice president Michel Terner and UK deputy prime minister Nick Clegg hosted the Brazil Business Summit on 11 August to forge partnerships between the two nations.

The event saw Brazilian ICT multinational Asyst International + Rhealeza unveil plans to create 700 jobs in the UK, while UK firm Viper Subsea has secured a contract in Brazil.

Meanwhile, AECOM UK has already won an international contest to design the Rio 2016 Olympic Park masterplan



Michel Terner speaking at a London business summit

Clegg said: "It's not only our athletes who have shown themselves to be world-class, UK businesses have played a key role in delivering our most successful games in history." Read more: http://lei.sr?a=jos9b

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