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£2bn entertainment resort planned for Kent coast

A consortium which includes US-based entertainment giant Paramount Pictures has unveiled plans to create a £2bn visitor attraction on the North Kent coast.

Plans for the 872-acre development site, on the Swanscombe Peninsula, include a Paramount-branded entertainment resort and leisure district as part of what is being billed as "Europe's leading entertainment destination". The entertainment district will feature Europe's largest indoor water park, theatres, live music venues, attractions, cinemas, restaurants, event space and hotels.

Development vehicle London Resort Company Holdings (LRCH) has signed an agreement with Paramount Licensing, the licensing division for Paramount Pictures, to give exclusive UK licensing for the theme



The entertainment resort will be anchored by a large Paramount-branded theme park

park at the heart of the site. The agreement does not include investment from Paramount Licensing in the project.

In a statement, LRCH said it was also in negotiations with a range of major British brands to sign licensing agreements.

The LRCH group of firms includes development and investment company Development Securities, the principal landowner Lafarge and super-scale construction company Brookfield Multiplex. The team is also supported by a host of consultants and operators which will help deliver the scheme.

Tony Sefton, project leader for LRCH, said: "Our vision is to create a world-class entertainment destination, the first of its kind in the UK."

"We're at the start of a long journey, but have been encouraged by the support and buy-in we have had to date. Over the next 12-18 months we will be progressing the planning application, while embarking on a wide-reaching programme of community consultation and securing further commercial agreements." *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=don4j>*

Crowd-sourcing service Kickstarter enters UK

US-based crowd-sourcing website Kickstarter will make its services available to UK entrepreneurs on 31 October. The launch of Kickstarter UK - announced first in a tweet earlier this year - will allow small businesses and entrepreneurs to launch their creative ventures and projects using funding acquired through the public investing in them.

Launched in 2009 by Perry Chen, Yancey Strickler and Charles Adler, Kickstarter has so far raised US\$400m (£250m) in pledges for projects. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=U1Xic>*

Pop-up spa and bar for East London

A new affordable pop-up spa and bar in East London has been created to help Londoners feel happy and relaxed.

The Barking Bathhouse, built by Something & Son, in Barking provides affordable spa treatments as well as a free social space for people to meet.

The spa is part of the Mayor's Outer London Fund projects for Barking and Dagenham Council and combines a spa with a healthy cocktails bar under a canopy of growing cucumbers. Visitors can sunbathe in seaside-inspired pebble bays and the spa treatments - including massages, body treatments, manicures and pedicures - use natural



The concept was launched at Barking Bathhouse

produce grown by local allotment gardeners. There is a traditional wooden sauna and a cold room lined with ice blocks to bring traditional bathhouse rituals to the experience plus a series of massage and treatment rooms and a relaxation area with loungers. *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=d1Y2w>*

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SPORT

FA launches £100m football centre

The Football Association (FA) has officially launched its new £100m National Football Centre in Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire.

Named St. George's Park, the facility held its first full England national team training session on 9 October, which was attended by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and FA chair David Bernstein.

All 24 representative England squads will make use of the 330-acre complex while the League Managers Association is to be headquartered at the site. It will also provide a base for training referees, administrators and to provide career pathways into the game.

Facilities include a full-sized, indoor 3G football pitch equipped with a viewing gallery for up to 200 people, a 60m x 40m multipurpose indoor sports hall, 11 full-size outdoor pitches and one elite DESSO training pitch which is an exact replica of the pitch at Wembley - the FA's home ground.

There is also a 25,000sq ft, bespoke sports medicine, rehabilitation and performance centre operated by Perform, part of Spire Healthcare. Accommodation at the centre is provided by a 142-room Hilton hotel and an 86-room Hampton by Hilton hotel.



The new centre was officially opened by the Duke of Cambridge

Culture secretary Maria Miller, who also attended the opening, said: "The opening of St George's Park is a landmark moment for football in this country, which will help strengthen our national game at all levels. This summer has shown the importance that sport has at the heart of the British nation."

"It is through projects and investments such as St George's Park that the next generation of coaches can be identified and nurtured, helping to develop the England stars of the future. Good coaching is vital for a sport to grow and I am very pleased that government and the National Lottery have been able to invest £6m to help open up these fantastic facilities." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=f9W9R>

Funding boost for the UK's deaf athletes

Talented deaf athletes will now have more chance of achieving their potential and winning medals at next year's Deaflympics, thanks to a £125,000 grant to UK Deaf Sport, from Sport England.

The investment will fund work to help individual sports fully integrate deaf and hearing-impaired athletes within their development programmes. It will also enable the recruitment of a co-ordinator and performance manager to lead preparations for the 2013 Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Phillip Gerrard, chair of UK Deaf Sport, says this is a timely boost: "The funding will also support our long-term aim of talent development in Deaf sport, which will see us working with national sports bodies to establish and



The scheme will look to improve performances at the Deaflympics

embed deaf performance pathways." Team GB's impressive medal haul at the Paralympics has heightened the profile of disability sport and the government has said it is committed to supporting disabled athletes. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q5goE>

Glasgow's Emirates Arena opens

More than 100,000 visitors attended the opening weekend of Glasgow's new Emirates Arena.

The sports arena, which opened its doors on 5 October, will play host to the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. The 10.5-hectare arena is located beside the Commonwealth Games Athletes' Village and the Celtic Park.

It includes an indoor sports arena, three sports halls with 12 badminton courts, four outdoor five-a-side football pitches, an outdoor 1km cycle circuit, a Glasgow Club health and fitness centre and a day spa open to the public.

The venue also includes the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome – named in honour of the six time Olympic Gold medalist – and designed by architect Ralf Schuermann.



The centre will be a host venue during the 2014 Commonwealth Games

The Emirates Arena, which was named under a £5m sponsorship deal with Emirates airline, will host the badminton and track cycling events during the Commonwealth Games. Glasgow City Council and SportScotland funded the £113m project. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=WoytW>

DC Leisure secures £11m Sandwell contract

Plans for an £11m leisure centre and swimming pool in West Bromwich are underway following the signing of a contract between Sandwell Council and DC Leisure.

DC Leisure will design, build, manage and maintain the town centre complex, due to open in summer 2014.

The leisure centre will have a 25m pool and a separate learner pool, a sauna and steamroom, a four-court sports hall, a 100-station fitness suite, two dance studios, an indoor children's adventure play centre and a cafe. A planning application has been submitted and a decision is expected later this year, with work expected to start early next year. The planned site for the leisure complex is on the corner of Moor and Barton Street.



The West Bromwich facility will include a 25m swimming pool and gym

Over the past six years, DC Leisure has built 11 leisure facilities worth £110m across the UK. It currently manages more than 100 leisure facilities on behalf of local councils. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K8moK>

£60,000 boost for Scottish Canoeing to ensure Olympic legacy

Scottish Canoeing has been awarded £60,000 to help capitalise on the surge of interest which the Olympics have generated for the sport.

Tayside & Fife Regional Sporting Partnership is providing the cash, which will be used to recruit a performance coach and move forward

with plans to create an excellence hub for slalom canoeing in Perthshire.

The Scottish Canoeing Association is keen to build on the success of Olympic Gold and Silver medalists, Tim Baillie and David Florence. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=Y8g2K>

New use proposed for greyhound stadium

Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium could become a 10 to 15,000-seat football stadium in a proposal put forward by the Greyhound Racing Authority (GRA).

As well as a football stadium, the proposal includes 450-500 homes and a substantial retail store. It also includes community benefits such as coaching courses to promote sport to young people across London. Merton Council cabinet member for environmental sustainability and regeneration, Councillor Andrew Judge, says this is a positive move which could bring AFC Wimbledon back home to Merton.

The GRA will consult with partners over the coming months to flesh out the plans.

Bisham Abbey plans to go before councillors

World-leading sports facilities at Bisham Abbey, where more than 30 Team GB medalists trained for London 2012 are set to get even better if Sport England's improvement plans are approved by local councillors.

Plans include bringing the outdated accommodation block into the 21st century with 50 new rooms and replacing an existing grass pitch with an artificial grass pitch that will be help meet the growing demand for year-round sport.



The initiative aims to increase participation

Scotland's first basketball school to launch

Scotland's first ever School of Basketball will be launched at the Ardrossan Academy in North Ayrshire.

The centre will form a key part of Basketball Scotland's plans to develop the sport and increase participation numbers.

Kevin Pringle, CEO of Basketball Scotland, said: "This is a pilot project which we expect to provide us with the evidence which will allow us to develop partnerships to deliver schools of basketball throughout Scotland over the coming years."

£10m Leisure centre on the cards for Kidderminster

Kidderminster could be in line for a £10m leisure centre, according to plans released by Wyre Forest District Council.

The facility would replace the existing The Glades leisure centre which the council previously said would cost £12m to refurbish. Plans include a six-court sports hall, a 25m pool, fitness suite and outdoor five-a-side football pitches. A public consultation is due to start on the proposed site, with a planning application expected to be submitted later this year.



The launch of the Technogym I Pledge campaign

Technogym's I Pledge scheme reaches landmark

Almost 2,000 centres have now signed up for I Pledge, the wellness initiative launched in January by Technogym, the British Olympic Association and the British Paralympic Association.

I Pledge asks members of the public to make a promise to improve their health and lifestyle by making healthier choices, or fulfilling sporting goals. The social networking site Movergy.com allows people to support and encourage each other.

Tuck and Tucker join FIA senior team

The Fitness Industry Association (FIA) has appointed Geraldine Tuck as its new operations director and added John Tucker to its public affairs team.

Tuck will lead the FIA's membership engagement, enhance the level of service provided and oversee sector focused projects.

Meanwhile, Tucker has been tasked with strengthening the FIA's current partnerships and driving engagement with future partners. *Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=mj9K>*

£8m lifeLeisure opens in Stockport

Woodley Sports Centre in Stockport, Greater Manchester, has re-opened its doors as lifeLEISURE Stockport Sports Village following an £8m development and refurbishment.

Facilities at the centre include a new 27,000sq ft (2,500sq m) health club with a 100-station gym, supplied by Life Fitness and a number of football and tennis facilities.

Significant investment has been made to install a number of floodlit Optima 3G football pitches - the same that are used at Barcelona FC's Joan Gamper training facility.

Malcolm McPhail, MD at lifeLEISURE, said: "We have been working on the project for a few years now to ensure that the centre would reopen as a premium football and fitness facility. We are looking forward to welcoming people from all around Stockport, as



The centre's gym equipment has been supplied by Life Fitness

the facility now offers something for everyone, including recreational and competitive football, leagues, state of the art gym and the latest aerobics and kids classes. The centre will also be an additional campus for Stockport College for their sports courses and offers conference and banqueting facilities." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=s1Z9Z>*

£2.4m Hadleigh Pool revamp completed

The Hadleigh Pool and Leisure facility in Suffolk has reopened to the public following a £2.4m redevelopment which took a year to complete. The new facility will be run by South Suffolk Leisure on behalf of Babergh District Council.

Babergh District Council, supported by Hadleigh Town Council, has invested more than £2.4m in the new centre which includes a 25m swimming pool and a community room, fitness suite, a group fitness studio and an osteopath and beauty therapy treatment clinic.

Tracey Copping, chief executive of South Suffolk Leisure, said: "Our aim is to lead the way to active living. We hope to engage, inspire and provide the local community with



Facilities at the centre include a 25m swimming pool and fitness suite

everything they need to take part in regular and supported exercise, along with providing a great place for individuals, groups and clubs to meet and hold sessions and events. We feel that the new facilities provide something for everyone." *Details: <http://lei.sr?a=eo3xx>*

Gym revamp increases memberships by 80 per cent

A £3m expansion and refurbishment of Kingswood Leisure Centre in Gloucestershire has resulted in a 150 per cent increase in the number of visitors since it opened in May.

The revamp, funded jointly by South Gloucestershire Council and Circadian Trust,

included a new, fully equipped gym and 20 new spin bikes and led to an 80 per cent increase in memberships over the past year. Swimming has also seen an increase with 26,000 people using the new 25m pool throughout July and August, almost 50 per cent up on 2011.

£18m Oldbury centre to open in 2013

The £18m Portway Lifestyle Centre in Oldbury, West Midlands is on track to open in August 2013, despite delays in construction work due to poor weather conditions over the summer months.

The centre will replace the Oldbury Leisure Centre in Sandwell. Facilities will include a sports hall, hydrotherapy pool and a health and fitness club with a multi-station gym, weights area and dance studio.

There will also be a climbing wall, outdoor 3G football pitch, life-trail outdoor exercise area, multi-purpose activity room, meeting rooms, sensory room and cafeteria as well as a purpose-built GP surgery, Tivdale Family Practice. The centre will be open to everyone and will be a centre of excellence for people with disabilities.



Construction work has now begun on the Portway Lifestyle Centre

It is a joint venture between Sandwell council, Sandwell Leisure Trust, Sandwell Primary Care Trust and Sandwell Lifto.

Sport England has provided £1.5m from its Iconic Facilities legacy fund for the centre. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=S4x6f>

Exercise project reduces falls in elderly

Taking part in regular exercise has reduced falls among elderly people by as much as 17 per cent, according to the latest findings from the Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust.

The trust unveiled its latest findings last week, which have been the result of a year-long research study undertaken with Liverpool John Moores University, on the Trust's award-winning Liveability service, which works to promote the independence and health of old people through exercise.

If current trends continue, by 2024 half of Liverpool's population will be aged 50 or over, which shows the importance of finding an effective way of helping older people improve their health, fitness, quality of life and reduce the risk of falls.



Exercise among the older population could decrease falls by 17 per cent

The study measured the impact of participation in two hours per week of instructor-led gym-type activities on the physical fitness, strength, flexibility, balance and aerobic endurance of participants over a 12 week period.

Each participant was monitored at the start and end of the programme and at six and 12 months to assess longer term impact. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=r2o8q>

Class Finder looking to expand services

A fitness technology startup that offers consumers the opportunity to search for group exercise classes in their area is looking to expand its services in the UK.

Founded by two entrepreneurs - Stuart Hay and Robert Corder - in 2010, Class Finder

started out as a class directory to help class instructors promote their classes on the web.

After the addition of a class cover email system and a live timetable feature, the service has expanded its reach rapidly and currently carries information on more than 12,000 classes.

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Hospitality - one of the UK's growth sectors



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The recent Channel 4 production *Hotel GB* may not have been to everyone's taste and certainly seemed to be more interested in its celebrity guests than providing any real illustration of a career in the hotel industry. It did, however, highlight that the hospitality industry can offer good jobs to the young unemployed - no matter how unskilled - as long as the will to work is there.

The fact that all the youngsters (some not so young) were offered a job at the end of the week by a variety of employers shows that even after only a week's experience, their potential shone through. With the excellent TV programme last year on food service skills, which showed how demanding the job of being a waiter is - as well as the numerous chef programmes - the hospitality industry is beginning to get across the message that the opportunities are there for young people.

In fact, as we've repeatedly told government, hospitality is one of the very few industries in the UK creating jobs, apprenticeships, work placements and career opportunities. It's an industry where, like the youngsters in *Hotel GB*, you can start at the bottom and, with talent, reach the very top. BHA's own research shows that hospitality is set to generate 236,000 jobs between 2010 and 2015. BHA is certainly playing its part.

In July, with Springboard UK, we organised The Big Conversation - an initiative of the Talent and Skills Leadership Group of Business in the Community (BiTC). The event was designed to boost dialogue between employers and youngsters, helping to find jobs and apprenticeships for the young unemployed. At the event key hospitality employers pledged to reduce unemployment by offering structured work placements, apprenticeships and job opportunities during the next three years. The BHA is now working with Springboard and BiTC to roll out more Big Conversations, both regionally and sectorally.

The industry has the potential to grow the economy by creating jobs at all levels, male and female, full-time and part-time. That is the message we must get across.

HOSPITALITY

De Vere invests in Urban Resorts

De Vere Village Urban Resorts has announced the further development of the brand, with a new site in Portsmouth and two in Scotland.

Work will begin in Portsmouth within the next few months, with the launch slated for the end of 2013.

Sites in Aberdeen and Edinburgh will be launched in 2014. De Vere Village Urban Resorts target the leisure and corporate traveller, with a pool, Velocity health and fitness club, Viva Urban spa, conference facilities and a selection of restaurants.

De Vere launched the Viva Urban Spa concept as part of a relaunch of De Vere Village Urban Resorts brand.

In collaboration with ESPA and Dermalogica, the repositioned concept aims to take "the spa product out of the typical treatment room" and



De Vere launched the Viva Urban Spa concept was earlier this year

into bedrooms throughout the hotels. Custom-built treatment rooms will still feature as part of the Viva Urban Spa offer, but it will also allow for in-room head and shoulder massages. Read more: <http://lei.sr?a=W7iob>

Legacy looking to enter branded management market

Hotel operator Legacy Hotels and Resorts has joined forces with Longrose Buccleuch Management to form a new hotel management company. The new company, Branded Hotel Management, was formed in a bid to capitalise on the growing UK branded hotel market.

Legacy, which operates 21 hotels under its own name in the UK, is looking to expand into the branded market, while Longrose Buccleuch - operator of hotels under the Doubletree by Hilton, Mercure and Best Western brands - is keen to grow its market share.

Top restaurateurs team up for London project

There will be an exciting new addition to the London dining scene in February, when Keith McNally, referred to by the New York Times, as "the restaurateur who invented downtown" brings an outpost of Balthazar to the UK.

For the English-born McNally, whose New York restaurants include Pastis, Minetta Tavern and Morandi, this will be the first site outside of the US. It will also be the first sequel directly modelled on one of his existing restaurants - Balthazar.

McNally is teaming up with Richard Caring, the man behind The Ivy, Le Caprice, Annabel's and a shareholder in the Soho House group. The first Balthazar restaurant opened in a converted warehouse in



The Balthazar restaurant in New York will gain a sister site on London

New York in 1997. The design of the London site, which will be located at Covent Garden in the city centre, will closely resemble the original. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=c8t3e>

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Clayton Green Sports Centre
Raj Chauhan, Leisure and Spa Manager
Chesford Grange Hotel
Derek George, Fitness Consultant
Centurion Fitness Centre

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SCOTLAND EAST

Pure Gym Aberdeen GOLD
Pure Gym Edinburgh Ocean Terminal SILVER
Aberdeen Sports Village BRONZE

SCOTLAND WEST

The Peak GOLD
Pure Gym Glasgow SILVER
Energie Fitness for Women East Kilbride BRONZE

NORTHERN IRELAND

Pure Gym Belfast GOLD
Fit4less Club Lisburn SILVER

NORTH WEST – North

Energie Fitness for Women Preston GOLD
Pendle Wavelength & Inside Spa Nelson SILVER
Energie Fitness for Women Blackburn BRONZE

NORTH WEST – South

Pure Gym Warrington GOLD
Thornton Hall Country Health Club SILVER
Pure Gym Manchester Urban Exchange BRONZE

NORTHEAST

Fit4less Club Hartlepool GOLD
Xercise4Less Stockton-on-Tees SILVER

YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER

Crown Spa GOLD
Pure Gym Leeds SILVER
Pure Gym Sheffield BRONZE

WALES

Pure Gym Cardiff GOLD
Fit4less Club Port Talbot SILVER
LivingWell Newport BRONZE

WEST MIDLANDS – North

Pure Gym Stoke on Trent GOLD
Pure Gym Wolverhampton SILVER
Sandwell Leisure Trust, Smethwick Swimming Centre BRONZE

WEST MIDLANDS – South

Pure Gym Coventry GOLD
Pure Gym Birmingham City SILVER
Chesford Grange Hotel BRONZE

EAST MIDLANDS – North

Nuffield Health Mapperley GOLD
Energie Fitness for Women Long Eaton SILVER
The Nottingham Belfry BRONZE

EAST MIDLANDS – East

Forest Pines Hotel Broughton GOLD
Everyone Active West Lindsey Leisure Centre SILVER
Everyone Active Cleethorpes Leisure Centre BRONZE

EAST MIDLANDS – South

Loughborough Leisure Centre GOLD
Pure Gym Leicester SILVER
LivingWell Leicester BRONZE



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Thornton Hall Country Health Club SILVER
Crown Spa BRONZE

BEST CLUB IN THE UK (2,000 members or more)

Pure Gym Southampton GOLD
Pure Gym Aberdeen SILVER
Everyone Active Spelthorne Leisure Centre BRONZE

EAST OF ENGLAND

Everyone Active Stradbroke Leisure Centre GOLD
Energie Fitness for Women Ely SILVER
One Leisure Huntingdon BRONZE

SOUTH WEST – South

Pure Gym Bournemouth GOLD
Energie Fitness for Women Teignmouth SILVER
David Lloyd Leisure Exeter BRONZE

SOUTH WEST – North

The Fitness Hub GOLD
Centurion Fitness Centre SILVER
Anytime Fitness Bristol BRONZE

SOUTHERN – North

Fit4less Club Chesham GOLD
LivingWell Reading SILVER
LivingWell Newbury North BRONZE

SOUTHERN – South

Pure Gym Southampton GOLD
David Lloyd Leisure Southampton SILVER
Energie Fitness Club Andover BRONZE

LONDON – North

YMCA Central London GOLD
H2 Bike Run Soho SILVER
The Laboratory Spa & Health Club Muswell Hill BRONZE

LONDON – South

Wavelengths Leisure Centre GOLD
Pure Gym London Wandsworth SILVER
Pure Gym London Oval BRONZE

SOUTH EAST – North (Essex)

Everyone Active Central Park Leisure Centre GOLD
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Everyone Active Basildon Sporting Village BRONZE

SOUTH EAST – North (Herts & Middlesex)

Everyone Active Spelthorne Leisure Centre GOLD
Everyone Active Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre SILVER
Everyone Active Farnshaw Leisure Centre BRONZE

SOUTH EAST – South (Surrey & W. Sussex)

Nuffield Health Surbiton GOLD
Pure Gym Walton on Thames SILVER
Energie Fitness Club East Grinstead BRONZE

SOUTH EAST – South (Kent & E. Sussex)

Energie Fitness for Women Eastbourne GOLD
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Ashford International BRONZE

NATIONAL CATEGORIES

BEST BUDGET CHAIN (5+ clubs)

Pure Gym GOLD
Fit4less SILVER
Fitness4less BRONZE

BEST SMALL CHAIN (3-9 clubs)

Fitness4less GOLD
YMCA London South West SILVER
One Leisure BRONZE

BEST MEDIUM CHAIN (10-30 clubs)

Pure Gym GOLD
QHotels SILVER
Fit4less BRONZE

BEST NATIONAL CHAIN (30+ clubs)

Everyone Active GOLD
David Lloyd Leisure SILVER
Energie Fitness for Women BRONZE

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ATTRACTIONS & MUSEUMS

ALVA appoints Baroness Wheatcroft to its board

The Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA) has appointed Baroness Patience Wheatcroft, former editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*, as a new board director. Baroness Wheatcroft, who was appointed to the Conservative benches in the House of Lords in 2010, is also a trustee of the British Museum – a member of ALVA – and made her maiden speech in the Lords on the importance of tourism.

She attended her first ALVA meeting at RHS Wisley on 20 September, which featured discussions on making historic attractions family-friendly.



The Fusilier Museum in Greater Manchester

Heritage Lottery Fund boost for Fusilier Museum

The Fusilier Museum in Bury, Greater Manchester, has received a boost from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards its Onward and Upward redevelopment project. Earlier this year, the museum submitted a bid for nearly £700,000 for the creation of a new open store area, which will allow it to open up its full collection to the public.

As part of the application process, the HLF has requested match funding of £530,000, with the Fusilier Museum now planning to embark on a fundraising campaign. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=z3n4w>

University opens natural history collection

Sheffield University has opened a new temporary museum of natural history, revealing a number of its treasured exhibits to the public for the first time.

The Alfred Denny Museum, commonly used by students, contains extraordinary items such as the skull of an extinct man-sized eagle and tiny flying dinosaur skeletons. The curator, Professor Tim Birkhead, will provide tours and talks on the museum's treasures.

Science Museum invests in research

The Science Museum has launched a new Research and Public History Department to coordinate the museum's academic research activities.

The department will be tasked with running the museum's research projects; liaise with university departments and other museums; co-supervise students; support research fellows and associates; publish papers and books; and organise public events, conferences and workshops.

Dr. Tim Boon, head of research and public history at the Science Museum, said:

"In research terms, the Science Museum's collections are almost pure potential, so little in-depth research has ever been undertaken. A museum that does not prioritise research cannot understand the stories its



The department will oversee all of the museum's research projects

collections tell; how its audiences engage; nor how to slow the deterioration of its objects.

"I believe research is the elixir that has the ability to release the potential of museums."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=z3km2>

Visitor attraction discusses city challenges

London has a brand new visitor attraction, which is claimed to be the world's largest exhibition dedicated to the future of cities. The Crystal uses interactive exhibits to discuss subjects affecting cities; such as climate change, population growth and increasing urbanisation.

The brief for Event, which was responsible for creative direction, design, content interpretation development and delivery, was to make it real and sensational. Siemens supplied the technological material and research.

The main area of the exhibition is divided up into zones, which is anchored by an "attractor" which represents a real urban sustainability challenge; for example, a full height fire has been created using steam, lighting and projections.



The Crystal and its content was designed by Event Communications

All visitors have RFID cards used throughout the space to enable them to tag themselves into interactive tables. At the end they can unpack their journey to see all the solutions with which they have engaged. Topics such as transport, urban planning, energy supplies, terrorism, water and health are all discussed.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=t2D3P>

Clifton Suspension Bridge attraction approved

Proposals to establish a new heritage attraction at the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol have been approved by North Somerset Council.

The plans include replacing a temporary building with a permanent venue at the bridge

- designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel - which first opened in 1864. The centre will explain the history of the bridge, its design and construction as well as the relationship between the river Avon and the city of Bristol.



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Peter Davies, mayor of Doncaster (centre) at the new centre's topping out ceremony

Milestone for Doncaster's new £20m arts venue

A topping out ceremony has been held for a new £20m performance venue in Doncaster. When complete, the centre will house a wide range of spaces and facilities which include a 620-seat theatre kitted out to accommodate touring shows and a 200-seat or 400 standing flexible space for live music and smaller productions.

There will also be modern dance and drama studios; various educational and rehearsal spaces that will double up as meeting and conference rooms; a light and spacious foyer area and a café bar with views out onto a public square.

The venue, designed by specialist theatre architects, Arts Team RHWL, is set to become a regional hub for arts and culture in South Yorkshire and beyond.

VINCI Construction UK is now halfway through a two-year construction contract which started in September 2011.

The venue is scheduled to be completed in early 2013 and forms an important part of the new £300m Civic and Cultural Quarter (CCQ) planned for Doncaster. The CCQ project is supported financially by the European Union, as part of the European Regional Development Fund's support for the region's economic development through the Yorkshire and Humber ERDF Programme.

Portrait Gallery acquires Thomas Hollis bust

The National Portrait Gallery has acquired the last portrait of the eighteenth-century British thinker Thomas Hollis – one of the architects of American independence – to remain in Britain.

The gallery acquired the portrait, for the nation, following a loan period from a private collection, for £293,157 having received £100,000 towards its purchase from the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) and £57,000 from the Art Fund. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=k7BiK>

£20m funding pot for facilities

Arts and culture organisations have been urged to apply for grants of between £100,000 and £499,999 to improve their existing facilities. The funding has been made available as part of Arts Council England's (ACE) £234.6m capital investment fund. In total, £20m of National Lottery money has been budgeted for small capital grants under the scheme, to address the needs of organisations whose plans to improve their existing buildings and equipment do not involve large-scale work.

There will be two funding rounds, with £12m budgeted for 2012-13 and a further £8m available in 2013-14. The new grants are an expansion of ACE's current programme which offers organisations the opportunity to apply for larger grants of £500,000 or more.

Alan Davey, chief executive, Arts Council England, said: "The Arts Council understands that like any trade, artists and performers need the right tools and facilities to effectively deliver and develop their craft and audiences need places where they can properly interact with the art or performance."



The grants will look to fund smaller-scale projects

"Our capital investment programme is a very practical way of helping to develop the arts infrastructure in this country so that organisations can flourish and continue to produce the excellent work that audiences want to see." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=v1E6i>

New arts prize open for all UK fine arts students

A major new national arts prize worth £40,000 for emerging artists is now open for entries at Northumbria University.

Funded privately by Singaporean art lover Wee Teng Woon, the grant will be used to fund the cost of a Fellowship at the BxNU

Institute for Contemporary Art at BALTIC 39 in Newcastle.

The institute is the result of a collaborative partnership between BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art and Northumbria University. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=K8x1Z>

Arts Council launches employment scheme

Arts Council England (ACE) has launched a Creative employment programme to help young unemployed people find paid entry-level work in the cultural sector.

The programme is designed to support up to 6,500 new apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships and paid internships across the sector and will target unemployed people aged between 16 and 24.

ACE has opened a commissioned grant for applications to find a national provider who will deliver the programme.

The successful applicant will receive up to £15m to deliver the scheme and help subsidise new opportunities which will directly benefit unemployed young people until March 2015.

Andrea Stark, executive director, Arts Council England, said: "The Creative



The programme will aim to support up to 6,500 new jobs in the sector

employment programme is a fantastic and vital development for young people interested in working in arts and culture.

"If young people cannot gain entry into the sector workforce we risk losing a generation of talent, which would potentially have an adverse impact on the art that is produced, distributed and attended by the wider population."

Stanley completes final chapter

Stanley House estate, in the Ribbles Valley, Lancashire, has completed the final stage in a major investment programme with the launch of a day spa, 18 new bedrooms and an extension to the bar and brasserie.

Spanning two floors, the multi-million pound 932sq m (11,000sq ft) spa has a rural theme. There are five treatment rooms, relaxation rooms, a thermal suite, hydro pool with mood lighting, a double treatment suite with rasul or private steamroom, a Finnish sauna with panoramic views, experience showers and an ice fountain, as well as a gym and pilates studio.

A top team were charged with creating the spa: Howard Spa Consulting, which counts the London Dorchester among its clients, delivered the project. Trevillion Interiors, which has formerly worked for Raymond Blanc's Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxford, created the funky interior. Barr & Wray and Thermarium provided the hydro pools and thermal suites.

"We've always listened to our customers and committed to innovation," says hotel director Simon Glassbrook. "The opening of the spa and our new woodland bedrooms will see us diversify our offering and make Stanley House a genuine national destination, of which are are extremely proud."



Facilities include a hydro pool with mood lighting and loungers

The team are hoping to see a return on investment within 12-18 months. The affluent RV sector are being targeted for day visits, as well as national and international clients who are keen followers of luxury spa breaks and the male grooming market.

This is the only spa in the north west to offer Ila products, which are 100 per cent organic. Other skin care brands used are Natura Bisse, Only nail care, Organic Glam and BeauBronz tanning.

Signature treatments include the Diamond Nature Bisse facial, exclusive to the spa and priced at £120. This anti-ageing treatment involves a triple massage using crushed diamond elements, which penetrate the deepest layers of the skin for optimum regeneration.

Landmark Dublin hotel set to launch spa

The Shelbourne Hotel in Dublin, one of Marriott's Renaissance Hotels, is gearing up to open its spa at the end of this month.

Set over three floors, The Spa at The Shelbourne will have six treatment rooms, a manicure area, an opulent relaxation room lit by chandeliers and a dance studio.

The spa's wet areas include a swimming pool, a Finnish sauna and steamroom.

Products from the Elemis and Pevonia ranges will be used in all skincare treatments.

The spa will be actively marketed to both hotel guests and the day spa market and the gym will offer limited memberships.

Stephen Hanley, general manager, said "We're partnering with these two product



The spa will use products from Elemis and Pevonia in its treatments

ranges which, with their focus on quality and a sensory experience, make a perfect fit."

The spa will be run in house and there are no plans to make this a blueprint for the rest of the Renaissance Hotels.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=q8Y3t>

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Youth tourism 'neglected'

Governments and businesses in the travel industry need to spend more on developing youth travel to benefit from its potential according to the World Youth Student & Education Travel Confederation and World Tourism Organisation.

The recommendation is part of a special declaration by more than 700 delegates at the World Youth & Student Travel Conference in San Diego, USA, this month, attended by youth travel professionals and government officials. The aim of the declaration is to provide tourism groups with a platform to lobby governments to fund and help boost youth travel and tourism.

The declaration, tweeted and blogged by many of the delegates, also calls for policy and decision-makers to act on issues including promoting principles of fair trade, inclusive



More initiatives should be implemented to encourage youth travel

economic development and protection of human rights for the economically poor.

It asks that social and economic programmes for young people be highlighted and that authorities develop strategies that benefit from the positive impacts of youth travel. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=b3E7c>

Global tourism to reach 1 billion landmark

With a record 467 million tourists traveling in the first half of 2012, the global tourism industry is set to reach one billion international travellers by the end of the year - for the first time ever. The figures, from the United Nations' World Tourism Organisation, suggest

that despite ongoing concerns over the global economy, international tourism demand continues to show resilience.

The number of international tourists worldwide grew by 5 per cent during the six months to 2012. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=IzOoP>

Visits to the UK fell during Olympic month

Overseas residents made three million visits to the UK during August - a 5 per cent fall from the number of visitors in August 2011.

However, figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) also show that UK earnings from the visits were 9 per cent higher than in August 2011. The Olympic Games ran from 27 July to 12 August while the Paralympics began on 29 August. The ONS figures are taken from interviews with people leaving the UK during the month of August, so exclude visitors who did not leave the country until after the end of the month.

The fall in the number of visits in August is a continuation of a recent trend. In the period June to August 2012 the number of visits to



Despite the fall in visitor numbers, spend by tourists has increased

the UK by overseas residents was 8.8 million, 7 per cent lower than the total 9.4 million in the same period in 2011.

Earnings during that period remained broadly unchanged from 2011. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=M4Xod>

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Westfield Brierley Hill mixed-use development

Visitor attraction planned for Brierley Hill

Plans for a major new leisure destination featuring one of Europe's highest indoor ropes courses have been unveiled at Westfield Merry Hill in Brierley Hill, West Midlands. The urban-themed Quest attraction, which will start a phased opening in November, is part of a £1m investment by Paragon Entertainment and features five new attractions including aerial rope courses, and a themed indoor adventure golf course. Occupying a total area in excess of 20,000sq ft, Quest will include a café as well as an outdoor area which will host a changing programme of family-based leisure activities.

ARB apologises for Piano/Libeskind letter

The government-appointed architecture watchdog ARB (Architects Registration Board) has apologised for suggesting that Renzo Piano and Daniel Libeskind should not be described as architects in the UK press. In early October, ARB sent a letter to *Building Design* magazine saying that neither Piano nor Libeskind were registered with ARB – therefore being undeserving of the title.

Piano is a former Pritzker Prize winner and is famous for having designed the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris, France as well as Europe's tallest building, The Shard, in London.

In a statement on 9 October, ARB's registrar Alison Carr said: "ARB has to investigate queries regarding individuals who use the title 'architect' in business or practice when they are not registered with ARB. In some cases, the public may genuinely be misled by the use of the term, while in others this is highly unlikely to happen. I believe that the *Building Design* case falls into the latter category.

"We should have been more cautious so that we get the right message across at the right time, and for that I apologise."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=7p4Z8>

Castleford Tigers stall on stadium plans

Rugby club Castleford Tigers may be forced to shelve plans for a new stadium and look at redeveloping its current ground.

Last year Castleford signed a deal to sell its ground to a supermarket, which would fund the development of a 13,300 capacity stadium at out of town entertainment and retail centre, Glasshoughton.

However, at a meeting with fans, Castleford chief executive Steve Ferres described the team's financial situation as "precarious".

"The current business model is not working," he said. "We are falling short of Super League's model club and we therefore need to look at ways to work smarter and generate new revenue streams."



The club's plans for a new all-seater stadium have been put on ice

A new membership scheme will be part of the 2013 season ticket and 5,000 season-ticket holders are being targeted to ensure the club's survival. As RFL regulations on stadium requirements are now being relaxed, the club may be able to redevelop its current site.

Lessons from Olympic construction 'safe'

The future of the Learning Legacy website, which was launched by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) to pass on valuable knowledge in construction projects, has been assured.

While the ODA and its operations will be wound up later this year, the website will be taken over and managed by the Major Projects Authority, a partnership between the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury.

"The Learning Legacy initiative was created to ensure the lessons of delivering one of Europe's largest construction projects were preserved for future generations," said Simon Wright, ODA director of venues and infrastructure.

The site comprises more than 300 papers put together by the ODA and its supply chain



The Olympic Park - one of Europe's largest ever construction projects

of companies and is the first time a construction project in the UK had sought to capture knowledge on this scale.

"So far it has been used by almost 43,000 people, 35 per cent being from overseas."

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=a6l3G>

£50m Bournemouth leisure complex confirmed

Bournemouth councillors have given the green light for a £50m leisure complex, incorporating a multiplex and a range of restaurants.

Developer Licet Holdings plans to start work in the new year, with completion slated for autumn 2014, giving it a head start

in the town's cinema wars. The Licet proposal is the first of three multiplex schemes which have been mooted for Bournemouth: including a revamp of the Winter Gardens site and a third next to the Pavilion Theatre.

Details: <http://lei.sr?a=a7q7m>

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Active IQ to expand vocational operations

Awarding organisation Active IQ has announced that it will be expanding its services into a number vocational and educational sectors outside the active leisure sector.

Building on the company's apprenticeship solution launched earlier this year, Active IQ aims to offer qualifications designed to assist employers and employees alike to up-skill – with a particular focus on preparing young people to join the UK workforce. The new sectors will include finance as well as business and administration.

Suzi Gunn, operations director at Active IQ, said: "This is a move that we really think makes sense in terms of driving the company forward. We've had great success operating in the active leisure sector, and will continue



Active IQ has become one of the leading awarding bodies in fitness

to do so, but we felt that we could apply our educative and qualification expertise to other sectors too."

Active IQ currently delivers more than 45 accredited qualifications from Entry Level to Level 4 within the leisure sector. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=u2K5l>

How to make the most out of the university experience



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As the new academic year in universities and colleges is now fully underway it's a good time to pause and think about how to get the best out of the higher education experience. Key to a successful time is building a mutually respectful working relationship with your personal tutor to smooth progress towards your ultimate goal. A refined tutorial scheme will help to promote a sense of community between academic staff and students, and vitally, contribute to the well being of students and their academic success by enabling them to feel regarded as individuals and that their contribution will be listened to and valued.

Often, the best schemes have a solid structure with a senior tutor or faculty head liaising with other heads of department or their nominees so that students always know where to go with a problem – academic or otherwise. As a 'tutee' it's really important to help yourself by responding promptly to requests from a personal tutor, whilst ensuring that the appointment time is respected.

Remember tutors don't just have one person to see or just your problem to deal with. Always know how to get hold of your tutor at short notice in case of emergencies and give them a number that you can always be contacted on. It's really important to keep the communication channels open and inform tutors of any relevant circumstances which may affect your studies. Don't leave things to the last minute, particularly when you're looking for a reference. Make sure you give plenty of notice because the sooner you get in the queue the better.

So what can you expect from your personal tutor in return? Always remember that they're there for you and have your best interests at heart. They want you to succeed and grow as an individual. They can help you get better results and assist in planning your workload, while collaborating on your personal goals. It's about helping you build confidence in what you're trying to do and most personal tutors will remain with you for the duration of your course.

TRX launches UK training service

Randy Hetrick, creator of the TRX Suspension Trainer, has visited the UK to launch a new training service.

Hetrick unveiled TRX Training and Education during this year's Leisure Industry Week (LIW), where he took to the stage and delivered a keynote session entitled The Next Evolution in Small Group Training.

The new UK-based service has been created to deal with the demand for TRX's training modules across the country. TRX figures show that during 2012, TRX's UK-based course instructors will teach more than 1,000 trainers in suspension training and other disciplines.

• TRX equipment was recently installed at the fourth Hard Candy Fitness club in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.



The training service follows an increase in demand for TRX kit in the UK

The Hard Candy-branded chain of health clubs was founded by US pop star Madonna alongside New Evolution Ventures in 2010. Details: www.hardcandyfitness.com

Icon Training offering fully-funded packages

Icon Training has been awarded additional funding to deliver its Ofsted Grade 1-tailored packages for the leisure sector.

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Closing Date: 6th November Interview Date: 15th November

Operations Manager/ Gym Manager – AH670

Salary: Circa £19,000 depending on experience Based in St Neots

One Leisure have an exciting opportunity at the recently redeveloped site St Neots for an Operations Manager who will also take responsibility for the management of the Impressions Fitness Suite facility. The role will suite a motivated, innovative, customer focused individual who has a confident manner and can lead by example. Experience of working within a Leisure environment is vital for this role and gym work is also preferred. If you feel you can help develop the One Leisure brand at an operations level helping to maintain the excellent service then this may be for you.

Closing Date: 6th November Interview Date: 15th November

Wellbeing Manager – AH671

Salary: Circa £25,000 (pro rata) Based in St Ives

One Leisure have invested in a £4.2M development at its flagship site, One Leisure St Ives. The facility will boast a bowling alley, bar/restaurant, dance studios, as well as a state of the art gym with functional training kit, free weights training area and general CV area there will be a day Spa facility which will offer beauty treatments as well as the traditional heat treatment rooms, spa pool and relaxation areas. The facility will require an experienced manager who has worked within the leisure or gym and ideally the spa industry. The ideal candidate will be professional, articulate and deliver the service to the highest standard. The role will involve management of both, fitness professionals and therapists where motivation, mentoring and support of these roles is fundamental to the customer experience and retention.

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Staycation boost for luxury cabins

Rural holiday accommodation specialists Forest Holidays is gearing up to progress a boutique cabin rollout throughout the UK, after securing a major financial deal.

The company, which has grown despite the recession thanks to the staycation trend, offers rural retreats which it claims are equally as appealing for a romantic break as a family holiday. Its forest cabins – in the Forest of Dean, Cornwall, Sherwood Forest and North Yorkshire – have hot tubs, treehouses and offer



The increases in domestic holidays in the UK has been a boost

a host of outdoor adventures, including Forest Rangers who teach children about wildlife.

The financial deal, which was brokered by SRP Risk & Finance LLP and GVA Leisure, involved the separation of Forest Holidays' cabin business from its camping business and introduced Lloyds Development Capital as leading shareholder. The camping business has been renamed Camping in the Forest

LLP, and is majority owned by the Camping & Caravaning Club and the Forestry Commission.

Director at GVA Leisure, John Anderson, said: "A growing demand for UK domestic short break holidays will continue to make our business models attractive investment propositions over the coming years." Details: <http://lei.sr?a=e3g4j>

Green light given for £5m Harlow leisure plans

Harlow town centre's ongoing transformation has received a boost with news that planning approval has been given for a £5m leisure destination. Located in the upper floor of the Harvey

Centre shopping mall, the scheme comprises a multiplex, five restaurants and two cafes. Colman Architects is in charge of the design. Details: <http://lei.sr?a=O5N3Y>

Swansea watersports centre opens

The 360 Beach and Watersports Centre in Swansea Bay has opened its doors to the public. The new £1.4m facility, operated in partnership by Swansea University and Bay Leisure, will feature beach and water sports as well as football and rugby facilities.

Organisers hope to prove Swansea's status as a world-class destination for beach- and water-based sports, as well as improving accessibility and inclusivity in sport through the activities available. The opening weekend featured free taster sessions for children and adults including beach volleyball, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and power kiting.

The project has been managed by Swansea Council and is backed by the Welsh Government through the European



The £1.4m centre will offer kayaking and canoeing

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