Baby boomers a ‘growth area’ for fitness

Two-thirds (65.6 per cent) of adults aged between 50 and 70 years old – known as Baby Boomers – have not done any moderate physical exercise lasting 30 minutes or longer in the past month, according to a report by England’s chief medical officer.

The 159-page Baby Boomers: Fit for the Future report also found that from a sample size of 55,414, only 28 per cent performed a minimum of four 30-minute moderate intensity sessions a month, equivalent to one a week.

National guidelines recommend adults take part in 150 minutes of moderate intensity, aerobic, physical activity per week.

By 2020, it is estimated that a third of British workers will be aged over 50.

The report used figures from the Health and Safety Executive, Active People Survey and English Longitudinal Study of Ageing to produce its findings into the impact of lifestyle choices on the current and future health of those born between 1945 and 1964.

Men were slightly more active than women, with 30 per cent of males taking part in four or more moderate physical activity sessions a month compared with 27 per cent of females.

The report, which also looked at obesity and diet and nutrition, said that good-quality work is beneficial for Baby Boomers’ health, and that employers have a role to play by helping their staff to remain healthy enough to stay in employment.

Professor Dame Sally Davies, chief medical officer for England said: “People are living longer than ever and so retirement presents a real opportunity for Baby Boomers to be more active than ever before. For many people it is a chance to take on new challenges. “Staying in work, volunteering or joining a community group can make sure people stay physically and mentally active for longer.” Details: http://lei.sr?a=f3T9G_O

Olympic sports have funding cut

Elite sports funding body UK Sport has left four Olympic sports – archery, badminton, fencing and weightlifting – without funding for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Announcing its funding decisions for the next four years, UK Sport said it needs to continue to “prioritise” sports which have the best hope of winning medals at the Games.

In total, the quango will invest up to £345m in 16 Olympic and 15 Paralympic sports for the Tokyo Games – £2m less than the record £347m allocated in the run-up to Rio.

“We would like to invest in every sport, but the reality is that we have to prioritise within agreed resources to protect and enhance the medal potential within the system,” said Liz Nicholl, CEO of UK Sport. “If we underinvest across the board, then the British teams will ultimately underperform at the Games and medal success will be put at risk.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=f6P9D_O

Sports participation for females on the rise

The growth in participation for hockey, netball and gymnastics has boosted the number of women taking part in sport, narrowing the gender gap in the process.

Around 7.21m women now take part in regular physical activity, bringing the number participating closer to their male counterparts (8.76m). It is part of a growing trend which has seen more females become physically active following targeted campaigns by Sport England and NGBs.

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PE review call ‘falls on deaf ears’

The government has rejected the opportunity to review the school PE system, despite the publication of a parliamentary report that claimed the subject was “failing” pupils.

Education minister Lord Nash told the House of Lords that there were “no plans” to review the curriculum and that it was “unnecessary” to create a PE taskforce – one of the recommendations highlighted in the report that was put together by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood.

Baroness Floella Benjamin, co-chair of the group, told Nash that the fact that the UK had “some of the most unfit children in the world” showed a need to “urgently revise” the teaching of PE. She added that the way the subject was taught “had not changed since the 1940s”.

Her comments echoed the report – published in October – which suggested the subject scared too many children and teachers.

“As professionals, it must be admitted that physical educators themselves are in part to blame for the situation in which we find ourselves today,” the report stated. “The leaders of the discipline have remained largely silent for a generation and the subject has lost its way in terms of curriculum development; thereby failing to keep the true core purpose for physical education.”

Despite Nash offering to meet Benjamin and the rest of the group, the concerns largely fell on deaf ears. The Conservative Lord stressed that government officials “already work closely” with sports organisations.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=7X2V5_O

Schools failing footballing girls

A large proportion of schools in England are not giving girls the opportunity to play football despite the growth of the women’s game, according to Rachel Pavlou of the Football Association (FA).

The governing body’s national participation manager for women’s football told delegates at the International Sport Convention in Geneva that insight showed there was a lack of support in primary and secondary schools.

She said that primary school teachers were “predominantly female” who “didn’t feel comfortable” taking football sessions, while secondary school PE teachers were guilty of reverting to hockey and netball.

While the FA has made great strides with female participation and the launch of the Women’s Super League, Pavlou conceded that the body “still has a lot of work to do”.

“Around 95 per cent of boys in England play football by the age of 10, while only 41 per cent of girls play,” she said.

“We have this thing in England where we say to everybody that football is our national sport. As far as I’m concerned until that’s more equitable at under-10 level it’s not our national sport; it’s a boy’s sport where some girls are allowed to play.”

However, Pavlou highlighted some positive data which should give the FA encouragement as it attempts to double the number of women and girls involved in football by 2020.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=3C7B5_O
Volunteering to be ‘revolutionised’

A fund of £26m has been set aside by Sport England to “revolutionise” volunteering over the next four years.

The money will go towards encouraging a new batch of volunteers in the sport and physical activity sector, and to support the estimated 5.6m people who already give up their time to help out.

Funding will be spread out between 2017 and 2021.

In 2017, Sport England will create and launch a £3m Opportunity Fund, which will focus on reaching out to people in disadvantaged communities.

“There are huge gains to be made by encouraging more volunteers for sport in these areas because of the dual benefit for the individual and community,” said the Volunteering in an Active Nation strategy.

“We want to mobilise a force that can contribute at many levels – personal, social and economic – and be the catalyst for transformation of their neighbourhood.”

National Centre remit expanded

British Swimming has made changes to the way its National Centres operate in an attempt to capitalise on a strong Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

From 1 January 2017 the centres in Bath and Loughborough will expand their focus from just concentrating on resident athletes to involve all national programme athletes beyond the locality.

The strategy is to make the centres “true performance hubs” in the run-up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics after a successful 2016 Summer Games in which Team GB racked up nine medals. Sport science and medicine professionals working in Bath and Loughborough will now have national roles, travelling around the country to “service key programme athletes”.

“The role of the centres will shift to service the needs of the wider programme, from the start of next year, and this review and restructure will enable us to meet these performance needs,” said national performance director Chris Spice. “The changes and appointments made will enable coaches to spend more time coaching athletes, while sport science staff will offer greater support to more swimmers.”

National Centres will host national programme events such as national team development and technical-based camp activity and coach development.

David McNulty (national lead centre coach) and Jol Finck (national centre coach) oversee operations in Bath, while Melanie Marshall (national lead centre coach) and David Hemmings (national centre coach) will take the lead in Loughborough.

Newcastle backed to host two major rugby finals

Newcastle is launching an ambitious bid to host two major rugby union finals in a month during May 2018.

The European Rugby Champions Cup final and European Rugby Challenge Cup final may both be staged in the northeast city if the bid put together by a city-wide consortium is successful.

St James’ Park, home to Newcastle United FC, has been lined up to host the former, while Kingston Park Stadium, the stadium belonging to Premiership side Newcastle Falcons, would stage the latter.

The consortium includes Newcastle City Council, NewcastleGateshead Initiative, Newcastle United FC and Newcastle Rugby.

Details: http://lei.sr/a=b3Q6Y_O

Sport England saves more than 1,000 playing fields

Sport England intervention has saved or improved more than 1,000 playing fields over the last year. According to figures from the grassroots sports quango, 91 per cent of playing fields that were under threat from planning developments (1,176 out of 1,272) in 2015 were saved, or the developments went ahead with improved sports provision.

In 43 per cent of cases where Sport England objected to planning applications, its action led to overall improvement, while in 57 per cent of cases planning permission was withdrawn or refused by the local authority. Nine per cent (115 applications) were approved by local councils despite Sport England objection.

Charles Johnston, director of property at Sport England, said the organisation took its statutory role “very seriously”.

“What these figures show is that by thinking creatively and working with Sport England, sports provision can be protected at the same time as much-needed development takes place,” added Johnston.

Details: http://lei.sr/a=W8fsm_O
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**Fitness devices dominate wearable tech market**

The global wearable technology sector grew by 3.1 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter of 2016, with basic wearables – mainly wellness and fitness bands – accounting for 85 per cent of the market.

The total shipment of wearables reached 23 million in the three-month period, according to data from the International Data Corporation (IDC)’s Worldwide Quarterly Wearable Device Tracker.

Fitness bands experienced double-digit year-on-year growth. Much of the rise during the July–September period was attributed to the launch of newer models and an expanding user base.

Details: [http://lei.sr?a=W5j7n_O](http://lei.sr?a=W5j7n_O)

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**£23.5m Riverside centre opening set for March**

Development of a £23.5m riverfront leisure centre in Clydebank, Scotland is set to be completed early in 2017 and open to the public in March.

Construction of the four-storey centre, which sits on the banks of the River Clyde, started 18 months ago in June 2015.

Once opened, the leisure facility will have a 25m six-lane swimming pool; teaching pool; leisure pool with waves and flume; changing facilities; a café; multi-purpose sports hall with badminton, netball, basketball, hockey and five-a-side football courts and retractable seating, health and fitness suite and dance studio.

West Dunbartonshire Council predicts that around 500,000 people will visit the leisure centre in the first year. The leisure facility is a focal point for the regeneration of the Scottish town’s historic Queen’s Quay.

The building, which was designed by architects Kennedy Fitzgerald and being built by contractors BAM Construction, will be operated on behalf of the council by West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust.


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**Sugar tax draft paper published**

The UK government has published draft legislation for its planned sugar tax on soft drinks, with revenue from the levy being used in programmes to reduce obesity and encourage fitness and physical activity.

The publication of the document comes as the city of Bristol is considering implementing its own local sugar tax.

The UK government tax, which is expected to come into force in April 2018, is predicted to raise £520m in the first year.

The Soft Drinks Industry Levy will be charged to producers and importers of soft drinks with added sugar. It will apply to volumes of added sugar drinks with total sugar content of 5 grams or more per 100 millilitres, with a higher rate for drinks with 8 grams or more per 100 millilitres.

The document says: “Across England the government will invest the revenue during this parliament in giving school-aged children a brighter and healthier future, including programmes to reduce obesity and encourage physical activity and balanced diets.”

The estimated indirect cost to the UK economy from obesity is between £27bn and £46bn. The direct cost to the NHS includes £6.1bn a year on overweight and obesity-related ill health and £8.8bn for type 2 diabetes.

Dr Max Davie, assistant officer at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, said: “The sugary drinks affected by this tax have no nutritional benefit and often contain levels of sugar far above a child’s daily limit.”

Details: [http://lei.sr?a=M9R7z_O](http://lei.sr?a=M9R7z_O)

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**GLL to set up disability community clubs**

Leisure operator Greenwich Leisure Ltd (GLL) has signed a deal with Disability Sports Coach (DSC) to improve disability provision by creating community clubs.

The clubs are designed to be fun, accessible sports clubs and provide paralympic and multi-sports for disabled people aged 11 and over.

The two organisations already work together, providing opportunities for disabled people to take part in sport and physical activity at seven GLL venues in London.

The community club model will be rolled out to GLL-operated leisure centres across the UK during 2017.

DSC will also deliver its LIVE programme through five GLL leisure centres in London - Sobell Leisure Centre, Brixton Recreation Centre, Kensington Leisure Centre, Britannia Leisure Centre and Poplars Baths Leisure Centre.

The LIVE initiative helps schools, colleges and community groups to become more physically active through supported gym sessions, energetic studio classes, sports sessions and brisk health walks.

Katie Ellis, GLL national community engagement manager, said: “As a charitable social enterprise one of our key objectives is to improve accessibility to sports and leisure facilities for all sections of society.

“Partnering with Disability Sports Coach will enable us to do this and we look forward to rolling out both the community clubs and LIVE initiatives through the leisure centres we operate across the UK in 2017 and beyond.”

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Barrecore plots UK expansion

UK-based boutique fitness studio operator Barrecore is looking to expand “rapidly across the UK and Europe” after securing private investment funding from venture capital firm Octopus Investments.

The company currently operates nine studios in the UK – in London, Manchester, Bristol and Leeds – and its growth has been helped by celebrity endorsements from the likes of Pippa Middleton and dancer Darcey Bussell.

Barrecore is looking to benefit from the increased demand for high-end, studio-based fitness. According to figures from the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association (IHRSA), there has been a 200 per cent rise in boutique studio openings in the last two years.

Rebecca Hunt, investment manager at Octopus Investments, said: “The growth in boutique fitness has come to Europe and Barrecore is uniquely positioned as the market leader to capitalise on this fast-growing trend.”

To drive the expansion push, Barrecore has appointed Peter Woods as its new CEO. Woods has more than 20 years’ experience in the health and wellness industry, having previously held senior roles at David Lloyd Leisure, Aspria, Holmes Place and Sk:n Clinics. As part of the top team shuffle, founder Niki Rein moves to the role of creative director but will remain on the board of directors.

Sunaina Sinha, Barrecore chair, said: “The investment from Octopus will enable us to expand rapidly throughout the UK and in Europe. Peter, as the new CEO, brings a wealth of experience in scaling fast-growing businesses in the fitness industry in Europe.”

Barrecore classes integrate high-intensity, low-impact fat-burning movements designed to achieve “fast change in the body.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=G4E2e_O

Fusion signs deal for Devon sites

Leisure operator Fusion Lifestyle has signed a deal to manage leisure centres in South Hams and West Devon for the next 25 years.

The partnership between Fusion and South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council covers leisure facilities in Ivybridge, Dartmouth and Kingsbridge in South Hams, and Meadowlands and Parklands in West Devon.

Totnes Pavilion in South Hams is not included in the contract.

As part of the deal a new six-lane 25-metre swimming pool will be installed at Ivybridge, as well as a refurbishment of facilities. Dartmouth and Kingsbridge will also be refurbished.

The refurbishment programme will begin in late 2017 and be completed during 2019.

Councillor Hilary Bastone, South Hams District Council’s portfolio holder for Customer First, said: “Signing the contract moves us into a new era for leisure. These services are incredibly important to our customers and South Hams and West Devon share a vision of good quality leisure and wellbeing facilities for all in the community. Sealing and signing this contract is a significant step toward fulfilling this vision.”

Peter Kay, Fusion CEO, said: “We operate more than 90 sports and leisure facilities and it is a privilege to take over the running of these important sites in Devon.”

Fusion, which has taken over from Tone Leisure to run the facilities, is an independent registered charity set up in 2000.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=H5Y3K_O
New training manual for spa professionals

Spa industry intelligence researcher Intelligent Spas has teamed up with British spa consultant Maggie Gunning to create the Professional Spa Treatments Manual, which outlines its method for “highly consistent” spa treatments.

The manual aims to help make training staff easier and details 31 spa treatment procedures across water, massage, body, face, nails, hair and extras (including waxing). Supporting verbal scripts, product lists and process maps are also included to help guide training and implementation. Details: http://lei.sr?a=d2B8s_O

Spa Life UK attracts 500 professionals each year

Spa Life expands – will host Irish event in 2017

Industry conference Spa Life will host a two-day event in Ireland in 2017 – marking the third country for the event.

Set to take place 19-20 June, 2017 in Dublin, Spa Life Ireland follows the original Spa Life UK – which has been attracting more than 500 spa professionals in its seven-year history – and Spa Life Germany, which debuted last year in Bad Orb.

“Our unique combination of comprehensive educational opportunities and face-to-face meetings has proven to be a very successful formula,” said Andrew Hammond, event director and co-founder.

“Spa Life represents a great way to do business, and following a soft-launch in Germany this year, we’re confident that we’ll double the number of attendees at this event in June 2017 and also deliver a successful inaugural event in Ireland.”

Hammond said that Ireland is a market with huge untapped potential, and the event has already secured the endorsement of the Irish government through Failte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority. Details: http://lei.sr?a=k6G6h_O

UK brand Bamford expands to US

British lifestyle and wellness brand Bamford has expanded internationally, opening its first Haybarn Spa outside the UK at 1 Hotel & Homes South Beach, a nature-inspired luxury lifestyle hotel and residences.

Much like Bamford’s other Haybarn spas, the Miami outpost is rooted in a commitment to caring for the mind, body and spirit and is based around a strong connection to nature. The spa will include specialist treatments along with yoga, pilates and meditation.

“This is our first spa in America, and we are thrilled to find a partner whose philosophy fits hand-in-hand with ours,” said Bamford founder Carole Bamford.

Designed by hotel and spa designer Spencer Fung, the spa is a newly constructed 4,500sq ft (418sq m) space with 12 treatment rooms, and joins two Haybarn spas in England at Bamford’s hotel retreat in Gloucestershire and in London at The Berkeley, as well as a spa at London’s Fortnum & Mason.

The spa also includes three manicure and pedicure stations and a relaxation area, The Woodland Room, which features a bespoke central water fountain designed to create an atmosphere of calm, peace and reflection.

Fung incorporated 1 Hotels’ commitment to sustainability into the design, using ash log walls and recycled timbers.

The spa offers holistic body treatments and massages, as well as facial treatments using Bamford’s organic skincare line. Details: http://lei.sr?a=A7Q7k_O

Titanic Spa sinks rival in court case

Yorkshire spa resort Titanic Spa has been successful in a legal challenge against Titanic Hotel Liverpool over the use of its name.

During a three-day High Court trial, Titanic Spa’s lawyers claimed against Titanic Hotel Liverpool for trademark infringement. Both claims were successful and the judge, Mr Justice Carr, found that Titanic Hotel Liverpool had caused consumer confusion among its namesake’s client base.

Titanic Hotel Liverpool opened in 2014 – nine years after Titanic Spa. The Yorkshire spa said it began receiving calls from customers, who were under the impression the Liverpool hotel was part of the same operation.

The level of confusion prompted Property Renaissance, Titanic Spa’s operator, to take legal action, which resulted in Titanic Hotel Liverpool being ordered to take measures to reduce the likelihood of confusion, including stopping the use of the word ‘spa’ and placing a disclaimer on its website.

Titanic Spa director of operations Amy Burton said: “The decision to go to court was not one we took lightly. We are well known in the industry and have no fear of healthy competition but we couldn’t stand by and allow our brand to be diluted in this way.” Details: http://lei.sr?a=t2z2M_O
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Tourism agency VisitBritain has signed new partnership deals with two China-based travel sector giants as part of a strategy to attract more Chinese visitors to the UK.

The partnerships with Hainan Airlines – owned by the HNA Group – and Alitrip, the tourism arm of global leisure giant Alibaba Group, will seek to strengthen the UK’s appeal to China, which is now the world’s most valuable outbound tourism market.

The partnership with Alitrip will create a virtual British marketplace on Alitrip’s digital platform, showcasing the diversity of UK tourism products directly to millions of Chinese consumers. It will also promote “great experiences and destinations” across Britain to Chinese visitors, designed to convert the inspiration to visit into bookings.

Alitrip senior vice president Jerry Hu said: “The UK National Tourism Pavilion on the Alitrip platform will reach more than 200 million Alitrip users through a variety of cultural and tourism resources, combined with innovative e-travel products and packages – introducing potential Chinese tourists to all the UK has to offer as a top international tourism destination.”

The deals were signed at an event held at Madame Tussauds in Shanghai, which was attended by culture secretary Karen Bradley.

“Through the pavilion, they will learn about the UK, fall in love with the UK and ultimately make the UK part of their future or current travel plans.”

Meanwhile, HNA Group has applied for five new airline routes into Britain, following a new air service agreement between China and the UK. The Chinese cities to be connected directly with Britain are Changsha, Chengdu, Qingdao, Shenzhen and Xi’an, all to be serviced by HNA Group.

The two partnership deals were signed at an event in Shanghai, China earlier this month, attended by culture secretary Karen Bradley.

Details: http://lei.sr?z=7Z5y_O

BA to introduce ‘wellness sensors’

UK’s flagship carrier British Airways (BA) is developing an ingestible “wellness pill,” which would allow the airline to monitor passengers’ health information during flights.

The company has filed a patent application for a sensor that would be able to measure a number of indicators, including stomach acidity levels, body temperature, sleep phase and heart rate. Collecting the data will allow the airline to assess the passenger’s “wellness levels” and adjust the services it offers accordingly – such as changing in-flight meals, managing sleep times and suggesting inflight entertainment.

“The sensor inputs provide information on the physiological state of the passenger and environmental conditions in the vicinity of the passenger,” the patent application states. “A dynamic event schedule is then generated based on the retrieved data.

“What is desired is a system that facilitates greater efficiencies within the aircraft travel environment and enables improved control and personalisation of the passenger’s travel environment, in particular for enhanced passenger wellness and wellbeing when flying.”

Details: http://lei.sr?z=8h9Z_O
Lanesborough to focus on wellness

London’s The Lanesborough hotel, part of the luxury Oetker Collection, is set to open its new 18,000sq ft (1,672sq m) exclusive spa and wellness centre – billed as ‘a lifestyle club for the modern Londoner’ – on 13 March, and has partnered with experts across the fitness, beauty, spa and wellness communities to offer a holistic approach to wellbeing.

Spa consultant Neil Howard has overseen the project, working with interior designers 1508 London, fitness lifestyle expert James Duigan of Bodyism, ‘super-therapist’ and facial expert Anastasia Achilleos, and massage trainer Beata Aleksandrowicz, founder of Pure Massage.

“We’ve been working on this for the last 18 months, and it’s just breathtaking in the ambition and the scope of what we want to create for people,” said Duigan. “...It’s like nothing else, and no expense has been spared.”

Louise Wicksteed, creative director and partner at 1508 London, has reimagined the classical aesthetic of the hotel, with British characteristics including silk wallpapers, wood paneling and leather upholstery.

“We really wanted to create a beautiful extension of The Lanesborough Hotel,” she explained. “It’s such an iconic British hotel, and it has such an amazing quality to it. We spent a lot of time discussing why it’s so successful, and one of the reasons is that it’s sort of a home-from-home – it’s sort of an extension of your personal space.”

Details: [http://lei.sr?i=Psd3g_O](http://lei.sr?i=Psd3g_O)

Marriott launches luxury arm

After the recent acquisition of Starwood, hotel giant Marriott has launched a new luxury division that will include St. Regis, The Luxury Collection, W Hotels, Ritz-Carlton, Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Bulgari Hotels & Resorts, Edition and JW Marriott brands.

Marriott, which operates more than 70 hotels in the UK, is scheduled to open nearly 30 hotels in its luxury portfolio in 2017, and has a total of 180 luxury hotels in its development pipeline, representing 20 new countries – from Iceland to Nepal to Cuba.

Tina Edmundson, global brand officer for Marriott, said that luxury travel has been up nearly 50 per cent over the past five years, and she sees “a long runway for growth at the high-end,” with the company’s luxury traveler comfortable moving across the luxury portfolio for both business and leisure.

“Spanning the world from the most iconic hot spots to the ultimate undiscovered gems, the unmatched breadth and depth of our luxury portfolio uniquely positions us to cater to the increased demand of the rapidly-expanding cadre of affluent travelers,” she said.

“We now have a world-class, dedicated luxury structure in place to nurture and strengthen our portfolio.

“Our guests’ approach to luxury is decidedly less formal, entirely more personal, and defined more by their interests and mind-set than their geography and demographic.”

Details: [http://lei.sr?i=4N3C_O](http://lei.sr?i=4N3C_O)

What’s in store for UK hospitality and leisure in 2017?

The year 2016 was one of surprises, so what’s on next year’s agenda? Of course, Britain is expected to start its negotiations to leave the EU, but uncertainty about the outcome is likely to continue.

There are already signs of a slight slowdown in the eating-out market, with companies putting the brakes on their expansion plans as their perceived challenges switch from property availability to staffing, property and food costs.

A piece of legislation that has been mostly buried under our daily diet of Brexit speculation is the introduction of the Immigration Skills Charge. This charge applies to non-EU nationals and will be introduced in April 2017 as part of the government’s aim to reduce net migration.

For those businesses that have a sponsor licence and are reliant on Tier 2 (General) migrant workers to operate successfully, the costs of doing so will increase. Salary thresholds for skilled migrant workers will rise plus a charge of £1,000 per person per year will be applied for large organisations and £364 for smaller businesses and charities. To beat the salary threshold increase, there may be merit in applying for and assigning your certificates before April 2017.

The Apprenticeship Levy, also due from April 2017, will be a potential extra cost unless companies are well-prepared to invest in apprenticeships. We believe that new-improved apprenticeships present our industry with a big opportunity to work together to raise professionalism and promote career pathways.

The layered approach of the National Living Wage, especially as applied to 25 and 26-year-olds has made it hugely complex and costly. Thankfully, the two different rates will be aligned at £7.20 per hour from April 2017, which will simplify processes.

We know there are skills shortages in our industry and a particular pressing need for spa therapists and sales and marketing personnel. The current set of circumstances makes it all the more vital for us to effectively promote our exciting and rewarding sector as a career of choice.
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**New gallery for Science Museum**

The sweeping air flow around a 1920s aeroplane has inspired Zaha Hadid Architects’ eye-catching new mathematics gallery for London’s Science Museum, which opened to the public on 8 December.

Mathematics: The Winton Gallery explores how mathematicians, their tools and their ideas have helped build the modern world. Their tools and ideas have helped build the modern world from trade and travel to war, peace, life, death, form and beauty.

The centrepoint of the gallery is the Handley Page ‘Gugnunc’ aeroplane, built in 1929 for a competition to construct safe aircraft. Ground-breaking aerodynamic research influenced the wing design, helping to shift public opinion about the safety of flying and to secure the future of the aviation industry.

The air that would have flowed around the aircraft in-flight inspired the layout and lines ZHA have created for the gallery, from the positioning of the showcases and benches to the three-dimensional curved surfaces.

As well as being ZHA’s first permanent public museum gallery, the project is the first the studio has completed in the UK since their founder’s death.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=U7A3Y_O

**Cavalry exhibit for Hadrian’s Wall**

Hadrian’s Cavalry, a multi-site exhibition that will look at the lives and times of the Roman army’s horseback troops, will feature the UK’s largest ever Roman cavalry re-enactment, specially commissioned artworks and wide range of artefacts from the era.

The exhibition, which is being hosted by the Hadrian’s Wall World Heritage Site and will take place at various locations within those grounds, offers an in-depth examination of the cavalry forces who guarded the wall. Their helmets, armour, weapons and other intricately decorated items will be on show at participating locations from 8 April to 10 September 2017.

There will be re-enactments scheduled throughout the six-month period, including a 30-troop demonstration scheduled for on 1 and 2 July at Bitts Park in Carlisle.

The Bitts Park show will be the largest cavalry re-enactment in UK history, and will be based on military exercises described by Hadrian some two millennia ago.

Hadrian’s Cavalry is funded by the Arts Council England’s Museum Resilience Fund to the tune of £690,000.

The Roman cavalry artefacts are being loaned by a number of museums, including the British Museum, National Museums Scotland, the Musee d’Art Classique de Mougins in France and the Archaeological State Collection in Munich, Germany.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=k4CS4_O

**Social media ‘netmarks’ key for experience design**

Bob Rogers, founder and chair of visitor experience design firm BRC Imagination Arts, has said that visitor attractions must be designed as “netmarks” – a concept that takes into account the impact of social media on physical design.

Rogers – who worked as a Disney Imagineer for more than two decades before forming BRC – said that creating a netmark is critical for a designer when creating or revamping a visitor attraction.

“I wouldn’t say you even have to turn it into a landmark,” he told Leisure Opportunities. “I’d say instead how do you turn it into a ‘netmark’?”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=d7z7E_O

**Tate goes upside down to celebrate Christmas**

London’s Tate Britain is celebrating the festive period in a curious way – by hanging a gold-rooted Christmas tree upside down through December.

Hanging inside the gallery’s Millbank building, the piece by artist Shirazeh Houshiary reimagines a 1993 work focusing on the natural qualities of the tree itself such as texture, colour, smell and shape.

The artist has suspended the tree, exposing its roots and “creating the impression of floating in air with the roots free from their earthly constraints”, drawing attention to what is usually hidden.

The 2016 tree is placed down the centre of a staircase, offering three viewing perspectives from multiple levels – the tree’s tip on the lower floor, the main body from the ground, and the gold leaf-covered roots on the upper floor. The work by Houshiary marks the start of a festive series of works through December, beside a display of work by prominent British artists including Antony Gormley and Anish Kapoor.

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The tree creates the impression of it floating in air

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Stadium plans for Bournemouth

English Premier League football club AFC Bournemouth (AFCB) is seeking a new home in a new location, its chief executive has announced.

Neill Blake said the club cannot realise its preferred option of buying back the Vitality Stadium, where it currently plays, from property company Structadene in order to redevelop the site.

“It has always been the board of directors’ preferred option to buy the stadium back and develop a Premier League-standard stadium on the current site at Kings Park,” he said.

“However, following discussions over a number of months with both Structadene and Bournemouth Borough Council’s planning department, it has become apparent that this will not be possible.

“Firstly, we are not going to develop a stadium we do not own and will not be held to ransom over a price to purchase the existing site. And secondly, the council’s planning department have made it clear that they would not welcome a significantly bigger stadium in Kings Park, meaning we are severely constricted in what we can achieve on this site with regards to size, capacity and facilities.”

Blake said the club has been left “with no option” but to find a new site and is working with the council to identify a suitable location.

“We have given great thought to meet not only the needs, but also the expectations, of supporters,” he said.

“It is crucial that we have a capacity that meets the ever-growing demand for tickets.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=2n6v7_O

Piano’s ‘Cube’ given the green light

Planning permission has been granted for London’s controversial ‘Paddington Cube’ development designed by architect Renzo Piano.

Westminster City Council’s Planning Application Committee approved the 14-storey project on 31 London Street earlier this month, despite complaints from local campaigners and heritage groups that it will have a negative impact on the capital’s skyline.

The £775m cubic building will replace the former Royal Mail sorting office next to Paddington Station.

In addition to offices, around 80,000sq ft (7,400sq m) of retail and restaurant accommodation will feature over five levels, including a fine-dining rooftop eatery.

The building will be lifted 12m (39ft) above a stretch of public realm covering an acre.

An earlier concept for the site – centred around a 72-storey skyscraper and nicknamed ‘the Paddington Pole’ – was scrapped at the beginning of the year following a barrage of complaints from campaigners.

The Sellar Property Group – which is developing the project and previously collaborated with Renzo Piano Building Workshop to build The Shard – responded by holding local consultations and proposing the alternative cube-shaped structure, and this vision was enough to convince city planners.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=u2V8Z_O

Stargazing ‘Sky Huts’ to be built across Wales

The mythology, tradition and beauty of Wales have inspired a series of portable self-contained glamping cabins from which guests can gaze at the stars.

WG+P Architects and Webb Yates Structural Engineers will create three boutique ‘Sky Huts’ to be placed in scenic and historic locations across the country after winning a design competition for the project. The structures will be timber clad and will each have a retractable roof, creating “an observatory to the heavens” for campers seeking to enjoy the changing constellations in the night sky.

Eye level glazing around the huts will create 360-degree views.

The design is influenced by the myth of the Welsh mountain, Cadair Idris, where legend states that travellers sleeping out under the night sky awaken as madmen or poets. This tradition has been manifested in the design for the roof, which will be operated by a geared cable system.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=A5z2C_O

 Architects sought out to design Edinburgh hall

Architects, designers and acoustic experts have been invited to express their interest in creating a world-class arts centre and concert hall in the heart of Scotland’s capital city Edinburgh.

The venue has been proposed by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (SCO), which is seeking a new permanent home, and the charitable trust IMPACT Scotland.

The facility will be built in St Andrew Square, with a 1,000 seat auditorium at its heart “combining excellent acoustics with access for all forms of popular music”.

The building would also serve as a venue for education, conferences and public engagement and would offer studios providing rehearsal, recital and recording space “to rival the best in Europe”.

It is hoped an architect-led team will be appointed in 2017 to develop the designs.

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CIMSPA and Nuffield sign deal

Nuffield Health has been named the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity’s (CIMSPA) 50th employer partner and its new skills development associate.

CIMSPA, the professional development body for the UK’s sport and physical activity sector, now has a workforce development project that covers more than 350 facilities, including fitness and wellbeing gyms, corporate fitness and wellbeing centres and hospitals.

More than 1,500 Nuffield Health staff, mainly personal trainers, will transfer into CIMSPA’s exercise and fitness membership over the coming year and will be listed on its directory.

The Nuffield Health Academy, an in-house training school, will also be registered as a CIMSPA skills development partner, allowing the academy’s staff training and CPD offer to be recognised by the sector’s chartered institute.

Tara Dillon, CIMSPA chief executive, said: “This is a huge leap forward for our work, and demonstrates the increasing momentum CIMSPA has built up through our employer partnerships. In just one year, employers representing 60,000 staff have committed to keeping their workforce development within the CIMSPA ecosystem of recognised awarding organisations and education partners.”

Rick Crawford, Nuffield Health fitness director, said: “As one of the UK’s largest not-for-profit healthcare organisations we strive to deliver high quality services which are effective in helping our members, clients and patients achieve the best level of health, fitness and wellbeing that they possibly can.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=H4w9x_O

STA agrees Scouts partnership

A wide range of water safety education resources and other swimming-related activities will be made available for The Scout Association after the body signed a three-year deal with the Swimming Teachers’ Association (STA).

The STA has also offered free online CPD training for swimming teachers aiming to become Swim Scout Assessors, who oversee Scouts trying to achieve their Swimmer Staged Activity Badge.

According to Dave Candler, the chief executive of the STA, the initiative will “open up new opportunities” for Scouts to earn their swimming badges.

“This partnership provides a fantastic opportunity for the STA, as part of its charitable objectives, to reach out and engage with the Association’s young members,” Candler said. “We will have the opportunity to teach them about the importance of learning to swim and how to be safe in and around water.”

Anna Weston, corporate partnerships account manager at The Scout Association, said learning the skills could “save the lives” of some of its young members.

She added: “This partnership provides a fantastic opportunity for our membership, with STA aiming to make it even easier for young members to learn the essential skill of being able to swim and be safe around water.”

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STA chief executive Dave Candler said the initiative would give more youngsters the opportunity to swim

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Location: Bristol, UK

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Company: Parkwood Leisure
Location: Bristol, UK

Membership Sales Advisor
Company: énergie group
Location: Hemel Hempstead, UK

Lifeguards
Company: Everyone Active
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Silverstone experience gets green flag

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded £9.1m to the Silverstone Heritage Experience, guaranteeing development of a new permanent exhibition at the home of British motor racing.

Sitting at the main entrance to the race circuit, the exhibition by Mather & Co will create a series of interactive exhibitions and displays to be housed inside the only remaining Second World War hangar on the Silverstone site.

For the experience, Mather & Co will fully refurbish and re-clad the hangar, with a second new building to house the archives of the British Racing Drivers’ Club (BRDC), a specialist library and a learning space for school groups. The main exhibition will tell the history of Silverstone set against the wider context of motor racing in the UK and worldwide.

“As the lead consultant we will work hard to ensure that the heritage of Silverstone and British motor racing, and the relevant collections are given a rightful home in new state-of-the-art surroundings for everyone to enjoy,” said Chris Mather, chief executive at Mather & Co.

“The story of Silverstone is broader than just Formula 1, the site has a rich and diverse history, which has remained untold to the wider public until now and warrants further investigation in a modern and dynamic visitor centre.”

Work on the project will start in 2017, with the Silverstone Heritage Experience opening to the public in Q1 2019. Details: http://lei.sr?a=x4d8N_O

Female sports participation on the up

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While the growth has coincided with Sport England’s This Girl Can campaign, with 250,000 more taking part since it began in 2014, the quango’s latest Active People Survey showed gains for a number of female-skewing sports. Over the last six months, gymnastics added 13,500 participants to grow its base to 65,100, while hockey increased by 4,500 to 92,700. Netball numbers also surged by 25,400 over that period to 180,200.

Although Sport England chief executive Jennie Price admitted that the former two had benefitted from a Olympic bounce following excellent showings at Rio 2016, she told Leisure Opportunities that the governing bodies overseeing the sports had done a “really good job over the last three or four years” to attract and retain participants.

Growing the number of females participating in physical activity has helped to increase the overall participation base to 15.97m – 1.88m more people than when London won the bid to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2005. However, Price said there was still work to be done trying to engage with other “under-represented demographics”. Details: http://lei.sr?a=n6w8Z_O