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David Stalker to step down as ukactive CEO

David Stalker has confirmed he will be stepping down from his role as CEO of ukactive and has outlined his future plans in an exclusive interview with Leisure Opportunities.

Stalker confirmed reports on Twitter that he would be starting up a chain of trampoline parks under the brand name Altitude. “It won’t just be kids’ parties,” said Stalker. “We’ll have indoor dodgeball, parkour, foam pits for slam dunking basketballs, fitness classes, rehab. It’s already huge in the US and I’m really excited about the opportunity here in the UK.”

The first site has already been secured and will open in Acton, west London, in June. Plans are to open four or five sites over the next year, and 15 or 16 over the next few years.

Stalker was approached about the new role by Jacaranda Capital, which had identified the opportunity and wanted to create a strong management team to lead the charge. The project is backed by a number of high net worth individuals, with the first funding round securing almost £3m – enough for the first two sites.

“The time is now right for me to move on,” said Stalker. “I’ve achieved what I set out to do at ukactive – with the new governance structure really the last part of that. I’ve achieved what I set out to do at ukactive – with the new governance structure really the last part of that.

“The ukactive business has changed significantly in the seven years I’ve been here and I believe that it’s now ready for a new dynamic. We’ve worked hard to integrate ourselves into the public health agenda and we’re at that table now. I believe what ukactive now needs is an attention-to-detail person to take the vision we’ve created and continue the journey.”

So will that person be from the fitness sector or from healthcare? “ukactive represents a lot more than health and fitness these days,” said Stalker. “But my feeling is that – at least for now – the CEO is likely to be someone who is from within the fitness industry, and almost certainly should be.

Stalker will maintain his executive role with the organisation until the end of June 2015 to ensure a smooth transition. He will also retain his position as chair of CIMSPA.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=B7k2A

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Premier League urged to ‘give back’

A number of politicians and former players have called for the English Premier League (EPL) to ensure it “gives more money back” to the sport’s grassroots and fans, after a record-breaking TV deal signed on 10 February.

The league announced that it had sold domestic TV rights to Sky and BT Sport for a total of £5.1bn for the three seasons from 2016-17 to 2018-19 – marking a 70 per cent increase on the previous £3bn deal (2013-16).

Sports minister Helen Grant said the TV deal should bring “increased benefits to clubs lower down the football pyramid”. Shadow sports minister, Clive Efford, added that the league’s actions would be “nothing short of criminal” if it didn’t invest more money in grassroots. He has also accused Premier League of breaking a pledge it made to invest five per cent of TV rights into grassroots sports.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=D3C5a
Rugby World Cup to bring in £2.2bn

The 2015 Rugby World Cup in England is set to create 12,000 new jobs and provide the UK economy with a £2.2bn boost, according to deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg.

Visiting the home of English rugby, Twickenham Stadium, recently, Clegg said the event will mark another milestone in the nation’s “Golden Decade of Sport” – following on from the London 2012 Olympics and last year’s Commonwealth Games and the Grand Depart of Tour de France.

“We all remember the success of London 2012 and the 2014 Grand Départ,” he said. “They both left a legacy that the whole country can be proud of. This year, we have the privilege of hosting the Rugby World Cup and it promises to the biggest ever for English rugby.

"Not only will the occasion bring billions of pounds to our economy and create thousands of jobs, but it will also leave a lasting legacy, building on the work here at the Twickenham Academy, inspiring youngsters from every background to pick up a ball and play.”

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) expects that more than 400,000 rugby fans will arrive in the UK during the event in September.

The tournament will be held across 11 different cities and 13 different venues. Details: http://lei.sr?ta=P7Z2P

Swimming take-up plumbs new depths

A huge decline in the number of people swimming once a week has been blamed for an overall fall in sports participation in England.

Swimming, the country’s most popular sport with more than 2.6 million people hitting a pool each week, saw a drop of 245,000 swimmers in the last 12 months – an alarming 8 per cent drop.

As a result, the number of people doing sport at least once a week in England fell by 125,000 between October 2013 and October 2014 – bringing the overall number down from 15.7 million to 15.6 million. The figures come from the latest Sport England Active People Survey (APS).

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Vinci to manage Olympic Stadium

Vinci Stadium, subsidiary of French venue operator Vinci Concessions, has signed a 25-year contract to operate London’s Olympic Stadium.

Vinci’s existing stadium portfolio includes the Stade de France in Paris and the company will take control of the London venue later this year. Its first major event will be to host five Rugby World Cup 2015 games in September.

Alongside managing the stadium, Vinci will also manage the London Marathon Charitable Trust Community Track and events that are staged on the south park lawn, situated below the ArcelorMittal Orbit structure.

As part of the 25-year agreement, the company will work with the E20 Stadium Partnership to promote sport and healthy living in the area and deliver mass participation events like the Great Newham London Run.

David Goldstone, chief executive of the London Legacy Development Corporation, said: “This marks another step forward in the long-term future of the stadium.

“Vinci has a great track record and a wealth of experience in managing world-class venues. We are looking forward to working with them and delivering a multi-use stadium capable of hosting a range of different sports and events, including this autumn’s Rugby World Cup.”

Details: http://lei.sr7a=N5a6U

Glasgow 2014 leaves “phenomenal” legacy

Last year’s Glasgow Commonwealth Games have helped provide impressive increases in participation levels across the 17 Scottish sports featured at the Games.

Figures from Sportscotland show that many Scottish sports have registered encouraging membership increases during the four-year Glasgow cycle, including a 58 per cent rise at Netball Scotland, a 49 per cent growth at Scottish Triathlon and a 37 per cent increase at Scottish Gymnastics.

In total, there has been an 11 per cent increase in memberships of the 17 Commonwealth Games sports’ governing bodies over the past four years. Perhaps most impressive is the increase in qualified coaches.

In 2009-10 there were 4,808 Level One coaches across Scottish grassroots sport and by 2013-15 the number had accumulatively increased to 16,489 – a rise of 243 per cent.

Over the same period, the number of Level Two coaches grew from 764 to 4,202 – equating to a meteoric 450 per cent rise. Describing the rapid increase in coaching numbers as “phenomenal”, sportscotland CEO Stewart Harris said: “The exciting build-up to the Glasgow Games and the spectacular success of Team Scotland last year has significantly helped to raise the profile of sport, and these encouraging figures clearly demonstrate the positive legacy impact of Scotland hosting the Commonwealth Games.

“It is really terrific to see increases in the memberships of so many Scottish governing bodies which participated at Glasgow 2014 – as well as those that were not one of the 17 sports taking part.”

Details: http://lei.sr7a=k6W6N

European Sport Tourism Awards to be held in May

The first ever European Sport Tourism Awards event will be held at the Thomond Park Stadium in Limerick, Ireland in May.

Organised as part of the European Sport Tourism Summit – taking place from 14 to 15 May – the awards will recognise and reward innovation and achievement in sport tourism from across Europe.

Events, destinations and venues which have made outstanding contributions to the sport tourism industry will be acknowledged in front of a global audience of sport tourism influencers and practitioners.

Categories include sport tourism venue of the year and best overall sport tourism event.

Details: http://lei.sr7a=a5X8e

Beckham “frustrated” at lack of stadium progress

Former England captain David Beckham, who is driving efforts to establish a Major League Soccer (MLS) franchise in Miami, Florida, US has said he is “frustrated” at the delays in securing a stadium site in the city.

Speaking to the BBC, the ex-Manchester United and Real Madrid star commented: “Delays are always frustrating but to get it right, sometimes there are delays.

“It has taken a little bit longer than we thought but it will happen and we will get it right. We’re making some really good progress and some really positive progress.”

So far, Beckham and his team have had two proposals for waterfront locations in the Florida city – at Port Miami and Museum Park – both fall through.

Beckham is said not to be interested in an inland option, leaving Miami with no other remaining waterfront options available for the proposed stadium.

MLS commissioner Don Garber has made it clear that finding a stadium site will be a main prerequisite for a franchise to be established in the city.

Details: http://lei.sr7a=P3yzz
University of Edinburgh unveils major Cardio gym

The University of Edinburgh’s Centre for Sport and Exercise (CSE) has raised the curtain on its extensive Cardio gym refurbishment, which saw the installation of 102 pieces of Precor cardiovascular equipment. The refurbishment is part of the university’s pledge to ensure its members and guests have access to the most technologically advanced, state-of-the-art equipment. It saw the installation of 45 Precor Next-Generation Experience Series treadmills, as well as seven Adaptive Motion Trainers (AMTs) to add to the 30 already on offer across the university’s Cardio, myGym and Circuit Gym facilities.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=C3j2S

Southwark Council to pilot free leisure access for kids

Southwark Council has unveiled plans to offer free leisure access to under 18s and over 60s as the south London authority bids to make good on its pledge to provide free swim and gym access to all residents.

The council has been particularly proactive in promoting wellbeing among residents, investing almost £50m in leisure facilities in the borough over the past decade. It has also provided free school meals to all primary school children since 2011, in a move designed to encourage healthy eating habits from an early age.

For its latest initiative, the council will embark on a new pilot whereby residents aged 18 and under will be given free access to swim and gym facilities on Fridays and weekend afternoons from May. Meanwhile, the borough’s over 60s will get free swimming and will also pay nothing for swimming and will also pay nothing for cardio, myGym and Circuit Gym facilities.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=Z5Z3y

Boutique market ‘coming of age’

The explosion of new boutique gym sites across London demonstrates how consumers are waking up to the possibilities of boutique group fitness, according to the co-founder of Heartcore Fitness.

Brian Schuring, whose chain of boutique studios spans seven sites across the capital, says the flurry of recent activity and investment in the market space suggests there is still plenty of room for growth. This year has already seen the arrival of rRebel and the scaling up of brands like barrecore and Barry’s Bootcamp, suggesting consumers are increasingly willing to pay a high premium in return for telling results.

Brian, who runs the business with celebrity personal trainer Jess Schuring, has also launched two new Heartcore studios in 2015 – in the City and Mayfair. He plans to launch two more by spring, and says the opportunities in the market mean there is potential for up to 15 Heartcore studios in London. “Things are certainly heating up at the moment and we’re expecting 2015 to be our busiest year ever,” Brian told Leisure Opportunities. “We’re seeing huge demand for Heartcore Barre at the moment – classes are up to 95 per cent occupancy – and that seems to be a trend that’s trickled through from the US. It’s been interesting to watch well-funded, smart investors enter the boutique group fitness market and from our perspective, we’re where we want to be.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=V3G7T

GLL expansion continues with new merger

Leisure operator GLL has furthered expanded its territories beyond the enterprise’s London heartland, through the recent acquisition of North Country Leisure (NCL).

NCL, which operates 12 leisure and sporting facilities across Cumbria and Newcastle City, has agreed to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of GLL. The move – which follows the recent win of six long leases from Swindon Borough Council and a separate merger deal with Carlisle Leisure Limited (CLL) – is a further sign of GLL spreading its wings across the UK.

GLL managing director Mark Sesnan told Leisure Opportunities that no money changed hands as part of the deal, which he said would lead to the creation of a symbiotic relationship between the two organisations.

“NCL and GLL have been in discussion for around 12 months about the best way forward for both organisations,” he said. “We are both charitable social enterprises and NCL is a like-minded organisation. We have concluded that working together will be good for both of us and for our local authority client partners.”

Sesnan added that GLL has decided it wants to take its operations nationally and outside London, with the enterprise “happy” to talk to other leisure social enterprises about opportunities for joint working.

NCL has developed from its base in Hexham, operating leisure facilities and apprenticeship programmes on behalf of local councils including Copeland Borough Council, Eden District Council and South Lakeland District Council in Cumbria; and Eldon Leisure, Gosforth Pool and Outer West Pool in the city of Newcastle.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=S6x2Q
Man Utd rising stars to aid study

A new research project to identify the effects of exercise on young people's hearts will collect data from 100 Manchester United Academy football players as part of the study.

The youngsters will have their hearts monitored by the latest imaging technology to give invaluable insights into how young people's hearts work while doing exercise.

The project, led by the Bristol Heart Institute at the University of Bristol - together with partners Toshiba Medical Systems, Bristol's Clinical Research and Imaging Centre (CRICBristol), the University of Exeter's Children's Health and Exercise Research Centre and Manchester United - will identify the healthy limits and wider benefits of exercise for young elite athletes, healthy children and children with congenital heart defects.

The overall aim of the project is to more precisely identify the safe levels of exercise for children with congenital heart disease, as well as to clearly define the positive benefits that regular exercise delivers to healthy children over time.

“This research will provide us with the first ever normative database for the effects of exercise on young hearts,” said Professor Craig Williams, head of the University of Exeter’s Children’s Health and Exercise Research Centre.

“This research will allow us to better identify how much activity and how often exercise can be taken, as at present clinicians aren’t really sure what advice for children with certain conditions should be prescribed.

“Additionally, the benefits of better understanding the effect of exercise on normal healthy children will help the health service identify and prescribe regimes that help ease treatment burdens for young people with sedentary lifestyles.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=Z2h9p

Club Company taken over by US investor

Just a week after it bought Jurys Inn hotel group as part of a £680m deal, US-based private equity firm Lone Star has been announced as the new majority owner of country club and golf club provider The Club Company.

Lone Star has acquired a 95 per cent stake in the business for an undisclosed sum, with financing provided by Broadhaven Credit Partners. The Club Company was previously owned by a combination of private investors and Irish private equity house Boundary Capital.

Lone Star has confirmed its backing for the current management team and will be providing further funds to grow the group as and when opportunities arise.

The Club Company currently operates 10 sites across the UK and has indicated that it is exploring internal development opportunities where planning permission is in place, as well as looking at suitable acquisitions.

“Man Utd rising stars to aid study”

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New £13m Newark leisure centre under construction

Work has begun on a £13m leisure centre to replace an ‘outdated’ facility in Newark.

The centre in Bowbridge Road, Balderton on the outskirts of Newark, will replace Grove Leisure Centre which was built in 1968. The project’s main contractor R. G. Carter is now on site and hopes to bring the Watson Batty-designed plans to fruition by Q2 2016.

The 4,260sq m two-storey building will include a four-court sports hall, a 25m swimming pool and a 20m teaching pool, as well as squash courts and a fitness suite. FT Leisure has been appointed to provide the water treatment and filtration systems.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=a8E5w

Pete Burt named the new managing director of WLCT

Leisure provider Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust (WLCT) has appointed Pete Burt as its new managing director.

Burt, who joined WLCT in 2004, assumes the role as current chief executive Stuart Murray retires at the end of March.

Having recently worked as WLCT’s executive director of business development – with a focus on growing and enhancing the company’s health and wellbeing services – Burt is well-placed to drive the business forward. He boasts a strong CV, with significant experience in the private sector through stints with utilities giants such as Centrica and Scottish Power.

“Since we became a charitable trust in 2003, we have concentrated our efforts on expanding minds through cultural offerings and shrinking waistlines, which helps to reduce the funding needed to be provided by local authorities to keep communities healthy,” said Burt.

“Our ultimate aim is to create new and healthy behaviours by showcasing the many benefits of adopting healthier lifestyles.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=u2U9w

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**Tune Hotels targets London growth**

Tune Group has announced that its newly-launched Canary Wharf location marks the start of a strategic push to boost its low-cost hospitality arm’s presence in London. The 130-bedroom Tune Hotel Canary Wharf opened its doors this month, targeted at workers in the financial district, as well as individuals flying in and out of nearby London City Airport. The 850-acre site features a 232-bedroom hotel and three golf courses.

Gleneagles Hotel, the scene of Europe’s famous triumph in the 2014 Ryder Cup, is on the market and is expected to fetch around £200m.

Drinks giant Diageo, which owns the Gleneagles Hotel and the 850-acre site’s three golf courses, has indicated that there have been “numerous expressions of interest”. Jones Lang LaSalle has been brought in to find buyers for the property in Perthshire, Scotland, which Diageo also tried to sell in 1998 but was unable to find a taker for the reported £100m price tag.

Diageo is understood to be considering several offers at this point, with the property’s profile having enjoyed a significant boost from the staging of the Ryder Cup in September.

“Gleneagles is one of the UK’s finest luxury hotels and one of the world’s most fantastic golf resorts,” said a Diageo spokesperson.

“We are sure that there are many people who would love to own Gleneagles and we have received numerous expressions of interest over the years and particularly since the 2014 Ryder Cup. As you would expect, we have a duty to consider such interest carefully.”

The 323-bedroom property also received a £5m refurbishment last year, which saw interior designer Sedley Place oversee the installation of a new reception with a viewing gallery, waiting area and dry/wet stairs to allow swimmers and gym users to remain separated.

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English Tourism Week is being held in the week of 16 March to celebrate tourism and highlight the value of the UK tourism industry to the UK economy. Events being staged that week range from thousands of free tickets to tourist attractions being given away by VisitKent, through to a parliamentary reception hosted by the Tourism Alliance to make MPs aware of the tourism industry's ability to contribute to government goals like reducing youth unemployment and regenerating seaside destinations.

With government departments closing down for the election just two weeks after this year's ETW celebrations, this is an important opportunity to demonstrate the benefits that tourism delivers to MPs before they hit the long campaign trail.

In past elections, tourism has not featured at all in party manifestos due to attention focusing on issues such as taxation, employment, the NHS and policing. And while the main points debated during this year’s election will not be much different, there is an opportunity to provide local candidates with a wider perspective on how tourism contributes to local economies.

The Tourism Alliance has therefore dedicated 20 March 2015 as Tourism Constituency Day and has written to all MPs in England inviting them to visit tourism-related businesses in their area on that day. We are now asking tourism-related businesses to follow-up on this letter by calling their local MP and inviting them to visit their businesses. So far the response from MPs has been very strong with almost 50 MPs signed-up already.

So if you’d like to get involved and show your local parliamentary candidates what your businesses contribute to the local economy, here is the perfect opportunity. Simply call the constituency office and say you are following-up the letter from the Tourism Alliance with an invitation to visit your business on 20 March.

The more we can engage with MPs and show them that tourism underpins the local economy, the more we can make sure that tourism is on the political agenda no matter which party wins the election.
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Blue whale ousts NHM dino display

Dippy, a diplodocus cast that has welcomed visitors to the famous Hintze Hall at the Natural History Museum (NHM) in London for 35 years, is to be replaced in summer 2017 by a blue whale skeleton.

The museum is currently masterminding how it will move the enormous blue whale skeleton from the mammals gallery, and where it will rehouse Dippy, so he may continue to entertain and educate.

The decision is reflective of a new strategy at the NHM to reinvent the way it displays and disseminates information and resources to engage better with a modern audience and highlight the relationship between humans and the natural world.

It’s hoped the whale, which will be suspended from the ceiling in the impressive hall, will help communicate the role humans must play in protecting animals and nature. The whale has been part of the museum’s collection since 1891. “As the largest known animal to have ever lived on Earth, the story of the blue whale reminds us of the scale of our responsibility to the planet,” said Sir Michael Dixon, the director of the NHM.

“This makes it the perfect choice of specimen to welcome and capture the imagination of our visitors, as well as marking a major transformation of the museum.

“As guardians of one of the world’s greatest scientific resources, our purpose is to challenge the way people think about the natural world, and that goal has never been more urgent. Details: http://lei.sr?a=p6s3x

English Heritage announces new CEO

Amid important changes at English Heritage, the organisation has announced the appointment of Kate Mavor as chief executive of its new charity arm.

Mavor is making the move from her position as chief executive at the National Trust for Scotland, a role in which she has helped the charity weather the storms of the recession and steer it towards financial stability.

From April, English Heritage officially splits into two organisations, a charity and a newly-named body, Historic England. The English Heritage charity will manage the National Heritage Collection of more than 400 historic sites, including Stonehenge and the site of the 1066 Battle of Hastings.

“It’s a privilege to lead English Heritage on the first stage of its new journey as a charity,” said Mavor, whose new role requires leading the charity to self-funding status by 2023.

Sir Tim Laurence, chair of the English Heritage charity, said: “Kate will bring a wealth of experience from within and outside the heritage sector. Kate is exactly the right person to lead the new charity at this important time.”

The changes at English Heritage were recently-approved by the government and are expected to come into full effect from on 1 April 2015, according to a letter written by chair of English Heritage Sir Laurie Magnus. Details: http://lei.sr?a=U7u7q
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Association backs benchmarking

The UK Spa Association Networking event took place last week at the Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre in St Albans, where Alex De Carvalho – vice chair of the association in charge of market intelligence – encouraged more spas to sign up to benchmarking to make the data as robust as possible.

In 18 months, the UK Spa Association has grown its membership from 24 to 135. These members represent 380 spas. Carvalho detailed a three-year plan to grow the association's following to 250 members by the end of 2015, a total of 400 by the end of 2016 and 600 in 2017.

“We have 80 spas regularly submitting information on four KPIs that are used to create benchmarking data, and in February another 48 spas will join that number,” said Carvalho.

The extra 48 spas are members of the Hand Picked Hotels collection, De Vere hotels and Imagine Spas. “By April 2015, we hope to be able to allow spas participating in the benchmarking system to select specific spas to benchmark themselves against,” he continued. “We want to get spas putting data into the system more regularly, providing daily and weekly information. It is also our aim to break down spa revenue by type of treatment, to see which spas are doing which treatments well.”

Carvalho added: “We will only be able to analyse regional data correlations once a significant number of spas sign up to the system and start to input their data.”

Details: http://lei.sr?a=E9y4x

Former jail poised to become luxury spa

Former jail cells in the basement of the Grade II-listed County Hall in Aylesbury’s Market Square, UK, could be transformed into treatment rooms if plans for a luxury spa get the go ahead from the local authority.

Contractor Bensons Commercial has been brought in to complete the project for Bucks County Council as part of the local authority’s plan to boost the town’s tourism potential.

The upper levels of the building, which dates back to the 1700s, are used by the crown court and there will be no change to this arrangement under the plans.

Project lead officer of Bensons, David Pearce, said: “These cells are just the right size for treatment rooms and although you might think that it’s going to take a leap of imagination, there’s not a huge amount of work that we need to do to this to tidy it up.

“We want to keep all the old brickwork and paint it flat matt white. When we decorate the pipes it’ll be in black. The wires will be hidden in steel tubes and it’ll add to the atmosphere. We want to make a statement, not an apology.”

Old doors from the former police station opposite Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, complete with spy hole and food hatch, will be used within the jail spa, while the cells’ old coal holes are also still intact. If the spa plans go ahead, a new entrance will be created where the old archway to the jail stood in the 1700s.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=K4C2m

Baglioni Hotel London unveils fully renovated spa

The 67-key Baglioni Hotel London facing Kensington Gardens has completed a full renovation of its spa, designed by Milanese architects Rebosio+Spagnulo.

Open to both hotel guests and external clients, the Baglioni Spa offers female and male Turkish baths and three treatment rooms, with products from Natura Bissé.

Natura Bissé has developed unique signature facial and body treatments for the Baglioni spa, such as a bamboo scrub, gents facial and age-defying lip and eye treatment. The hotel also offers a newly refurbished gym, managed by Hansen Personal Training.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=T6S7V

Coniston Hotel breaks ground on 16,500sq ft spa

The Coniston Hotel and Country Estate has announced the development of a spa adjacent to the property’s eye-catching hotel building nestled in the Yorkshire Dales.

Set to open in Q4 2015, the 16,500sq ft (1,533sq m) spa will offer views over the estate’s 24 acre lake. Expected to create at least 35 new jobs for the local market, the new facility will offer a 15m (49ft) swimming pool, thermal spa suite, gym, dance studio, spa treatments, relaxation and dining areas, plus an outdoor spa pool and terrace.

The Coniston Spa will be open to guests of the 71-bedroom four-star hotel and day visitors from the local area. An exclusive club membership limited to a set number of members will go on sale in Q2 of 2015.

Yorkshire Bank is backing the project, which officially broke ground on Monday 19 January. Design is by Mark Green of Yorkshire-based Curveline Design and spa consultant Nicki Kurran – who has previously worked with Champneys and The Dorchester.

East Lancs-based Barnfield Construction is main contractor for the project. Details: http://lei.sr?a=W2N2g

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Green light for £65m Chinese scheme

Work will begin in Sheffield this July on a new £65m mixed-use development which has received backing from a consortium of Chinese investors.

Designed by Sheffield-based architects Hadfield Cawkwell Davidson, the New Era Square scheme was given the green light last month by city councilors, who believe the plans show that the city can offer enterprising links with the international community.

The 86,100sq ft (8,000sq m) development, housed between London Road and Bramall Lane, is to be based around a pedestrianised plaza offering retail units, leisure facilities, a 695-room private student residence, an open-air square for events and approximately 2,700sq m (29,062sq ft) worth of commercial office space.

Headed by businessman Jerry Cheung, the managing director of Sheffield-based developer New Era Development, the project has evolved out of original plans to create a Chinatown in the city back in 2005.

However, the six Chinese backers who have put money into the new scheme have insisted that the New Era Square plan is to have a strong focus on inclusiveness; attracting people from all walks of life and areas of society.

“New Era Square is a landmark development for the city of Sheffield that will see the area transformed into a cosmopolitan, international, multi-cultural square which is available to all,” said Cheung.

“We want the area to become a central point for the whole community – something that will bring people together.” The scheme is expected to be completed by 2018.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=q8G3V

Crowdfund campaign for Thames pool

Launching in March 2015, an online crowdfunding campaign is looking for £250,000 to make outdoor swimming in London’s Thames a reality.

Plans for an outdoor swimming pool, known as the Thames Baths, have been in the works for a while. Originally designed for a competition “London As It Could Be Now” in early 2014, architecture practice Studio Octopi came up with the initial outline for the project.

The practice, headed up by directors Chris Romer-Lee – an outdoor swimmer himself – and James Lowe, is seeking sponsorship to get the project off the ground, and into deep water.

It’s been illegal to go for a swim in the Thames between Putney Bridge and the Thames Barrier without asking permission since 2012, but this may now change if the proposed Thames Baths comes to fruition.

Launching on Kickstarter this month, the online campaign for the Thames Baths already has some high profile backers, including British artist Tracey Emin, who will appear in the project’s promo video. Other celebrities keen on the project include comedian David Walliams, who famously swam the English Channel for charity back in 2006.

If planning permission is granted, the Baths would consist of a 25m (82ft) pool by 10m (32ft) pool with a filtration system, poolside decking and 1.2m (4ft) high surrounding glass walls to avoid contamination.

The pool would be located between Temple and Blackfriars stations.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=W2s9U

£7.5m Tewkesbury leisure centre to launch in 2016

Tewkesbury Borough Council has announced that it hopes the new £7.5m Tewkesbury leisure centre will be open by July 2016, with Places for People Leisure due to be the operator of the site.

Build work on the Pozzoni Architects-designed leisure centre began on 9 February and is being carried out by Wilmott Dixon. The new site is due to replace the existing Cascades leisure centre, with staff to transfer across once it opens.

Located next to the council offices on Gloucester Road in Tewkesbury, the new leisure centre will include a main 25m (82ft) pool, as well as a 20m (66ft) learner/trainer pool. There will also be a range of dry side facilities at the new site, including an adaptable 60-station gym (suppliers yet to be chosen), sauna and steamrooms, a multi-purpose studio, plus a café and shop.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=FQ3rtc

Qatar takes control of London’s Canary Wharf

A Qatari-led effort to buy London’s Canary Wharf has succeeded, after Songbird Estates – the company that owns the financial district – accepted the bid on 30 January.

A Songbird statement acknowledged that joint bidders the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) and Brookfield Property Partners had succeeded in securing support from 65 per cent of shareholders. Combined with QIA and Brookfield’s existing shareholdings in Songbird, this took support for the offer to 93.4 per cent. The sale values Songbird at about £2.6bn.

The deal offers a major boost to Qatar’s investment portfolio, which also includes stakes in The Shard, Harrods department store, the London 2012 Olympic Village and the HSBC tower. QIA was founded in 2005 by the state of Qatar to help its economy by investing in a diverse array of businesses, outside of the country’s huge oil and gas resources.

Details: http://lei.sr?a=Z8c3T
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Tara Dillon named new CEO of CIMSPA

Tara Dillon has been unveiled as the new CEO of the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA).

Dillon, who was previously executive director of IQL UK, has been on part-time secondment to CIMSPA since January 2014, leading the institute through its current transformation programme as interim chief operating officer.

Her impressive performance in this time has led to her landing the top job, after CIMSPA announced the beginning of its search for a permanent leader in October 2014.

“I am excited to take up this post as CEO as there has never been a more important time to be a part of the sport and physical activity sector,” said Dillon. “I’m looking forward to working with the board of trustees and our partners to continue to professionalise our industry and give our members the best career development opportunities possible.”

Dillon has worked closely with the CIMSPA board of trustees as part of the transformation, with chair David Stalker unequivocal in his view that the organisation has made the correct appointment.

“Tara brings with her a wealth of experience in the sport and activity sector and, through her highly successful secondment as interim COO, a strong understanding of how CIMSPA can continue to improve its offer to members,” said Stalker. “Her appointment marks the start of the next phase of CIMSPA’s development as the institute embraces the leadership role employers and the wider sector have asked of it.”

Dillon’s impressive turn as interim COO landed her the top job.

Lifetime, PTA pair up for training course

Lifetime Training has partnered with FitPro affiliate PTA Global to create a new Level 3+ personal training course for instructors who wish to take their knowledge base to an advanced level.

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Designed to help managers and studio owners develop their personal training team’s capabilities, as well as for self-employed personal trainers, the new course covers ‘soft’ skills such as communication, behaviour change and client motivation techniques, as well as teaching in-depth scientific understanding of the body and brain.

According to Lifetime, which won Apprenticeships & Traineeships Provider of the Year at the 2014 Active Training Awards, partnering PTA has helped create a course led by two “powerhouses” of the industry.

“This new course provides fitness facilities with the skills and knowledge to develop PT teams and propel these individuals to the top of the industry,” said Lifetime commercial director Mike Jones. Details: http://lei.sr?a=D3c6m

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Merlin rules out property buy-back

Attractions giant Merlin Entertainments has ruled out a move to buy back the freehold on its central London Madame Tussauds site, after the property's owner confirmed it is for sale.

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The buoyancy of the UK property market has seen Secure Income Reit perform strongly since floating. In nearly eight months, its shares have jumped 74 per cent from the list price, swelling its market capitalisation to over £500m. Merlin pays around £15.5m per annum (rising annually with inflation) on its 27-year lease, but has zero interest in buying it back, a company spokesman told Leisure Opportunities. Details: http://lei sr?r=a=DgK5Y

BodyPower outlines vision for LIW

The new team behind Leisure Industry Week have said they plan to revive the industry showpiece's fortunes by harnessing their knowledge gleaned from consumer shows to create an enhanced visitor experience.

BodyPower Holdings – the company which produces popular health and fitness consumer show BodyPower Expo – recently finalised a deal to acquire the long-standing industry event from United Business Media (UBM) for an undisclosed fee. Since launching in 2009, BodyPower Expo has grown into a three-day fitness event attracting more than 70,000 visitors, covering products, services and athletes.

Speaking to Leisure Opportunities, BodyPower marketing director Ollie Upton confirmed the two events – both staged at the NEC in Birmingham – would remain as separate shows serving their respective markets.

“LIW will stay as a trade event serving the leisure and fitness industry,” he said. “The format will change in terms of the layout, as we believe major events like LIW should inspire visitors, providing opportunity to be educated and entertained. LIW will therefore become a more interesting and rewarding visitor experience.

“LIW is a great event with a long history. It's an excellent strategic fit with our current business and we think that we can improve LIW significantly, which will lead to positives for the leisure and fitness industry.”

This year’s LIW will run at the NEC from 22-23 September under a new two-day format, as announced late last year. Details: http://lei sr?r=a=M8p2v

(From left) Ollie Upton, Phil Heath and Bodypower CEO Nick Orton