

## DCMS announces plans to cut expenditure by £88m

By **Pete Hayman**

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has confirmed it will reduce expenditure by £88m in 2010-11 as part of government spending cuts totalling £6.2bn.

The saving plans will lead to a 3 per cent cut in its core budget and a 3 per cent reduction to sector bodies. The Olympic Delivery Authority's budget will be cut by £27m.

Meanwhile, a further £5m is set to be cut from Arts Council England's (ACE) budget, although the DCMS will work with the organisation to allow it to access historic reserves to help mitigate the reduction.



**Hunt has called for frontline services to be protected despite cuts**

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt said: "I have asked our bodies to make these savings while protecting frontline services and without interrupting the Olympic programme.

However, ACE chair Dame Liz Forgan said the agency could not guarantee there would be no impact on frontline services.

"Only £23m of our overall grant-in-aid budget goes on

running costs so the vast bulk of our income goes straight to art," she said. "It would therefore be impossible to meet a cut of this size from running costs alone."

News of the DCMS' planned spending cuts for the coming year comes after Hunt announced that the arts, heritage and sports sectors are set to receive an additional £50m of funding each year.

Hunt said new legislation is to be introduced in order to increase the share of National Lottery funding that is directed towards each sector to 20 per cent in 2012-13, with the Big Lottery Fund receiving the remaining 40 per cent share.

## Museum unveils Battle of Britain 'beacon' project

RAF Museum proposes major new landmark exhibition building in North London

By **Pete Hayman**

The Royal Air Force (RAF) Museum has unveiled plans to develop a new landmark exhibition building dedicated to the Battle of Britain in Hendon, North London.

Under the proposals drawn up by architects Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, the proposed Battle of Britain Beacon will feature a tapered body and is set to be 116m (350ft) high – taller than Big Ben.

The beacon project, which has been revealed ahead of the



**The landmark new building is set to be taller than Big Ben**

70th anniversary of the Second World War battle, aims to allow wider access to the museum's collection of wartime aircraft.

An exhibition using audio-visual and holographic displays will set the scene for the battle and the Blitz, before visitors are transported to the top to stand amid a reconstructed dogfight.

Plans also include a viewing platform overlooking London. Visitors will then be transported back down to ground level, with the story of the battle told via exhibits in the central well.

The museum has launched a consultation, while trustees confirmed the scheme will only go ahead if required private sector funding can be obtained.

### FA and 2018 chair resigns

Lord Triesman has resigned as chair of both the Football Association (FA) and England's bid to host the 2018 World Cup, following alleged comments published in a national newspaper.

FIFA vice president Geoff Thompson has been appointed to lead the 2018 bid, following Triesman's departure, while Roger Burden and David Sheepshanks have been named joint acting chairs of the FA.

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## £17m HLF funding for UK landscapes

Cash boost to help support schemes to provide long-term benefits for rural areas

By Pete Hayman

A number of the UK's most iconic landscapes are in line to receive a share of £17m through the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Landscape Partnerships (LP) initiative.

The scheme, which has seen £72m invested over the past six years, is designed to help conserve areas with "distinct" character and also support projects to provide long-term benefits for rural areas.

Among the 10 landscapes to receive a first-round pass from the HLF is the Clyde and Avon Valley LP in Scotland, which is in line to net £2m towards plans to introduce a programme of practical activities.

The Tees Vale and Barnard Castle, Staffordshire Moorlands and the Solway Wetlands LPs



The Belfast Hills is among the landscapes to receive HLF funding

have been earmarked nearly £2m towards a range of schemes. Druridge Bay is set to benefit from nearly £1.9m.

Somerset's Avalon Marshes (£1.87m); Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Northern Ireland (£1.61m); the White Cliffs of Dover (£1.6m) and the Belfast Hills (£1.2m)

are also among the LPs to be handed first-round passes, as well as the Meres and Mosses in Shropshire (£1.1m).

HLF chair Dame Jenny Abramsky said: "Landscapes play a huge role in our lives and are often the backdrop to daily routines – but we mustn't take them for granted."

## Jodrell Bank scheme secures £3m funding boost

By Martin Nash

The Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA) and the Northwest European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) are to provide funding of £3.1m to kickstart the creation of a Science Discovery Centre at Manchester's Jodrell Bank Observatory.

The news coincides with confirmation that the project has been granted planning permission by Cheshire East Council, with work set to start on site as soon as next month.

An investment of £2.1m will be made by the NWDA and £1m by ERDF in the Northwest. A further £600,000 is coming from the University of Manchester (UM), the telescope being part of the latter's School of Physics and Astronomy.



A new admissions building is part of the Jodrell Bank plans

The project includes a Planet Pavilion entrance building with an orientation centre and glass-walled café offering views of the Lovell telescope, a Space Pavilion for exhibitions and events, an education space and landscaping of the Arboretum to create a new Galaxy Maze and a Space Garden.

The Planet Pavilion is set to open by the end of this year and the remaining work is due to be completed by summer 2011. The observatory said that current visitor facilities will be kept open as much as possible as the development proceeds.

Steven Broomhead, chief executive of the NWDA, said: "Jodrell Bank is already an icon in the Northwest and a visitor attraction in its own right, but it has the potential to attract more national and international visitors to the region."

Dr Teresa Anderson, director of the Jodrell Bank Visitor Centre Project, said: "Alongside redeveloping our facilities we will be taking the opportunity to revitalise our visitor programme, and look forward to welcoming lots of new people to Jodrell Bank in the future."

# THFC unveils revised stadium proposals

North London club reveals plans to redevelop existing ground and surrounding area

By **Pete Hayman**

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club (THFC) has unveiled its revised proposals for the Northumberland Development Project (NDP), which is set to include a new stadium.

The plans – to be submitted to Haringey Council – have been altered following talks with English Heritage and the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, as well as other agencies.

In addition to a 56,250-seat stadium, the plans now boast a redesigned southern area of the site to offer a new vision for a planned hotel and residential buildings, while an enlarged public square on a raised podium extending from the High Road to Worcester Avenue, a courtyard setting for



An enlarged public square on a raised podium is among the plans

retained listed buildings and a club store with museum form part of the KSS-designed plans.

Meanwhile, the Grade II-listed Warmington House and three other historic properties will be refurbished, while the club's Bill Nicholson Gates and Golden Cockerel

statue will be reused within the new public realm.

THFC chair Daniel Levy said: "Schemes of this magnitude involve much time and effort by many parties and we are extremely grateful to everyone who has taken part in the consultation process to date."

# énergie Group set to acquire Jackie Skelly Fitness

By **Pete Hayman**

Fitness franchise operation énergie Group has been given the green light to acquire the Ireland-based chain, Jackie Skelly Fitness, which went into examinership in February.

The deal – confirmed on 24 May following Irish High Court approval – will include the restructuring of Jackie Skelly Fitness' business sheet and will see énergie acquire nine of the chain's 10 clubs.

Existing memberships and more than 200 jobs have been safeguarded, while énergie



Nine of the 10 Jackie Skelly Fitness clubs will be rebranded

plans to invest €1.8m (£1.5m) in new equipment and the refurbishment of the nine sites.

The group has now entered negotiations with the landlord

of the 10th Jackie Skelly Fitness suite in Greystones, County Wicklow, to assess the possibility of keeping the club open.

Jan Spaticchia, chief executive officer of énergie Group, said: "We look forward to the opportunities this acquisition presents as we work to secure a long term relationship with Jackie Skelly staff and members under the énergie brand."

"Our existing and prospective members can look forward to a new look as we rebrand these clubs over the coming months and introduce them to our empower programme."

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**Harrow Leisure Centre plans dumped**

► The newly-elected Labour leaders of Harrow Council in London have announced that their Tory predecessors' plans to redevelop Harrow Leisure Centre will be scrapped. Instead, council leader Bill Stephenson told the *Harrow Times* that he was proposing a combined library and arts centre and a new leisure centre and function hall. The project, designed by architects at Kier Group in partnership with Saunders Architects, was to include an eight-court sports hall, four squash courts, two multi-use studios, a 25m, eight-lane swimming pool with spectators' area, a learner pool and a gym.

**The Gym Group secures new Plymouth site**

► UK-based low-cost health club operator The Gym Group (TGG) has further expanded its portfolio after securing a new site in Plymouth, Devon. The new 175-station gym, which will be equipped by Matrix Fitness Systems, is one of five new sites to launch this year and adds to the company's existing six facilities across the country. Launched by chief executive officer John Trehame in 2008, TGG is open 24 hours a day throughout the week and offers a membership rate of £14.99 a month with no contracts.

**BMF set to launch new training venue**

► Outdoor training provider British Military Fitness (BMF) will unveil its 100th venue at Abington Park in Northampton on 14 June. Established in 1999 by Major Robin Cope, the provider offers hour-long exercise classes at locations across the UK, allowing people of all ability levels to take part in military-style workouts.

**£1m gym for Crystal Palace complex**

New health and fitness zone forms part of wider £20m upgrade of London venue

By **Pete Hayman**

Crystal Palace National Sports Centre (CPNSC) has launched its new health and fitness suite, following a £1m investment by London-based sports trust Greenwich Leisure (GLL).

The scheme, which forms part of a wider £20m programme to upgrade the venue, was carried out alongside the London Development Agency (LDA) and included the creation of five dedicated fitness zones.

A new Aerobikes studio, which has been fitted with 15 bikes and simultrainers; a 100-station cv and resistance area equipped by Technogym and a space for stretching and core work are among the new zones at the centre.

The health and fitness suite, which also boasts a free weight zone and a Vario Room, is designed to provide facilities for CPNSC users of all abilities



GLL's Russ Barnes (left) with club centre manager Haseen Gokani

and complements the venue's existing 50m swimming pool.

GLL partnership manager Tony Wallace said: "With the London Olympics and Paralympics on the horizon, our aim is for the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre to be a hub of excellence in sport both leading up to 2012 and beyond. The local community, schools, clubs and centre users have a great opportunity to

train and rub shoulders with world class athletes."

LDA deputy chief executive Peter Bishop added: "These health and fitness facilities will bring more people in to the National Sports Centre."

Other improvements due to be carried out at the centre this year include the creation of a new junior health and fitness zone, a new climbing wall and refurbished squash courts.

**Fitness sector survey launched**

SkillsActive and the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs) have unveiled the seventh Working in Fitness survey – one of the largest studies of its kind in the UK.

The survey, which will be conducted online until 19 July, aims to monitor job satisfaction, training and salary trends within the fitness industry.

Open to every industry professional – either full or part-time, or self-employed – the study attracted nearly 1,500 responses in 2009 and looks at how the sector rewards its workforce.

**Overhaul for Atherstone facility**

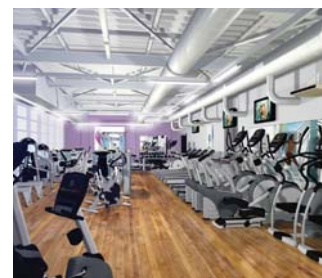
By **Pete Hayman**

Plans for a £100,000 revamp of the Lifetimes Fitness Suite at Atherstone Leisure Complex have been given the green light by North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC).

The venue – due to reopen on 4 June – will benefit from equipment and technical advice from Matrix Fitness Systems as part of the work, which aims to improve facilities for users.

New IFI-accredited cv and strength Matrix equipment will be offered at the fitness suite, which will also benefit from new flooring and decor.

Peter Wheaton, leisure facilities manager at NWBC, said: "This investment in the



The new-look fitness suite will be equipped by Matrix

Lifetimes Fitness Suite at Atherstone Leisure Complex will ensure we keep our commitment to help improve health and wellbeing opportunities for the community."

Matrix managing director Jon Johnston added: "The new equipment will vastly improve the members' gym experience."

# Anytime Fitness to enter UK market

US-based operator announces plans to launch first British club by autumn 2010

By **Pete Hayman**

US-based health club operator Anytime Fitness has announced plans to launch 50 sites in the UK and Ireland by the end of 2012 after it secured a master franchise agreement.

The company, which aims to expand its international operations, currently operates 1,250 clubs in the US and has opened nearly 100 facilities in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and India.

Potential sites are being considered in the Greater London area and across south east and south west England, with locations, including suburban markets near large cities, as well as smaller towns that do not have a health club.



The operator is set to move into the UK market later this summer

Anytime Fitness' UK clubs will be 4,000sq ft (371.6sq m) in size and fitted with cv and strength machines.

Justin McDonnell, Anytime Fitness master franchisee for Australia and New Zealand, has been appointed to lead the

master franchise group for the UK and Ireland.

Independent retail planning consultant Andy Thompson – also part of the group – said: "We hope to open the first Anytime Fitness club in the UK by the end of this summer."

## Work starts on new £6m Uxbridge College facility

By **Pete Hayman**

Construction work on a new £6m sport and leisure development is now underway to replace ageing facilities at Uxbridge College, west London.

Kier Group will deliver the complex, which will boast a 1,000sq ft (93sq m) fitness suite – 50 per cent larger than the current one, equipped with 25 stations and a free weights area.

A new sports hall – accommodating five-a-side football,



A larger fitness suite is among the plans for the development

basketball, netball, volleyball and a full-size scoreboard – will be built and will also be double

the size of an existing 40-year-old hall. An outdoor multi-use games area is also planned.

Sustainable materials will be used during the construction phase, which will see changes to road access at the Park Lane campus in Uxbridge.

Uxbridge College principal Laraine Smith said: "The sports hall is one of the last of our original buildings to get a complete upgrade, and the development will ensure we have the best possible facilities."

### IN BRIEF

#### University of Bolton student opens gym

► University of Bolton student Mohammed 'Mo' Yacoobali has opened his own fitness club using mainly non-traditional pieces of equipment. Mo Power Gym was designed by Yacoobali, who is studying an MSc in strength and conditioning, and uses equipment such as anchors, chains, sandbags, logs and truck tyres. A heavy roller more commonly found on a cricket ground is also among equipment utilised. Yacoobali said: "We need to think again about fitness regimes and change the way we train the body."

#### Leadbitter to build £23m London complex

► London-based contractor Leadbitter Group has been awarded a contract to design and construct the new £23m Becontree Heath Leisure Centre, London. Working to original designs drawn up by S&P Architects, the complex will include a 100-station fitness suite and two workout studios with changing facilities. Becontree Heath Leisure Centre will also feature a 10-lane, 25m swimming pool and learner pool; a four-court sports hall and a 500-seat spectator area.

#### Leisure centre plans for Kensington

► The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is asking local residents for their views on plans for a new leisure centre. The London Borough council is faced with the challenge of building a new secondary school and rebuilding Kensington Leisure Centre, now that is nearing the end of its useful life. The council revealed that it needs to work out whether the two new sites could be built on the land now occupied by the existing leisure centre.

## Leatherhead Leisure Centre scheme nears milestone

Work on the second phase of a £12.6m revamp at Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Surrey, is due to be completed on 7 June.

Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) plans to open a range of new facilities on the weekend of 12-13 June, including new first-floor male and female gym changing facilities.

Sauna, steam and therapy rooms, a reception area and a café are also among the new facilities, which will complement a 439sq m (4,721sq ft) fitness suite created in phase one.

In addition to the 90-station fitness suite, a purpose-built soft play area fitted out by House of Play was also part of stage one.



## IN BRIEF

### Pub group signs up to Farnborough scheme

► Developer St Modwen has announced it has signed up pub operator JD Wetherspoon as part of a multi-million pound town centre scheme in Farnborough, Hampshire. The pub group, which operates more than 700 properties across the UK, has secured an agreement with St Modwen to occupy a 6,000sq ft (557sq m) unit as part of the first phase of the regeneration project. Wetherspoon has now joined supermarket chain Sainsbury's and budget hotel operator Travelodge in Farnborough town centre.

### NCC backs Silverstone investment plans

► Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) has approved plans in principle to invest £1.2m in Silverstone motor racing circuit, near Towcester, over the next four years. The council's cabinet resolved to provide £300,000 each year up to 2014-15 to support the venue in its economic development proposals. Councillors also backed plans to loan Silverstone Estates £10m towards a major revamp of the circuit, which will host the British Formula One Grand Prix until 2027.

### Public consultation for IoM marina plans

► A public consultation into plans for the future development of Port St Mary Harbour, Isle of Man (IoM), has been held by the Department of Infrastructure. Among the proposals for the Port St Mary Harbour Improvement Scheme is a 450-berth marina and improved onshore facilities – including retail and catering units. Local residents have been given the chance to comment on plans to improve existing facilities and the practicalities of building the new marina.

## New deal for 2012 and 2014 Games

Memorandum of understanding aims to help London and Glasgow pool resources

By **Pete Hayman**

A new agreement designed to maximise the benefits of hosting major sporting events has been secured by the organisers of the London Olympics and the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Organisers of the London 2012 and Glasgow 2014 Games have agreed the memorandum of understanding (MoU), which outlines how both can benefit from the events.

It is only the second time that a country has hosted both the Olympic and Commonwealth Games within two years of each other; Canada being the first when it hosted the 1976 Olympics and the 1978 Commonwealth Games.

Benefits outlined by the MoU include the use of volunteers in Games time; the provision of experience for Glasgow 2014 staff at the London Games; and



**John Scott (left) and Sebastian Coe at Glasgow's Scotstoun Stadium**

the purchase of logistical equipment used in 2012.

Plans for London 2012 to encourage its commercial partners to get involved with the Glasgow Games is also included as part of the MoU.

Glasgow 2014's chief executive John Scott said: "There are so many ways in which Glasgow and Scotland will benefit from London 2012, and the potential sharing of

assets means that we can also provide athletes coming to us in 2014 with the same athlete centred experience that 2012 also aims to deliver."

London 2012 chair Sebastian Coe added: "Scotland's double opportunity to reap benefits from hosting two of the world's largest sporting events is boosted with agreement and the transfer of knowledge that lies at its heart."

### 888 unveils new Italian venture

Online gaming group 888 Holdings has announced plans to enter the Italian market after securing a new joint venture with television production company Endemol Italy.

The move will see a new gaming offering launched to benefit from Endemol's existing brands within the Italian market, which include *Big Brother* and *Deal or No Deal*.

Operating under 888's Italian licence, the venture is planning to launch once Italy's gaming authority confirms regulations for the provision of casino games later this year.

## Cineworld set for Wembley Park

By **Pete Hayman**

UK cinema operator Cineworld Group has secured an agreement with property group Quintain Estates and Development for a multi-screen venue at Wembley City, London.

Cineworld, which operates nearly 80 sites in the UK and Ireland, has agreed a 25-year lease for a nine-screen cinema adjacent to Wembley Stadium and Wembley Arena.

Capable of accommodating 1,800 people in total, the new cinema is due to open in 2013 as part of the 280,000sq ft (26,013sq m) Wembley City leisure and retail hub.

Cineworld chief executive officer Steve Wiener said:



**Cineworld operates nearly 80 cinemas in the UK and Ireland**

"Wembley is a vibrant development and the Cineworld cinema will be the first in the area for thirty years."

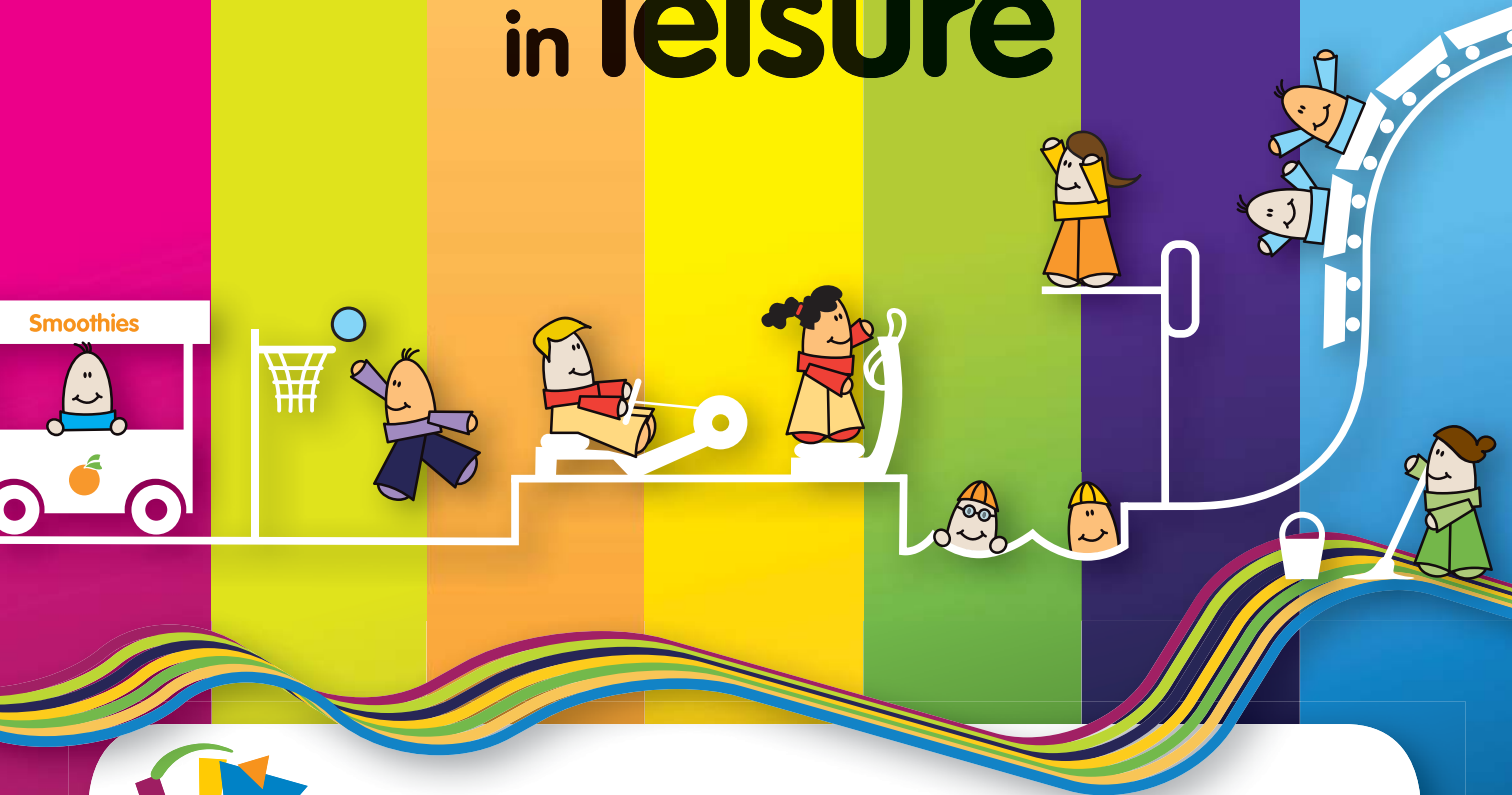
Construction work is due to get underway in 2013, while Quintain is already in discussions with prospective restaurant operators for a space adjacent to the cinema.

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## IN BRIEF

### Southampton ice rink plans submitted

► A new Olympic-sized ice rink is to be developed in Southampton, under plans submitted to the local authority by developer Warburg Property Development. Southampton City Council will decide whether to approve the scheme, which will transform two unoccupied sites in the heart of the city – including the former Chantry Hall site. In addition to the ice rink, the four-storey, mixed-use development is set to include a dance studio, a 40-station fitness suite, a restaurant/bar and a café, as well as retail outlets and car parking.

### £8.8m Tipton pool plans move forward

► Plans for a £8.8m swimming pool in Tipton, West Midlands, have moved forward after the local authority backed the use of the former Little Burton site. Sandwell Council agreed to grant an exception to its unitary development plan to build the facility on land earmarked for residential development. Plans include a new 25m swimming pool, a teaching pool, a fitness suite and associated changing and community facilities, as well as a refreshment area.

### New-look facilities for Carryduff centre

► Castlereagh Borough Council has completed work on the refurbishment of Lough Moss Leisure Centre in Carryduff, County Down. A new floodlit artificial pitch has been created as part of the project, which will accommodate hockey and football and can be divided into four smaller pitches. Internal work included the installation of a Pulastic sports hall surface and upgraded squash courts, while a new 30m (98ft) wind turbine will enhance sustainability.

## Work starts on new Salford stadium

£26m Barton-upon-Irwell venue to provide new home for Salford City Reds team

By **Pete Hayman**

Salford City Reds has announced plans to relocate to its new £26m community stadium near Barton-upon-Irwell by the end of next year, now that work has started on the scheme.

A groundbreaking ceremony has been held to mark the start of work to prepare the site for the 15,000-capacity venue, which will provide a new home for the rugby league club.

Salford City Council has formed a joint venture with developer Peel to build and run the venue, with detailed proposals due to be considered by planning officials in August.

The £4m cost of preparing the 70-acre (28-hectare) site is being met by the Northwest



It is hoped the new stadium will be completed by December 2011

Regional Development Agency (NWDA), while the construction stage will start in October.

It is hoped the stadium will be delivered by December 2011 to boost the club's bid to secure a Super League licence between 2012-15.

NWDA chief executive Steve Broomhead said: "The new stadium will bring 45 acres (18 hectares) of derelict brownfield land back into productive use for the community and provide a venue for events which will benefit the visitor economy."

## Interest rate rise poised to increase MUFC debts

By **Pete Hayman**

Manchester United Football Club (MUFC) could see its debt increase by a further £75m after it was revealed the Premier League club is set to face a rise in interest rates.

According to *The Times*, the interest rate on a payment in kind loan taken out by owners, the Glazer family, in 2006 is set to increase to 16.25 per cent after the club breached the loan's financial rules.



MUFC fans are concerned with the club's current level of debt

Concern has been growing among MUFC fans over the club's debt, while the Man-

chester United Supporters' Trust (MUST) accused the Glazers of "wasting" income from season ticket sales on fees and interest.

A MUST spokesperson said: "During the period of the Glazers' ownership, they have wasted £437m in fees and interest – more than the total ticket revenue (£398m) for the full five-year period."

Meanwhile, Leicester City Football Club has posted a pre-tax loss of more than £6m for the year to 31 March 2010.

## Local council backs £4.5m Telford sports funding bid

Telford and Wrekin Council (TWC) has announced that it is backing a bid for £4.5m of Sport England funding to go towards the construction of a new sports complex in the town.

AFC Telford United and the Telford College of Arts and Technology are behind the bid to help fund the development, which will include a 1,200-seat indoor sports hall at the institution and a four-court, five-a-side football centre for the football club – both sites located in Wellington.

TWC has approved a grant of £15,000 to help with the preparation of the bid, which is proposing a capital programme to develop local and regional sports facilities.



# FA launches football development plan

National governing body's strategy designed to help develop young English players

By **Pete Hayman**

The Football Association (FA) has launched its new blueprint to help with the technical development of young players within the English game.

FA Learning – the national governing body's educational arm – is now distributing the 275-page *The Future Game* guide to all academy managers across England.

The FA will then roll out the blueprint to professional managers, coaches and executives, ahead of an autumn launch at grassroots level.

It is hoped the new guide will help improve the technical aspects of training in England, particularly in the crucial early stages of development among younger players.



**The new strategy aims to help the development of young players**

The requirements for young players looking to compete at elite level in future years are set out in *The Future Game*, as well as the FA's coaching and playing philosophy.

Sir Trevor Brooking, the FA's director of football development, said: "This is a vital

document for the future of the English game.

"It has been many decades since the FA last produced a technical document aimed at reviewing the state of the game and projecting forward how we need to develop players to contest at the highest level."

## New Cornwall stadium study

Plans for a new sports and events venue for Cornwall have taken a step forward after the local authority commissioned a feasibility study into the scheme.

Cornwall Council has appointed consultants Gardiner and Theobald to explore possible sites for the development and come up with a "robust" business case.

Under the plans, the stadium will be capable of accommodating more than 10,000 spectators, at least 4,500 of which will be seating capacity.

In addition to providing a home for local rugby and football teams, the new stadium is expected to act as a sports hub for the county.

## St Helens football facility opened



**Former England striker Alan Shearer opened the new Fives venue**

By **Pete Hayman**

A new £2m five-a-side football facility – located on the site of a former glassworks in the heart of St Helens, Merseyside – has been officially opened by footballer Alan Shearer.

Fives, which boasts nine indoor 3G pitches and a 65m x 25m (213ft x 82ft) pitch, will provide social and corporate leagues, local council schemes and coaching for young people.

The venue will also offer football sessions where players compete to the sound of samba-style music as part of efforts to increase participation.

Peter Ainscough, the venue's managing director, said: "The Fives development has been a catalyst for a range of community-based initiatives from young people in the region taking up coaching training to skills training with youngsters with learning disabilities."

## IN BRIEF

### New aquatic strategy for Luton

► Leisure trust Active Luton has appointed Strategic Leisure to deliver a strategy to help drive the future growth of aquatic sports in the Bedfordshire town and the surrounding area. The trust has selected the consultants to examine how to improve learning, education and participation opportunities. Current development plans and dashboard data held by the Amateur Swimming Association will be reviewed, while a detailed audit of existing local provision will also be undertaken.

### Islington's Sobell Centre saved?

► The Sobell Leisure Centre in Islington, North London, could be saved, after Labour won control of the council in the recent election. Before the election, Labour promised to halt the then-Liberal Democrat council's plans to demolish the centre and replace it with a modern facility. According to the *Islington Gazette*, the Lib Dems said that their proposals would cost around £30m, as opposed to £46m to renovate the centre. But Labour candidate Paul Convery, who is now the head of regeneration and leisure in the new council cabinet, revealed that it would only cost £14m for refurbishment works.

### ERC reveals Heineken Cup final venues

► Cardiff's Millennium Stadium has secured the right to host the 2011 Heineken Cup rugby union final – the sixth time in 16 seasons the Welsh capital has been successful in bidding for the event. European Club Rugby (ERC) has also confirmed that Twickenham Stadium in London has been selected to host the Heineken Cup final for a fourth time in 2012.

## IN BRIEF

### Doubletree by Hilton to open in Lincoln

► A new Doubletree by Hilton hotel is set to open in Lincoln. The 115-bedroom hotel is the result of a franchise agreement between Hilton Worldwide and Brayford Hotels. Patrick Fitzgibbon, senior vice president of development for Hilton Worldwide in Europe and Africa, said: "The Doubletree by Hilton Lincoln will be another great addition to our UK portfolio of nearly 90 hotels, where we are consistently growing our multiple brand presence in a variety of locations."

### Aberdeen nightclub set to become hotel

► Plans to transform a cinema and nightclub complex in Aberdeen into a hotel have been submitted. The proposals, drawn up by Glasgow-based Keppie Design, feature a new nine-storey hotel at the former site of the Chicago Rock and Jumpin' Jaks properties. The Union Street building was also the former home of the Capitol Cinema. Keppie architect Jane Brewster said the plans could "bring life" back to the area.

### New Premier Inn for Olympics site

► Premier Inn, Whitbread's budget hotel arm, is to build a new 267-bedroom, £25m hotel at Stratford in east London. It will be part of the Westfield Stratford City development, which is adjacent to the Olympic Stadium, and create around 90 jobs. The property will also be the closest hotel to the new Stratford International high-speed railway station which opened in December 2009. Since the beginning of 2009, Premier Inn has opened or is planning 13 new, predominantly leasehold, hotels across the capital, with a combined value of £160m.

## Industry criticises mayor's 'hotel tax'

Operators slam plans to fund Crossrail scheme with levy on future developments

By **Luke Tuchscherer**

Some of the world's largest hotel companies have written to London mayor Boris Johnson, slamming his plans to introduce a levy on hotel schemes to help fund the Crossrail project.

In a bid to raise £600m to contribute to the £16bn Crossrail scheme – which aims to run from Heathrow Airport to Canary Wharf via the West End and City of London – Johnson proposed a 'tax' on future developments of £60 per sq m in Central London and £82 per sq m on the Isle of Dogs.

In a letter signed by operators including International Hotels Group, Wyndham Hotels and Travelodge, it was claimed the plan would jeopardise future growth.



The mayor wants hotel operators to contribute towards Crossrail

The letter said: "This is a serious mistake and we strongly urge you to reconsider your position. Given your previous strong support to the tourism industry in London, we hope you see the folly of introducing this tax and choose not to press ahead with its implementation."

Whitbread's chief executive Alan Parker also sent a letter that stated: "While I fully appreciate the value of Crossrail to London, funding it by a levy on the hotel industry will be counter-productive and may do long term damage to the city's tourist industry."

### Strong half year for Carluccio's

Italian restaurant chain Carluccio's has reported an 8 per cent increase in pre-tax profits for the 26 weeks to 28 March 2010, compared with the same period last year.

In its half-year results, the company reported an 8 per cent increase in turnover and confirmed that it had resolved a dispute over a rental agreement with the owner of its Dawson Street outlet in Dublin, Ireland.

Carluccio's, which has opened three new eateries during the period, has now extended its UK estate to 45 outlets and a further four sites under franchise. A new restaurant is due to open in Milton Keynes in July.

## Food sales drive up M&B profits



The Harvester restaurant chain is one the group's top performers

By **Pete Hayman**

Pub and restaurant group Mitchells and Butlers (M&B) has posted a 55 per cent increase in pre-tax profits for the half year to 10 April 2010.

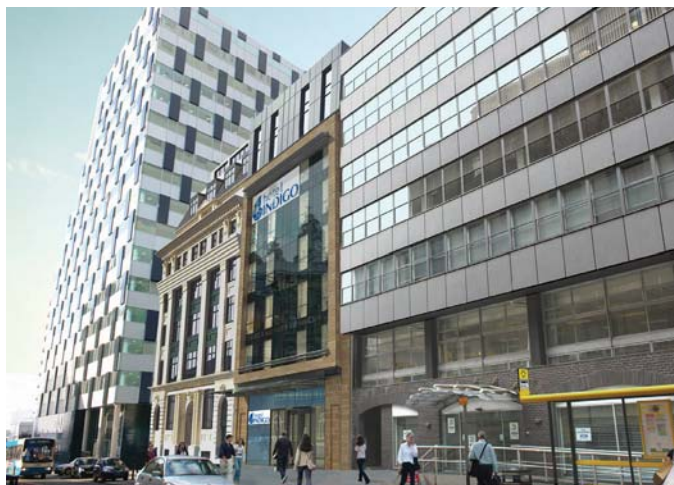
The company, which operates the Harvester and Toby Carvery chains, saw operating profits increase by more than 12 per cent during the 28-week period, when compared with the same period last year.

Like-for-like food sales grew by 4.3 per cent in the 33 weeks to 15 May, which included both years' Easter period.

Chief executive Adam Fowle said: "The business continues to trade well and we are pleased with the progress made in the first half with improved sales."

"These results underpin our confidence in our strategy of increasing shareholder value by reshaping Mitchells and Butlers around its key food-led brands."





The 151-bedroom hotel will be operated by Sanguine Hospitality

## Hotel Indigo to open in Liverpool

Construction work now underway on £15m property

By **Luke Tuchscherer**

Work has begun on the £15m Hotel Indigo in Liverpool.

The 151-bed, four-star hotel, which is partly being funded by a £10m package from the Co-operative Bank, will be delivered by the Wigan-based contractor, Denizen.

The hotel will be owned and operated by north west development group Sanguine Hospitality, while Falconer Chester Hall Architects and its associate company, FCH Interiors, have been appointed to design the hotel.

Sanguine Hospitality managing director Nick Taplin, said: "Merseyside's tourism economy is worth over £1.4bn and rising. In spite of one of the worst recessions in recent times, the city region continues to grow as a destination of choice for domestic and international visitors.

"Our level of investment in Hotel Indigo reflects our level of faith in the city. We intend to bring something new and creative to Liverpool's hotel market, giving visitors a real alternative and further strengthening the city's appeal."

## New luxury hotel planned for London

A new 82-bedroom hotel, which is housed in a row of nine Georgian Grade II-listed townhouses, has opened in London's West End.

Arch London features more than 80 rooms and suites over six floors. It also includes a lounge and study, a cocktail bar, a restaurant and a library serving afternoon teas and Martinis.

The architecture was by Buckinghamshire-based

Graham Seabrook Partnership, with interiors by RDD. The interiors mix modern technology and contemporary artwork with carefully restored architectural details.

The property's bar features silver Philippe Starck barstools, while the guest-rooms include original works by young artists. A collection of video art is projected onto the wall behind the marble reception desk.

## New government but no new funding

Cuts may have started but the coalition will soon have to address sector concerns

**W**ith a new government, we are beginning to have a clear view of its approach, particularly in the areas of public expenditure, tax policies and interest rates.

We can already see the way it is beginning to operate: public expenditure is already being reined in and there will be few areas that will not be affected. For the hospitality industry, we must be cautiously optimistic and look forward to tourism being taken more seriously than previously. Nevertheless, on the downside, all the signs are that tourism can expect little or no additional public funding – indeed, there will be pressure on existing levels of funding for VisitBritain and VisitEngland and for the regional tourist boards through the Regional Development Agencies.

On the upside, we should be able to look forward to fewer regulations – indeed, some deregulation, as well as more support for business investment and greater coordination of Whitehall policies affecting the industry.

Let's repeat the industry's key concerns. Firstly, there needs to be fewer regulations. Those that are introduced should be more accurately assessed for their impact on small businesses.

Secondly, the government must understand the industry is a potential job creator and is the main economic driver of many regions in the country – even London. Yet, in an industry largely made up of small businesses, past fiscal and regulatory measures have inhibited private investment to a great extent.

The third concern is the need for government to encourage businesses to invest, through the introduction of appropriate tax measures. Only through more private investment will the industry be able to meet rising international competition.

A stronger DCMS, which is more capable of representing the industry with other government departments and throughout Whitehall, is another requirement, while too many local, regional and national tourism bodies are fighting for limited amounts of funding to promote Britain internationally, nationally and locally. A more coherent approach to the country's tourism infrastructure is required.

The £110bn tourism industry might not yet be top of the new government's priorities but if it is to prosper in the future, sooner or later the government will need to turn its attention to our concerns. Let's hope it is sooner rather than later.



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## IN BRIEF

### £10m expansion for Staffordshire park

► A £10m redevelopment is being planned for the Waterworld indoor waterpark in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. The project is the brainchild of entrepreneur Mo Chaudry – who was featured on Channel 4's *Secret Millionaire* – and includes plans for two new restaurants, a health and fitness suite, a beach area, a wellness centre that includes beauty treatments and saunas, as well as an interactive children's play area. The 35,000sq ft (3,252sq m) expansion is set to increase the waterpark's total area to 105,000sq ft (9,755sq m).

### Museum of Oxford future under spotlight

► Oxford City Council (OCC) has unveiled a public consultation to gather comments from local residents regarding the future of the Museum of Oxford. The council is conducting a review into the museum to see how it can be best adapted to modern techniques and how displays can be enhanced to represent the city's history. Feedback from the consultation aims to help OCC find out what residents think about the museum's exhibits, services and facilities, while a bid for Lottery funding towards a revamp is also being prepared.

### British Library to digitise newspapers

► Around 40 million pages from the national newspaper collection are to be digitised as part of a project unveiled by the British Library and brightsolid. Three centuries' worth of articles from 52,000 local, regional, national and international titles will be put online as part of a 10-year deal between the library and the online publisher. It is hoped the digitisation will help to safeguard the future of the British Library's archive.

## Event appointed to Cumbrian scheme

London-based firm to work on exhibition designs for Roman Maryport attraction

By **Pete Hayman**

Event Communications has been appointed to design a new visitor attraction to be sited at Roman Maryport, Cumbria – part of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site.

Hadrian's Wall Heritage (HWH) – a non-profit organisation – acquired 150 acres (60.7 hectares) of land at Camp Farm in December 2008 for the £11.5m museum development.

Roman Maryport is poised to be the first in a number of linked attractions stretching along the Wall Corridor.

The new attraction, which is due to be completed in early 2012, will explore the role of Hadrian's Wall, the importance of the Maryport fort in western sea defences and life at the fort.

Event will work on the exhibition and interpretative designs for the museum, which



The £11.5m museum development will be completed in early 2012

will be centred on the former Senhouse Roman Museum and a proposed new extension.

Flexible display elements will be reconfigured as discoveries are made through excavations of the 2nd century fort and a civilian settlement spread outside the fort's walls.

Event co-founder Steve Simons said: "Roman Maryport represents a key link in a chain

of attractions which highlight the importance of Britain's Roman Heritage."

HWH sustainable development director Michael Baker added: "Roman Maryport will lead the way in setting the standard for the visitor experience in Hadrian's Wall Country, running across the country from Newcastle to the Solway Firth."

## Isle of Man bids for WHS status

By **Martin Nash**

Manx National Heritage (MNH) is making a bid to have two of the Isle of Man's historic sites designated as UNESCO's World Heritage Sites (WHS), a move which the island's Council of Ministers has backed.

The UK has opened up bids for the first time in 10 years and MNH now has to meet a June deadline for applications.

The sites include Tynwald Hill, one of the world's oldest continuous parliamentary sites dating back to the 9th century, and the Laxey valley, an area which contains a number of historic industrial sites.

UNESCO looks for evidence of traditions continuing to be relevant to the present day and



Laxey Wheel forms part of the prospective Laxey valley WHS

for sites to be protected. In Laxey, the Manx Electric Railway, the Snaefell Mountain Railway, Laxey Wheel, Laxey Flour Mill and Laxey Woollen Mill are all still operational.

A conservation area has been put in place and the Laxey Wheel is currently managed by MNH, the Manx Museum and National Trust.

## New galleries for London attraction

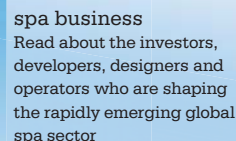
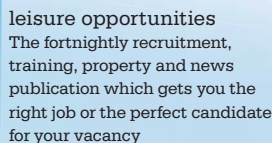
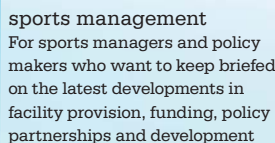
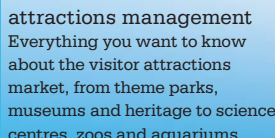
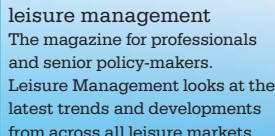
The Museum of London has unveiled five new galleries, following the completion of a major £20m refurbishment.

London-based Wilkinson Eyre Architects worked in partnership with the museum's in-house design team to transform the display spaces.

New attractions include the City Gallery – a space housing the Lord Mayor's Coach; The Weston Theatre – a space for films and performances; and the Clore Learning Centre, a 220-seat lecture theatre.

The Sackler Hall features a 48m (157ft) LED curtain and can be used as an events space, while a recreation of a Victorian Pleasure Garden features real trees and starry skies.

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## IN BRIEF

### £4m Todmorden Town Hall plans approved

► £4m plans for Todmorden Town Hall in Calderdale, West Yorkshire, have been approved by the borough council's project board. The proposals, drawn up by London-based architects Camillin Denny, include an extensive refurbishment of the exterior and interior of the building and turning the basement into a café and heritage exhibition space. The plans also include shops and meeting rooms, new toilets, a bar and lifts below an extension to the ballroom balcony.

### Drama project to boost Anglesey attractions

► Tourist attractions on the Isle of Anglesey, North Wales, are set to benefit from a new drama scheme, which aims to bring history alive for visitors. Members of Menai Bridge-based theatre group Cwmni'r Frân Wen will adopt the role of shipwreck looters and other characters as part of courtroom reenactments at Beaumaris Courthouse. The company will also help to bring Iron Age ancestors back to life at the Llynnon round houses in Llanddeusant as part of the project, commissioned by the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

### Royal opening for Scarborough theatre

► A new open air theatre in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, has been officially opened by Her Majesty The Queen. The new-look 6,500-seat venue, which has undergone a £3.5m revamp funded by Scarborough Borough Council, was unveiled by Her Majesty as part of a royal visit to North Yorkshire and the Duchy of Lancaster. A surplus from the first phase of the resort's Sands development enabled the council to finance the improvements at the theatre.

## Council appoints Southport developer

Bovis Lend Lease to deliver new £11.5m cultural venue for the Merseyside town

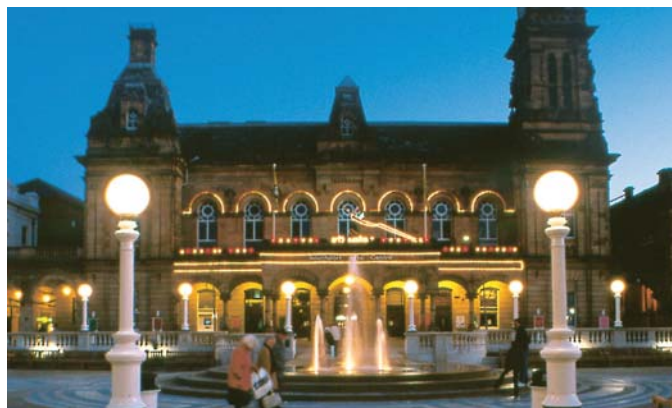
By **Luke Tuchscherer**

A developer has been appointed for a £15m cultural scheme in Southport, Merseyside.

Bovis Lend Lease won an £11.5m contract to deliver the project, which will see a Grade II-listed arts centre, library and gallery refurbished and joined together to create a theatre, museum and music venue.

The project is being funded by the council, the Northwest Development Agency and the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment.

The council's cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Mike Booth, said: "Although everyone is acutely aware of the current financial difficulties around the world, we are



The town's arts centre will be transformed as part of the scheme

committed to providing the very best facilities for our residents and visitors and therefore the best opportunities to help support our businesses and communities."

Work has already begun on stripping out the existing

buildings, which have become unfit for purpose due to their age and condition.

The project is expected to be completed in three years. A temporary library is currently being fitted out for residents to use while the work is underway.

## Green light for £1m Hertford arts facility revamp

By **Pete Hayman**

An arts venue in Hertford is set to be transformed as part of a £1m redevelopment after plans were given the green light by the local authority.

East Herts District Council's (EHDC) executive has backed the scheme, which will see Castle Hall undergo an extensive refurbishment and rebranded as Hertford Theatre.

The project includes a revamped foyer, box office and



The new-look Hertford Theatre

River Room, as well as the creation of a new dance studio, gallery area and bar and café.

A new cinema programme is also being planned.

Linda Haysey, EHDC executive member for community development said: "Castle Hall has become very tired and outdated and is in desperate need of a complete overhaul to maximise its potential."

Work is due to start in early June, with Castle Hall set to remain closed for the duration of the scheme. The newly-named Hertford Theatre will open at the end of autumn.

## ERYC approves £5m Hornsea cultural venue proposals

Plans for the development of a new £5m cultural venue to replace the Floral Hall in Hornsea have been given the go-ahead.

An existing leisure centre will be extended to provide a new multi-purpose facility under the plans, which were approved by East Riding of Yorkshire Council's (ERYC) planning committee.

A 313sq m (3,369sq ft) auditorium capable of accommodating 300 people, a 65sq m (700sq ft) stage area and changing facilities are among the plans for the new venue.

The facility will also include a function room with access to an outdoor terrace, a café and a reception area able to provide exhibition space.



## FCW launches forest park audio trails

New MP3 guides to explore the history and wildlife of Coed-y-Brenin Forest Park

By **Pete Hayman**

More than 5 miles (8km) of new MP3 audio trails have been officially launched at Coed-y-Brenin Forest Park in North Wales by television wildlife presenter Iolo Williams.

Pre-recorded guides are available for download onto MP3 players or iPods by Forestry Commission Wales (FCW), which will enable the park's visitors to find out more about local wildlife.

The audio trails are among the first to be established in Welsh Assembly Government-managed woodlands and were initially devised by FCW ranger Graeme Stringer.

Visitors will be invited to switch on their MP3 players at a number of points along the route, which will provide



**Iolo Williams (centre) launched the trails with local school pupils**

information about specific parts of the park and its landscape.

Stringer said: "The MP3 trails complement our information boards and leaflets and will bring Coed-y-Brenin's history and surroundings to life in a different way."

Four trails are now available – Ty'n Y Groes; Tyddyn Gwladys,

examining the former gunpowder works and gold mine; and Glasdir, which investigates the park's industrial heritage and former copper mines.

The fourth – Afon Eden – starts at Coed-y-Brenin's visitor centre and features forest wildlife and park history on a route down to the river.

### IN BRIEF

#### New lease of life for old lock gates

► Twenty old canal lock gates, including 12 from the Caen Hill flight near Devizes, Wiltshire, on the Kennet & Avon Canal, are to be recycled for a project at the Glastonbury music festival later this year. The gates, which weigh around two tonnes each, were removed and replaced as part of British Waterways' (BW) winter maintenance works programme. However, BW is now going to use them to build a special bridge at the Somerset site in memory of Bella Churchill, who was instrumental in developing the festival.

#### Funding boost for Scottish woodlands

► More than £407,000 is to be shared by 14 projects across Scotland to improve access and learning opportunities for people living near the country's urban woodlands. Forestry Commission Scotland has awarded the grants through the Woods In and Around Towns programme and Forest for People challenge funds to help landowners revitalise existing woodlands.

#### Peak District green schemes receive grants

► Projects involving education, energy and music are to benefit from the latest round of grants from the Peak District Sustainable Development Fund. The fund, managed by the Peak District National Park Authority and financed by DEFRA, supports local projects from community groups or businesses that improve the environmental, social and educational wellbeing of the national park and its residents. The Sustainable Development Fund allocates around £160,000 a year to help sustain community life and the environment, and promote awareness of the park's qualities.

## New project set to restore Norfolk Broads island

By **Pete Hayman**

Dredging designed to clear a navigation channel through Heigham Sound on the Norfolk Broads will help to restore a "lost" island, according to the Broads Authority.

A new project being trialled by the authority will see gabion baskets lined with geo-textile materials used to establish a perimeter for dredged material to be disposed into, which will create the island.

The sediment will form a new 20m x 20m (66ft x 66ft) island, which will then be assessed to determine if it is viable, sustainable and suitable for the creation of animal habitats.

If the trial proves successful, the whole 1-hectare (2.5-acre) island will be restored, subject to the agreement of Natural



**The island will be restored using sediment from Heigham Sound**

England, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency.

The whole island will help separate Duck Broad from the navigation channel, while more than £10,000 has been invested to reduce the risk of a Prymnesium algae outbreak during the scheme.

Rob Rogers, the Broads Authority head of construction

and facilities, said: "The water sampling is showing very low levels of Prymnesium and favourable conditions for dredging. The sampling will continue for some weeks after the project to ensure good scientific data is gathered."

The Broads Authority has confirmed that the project will not obstruct boating activities.

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### Bolton development strategy submitted

► Bolton Council has revealed it is one of the first councils in Greater Manchester to submit plans for the town's future development to the government for consideration. A core strategy document – outlining the future for planning in the borough – includes a number of policies on housing, employment, retail and transport development.

### Local authority to scrap Twickenham plans

► Plans for the redevelopment of Twickenham Riverside, south London, are to be scrapped after the Conservative Party took control of the local authority. Richmond Council's former Liberal Democrat administration and developer Countryside Properties had proposed a new housing development and 'river centre' on the site. However, leader Nicholas True confirmed the plans will be scrapped after his leadership of the council was ratified by members on 25 May.

### Northern Line consultation underway

► Plans for the extension of London Underground's Northern Line have been put to a public consultation. The extension – from Kennington on the line's Charing Cross branch and with stations at Nine Elms and Battersea – would support regeneration projects including Battersea Power Station, New Covent Garden Market and the US Embassy. The scheme has support in the draft replacement London Plan and the mayor's transport strategy and the public's views are now being sought on various route options.

## Cash boost for town centre schemes

HLF announces more than 10 regeneration projects to benefit from share of £14m

By **Pete Hayman**

A number of projects designed to regenerate town centres across the UK are set to benefit from a share of £14m Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) cash.

Forming part of the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI), 11 towns will benefit from community schemes after receiving first-round passes.

The largest share of funding – worth more than £2m – has been set aside for a scheme that is designed to revitalise Middleton and Edgar Wood in Greater Manchester, including £50,000 development funding. Stockton-on-Tees will receive nearly £1.8m; Portmorlais in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales is set for more than £1.6m; and Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, will secure nearly £1.5m.



Anstruther is among the town centres set to receive a HLF grant

Other recipients of HLF funding are set to include projects in Tower Hamlets, London; Portaferry, Northern Ireland; Anstruther, Fife; Lower Kirkgate, Leeds; Cefn Mawr, Wrexham and Bedford.

Camborne in Cornwall is also among the town centres to receive a first-round pass.

HLF chief executive Carole Souter said: "This investment will help support local authorities and residents to transform their towns, making essential improvements and repairs that will encourage local businesses and visitors back into these historically vibrant areas."

### Preston scheme inquiry starts

An inquiry has started in order to decide whether to approve plans for the multi-million pound Tithebarn development planned for Preston.

The mixed-use scheme is poised to include a cinema, cafés and bars and has received support from the three main party leaders at Lancashire County Council.

Preston City Council, which is working with developer Lend Lease on the project, was minded to award planning consent in July 2009.

## Swansea site to be transformed

By **Pete Hayman**

A former industrial site in Swansea, South Wales, has been earmarked for a major new development after the local council confirmed it was seeking a company to deliver the scheme.

Swansea Council aims to transform the Hafod Copperworks Site, which covers 12 acres (4.9 hectares) of land close to the River Tawe, the Liberty Stadium and the Parc Morfa Retail Park.

A hotel, a restaurant and a residential development are among ideas mooted as part of the development, which will



The former copperworks was one of the largest in the world

also aim to preserve a series of historic buildings and celebrate the site's industrial heritage.

Listed features to be incorporated include the Lime Kiln, the Morfa Silverworks Site Stack and the Hafod Copperworks River Quay.

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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Management of the Grange Golf Course, Walsall

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The Council wants a person or organisation that supports our vision for an excellent golf service, and welcomes ideas and proposals for the long term development and sustainability of pay and play golf in Walsall. There would be no capital or revenue support from Walsall Council for the duration of the contract and the Council would not support proposals involving the large scale import of materials. The Council would also require that the golf course is open to members of the general public and that the charging policies have been previously agreed with the Council.

**Interested parties are asked to register an Expression of Interest by either email to [procurement@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@walsall.gov.uk) or in writing to:- Walsall Council, Procurement Team, The Council House, Lichfield St, Walsall, West Midlands WS1 1TP**

**THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IS NO LATER THAN 12 NOON ON 4TH JUNE 2010.**

Interested parties will be required to complete and return a qualification questionnaire which will be used to assess the suitability and capability of potential bidders. The questionnaire will be emailed to organisations expressing an interest. Interested parties must include their email address when registering their Expression of Interest.

If the Council receives interest from a sufficient number of eligible parties invitations to submit outline proposals will be issued and evaluated prior to detailed invitations to tender.

**The deadline for receipt of completed questionnaires is no later than 12 noon on 25th June 2010.**

Completed questionnaires may be emailed to [procurement@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@walsall.gov.uk) or be in a plain unmarked envelope and returned to the address above.



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## Leisure Services Contract with Concessions

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Magherafelt District Council is interested in entering into a long-term partnership with an experienced Service Provider for the management, promotion and day to day operations of its Greenvale Leisure Centre in Magherafelt.**

Included within this arrangement may be the opportunity for the Service Provider to invest in future upgrading of the centre which is currently closed for refurbishment. As a result financial viability, access to capital and excellent credit references will be a prerequisite of this partnership.

The centre is currently undergoing an extension and refurbishment which will include provision of the first 50m swimming pool in Northern Ireland.

It is anticipated that the duration of this management arrangement could be for 25-30 years and that the cyclical upgrading of equipment and surface decoration/flooring would be included within the arrangement. The provision of fitness suite equipment will also be included within the proposed partnership.

Potential Service Providers will have to demonstrate a track record of achievement in the leisure services industry and in particular will be expected to provide details of reference sites from other local/public authorities within the United Kingdom and/or Ireland.

Whilst there are no staff currently directly employed at Greenvale Leisure Centre TUPE should be deemed to apply to this arrangement with respect to the small number of remaining staff temporarily redeployed for the duration of the refurbishment.

The Council is not obligated at this stage to conclude negotiations with any third party in respect of this "Expression of Interest".

**Any interested party should register their interest (in writing) with the under-named by 4pm on Friday 18 June 2010. Late applications will not be accepted.**

**Andrew Cassells, Director of Operations**  
Magherafelt District Council  
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Please send Expressions of Interest to the following address:

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email: [procurement@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@buckscc.gov.uk)

Please note: Interested organisations must request an information pack and a Pre Qualification Questionnaire from the above address. The deadline for receipt of completed Pre Qualification Questionnaires is 5:00pm on Friday 18th June. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.



Borough Council of  
King's Lynn &  
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## Leasehold business opportunity in Norfolk

### Operation of a theatre and cinema venue

## Princess Theatre & Cinema Hunstanton

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk is seeking expressions of interest from suitable individuals or organisations for the management, promotion and operation of the 472-seat Princess Theatre and Cinema venue on an initial ten-year lease, subject to negotiation.

The venue, which includes café and bar facilities, is situated in a prominent location in Hunstanton, a coastal resort at the mouth of the Wash in the North West of Norfolk, approximately 16 miles from King's Lynn. The venue is in a good state of repair. Innovative proposals are being sought which include the provision of a year-round programme of entertainment along with a summer season programme of 13-weeks in total.

Potential operators would also be required to maintain availability of the venue for use by community groups and for amateur productions.

In considering proposals from potential operators, the Council will be flexible and open to suggestions as long they include ways in which the aforementioned requirements could be met.

**For further information or informal discussion, contact Michael Walsh on 01553 616396 or e-mail: [michael.walsh@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:michael.walsh@west-norfolk.gov.uk).**

**To express an interest and request a pre-qualification questionnaire please email: [procurementtenders@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:procurementtenders@west-norfolk.gov.uk). Expressions of interest should be received by 12 noon on 11.06.2010.**

**For further details about the venue and to view lease particulars, please visit the Council's website: [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk)**



## Feasibility Study – Expressions of Interest Rickmansworth

**Three Rivers District Council** wish to commission a feasibility study into the replacement of an existing clubhouse facility, used primarily for sailing and related activities on a local lake. The Council are inviting expressions of interest from suitably experienced companies to carry out the study on behalf of Three Rivers District Council and the club.

It is envisaged that a new clubhouse will be built close to the existing building and there will be other improvements externally. Areas to be considered in this study will include, but are not exclusively:-

- Organisation and operation of the facility.
- Community involvement and marketing.
- Design, technical and cost considerations of the building.
- Finance and project programme.
- Funding opportunities.

Interested parties are in the first instance advised to look at the Council's website for general information and particularly review the section about the Aquadrome.

The timetable for this study is likely to be:-

- Closing date for expressions of interest, 16th July.
- Interviews of shortlisted companies, end July.
- Appointment of selected company, mid August.
- Completion of study, mid October.

Expressions of interest in the first instance should be directed to either Chris Hope or Alan Head at the Council, contact details as below. Submissions need to include company details, relevant experience including examples of similar projects, key personnel including their qualifications and the likely basis of charging for such a study.

**Chris Hope** [chris.hope@threerivers.gov.uk](mailto:chris.hope@threerivers.gov.uk) 01923 727140  
**Alan Head** [alan.head@threerivers.gov.uk](mailto:alan.head@threerivers.gov.uk) 01923 727217

## CONTRACT FOR FITNESS SUITE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT RESTRICTED TENDER PROCESS

Haringey Council's Sport and Leisure Service is looking to establish a five year partnership with a suitably qualified company to maximise the potential of its two flagship facilities within the Borough. The successful company will be required to assess the current level of usage, potential market for the two facilities and make suitable recommendations on the equipping, design and management of the facilities to maximise their potential.

The contract will include the initial provision of the equipment, electronic workout programme management systems, retention software, ongoing maintenance, continuing professional and service development and performance management support. This is to ensure that the business remains on track and is able to meet the potential set out in the tender.

The Contract will be awarded for 5 years. Installations to the new contract will take place during the first two weeks of February 2011. Suppliers will be appointed based on the most economically advantageous tenders received by the Council, as assessed according to the criteria to be listed in the Instructions to Tenderers.

The process is being dealt with under the Restricted Procedure regulations, therefore suitably qualified and experienced suppliers are invited to complete a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire available through Competefor this will be followed by an online e-auction at the Invitation to Tender Stage.

<https://www.competefor.com>

Queries related to this process should please be submitted by 18th June 2010 to:

**Mr Simon Farrow, Business Development  
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## Staycations are here to stay

Attitudes towards holidays at home have changed



**JAMES  
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**V**isitEngland's findings from the *UK Tourism Survey* – the first significant research into the staycation phenomenon – has found that overnight holiday trips to England were up 18 per cent last year with holiday makers spending £1bn more.

Of course, circumstances including the credit crunch and the weak pound encouraged more Brits to take a break at home. But this research shows there is a more permanent, positive shift in attitudes towards holidaying at home.

Our research discovered that the uplift in tourism has helped awaken a latent pride in England as a destination. As a result almost half the population expects to take more domestic breaks than they did in the past.

The research identified two clear groups whose changed behaviour in 2009 generated the increase. One group – 'Switchers' – accounted for 13 per cent of respondents and included a high proportion of families who 'switched' a foreign holiday for one at home due to financial constraints. The second group – 'Extras' – accounted for 15 per cent and tended to be younger and single. This group was motivated by a desire to explore the UK and go somewhere new.

It's clear that England offers a high quality experience. However, we must continue to deliver. This is a fantastic opportunity to capitalise on last year's success and continue to inspire future visits. We must not sit on our laurels – let's keep these visitors coming and provide them with future treasured memories of holidaying at home.

## BAA drops new runway proposals

Airport operator withdraws its plans for London Heathrow and Stansted

By **Martin Nash**

Citing changes in the government's approach to the development of airports, operator BAA is to drop plans to build new runways at Stansted and London Heathrow.

The company will proceed with the purchase of eligible properties in the area currently going through the process.

In Sipson, west London, BAA is to stop buying properties which would have been affected by its plans to build a third runway at Heathrow – work on the application for which has now ceased. However, consideration will be given to those that have been issued with a bond under its long term market support scheme.

BAA chief executive officer Colin Matthews, said: "It is no longer appropriate for us to purchase properties. Equally important is our intention to stand behind our commitment made to provide time for



IMAGE: BRIAN ON VIEW

**Stansted runway plans have been shelved**

those local residents who wish to sell their properties to us, to do so.

"Heathrow plays an important role for the UK. We continue to believe that new capacity would strengthen the UK's trading links with the global markets on which our economy and our competitiveness depend."

## Bristol Airport expansion scheme approved

By **Pete Hayman**



**The scheme could still face a public inquiry**

Plans for the multi-million pound expansion of Bristol International Airport (BIA) have been approved by planning officials at North Somerset Council.

The scheme has been approved subject to 70 conditions and the signing of a legal agreement, which will secure a number of financial contributions from the airport.

BIA's plans will now have to be referred to the government for final approval due to the impact on Green Belt land, although a public inquiry could still be ordered.

## Bournemouth launches bespoke weather service

Bournemouth Borough Council (BBC) has launched its own bespoke weather service to provide visitors to the Dorset resort with "accurate, localised" forecasts.

According to the council, an incorrect Met Office forecast for last year's Whitsun Bank Holiday caused around 25,000 potential visitors to stay at home, despite sunny weather conditions.

BBC estimates the decision cost local hoteliers and tourism operators more than £1m in lost revenue.

Bournemouth Tourism head Mark Smith, said: "Accurate weather information increases business and this new forecast will be worth more than £2m per year in extra trade for Bournemouth through increasing visitors."





The money will help provide an additional 1,500 sports coaches

## £1m funding for Welsh coaching

Cash boost to complement existing investment levels

By **Pete Hayman**

An additional £1m will be invested each year to help improve the standard of sports coaching across Wales, under plans revealed by heritage minister Alun Ffred Jones.

The funding aims to provide an extra 1,500 coaches and will complement the £1.4m spent on coaching development by the Welsh Assembly Government through Sport Wales.

According to Jones, the additional £1m will go towards new multi-sport coaches at community level in areas of

high demand and training for coaches in disadvantaged areas.

A mentoring initiative for talented and high performance coaches and a talent development programme for young people are also included among the spending plans.

Jones said: "The extra funding will be invested to recruit, train and support more community coaches and to develop our talented coaches at the regional and national level."

Sport Wales chair Professor Laura McAllister added: "We need to have more coaches available at all levels of sport."

## New standards to help tackle crime

New standards, which are designed to help tackle crime, have been unveiled by SkillsActive and Laurus Sport for Good Foundation.

The National Occupational Standards – funded by the foundation – outline best practice for using sport to develop new accredited training programmes.

The Level 2 standards have been developed following a three-year Active Communi-

ties Network project to look at how sport engages young people involved in crime.

SkillsActive chief executive Stephen Studd said: "We know that participation in sport can reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour, so to now be able to provide clear standards on how coaches, volunteers and managers in our community can use sport to tackle crime is fantastic."

## REPs structure crucial as industry evolves

New framework is vital to help meet the requirements of a growing sector

Since its inception in 2002, the fitness industry has embraced the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs); in fact there are now over 28,000 individual members on the Register. The growth rate has been outstanding; however, those of us that have been around since the beginning know that it was never going to be an easy ride. With that said, the industry wanted to become self-regulated and, as a result, REPs was launched.

But that was eight years ago, and the industry looks very different in 2010.

Most noticeably, we have so many more people wanting to work in the industry and there has been a real shift in perception of the industry – working in fitness is now seen as a viable professional career option with attainable pathways and progression routes.

Over the past 18 months, a team from SkillsActive and REPs have travelled round the UK meeting with employers, training providers, awarding bodies and instructors, to review, revise and update the Register's structure so that it better reflects the working practices within the fitness industry.

The new structure for REPs went live in April 2010 and, so far, has been met positively. But what does it mean in real terms? Firstly, the new structure won't affect any existing REPs members; their status will remain the same until they re-register. However, it has opened up a number of opportunities developed to inspire members to their next level.

Awarding bodies and training providers have had to review their provision of courses to meet the new national standards which underpin the 2010 REPs structure – this has taken into consideration new standards at Level 4, working with special populations and looking to work with the health sector.

In real terms it will take time for the new structure to filter through into everyday life. Qualifications have to be developed, approved, and then offered. Courses have to be taken and finished, and members then have to update the team at the Register. It may seem a lengthy exercise, but as the fitness industry evolves and cements its role in shaping the health of the nation, this new structure provides the clarity it needs.

It's our role to ensure the industry has more people, better qualified and better skilled working in it. The new REPs structure reflects this on behalf of the sector, and ensures that people will see fitness professionals for just that – professional, educated and knowledgeable experts in their field.



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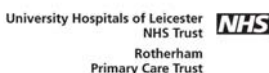
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- Current CRB disclosure form

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**For further details, please ring Andy on 07785 296204. If you would like to apply for this post, please send your CV by post to: Andy Haworth, Director of Development, SLM Ltd, 3 Watling Drive, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3EY. Alternatively, email your CV to: [andhaworth@slm-ltd.co.uk](mailto:andhaworth@slm-ltd.co.uk)**

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**Location:** Brockhole, United Kingdom  
**Closing date:** 07 Jun 2010

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**Closing date:** 10 Jun 2010



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**Company:** Woodcote High School  
**Salary:** see details  
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**Closing date:** 16 Jun 2010

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## Green light for National Football Centre proposals

Local authority approves major Football Association-led development for 330-acre site near Burton-upon-Trent

By **Pete Hayman**

East Staffordshire Borough Council has approved plans for the development of a National Football Centre – St George's Park – near Burton-upon-Trent.

A coach education and training facility; a sports injury and research centre and a hotel form part of plans for the 330-acre (133.5-hectare) site, which have been drawn up by the Football Association (FA).

The national governing body is working in partnership with sponsor and kit supplier Umbro

on the scheme, which aims to boost regional grassroots football and also includes community-use pitches.

England's 22 FA-supported squads – including the senior team – will use the complex as a training base, with a sports hall boasting facilities for Futsal and partially-sighted football.

FA joint acting chair David Sheepshanks said: "The planning permission enables us to move towards crystallising the tendering and funding arrangements for this important education hub for football."



IMAGE: THE FA VIA GETTY IMAGES

The site will provide a training base for 22 FA-supported squads

## £3.5m Bomber Command memorial plans approved

By **Pete Hayman**

A new £3.5m monument will be built at London's Green Park to recognise the contribution of Bomber Command during the Second World War.

Plans drawn up by Liam O'Connor Architects and Planning Consultants, were approved by planning officials at Westminster City Council.

The Piccadilly entrance to the Grade II-listed park is set to be



Plans feature an open pavilion

the location of the proposed 8.5m (28ft) monument, which aims to commemorate more than 55,000 air force personnel

who lost their lives during the Second World War.

The memorial – put forward by the Bomber Command Association, with help from the Royal Air Force and the Heritage Foundation – will comprise an open pavilion designed in a classical style.

Although the pavilion roof will be left open, the roof of the loggia is to be made from aluminium from a Halifax bomber shot down in 1944.

## Green light for Rushden plans

A new £13m leisure centre is set to be developed in Rushden, Northamptonshire, after the scheme was given the green light by the local authority.

East Northamptonshire Council approved plans for the new Manor Park Leisure Centre, which will include a six-lane, 25m swimming pool and a fitness suite.

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