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New visitor centre for Loch Ness

PETE HAYMAN

Glasgow-based Cameron Webster Architects (CWA) has unveiled its latest proposals for a new 'sustainable' visitor centre at Loch Ness.

The £2.5m Jacobite Discovery Project (JDP) is an extension of the Inverness-based Jacobite Cruises, which operates boats on Loch Ness, and will also include the development of a new harbour.

Designed to feature a "fully sustainable set of green credentials", the visitor centre will be heated and cooled using water from Loch Ness.

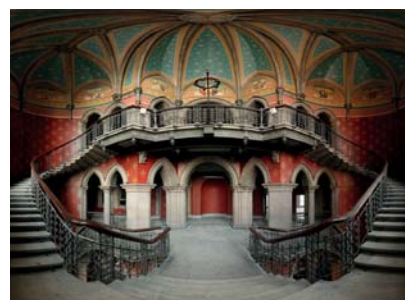
CWA partner Robin Webster said: "There are many eco-friendly features within the development and the location of the Discovery Project lends itself excellently to these. The centre's architectural concept fits very carefully with the landscape and the natural features of the site."



The new centre will be cooled and heated using water from Loch Ness

JDP director Rod Michie added: "We are looking forward to having brand new facilities where visitors can really make the most of beautiful Loch Ness."

"We want to create everlasting memories for customers to take home, while still being kind to the environment."



The restaurant will be located in the former lobby

Wareing to open St Pancras restaurant

TOM WALKER

Chef Marcus Wareing will open a flagship restaurant at the Renaissance St. Pancras Hotel London. To be called Gilbert Scott – after the architect who designed the 137-year-old building – the 6,700sq ft (622sq m), 120-cover British brasserie will be Wareing's second in London.

The Marriott-managed hotel is due to reopen next May. David Coffer Lyons brokered the deal on behalf of Manhattan Loft Corporation, which owns the building and is developing loft apartments at the site.

New sports facility for Glamorgan University

TOM WALKER

University of Glamorgan has opened the doors to its new £3.7m coaching and performance facility.

Designed by architects Holder Mathias, the centre includes a six-court sports hall, an ancillary support block, a strength and conditioning lab for elite training, and a teaching facility with a notational analysis room.

Built by Midas Construction and located at Glamorgan Sport Park, it is the first of its type in Wales to be awarded a BREEAM Excellent rating for its sustainable design.

Nottingham club for The Gym Group

PETE HAYMAN

Low-cost health club operator The Gym Group has expanded its UK portfolio to 10 sites with the launch of a new gym in Nottingham.

The opening forms part of the chain's bid to further expand the business, with four more clubs scheduled to open by spring 2011.

Launched on 16 November, the new Nottingham facility is open 24 hours a day and offers monthly membership for £15.99 with no minimum contract.

The Gym Group has also revealed that 70 per cent of the fitness equipment is energy efficient, while the site's lighting and shower systems will operate on timers.



The Gym Group's new Nottingham facility

CEO John Treharne said: "We are delighted to have opened to the Nottingham public."

New club openings are scheduled for Plymouth (January); Bristol and Southampton (March); and Leeds (April).

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SPORT

Olympic legacy plans revealed

PETE HAYMAN

Sport England and Hugh Robertson, the minister for sport and the Olympics, have unveiled plans to establish a 'mass participation legacy' from the 2012 Games.

Launched under the Places People Play banner, the £135m scheme is to benefit from the government's plans to restructure the allocation of National Lottery funding post-2012.

Sport England will deliver the initiative in partnership with the British Olympic Association and the British Paralympic Association.

Places People Play will help upgrade up to 1,000 sports facilities in the UK; to invest in new multi-sport facilities; and to protect and improve hundreds of playing fields.

The scheme will also fund the recruitment and training of 40,000 sports leaders to lead



The multi-agency initiative aims to help drive up participation in sport

grassroots participation, along with two campaigns – Gold Challenge and Sportivate.

Gold Challenge aims to provide everyone with the opportunity to take part in a range of Olympic and Paralympic sports, while also raising money for charity.

Tottenham Hotspur scheme receives mayoral

PETE HAYMAN

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club's (THFC) plans for the £450m redevelopment of its White Hart Lane stadium in North London has received the green light from London mayor Boris Johnson.

A new 56,250-seat venue is at the heart of the Northumberland Development Project proposals, although the Premier League club is still in contention to take over the running of East London's Olympic Stadium following the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Willmott Dixon to build Forest Hill facility

PETE HAYMAN

Willmott Dixon has been appointed by Lewisham Council to deliver a new leisure centre in Forest Hill, South London.

Work is due to commence on the Roberts Limbrick Architects-designed facility in January, which will replace the existing Forest Hill Pools and feature a 25m main pool.

A 16.7m learner pool; a fitness gym; two studios; and a community room also form part of the plans – the fourth leisure scheme approved by the council in recent years.

The Victorian facade of Forest Hill Pools will be retained as part of the development, which will also include a "pocket park" and is due for completion by the end of 2012.



The Victorian facade will be retained as part of the Forest Hill scheme

Willmott Dixon managing director Mark Tant said: "We are delighted to be given the opportunity to create a fantastic new pool in Forest Hill."

Work starts on St Albans scheme

PETE HAYMAN

Work has started on a multi-million pound scheme to demolish and replace the Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre in St Albans.

However, St Albans City and District Council has to seek a new contractor for the construction phase after a receiver was appointed to its preferred option – Michael McNamara & Co.

It is still hoped the main building work will be able to start in January, with the new S&P Architects-designed facility due to open in summer 2012.

The existing facility will remain open during the construction phase, before being demolished when the new-build complex opens.

A number of surrounding buildings are also to be demolished to make way for the new Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, which will



S&P Architects are behind the design of the new Westminster Lodge

feature a 500sq m (5,382sq ft) spa area with a 60sq m (646sq ft) outdoor terrace overlooking the nearby abbey.

Facilities will include a 25m x 17m, eight-lane main swimming pool with 50 per cent moveable floor; a 17m x 10m learner pool with fully-moveable floor and a climbing wall.

Green light for £9m Everton FC scheme

PETE HAYMAN

Everton Football Club's (EFC) plans for a £9m retail and administration development at its Goodison Park stadium have been approved.

Liverpool City Council has green lighted the Premier League club's proposals, which have been drawn up by Formroom Architects for the Park End of the ground.

Facilities will include a 900sq m (9,688sq ft) EFC retail shop; a museum; a café and a 'fan-focused hospitality lounge', as well as office space. The Addy Consultancy is also involved with the development.

Work is due to start by the end of the year and completed in autumn 2011. Club partners Kitbag and Sodexo are funding the scheme.



How the redeveloped Park End at Everton FC's Goodison Park will look

EFC chief executive officer Robert Elstone said: "This new scheme is totally self-funded by partners so there is no net cost to the Club. In fact, it is cash-positive from the start."

Lane4 secures Loughborough research deal

PETE HAYMAN

Loughborough University has announced that it has secured a new four-year research agreement with performance development consultancy Lane4. The new deal will see Lane4 support sport and performance psychology

research at the institution in a bid to deliver the 'highest standards in excellence'.

Dr David Fletcher of Loughborough University's School of Sport, Exercise and Health Studies helped to secure the agreement and will oversee the research.

Work starts on £1m Institute FC scheme

PETE HAYMAN

A turf-cutting ceremony has marked the start of work on a £1m redevelopment of Institute Football Club's Riverside Stadium in Drumahoe, Northern Ireland.

First Minister Peter Robinson and sports minister Nelson McCausland were in attendance, with the Northern Ireland Executive contributing more than £800,000.

A new 650-seat east stand will be created as part of the scheme, along with a control room and media suite. The capacity of the venue will increase to 3,000.



Pelhams Park is to boast two new pools

BBC to unveil new Kinson swimming facilities

PETE HAYMAN

Bournemouth Borough Council (BBC) has confirmed that two new swimming pools at Kinson's Pelhams Park Leisure Centre are to open on 6 December.

Refurbishment work has been carried out to transform the centre's facilities after it was acquired by the local authority from ROKO in July 2009.

The facility, which will be run by BH Live on behalf of the council, will feature a brighter pool hall with a larger swimming pool and teaching pool.

'Full approval' for National Football Centre

PETE HAYMAN

Work on England's new National Football Centre is to commence in January 2011 after the scheme was given full approval by the Football Association's (FA) board.

Locum Consulting and Colliers International have both been involved with the development of St George's Park, which is to be built on a 330-acre (133.5-hectare) site near Burton-upon-Trent.

Facilities at the complex will include a coach education and training centre.

The Third Space to roll out clubs across London

TOM WALKER

Independent health club operator The Third Space is planning to open a number of new clubs in the capital.

In an interview with *Health Club Management* (November/December 2010, pp.28-31) chief executive Eric Dunmore revealed that the chain was ready to implement a 'five clubs in five years' plan.

"I'd like to be in Chelsea and maybe somewhere in the City," he said. "Clapham would be great, and perhaps London Bridge, Richmond and Greenwich too."



Pulse was appointed to deliver the new facility

Stafford Borough Council unveils new H Zone

TOM WALKER

Stafford Borough Council (SBC) has opened the H Zone at Stafford Leisure Centre – a fitness suite designed to encourage children to participate in physical activity.

The council appointed fitness equipment supplier Pulse to design and deliver the facility, with installations including its Dance Machine, Active Wall and Active Floor as part of the £75,000 project.

The centre has been funded between SBC and primary care trust to encourage local youngsters to lead a healthier lifestyle.

New facilities for South Oxfordshire centre

TOM WALKER

Park Sports Centre in Wheatley, Oxfordshire, is to benefit from new facilities as a result of a £385,000 refurbishment funded by two local authorities.

South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council is carrying out the work in order to provide new changing facilities for members, as well as an improved reception area.

Alterations will also be made to shower facilities and the gym area at the complex to improve access for disabled visitors.

Aylesbury facility set for revamp

PETE HAYMAN

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has agreed to proceed with proposals for a £6m overhaul of the Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre in Aylesbury.

FaulknerBrowns Architects have been appointed by the local authority to draw up the plans, which include a new on-site healthcare facility and dry changing facilities.

A new gym – double the size of the existing offer; a retractable roof for the outdoor pool and a refurbished changing village are also proposed.

Meanwhile, a second water slide is to be added to Aqua Vale's swimming pool and a Combined Heat and Power unit will be installed to reduce energy costs.

AVDC is still to make a final decision on funding for the scheme at its next meeting in



FaulknerBrowns are behind the Aylesbury centre's revamp proposals

December, although it is hoped work will be carried out in time for the 2012 Olympics.

John Cartwright, leader of the council, said: "We are determined to deliver a major remodelling and refurbishment of the site to ensure Aqua Vale Swimming and Fitness Centre offers the very best facilities to our residents."

New Heworth facility opens in Gateshead

PETE HAYMAN

A new multi-million pound leisure centre – designed by S&P Architects and built by Willmott Dixon – has been unveiled in Gateshead.

Heworth Leisure Centre is the second of two new-build facilities to open as part of Gateshead Council's wider £37m investment in local sport and leisure provision.

The new complex boasts a Flowrider – the North East's first indoor surfing facility – in addition to a 200sq m (2,153sq ft) fitness suite equipped by Technogym and changing facilities.

A four-lane, 25m swimming pool, a learner pool and a toddlers pool also comprise the offer at Heworth Leisure Centre, which follows the launch of Blaydon Leisure and Primary



A 200sq m fitness suite equipped by Technogym is among the facilities

Care Centre in October, the first of the new-build schemes to be completed.

Gateshead Council's investment also includes an £8m revamp of Gateshead Leisure Centre unveiled earlier this year.

Work starts on £8m Dorchester leisure development

PETE HAYMAN

Oxfordshire-based developer The Leadbitter Group has started work on the construction of a new £8m leisure complex in Dorchester.

Dorset County Council and West Dorset District Council are working in partnership

to deliver the development, which is scheduled for completion in 2012.

Facilities at the Dyer-designed Dorchester Sports Centre will include a six-lane swimming pool with spectator gallery; a 60-station fitness suite; a dance studio; and a changing village.

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Andrew Fortune is the new finance director

Total Fitness appoints new finance director

PETE HAYMAN

Total Fitness has named Andrew Fortune as its new finance director – its second senior appointment in as many weeks.

Fortune will guide the company's financial strategy as it looks to invest £5m in upgrading its 24 sites across northern England, Wales and Ireland.

It follows Joanne Hallam's appointment as sales and marketing director.

On 11 October, *Leisure Opportunities* reported that Total Fitness had been acquired in a management buy-out.

Yoga operators team up to 'dispel myths'

TOM WALKER

Four Bikram Yoga studio operators have joined forces as part of efforts to improve the image of the discipline in the UK.

Michele Pernetta of Bikram North, City and West; Olga Allon of Hot Bikram Yoga; Helen Currie of Bikram Chiswick; and Simon & Bridgett Ane Goddard of Bikram in the Lanes in Brighton have teamed up to try and promote the practice.

Pernetta said: "This coming together will help dispel some of the myths and misconceptions surrounding Bikram Yoga."

DC Leisure launches Swim4Health scheme

TOM WALKER

DC Leisure has launched Swim4Health, a pilot project that aims to offer members an 'aquatic alternative' to the gym.

The scheme will initially be rolled out across Amber Valley Borough Council and will feature activities including Aqua Circuits, Aqua Jogging, Swim4Fitness, and 'Coach & Stroke' drop in sessions.

Swim4Health also includes an aquatic GP referral programme and is supported by the Amateur Swimming Association and equipment supplier Zoggs.

énergie completes Irish rebranding

PETE HAYMAN

énergie Group has completed the rebranding of nine Irish clubs, which were acquired from Jackie Skelly Fitness earlier this year.

More than €1.8m (£1.5m) has been invested in overhauling the Jackie Skelly estate, which includes two sites in Dublin – Ballsbridge and Clarendon Street.

The other seven Irish properties are located in Ashbourne; Drogheda; Navan; Newbridge; Park West; Rathfarnham; and Swords.

Among the changes made as part of the programme is the implementation of new colour schemes, furniture and flooring, while a suite of Precor equipment has been installed at the two Dublin sites.



Jim Durie is the regional managing director for énergie in Ireland

Jim Durie, énergie group's regional managing director, said: "We could never have predicted such a warm and enthusiastic welcome from everyone; without exception."

Work starts on Nottingham scheme

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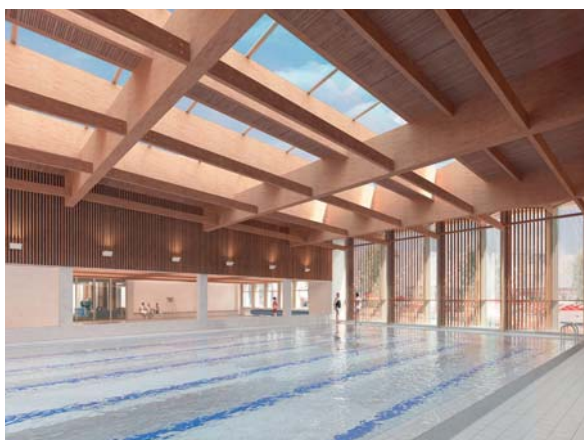
Construction work is now underway on Nottingham's new £9m Victoria Leisure Centre, which has been designed by Levitate.

Parts of the former facility, which shut on 1 April, have already made way for the main construction phase.

A six-lane, 25m swimming pool with separate children's pool and fun splash play area will feature at the heart of the development, along with fitness and health suites.

Victoria Leisure Centre will also feature a café and a retail space, and forms part of a wider £32m Nottingham City Council (NCC)-led investment in leisure provision.

NCC leader Jon Collins said: "Seeing the concrete foundations going down marks the start of an exciting stage in the rebuilding of Victoria Leisure Centre."



A six-lane, 25m swimming pool features among the proposals

"This is the largest project in the council's vision to provide better quality leisure facilities and will lead to this part of the city having one of the best leisure centres in Nottingham."

The leisure centre plans are linked with the redevelopment of Sneinton Square, which is due to commence in January 2011.

SLM to operate Basildon leisure centres

PETE HAYMAN

Basildon District Council has appointed Sports and Leisure Management (SLM) to operate its leisure facilities.

SLM will run Pitsea Swimming Pool, Wickford Swimming Pool and Eversley

Leisure Centre on behalf of the local authority under the new arrangement, as well as the new Basildon Sporting Village.

The operator had put forward a proposal to manage the three venues as part of a tender process for the sporting village.

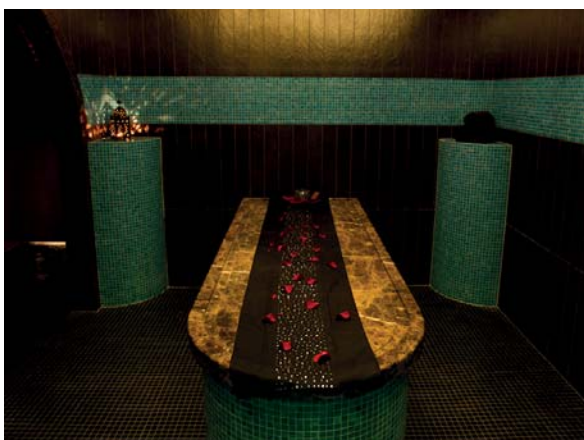
Chelsea relaunches holistic spa

TOM WALKER

Private members health and fitness club The Chelsea Club has rebranded and relaunched its spa offering at the Stamford Bridge stadium in London.

Antara will replace the former Escape spa at the club and will be open to non-members for individual treatments and day spa visits. Facilities include five treatment rooms, a hammam, a consultation room and an open manicure and pedicure area.

Treatments include a range of European, Ayurvedic and Oriental therapies, as well as fusion treatments, such as Ayurveda Hot Stones (Lithos therapy and Ayurveda Oil therapy) and Cleopatra Royal Bath (oriental massage, aromatherapy body and face treatment in a Turkish hammam). Antara has sourced its own supply of Ayurvedic oils from India and in addition



The Antara spa will replace the former Escape Spa at the Chelsea Club

uses US-based ONLY YOURx skincare and Aromatherapy Associates.

The revamped spa also features a Moroccan-styled entrance and a Turkish décor, as well as Indian inspired rooms and specialist furniture for Ayurvedic therapies and contemporary chic for European beauty treatments.

2010 AsiaSpa Award winners revealed

PETE HAYMAN

UK-based Aromatherapy Associates has been awarded the Spa Product of the Year accolade at this year's annual AsiaSpa Awards, which were held at the Mira Hotel in Hong Kong on 11 November.

More than 400 representatives from across the global spa sector attended the ceremony.

AsiaSpa editor-in-chief Rebecca Walker said: "This year's awards are our biggest yet, which is a wonderful reflection of healthy competition within the industry."

Bannatyne Group opens day spa in Kent

TOM WALKER

The Bannatyne Group has opened a £350,000 wellbeing spa in Broadstairs, Kent.

The spa is the 31st in the Bannatyne Spa chain and is an extension to the existing Bannatyne's Health Club at Westwood Farm.

Facilities include four therapy rooms, a dual treatment room for couples and a relaxation room. Treatments are supplied by Elemis and include lava shell massages, facials, detox regimes and Ionithermie. Other amenities include a spray tan room, manicure and pedicure thrones and a ID Bare Essentials mineral make up station.

Duncan Bannatyne, founder of Bannatyne Group, said: "In line with all my existing health



Bannatyne's strategic plans include combining health clubs with spas

clubs and spas, the Broadstairs spa will provide a high quality service and experience for every visitor, offering the latest treatments and using leading luxury product ranges."

SpaFinder reveals 2011 global spa trends

PETE HAYMAN

Global spa and wellness resource SpaFinder has published its eighth annual forecast, which has identified the 10 trends expected to influence the industry in 2011.

Data from more than 9,000 spas and salons across the world; analysis from a wide range of experts; and interviews with sector analysts helped shape the report.

Among the top trends are the growth of the baby boomer demographic; spa deals; and the need for spas to cater for older clients. Details: spafinder.com



Spa deals such as 'bring a friend' are hot trends

Luxury day spa opens at historic Longhirst Hall

TOM WALKER

A luxury day spa has opened at Longhirst Hall in Morpeth, Northumberland.

Set within the grounds of the 77-bed-room Longhirst Hall hotel, Decoro Spa boasts five treatment rooms, a spa pool, a traditional sauna, steamroom, an aromatherapy room, foot spas, and a monsoon shower – all installed by Dalesauna.

The new spa's treatments are to be supplied by UK-based product house Natural Empathy, which will include massages, body wraps and facials.

New spa manager for Formby Hall Golf Resort

PETE HAYMAN

Formby Hall Golf Resort near Southport has commenced the relaunch of its spa offer with the appointment of new manager Asha Deloup.

The 30-year-old will take up the position following a two-year stint managing spas in Asia, heading up the spa at HuvaFen Fushi, Maldives, in her last post.

Deloup will head up a new team at Formby Hall Golf Resort's The Spa, which is set to offer the ESPA product range as part of its relaunch.

ATTRACTIONS

£4.2m Hitchin Town Hall scheme approved

PETE HAYMAN

Plans for a £4.2m scheme to redevelop Hitchin Town Hall – part of which is to become a new museum – have been approved by local councillors.

North Hertfordshire District Council voted in favour of one of two options that had been put forward for the building.

The adopted scheme has received the backing of community groups and will see the main hall refurbished for a range of activities, while other parts of the Town Hall will become the museum.



NTS has set out its new blueprint for the islands

St Kilda management public consultation starts

MARTIN NASH

The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) is inviting feedback from members of the public on its management plan for St. Kilda, the UK's only mixed World Heritage Site.

The plan sets out the significance of and long-term vision for the islands, as well as the main priorities to be addressed.

Vicky Cairns of NTS said: "Since 2008, we have worked with our key stakeholders, local communities and the public to inform the future for St Kilda. We are keen to gather as many responses as possible."

New museum service for Outer Hebrides?

PETE HAYMAN

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar – Western Isles Council is inviting views on plans to establish a new museums and archive service for the Outer Hebrides.

The proposals are being worked up with the help of Heritage Lottery Fund support and will see the creation of a new hub at Lews Castle in Stornoway.

Consultation meetings are being held with Comainn Eachdraidh and other local groups. An online survey is also available for residents to participate in.

£10m HLF grant for Stonehenge

PETE HAYMAN

Plans to enhance the visitor experience at Stonehenge, Wiltshire, have received a £10m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The funding is designed to help plug a funding shortfall for the creation of a £27m visitor centre at the prehistoric monument, which attracts 900,000 visitors a year.

In June, the government announced that it was withdrawing a £10m contribution towards the proposals in a bid to help reduce public spending and to cut the national deficit.

The proposed visitor centre, which will feature enhanced exhibition and education space, is to be built at Airman's Corner – 1.5 miles (2.4km) west of the World Heritage Site.

HLF chair Dame Jenny Abramsky said: "Stonehenge demonstrates the vital role



Doubts had been cast over the future of the Stonehenge scheme

heritage plays within the UK's tourism industry as well as being a great example of our fascinating history."

English Heritage chief executive Dr Simon Thurley added: "[This grant] sends out a message of confidence about the transformational benefits that the project will bring."

Green light for Redcar vertical pier plans

PETE HAYMAN

Plans to construct an 80ft (24.4m) vertical pier on the seafront at Redcar, North Yorkshire, have been approved by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC).

RCBC cabinet member for culture, leisure and tourism Sheelagh Clarke said: "[The Vertical Pier] is an integral part of the seafront improvements designed to breathe new life into the town."

Mark Hannon, cabinet member for economic development added: "This is the biggest investment in Redcar for more than 100 years and provides the opportunity to develop the town as a retail and visitor destination."

Plans have been drawn up by a team led by Harrogate-based landscape architects Smeeden



The proposed Vertical Pier will enhance Redcar's seafront

Foreman. Seven Architecture, Arup and Davis Langdon are also involved with the scheme.

The attraction will boast a viewing platform and a café, as well as galleries and studios for artists and the creative industries.

Dorset visitor centre plans submitted

PETE HAYMAN

Plans have been submitted for a new eco-friendly visitor centre at Hengistbury Head Nature Reserve near Bournemouth.

The proposed £1m facility is to incorporate an exhibition area for archaeology, ecology and

geology; a space for learning and community use; and outdoor learning areas.

Work space for centre staff and volunteers; access for disabled visitors; and a retail outlet similar to a National Trust shop are also mooted as part of the scheme.

ACE to take on museums role

PETE HAYMAN

Culture minister Ed Vaizey has announced that Arts Council England (ACE) is likely to take on responsibilities currently held by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA).

A series of key functions that are currently undertaken by the MLA are to transfer to ACE by the end of March 2012, subject to the approval of its National Council.

If approved, ACE will be responsible for the Renaissance in the Regions programme; work to develop museums and libraries through accreditation; and statutory cultural property functions.

Additional funding worth more than £46m a year will be provided from 2012-13 to help ACE deliver the additional functions, while £1.3m extra support will go directly towards



The development of museums is 'likely' to come under ACE's remit

the British Museum's efforts to co-ordinate the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

Vaizey said: "ACE has an exciting opportunity to integrate the MLA's expertise and bridge some artificial divides between different aspects of cultural funding and get the maximum bang for the taxpayer's buck."

Government to outline philanthropy plans

PETE HAYMAN

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt is to set out detailed plans for increasing philanthropic donations to the arts by the end of the year.

Speaking to philanthropists, private businesses and fundraisers at an event organised

by Cause4, Hunt outlined his ambitions for a "mixed model of funding" for the sector.

The government is looking to encourage the private sector to help boost funding for the arts industry after revealing a 29.6 per cent cut in Arts Council England's budget last month.

Work to start on Doncaster scheme

PETE HAYMAN

Muse Developments is to start work on the first phase of Doncaster's multi-million pound Civic and Cultural Quarter scheme.

New civic offices and a one-stop shop for the council's customer services will comprise Stage One of the £300m regeneration scheme, which was approved in September.

Meanwhile, work on a new £22.3m performance venue, the first public square and other first phase elements will get underway in early 2011.

Funding for the Civic and Cultural Quarter project has been provided by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund's allocation for the Yorkshire and Humber area.



A new £22.3m performance venue is at the heart of the proposals

Doncaster Council's Jonathan Wood said: "While many developments in other parts of the country have failed to materialise, this major regeneration programme is on track."

Funding package set aside for Dumfries theatre

LUKE TUCHSCHERER

Funding worth £315,000 has been earmarked by Dumfries and Galloway Council to help save the Dumfries Theatre Royal.

The funding, which will go for final approval on 7 December, will be put towards repair work that will extend the venue's life by 10 years.

Alan Henry, master of the theatre's Guild of Players, told *Leisure Opportunities*: "We hope to be able to raise additional funding from a number of other sources so that we can upgrade the building and facilities."



Neville Gabie will take up a 16-month residency

Olympic Park artist-in-residence appointed

PETE HAYMAN

Artist Neville Gabie has been appointed by the Olympic Delivery Authority for a 16-month residency to deliver a number of schemes across the Olympic Park.

Sam Wilkinson of InSite Arts has been named curator as part of the Arts Council England-backed scheme, which aims to target communities and the 2012 workforce.

Gabie and Wilkinson will be tasked with delivering a series of participatory schemes that will aim to capture diverse communities and experiences from across the site.

New era for Liverpool's Neptune theatre

PETE HAYMAN

Liverpool City Council (LCC) has reached agreement with David Ramsey to extend the underlease of the city's historic Neptune theatre to 12 years.

It is anticipated the deal between LCC and Ramsey will help ensure that the venue is more attractive to potential operators that have a long-term vision for the theatre.

A £155,000 offer from Ramsey on behalf of Hanover Estates for the lease of the theatre building has also been accepted by LCC, which will run for 135 years.

Now is the time to
invest in the sector...



PHILIPPE ROSSITER
is chief executive
of the Institute of
Hospitality (IoH)

The hospitality industry has benefited from continued growth over the last 30 years. Although this trend has slowed more recently due to the recession and the state of the economy, People 1st – the Sector Skills Council – expects that there will be further growth of around 10 per cent in the industry by 2017, creating 208,000 new jobs. Indeed, recent hotel trading results in some of the country's key cities such as London, Edinburgh and Glasgow point to a substantial (and somewhat surprising) return to high levels of occupancy, accompanied by reasonable rates.

Yet this is not a universal picture and to help survive the recession, reducing costs has been necessary. Some sectors of the industry, as well as certain regions, do not mirror the relative 'boom' which seems to be experienced in the larger cities. Despite this, investing in training remains imperative, and raising staff morale, although not always easy, is vital for long-term growth and stability. Companies must look to future resourcing, and invest in appropriate strategies now to avoid problems later.

The Institute of Hospitality concentrates heavily on the need for training and education to improve professional skills. In addition to its suite of awards and qualifications, which offers a flexible and accessible framework to support learners and employers alike, the Institute also offers a wide range of information services designed to help individuals. The Institute also focuses on the need for managers to espouse a strong desire for continual professional development, offering them career management support and online learning.

Businesses must be encouraged to adopt a culture of development to train and further their staff's education wherever possible, and make the most of these opportunities. As well as helping address some of the main industry challenges, this approach will enable organisations to be better focused on their customers' needs, leading to improved client retention, higher levels of morale amongst staff, and, above all, a visible benefit to the bottom line.

HOTELS

53,700 new hotel rooms by 2015

TOM WALKER

The UK's hotel industry is continuing to expand despite the recession, with more than 10,400 rooms opening in 2010 and a further 43,000 planned for the period 2011-15.

According to *British Hospitality: Trends and Developments*, published by the British Hospitality Association, the budget sector has continued its expansion with more than 5,300 new rooms added in 2010 – with new brands such as Citizen M, H10 and Tune opening their first properties in the UK. In 2001, there were 50,000 budget rooms, a figure which has risen to 112,600 in 2010.

While budget hotels are leading the field when it comes to new openings, it is the luxury segment that is proving to be the most robust in terms of securing revenue levels.



A total of 10,400 new rooms will have been added by the end of 2010

Kathryn Pretzel-Shiels, head of the UK's hotel, restaurant and travel industries for American Express said: "Spending by card in the UK increased steadily in 2010, far exceeding other European cities. This was largely driven by luxury hotels, with spending in mid-scale hotels growing at a slower rate."

Colliers: 'Good' year for London's West End

PETE HAYMAN

Hotels have been among the main beneficiaries of a 'good' 2010 for London's West End, according to research from Colliers International.

According to the property advisory firm's *Destination Tracker*, some hotel operators in

the West End have seen occupancy return to pre-recession levels.

Although footfall and overseas visitor numbers were slightly down during 2010, Colliers said the weak pound had continued to drive increasing inbound tourism expenditure.

Missoni Spa opens in Edinburgh

TOM WALKER

The first Hotel Missoni Spa has opened in Edinburgh.

Facilities include two treatment rooms and a Chill Zone where guests can enjoy healthy snacks and refreshments before and after treatments.

The spa offers a selection of body and beauty treatments supplied by Eve Lom and Natura Bissé – such as the Diamond Lifting facial created especially for the property.

The interior of the spa has been designed by Missoni co-founder Rosita Missoni and includes the company's signature spectrum of colours.

The spa will complete the phased opening of the five-star Hotel Missoni, which has been open to guests since June 2009.



The hotel is now fully operational, following the launch of the new spa

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Strategy themes come into focus...



KURT JANSON is
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Tourism Alliance

Although the government's new National Strategy for Tourism, has been delayed until early January, the three central themes that underpin the strategy are now starting to come into focus.

The first of these is that the government sees its primary role as creating a suitable regulatory environment in which the UK industry can grow and compete effectively in the global tourism market. Depending on what measures the government takes to implement this theme, there could be significant benefits to the tourism sector as regulatory burden is a key constraining factor on tourism businesses, especially the 80 per cent of businesses that are SMEs.

However, some of the main areas where the UK is uncompetitive internationally – Air Passenger Duty, visas and VAT – would require considerable changes in government policy. As such, the chances of significant regulatory change seems limited.

The second theme is that government believes that the state should be less involved in 'destinational' marketing and that this is more rightly the role of the industry. The industry's long maintained argument is that individual businesses are unable to come together to undertake international marketing campaigns and needs state intervention to correct. This seems to be losing traction with government.

Knowing that it requires substantial incentives for operators to fund the marketing of a destination above the marketing of their own business, it will be interesting to see how this will be achieved.

The third theme is that the structure for tourism delivery – at least in England – should be more bottom-up with businesses coming together and funding Destination Marketing Organisation. It has been suggested that the strategy will contain incentives for businesses to group together and develop their destination. What these incentives are remains to be seen.

Based on these themes, the new tourism strategy will be a radical departure from existing tourism policy. Just how successful it will be will depend on the detail.

TOURISM

Royal Wedding boost for tourism

TOM WALKER

The wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton next year is expected to generate unprecedented interest in the British Royal Family – and have a direct effect on inbound tourism.

Hospitality and travel operators can expect the event to attract a flood of extra tourists to the capital, while millions more are expected to follow live television broadcasts.

Paul Eastham, head of corporate communications at Visit England, said: "News of the Royal Wedding is not only a happy event for the couple and their families.

"Our research indicates that Monarchy and the associated places, events and history generate directly and indirectly well over £500m a year in revenue. We expect that figure to be exceeded next year, thanks to the wedding."



The wedding will take place on Friday 29 April 2010 at Westminster

Sandie Dawe, chief executive of VisitBritain, added: "It will give us a wonderful opportunity to showcase Britain in the lead up to the 2012 Games. We are already talking to the rights holding broadcasters and the marriage in 2011 gives a further unparalleled chance to tell the world what we have to offer."

Deloitte: EU residents planning 'fewer trips'

PETE HAYMAN

A new survey conducted by Deloitte has revealed that European consumers are planning to take fewer trips during 2011.

The research comprised 4,000 participants from Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK and

was undertaken in conjunction with TNS Research International.

According to the survey, the number of Italian, Spanish and British residents who stayed in a hotel during the previous 12 months had shown little year-on-year growth.

Campaign generates £70m for Scotland

TOM WALKER

VisitScotland has announced that its Perfect Day spring/summer marketing push delivered more than £70m for the Scottish economy.

The tourism body claims that the campaign – with a key focus on islands and coasts – generated £35 for every £1 invested, making it the "most successful seasonal marketing campaign ever".

VisitScotland has based the claims partly on figures sourced from the United Kingdom Tourism Survey, which reported a 16 per cent increase in the number of overnight stays in Scotland by domestic travellers.

Mike Cantlay, VisitScotland chair, said the announcement is indicative of the resilience



The campaign was centred on the Scottish coastal areas and its islands

and determination shown by the industry, despite tough economic times. Tourism can lead us out of recession; I believe it is the most powerful asset this country has."

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Restaurants and a cinema are proposed

Sittingbourne regeneration plans approved

PETE HAYMAN

New restaurants and a cinema are at the heart of new regeneration plans for Sittingbourne, Kent, which have been submitted to the local authority.

Spenhill Regeneration – a subsidiary of Tesco – has lodged the plans with Swale Borough Council for the scheme, which will also include a hotel and leisure space.

The proposals have been shaped by a series of consultations over the last five years, which have found a demand for new leisure facilities to revitalise the town.

Wirral Council to 'support' green schemes

PETE HAYMAN

Wirral Council is to require designers to include green technologies and sustainable products in public sector schemes.

A best practice guide, which was approved by the council's cabinet and is due to be published in January, sets out energy efficiency requirements, such as enhanced lighting and boiler replacements.

The proposals will help the council to deliver its target of cutting carbon emissions by 60 per cent by 2025, while including links to approved products.

Portsmouth revamp strategy views sought

PETE HAYMAN

Portsmouth City Council (PCC) has launched a new public consultation in order to gather views on a draft strategy for the regeneration of the city.

Shaping the Future of Portsmouth has been drawn up over the past 12 months with the assistance of a previous consultation with businesses and residents.

Members of the public now have until 9 December to comment on the document, which aims to guide PCC's future redevelopment of the city centre.

Work starts on £250m Telford scheme

PETE HAYMAN

Preparatory work is now underway in the Southwater area of Telford, Shropshire to clear the site ahead of a major £250m regeneration scheme.

Tree works are being carried out around the edge of Southwater Lake and outside Meeting Point House in order to allow earthworks to be undertaken ahead of the main construction phase.

Telford and Wrekin Council is yet to appoint a main contractor for the Southwater development, which is earmarked to include a hotel, cafés, bars and restaurants.

A new leisure hub – incorporating a leisure pool and a cinema – is also set to be created as part of the regeneration scheme.



The scheme aims to transform Telford's night economy

MACE, Barton Willmore and civil engineers Jacobs are working alongside the council on the scheme, which has received £9.5m from the Homes and Communities Agency.

Olympic Park to 'reshape' East End

PETE HAYMAN

Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) chair Baroness Ford has expressed hopes that the London 2012 site will provide a 'new piece of city' for the capital.

Speaking at the Business in Sport and Leisure conference on 10 November, Ford said the Olympic Park would be more than just about sports venues and parkland following the 2012 Games.

According to Ford, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has the potential to have the same transformational effect on the East End as the 1951 Festival of Britain did on the South Bank.

Ford said: "The Olympic promise is not just about leaving sports venues and some fantastic parkland in legacy. This is about the regeneration of the east end of London."



The Olympic Park 'will be more than just about sports venues'

It comes as OPLC CEO Andrew Altman told *Sports Management* that the Olympic Park will benefit from the creation of "family-focused neighbourhoods" and will become one of the UK's top visitor destinations.

To read more from Andrew Altman, please see *Sports Management Q4 2010*.

Mixed-use development for Swansea Waterfront

PETE HAYMAN

A new 132-bedroom Premier Inn hotel and a 343-cover Beefeater Grill are to open as part of a £9m scheme at SA1 Swansea Waterfront.

The development is the result of a joint venture between Actoris and Waterstone Estates,

the latter having acquired the site from the Welsh Assembly Government.

Atlantic Property Developments funded the development, which will form part of the wider £400m SA1 flagship regeneration of Swansea's disused dockland area.

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Completed pre-qualification questionnaires and all required supporting information must be received at the address shown below by 14:00 on Tuesday 14 December 2010.

The Council will select a minimum of 3 companies from the pre-qualification evaluation process, to proceed onto the Invitation to Participate in Dialogue Stage.

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KATE ALLEN is
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It's been a steep learning curve and an eye opener to an entirely new industry in my two months as careers manager at The Springboard Charity. I manage the CareerScope service, offering information, advice and guidance for those looking for employment within the sector.

A significant proportion of CareerScope enquiries come from 30-40 year olds, ages it seems where there is a trend towards career change. Superficially, journalists and social commentators have even coined the term "thrisis" to describe this phenomenon.

When confronted with this new trend, I had two questions. Firstly, why do so many feel that the industry is the right one for them? The feedback to me usually goes along the lines of "I know it will be hard work, but I am passionate about it" or "I want to be of service to others; I need to be creative." There is a real sense of leaving behind that mundane old job and embracing a new and exciting future.

My second question is: With so many skills, why is it so difficult for this group to access any kind of employment, even unpaid work experience?

Well, the future looks bright. There is real support for jobseekers who show they are dedicated and informed about the sector. The opening up of apprenticeships opportunities for all age groups next year and the move towards QCF vocational qualifications can help jobseekers to present a more relevant route to future employers.

As the Olympic Games come into view, there is the promise of many more opportunities to come. I hope employers will be encouraged to see that there are keen and dedicated employees out there, not simply in "thrisis" but confident and self assured enough to pursue their ambitions.

It's exciting to take this service forward, although in economically tough times, one where the slow burning ambition of some CareerScope customers is matched by the upcoming opportunities in the industry.

And what a credit it is to the industry that hospitality, leisure and tourism provides the opportunities that stick in the mind and inspire passion.

TRAINING & RECRUITMENT

Cable sets out training plans

PETE HAYMAN

Business secretary Vince Cable has unveiled plans to invest more than £600m in providing additional adult apprenticeships in 2011-12.

Speaking at the Association of Colleges Conference in Birmingham, Cable announced that 200,000 adults will be able to start an apprenticeship by 2014-15.

The proposals represent an additional 75,000 opportunities compared with plans outlined by the former administration. Apprenticeship packages will be revamped to ensure that Level Three is the 'level to achieve', and funded training will be provided for adults aged 19-24.

Cable said: "With relative industrial decline following the Second World War, and a greater emphasis on academic qualifications, the number of apprenticeships fell markedly. Recent



IMAGE: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND SKILLS

The plans go further than the previous Labour-led administration

governments have attempted to stop the rot, and today there are a wide range of apprenticeships in more than 190 sectors.

"But this government still doesn't think there are enough and even in a climate of cuts has committed additional resources to fund a further 50,000 adult apprenticeships."

High performance boxing centres named

TOM WALKER

The Amateur Boxing Association of England and England Colleges Amateur Boxing Association have selected six colleges to become designated High Performance Boxing Centres for aspiring boxers aged 16-19.

The centres are Filton College; City College Brighton and Hove; The Priory School in Orpington; South Leicestershire College; and Bradford College, and will offer elite and aspiring boxers the chance to train full time while gaining educational qualifications.

Tennent's Training Academy launches

LUKE TUCHSCHERER

Tennent's Lager has unveiled a new £1m hospitality training facility at its Wellpark Brewery in Glasgow.

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Closing date: December 22nd 2010
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To find out more about this post and to receive an application pack please call: 020 7686-8812 or email: access2sports@aquaterra.org

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Neighbourhood and Cultural Services/Leisure & Wellbeing

Senior Duty Managers

Ref: NAC/040/10

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Further details on this post are available by contacting Donna Radics, HR Manager, on 01438 242080.

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£1.2m G Casino for Birmingham

PETE HAYMAN

G Casino is to officially launch its new Birmingham venue next month, following a £1.2m refurbishment of the existing Grosvenor Casino on Broad Street.

The 20,819sq ft (1,934sq m) casino will be located at the Fiveways Leisure Complex and is to boast 15 gaming tables, 38 electronic gaming terminals and a 100-seat poker room.

Private tuition will be available for poker novices, while the room will also be capable of hosting regular tournaments. The Gallery, a 46-seat restaurant, completes the facility line-up.

G Casino Birmingham general manager Adrian Frost said: "We're working hard to



The venue has undergone an extensive £1.2m refurbishment

remove some of those barriers often associated with casinos and believe the new-look venue offers a fun and friendly atmosphere which will be welcomed by the people of Birmingham."

Sportingbet-Unibet merger talks called off

PETE HAYMAN

Discussions over a possible merger between online gaming group Sportingbet and Sweden-based counterpart Unibet have been halted.

Both the UK-based company and Unibet confirmed that preliminary talks between

the pair had been brought to an end following press speculation.

The announcement comes after Sportingbet confirmed a five-year agreement for a joint venture with the Russia-based First International Bookmakers Company.

Bespoke to run Newbury hotel

PETE HAYMAN

Newbury Racecourse and Bespoke Hotels have agreed heads of terms for a 10-year hotel management contract at the Berkshire venue.

The racecourse operator will own the 120-bedroom property to be built as part of a multi-million pound redevelopment of the venue. It is due to open in 2014.

Under the plans, the hotel will be called The Newbury and will include 3,800sq m (40,903sq ft) of event and exhibition space.

Newbury Racecourse joint managing director Sarah Hordern said: "We wanted to steer away from a corporate style hotel offering and find a partner hotel which echoed our character and unique offering. Bespoke Hotels offers us that and more."

Bespoke Hotels CEO Haydn Fentum added: "The Newbury will enhance the offer and



Newbury Racecourse is in line for a major revamp

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