

Harlow to K2 and Beyond

A voluntary project to record the story of the UK community indoor sports centre - a phenomenon of the late 20th and early 21st centuries

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Publication of the first three chapters is close!

Part One of 'Harlow to K2 and Beyond', covering the first three chapters of the story of the development of UK sports and leisure centres over the past six decades, has been completed.

At present the technical website work is underway to place those 3 chapters on the website for all to see in the very near future. The 3 chapters reflect the scale and detail of the Project, which explains the rate of progress to date. The research for the remaining chapters is now complete and various options are under consideration to speed up the completion of the remaining 3 Parts, which embrace Chapters 4 to 12.

COUNTRYFILE

A valuable element of the Editorial Group activity has been the contributions to the Project from the 'country' members of the Group - Mike Fitzjohn and Malcolm Tungatt, in the North-West, both former Sports Council Officers, who have given a northern flavour to the content, and Mike Fulford in the north east, a former recreation manager and President of ILAM. In particular, MF and MT did sterling work in researching the UCLAN library for sports centre elements, then delivering 288 items to Sussex! MF has been a valuable source of information on all things north-east and has contributed important facts and photos (see Lightfoot pic).

RECENT PROJECT CONTACTS

We have had contact with **Danny O'Connor** in Northern Ireland (re. NI information & contacts); **Mike Halpin** again (see issue 7), who was the first ever professional football club recreation manager at Bournemouth AFC, in the early part of his career - and **Geoff Gearing** keeps in touch with the Project and competed in September in the Veteran's section at the ITU World Triathlon Championships in Rotterdam. Through John Birch and Hywel Griffiths, many former Sports Council Regional Directors and Officers have also contributed to or supported the Project.

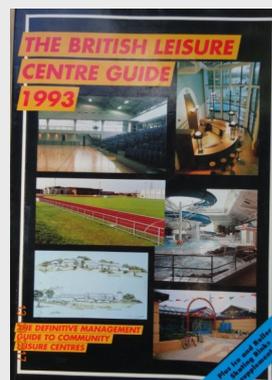
A SNAPPY REQUEST

Do you have external, or interesting internal, photos of sports and leisure centres from the past to donate to the Project - both digital jpegs or older slides for conversion are welcome. Any copyright will be acknowledged.

LIBRARY AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

We have loan of sports centre material from the University of Central Lancashire Library, custodians of the Sports Council Archive 1960s-2000.

We also have some loans from Brighton University and some individuals. The Project is also generating its own library of material, which we hope can be preserved. We are looking at ways in which this can be achieved. If you have relevant sports centre related publications or articles from past years that will clear a space for you (!) please consider donating them to the Project library. Contact Gerry first to avoid duplication.



THE EDITORIAL ADVISORY GROUP last met on June 12th at the Spectrum in Guildford as guests of Freedom Leisure. We are grateful to Ivan Horsfall-Turner, Ian Morey, and the Centre for their assistance. Email plays an important part in the Group's communication. The next meeting is planned for November in Littlehampton. **GROUP:** David Fisher, John Birch, Jack Wilkinson, Hywel Griffiths, John Thorpe, John Stride, Gerry Carver, Mike Fulford, Mike Fitzjohn and Malcolm Tungatt. **Researcher - Liam Goodley.** **NOTE:** David Fisher sustained a serious neck injury in the Spring and has been confined to hospital for several months. We hope to see Dave back soon.

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