

# Harlow to K2 and Beyond

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

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**John Birch** has been invited to write the Foreword to 'Harlow to K2 and Beyond'. John has a wealth of experience. He was Director of Regional Services for the Sports Council and previously one of the early Directors of Recreation in the 1970s.

## Editorial Board decides on phased website launch

Part One of 'Harlow to K2 and Beyond' (Chapters 1, 2, & 3) will be launched on the Sports Legacy website by the middle of June at the latest. The Editorial Board has decided that the size and scope of the story being shaped justifies the phased programme. It is planned to complete Parts 2, 3 & 4 (Chapters 4-12) by October. In deciding on this completion plan, the Board has recognised the increased scope of research for the story and detail involved. The significant level of contributions received for the story has ensured a broad content. One of the benefits of this approach will be that, as originally intended, the website will prove an inter-active vehicle as the story grows.

## THEMES TOPICS & INFORMATION

Have you something to add? Email [sportslegacy@btinternet.com](mailto:sportslegacy@btinternet.com)

### DO YOU HAVE....? If so, let us know!

- A view on the current national scene of trusts and operational management.
- Old photographic slides or images of early centres or exterior & interior digital jpeg images of longstanding and 21st century, or centres just opened.
- Information on CURRENT interesting joint provision schemes on school sites.
- Current centres with effective sports development and coaching programmes in a range of sports.
- The names and centres of female managers through the decades, with the years identified.

The Editorial Board last met on March 13th at the Sovereign Centre, Eastbourne as guests of SERCO Leisure Ltd. and its Head of Sport & Community Development, Diane Bagley.

BOARD: David Fisher, John Birch, Jack Wilkinson, Hywel Griffiths, John Thorpe, John Stride, Gerry Carver, Mike Fulford, Mike Fitzjohn and Malcolm Tungatt. Researcher - Liam Goodley.

### NEW CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTACTS INCLUDE....

The Editor met up with **Mike Halpin** recently in Cirencester. Mike was voluntary Secretary of the Association of Recreation Managers from 1978-1982 and formerly worked in Crawley, Ipswich, and Salisbury. We have been in touch with **Tony Veal**, now at an Australian university. Tony was a respected researcher/academic/observer of sports centres. Tony has kindly sent us copies of a few of his valuable articles on centres from the early days. **David Minton**, founder of The Leisure Database Company, has given us data on the numbers of centres so far through the 21st century. Ponteland Parish Council Clerk, **Kath Mavin**, has helped us by filling in the story of the sports hall built there in 1967 - and **Mike Fulford** has taken photos of the original hall still in use.

### OVER 70 GAMECHANGERS IDENTIFIED

The Editorial Board has collated and agreed over 70 names of people nominated as 'Gamechangers'. Under the leadership of Hywel Griffiths, a list of managers, directors and board members has been assembled. They have made a significant contribution to the development of sports centres and thereby the recreation management profession. The list covers the period from 1959 to the present. 'Gamechangers' will be a special section on the completed website. Further 'Gamechanger' nominations are welcomed by the Editorial Board (see website for information).

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