

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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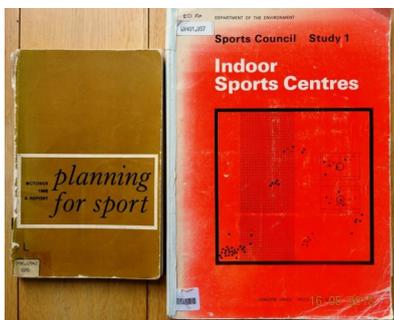
Chapter 4 is now live!

Chapter 4 of 'Harlow to K2 and Beyond', the story of the UK sports and leisure centre, is now live on the Project website. It joins Part One (Chapters 1, 2 & 3) as available for viewing on computer, tablet or mobile. Chapter 4 covers the important and challenging development phase for the design and research of centres from 1976 to 1995.

Research and preparation is well under way for Chapter 5 (The management and operation of centres) and Chapter 6 (The era of rapid progress and change) which will complete Part Two of the Project.

The Project continues to welcome general feedback and contributions for later chapters, including the personal reflections of any professional involved in centres at any time - contact the Editor by email or use the contact form on the website. *Future Chapters are outlined on the website.*

RESEARCH MASTERPIECE PUBLISHED IN CHAPTER 4 - 'Indoor sports centres - research on their use, users and non-users, and its impact on policy, provision and management'.



The foundations of sports centre research

This masterful and extensive research paper is published in full on the website as a hyperlink, and in summary as part of Chapter 4 itself.

It has been prepared by Mike Fitzjohn and Malcolm Tungatt, members of the

Editorial Group and experienced former senior Sports Council officers. It is the most extensive and thorough review of the subject ever undertaken. It covers the period from 1965 to 2006 and thereby provides content for both Chapter 4 and Chapter 9 later.

THE EDITORIAL ADVISORY GROUP last met on January 31st at Littlehampton Swimming and Sports Centre (courtesy of Freedom Leisure). As well as considering Project matters, the Group had a presentation on the new £17M Littlehampton Leisure Centre [www.arun.gov.uk/newleisurecentre] from project architect Nic Bryant of Space & Place (our project sponsors). The new centre is being built alongside the existing complex. A site visit after was well timed to see one of the first large trusses craned into position. The new centre is due to open in 2019. **EDITORIAL GROUP:** David Fisher, John Birch, Jack Wilkinson, Hywel Griffiths, John Thorpe, John Stride, Gerry Carver, Mike Fulford, Mike Fitzjohn and Malcolm Tungatt.



Editorial group and S+P 2018



New Littlehampton Leisure Centre Jan 2018

PHOTO GALLERY 1964-2018: Put 'your' centre in the picture



The final Project website will carry a photo gallery. We are collecting jpeg photos of centres over the decades (external and internal shots). Please send any photos to the Editor. We can digitalise slides and original photos.

Equality in the Project

Centres have not had high numbers of woman managers, especially in the early years. ARM News (1977) reported on one of the earliest woman managers, Tess Edmondson, manager of Skelmersdale Sports Centre. Chapter 5 will include information on and reflections from woman managers. Tonia Gosling, Viv Monahan and Julie Bowers have already contributed. Please help by seeking out information on and from 'women in sports centre management'.

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