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## **3,000 revellers attend Colston Hall opening night**

Colston Hall Press Release (extract) - September 2009

Over 3,000 revellers attended Colston Hall's official opening party on Friday night, witnessing a spectacular night of free music and performance with some of Bristol's best artists.

The event, which kick started a 10-day celebration at the hall called 'All About The Music', was co-ordinated by Bristol performance artists Cirque Bijou and featured aerial performers and visuals projected onto the back of the new foyer as darkness fell.

## **Bristol's Cabot Circus celebrates first year anniversary**

Evening Post—25<sup>th</sup> September

A year to the day after it opened in Bristol, almost 95 per cent of the 150 shop sites in Cabot Circus have been let.

Eleven new tenants have recently opened stores or are set to open in the centre and nearby parts of Broadmead run by Cabot Circus management.

The new stores will together create about 100 jobs, adding to the 3,780 already created in Bristol's newest shopping centre.

Centre bosses say more than 50 per cent of these posts were filled by local people who were previously unemployed.

## **Bristol jobs fair proves to be a big attraction**

Evening Post—23 September

MORE than 1,000 people seeking employment attended a Jobs fair in Bristol yesterday.

Nearly 30 employers were on hand to help at the Council House in College Green to advise people on job opportunities.

Employers on show included Avon and Somerset police, NHS Bristol, Showcase Cinema, TK Maxx and JTF Wholesale Ltd.

The six-hour event was organised by Jobcentre Plus, Bristol City Council and The Bristol Partnership.

## **Airbus technology takes supercar firm Invicta to another level**

Evening Post (extract) - 21<sup>st</sup> September

A company which hand-builds supercars for the world's richest people is tapping into the expertise and technology at Airbus's composite research centre in Filton.

Invicta, which is based in Chippenham, makes just a handful of the £275,000 elite cars a year and the small company is a world leader in its field.

Now the firm has joined forces with Airbus in the UK on a project which aims to improve the way its supercars are built.

The Invicta was driven to Airbus in Filton, where specialist company FARO used their latest laser measuring equipment to create a three dimensional digital record of the entire car. This digital record will provide base-line information for an ongoing programme of research and development.

## **Work steaming ahead on Bristol's Brunel Institute**

Evening Post (extract) - 17<sup>th</sup> September

The opening of the £30 million Brunel Institute – an educational centre and archive next to the ss Great Britain in Bristol – is now just a year away.

A joint project between the ss Great Britain and house builder Linden Homes, the centre will



bring Brunel artefacts and maritime photographs, plans, books and papers under one roof for the first time.

The institute is situated on the site of Brunel's original steam engine workshop, where the great engineer built much of the huge machinery needed to power his famous steamship.

## **Bristol Mayor opens Future Inns Hotel in heart of Cabot Circus**

Evening Post (extract) - 17<sup>th</sup> September

The Future Inns Hotel in the heart of Cabot Circus is to be officially opened by the Lord Mayor today.

The hotel, which first opened three floors in May, is now complete with 149 bedrooms over seven floors, a Chophouse restaurant, a jazz club hosting international and local musicians, conference facilities and free parking for 118 guest vehicles.

The hotel represents a £20-million capital investment and has created 270 jobs – 200 local tradesmen and contractors found employment on the construction of the hotel and a further 70 permanent jobs have been created by its opening.

## **Bristol 150 Launches**

Bristol Media Website—15<sup>th</sup> September

Bristol 150, is a brand new business-focused network, set up specifically for just 150 of the city's leading entrepreneurs, managing directors, CEOs and owners of Bristol's most exciting and dynamic creative and media businesses.

It will enable members to meet fellow like minded business owners, access peer-to-peer support and guidance around sector and business related issues, share stories and exchange ideas, and experiences.

## **Thousands enjoy Bristol Organic Food Festival**

Evening Post (extract) - 14<sup>th</sup> September

Tastebuds were tingling as thousands of people headed for the Harbourside to enjoy a weekend of aromas and flavours at the Organic Food Festival.

Families wandered among stands selling a huge array of products, from bread and cheese to meat, vegetables and wine, buying and sampling as they went along.

The sunshine helped swell numbers, with an estimated 2,000 visitors going through the gates in the first two hours on the opening day.

## **West legal firms ranked in industry bible**

Evening Post (extract) - 14<sup>th</sup> September

Every September law firms around the country eagerly await the publication of industry bible The Legal 500.

A good show in the Who's Who of the legal profession is key to building a reputation and winning new business.

Burges Salmon and Osborne Clarke, both based in Bristol, are rated by the guide as the South West's top practices overall, with TLT just behind on the second tier.

Osborne Clarke has top tier status in a whopping 20 individual categories. A cluster of four West firms have third tier regional ranking. These are Ashfords and Clarke Wilmott, which both have offices in Taunton and Bristol, and Bristol-based law firms Bevan Brittan and Bond Pearce.



## Mapping the economy: Wallace & Gromit's cracking day out in Bristol -

TIMES ONLINE - 12th Sept 2009

<http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/economics/article6831507.ece>

## Marine Current Turbines voted world's No 1 tidal power company by international panel of experts

MCT Press Release (extract) - 10th September 2009

Marine Current Turbines Ltd has been ranked as the world's leading tidal power company in the Cleantech Group's "Global Cleantech 100" survey, produced in association with the UK's Carbon Trust.

Marine Current Turbines (MCT) is the only tidal energy company featured on the global list and one of just 13 British companies that are ranked. Last year, the company was ranked 5th in the European Cleantech 100 list.

## Airbus A380 takes to skies over Bristol

Evening Post (extract) - 7<sup>th</sup> September

The Airbus A380 "Superjumbo", the largest passenger plane in the world, took to the skies over Bristol on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The enormous plane – a flight test aircraft with the serial number MSN1 – could be seen from hundreds of vantage points as it flew across the city.

The wings of the 525-seater are built in Filton, while the plane itself is manufactured at a site in Toulouse, France.

## Wallace & Gromit back Bristol's World Cup bid

Bristol City Council Press Release (extract) - 1<sup>st</sup> September

Aardman Animations and their most famous creations Wallace and Gromit are getting behind Bristol's bid to be a host city for the FIFA World Cup in 2018. The plasticine pair joined staff from Aardman at their new headquarters in Gas Ferry Road to show their support for Bristol's World Cup bid.

The Aardman stars have lent their support to put Bristol on the world map for sport, culture and tourism. The city is aiming to be part of the world's biggest sporting event in 2018. If successful, Bristol could be selected by the England 2018 bid team to host three or four First Round matches and possibly a Quarter-Final.

Miles Bullough, Head of Broadcast at Aardman Animations, said: "Aardman is proud to support Bristol's bid to be a host city for the 2018 world cup and we hope that our support will encourage others to join the campaign. It would be a fantastic boost for the city and great for football fans, in the company and across the region."



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