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Godfather of modern cooking to open restaurant in Congresbury, Bristol
 Double Tree Press Release—June

The godfather of modern cooking, Marco Pierre White, is to open a new restaurant at the South West's premier four-star hotel.

The new restaurant will open at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Bristol South, Cadbury House in Congresbury and will start to welcome guests towards the end of August.

The fiery chef, famed for his no-nonsense approach and Michelin-star food, has confirmed that his latest eaterie will be at the contemporary venue that has been transformed over the past four years following investment of around £20 million.

The opening of the new restaurant follows meetings with owner Nick Taplin and group general manager Mark Hands who are now getting the new venue ready to open later in the year.

Mark Hands, said: "We're absolutely thrilled to have someone of Marco's calibre open one of his restaurants at DoubleTree by Hilton, Cadbury House. It clearly demonstrates our commitment to continually bring the best to the venue and we can't wait for the Autumn.

New Bristol law firm takes a fresh approach
 Temple Bright Press Office (extract) —June

A new Bristol law firm focussing on corporate, commercial, property and employment work has been launched. The firm is Temple Bright, set up by a group of young lawyers whose aim is to take a fresh approach to an industry which has long been seen as stuffy and old-fashioned.

Temple Bright have rejected the traditional law firm model with its extensive staff and costly premises. The firm occupies serviced offices and uses online technology for functions such as the law library and accounts. The results are

reduced fees and a more efficient service. The firm's growth strategy involves recruiting only senior lawyers. These can work when and where they choose and for their own choice of clients. Without the usual outgoings to meet, they can take home most of the fees they earn.

Co-founder Tim Summers said, "It's great to be on the vanguard and to be doing it here in Bristol. We're excited about the future and look forward to more clients and lawyers getting on board as the economy improves."

Office block's green credentials
 Evening Post (extract) - 30th June

Bristol's newest and greenest speculative offices are about to be launched, providing more than 30,000 sq ft of sustainable commercial space in the city centre.

WestOne is part of Westmark's mixed use development near the Council House, which includes the £10 million new home for the Environment Agency in Deanery Road that replaces Cabot House.

The headquarters – due to open next year – have already achieved the highest score ever awarded by the Building Research Establishment Environmental Appraisal Method for its eco-friendly credentials.

WestOne has been given an "excellent" rating of 80.4 per cent under the same BREEAM standard and the highest bracket Energy Performance Certificate in Bristol, making it the most environmentally-friendly speculative development in the city.

Aardman retains title of 'Most Respected' Creative Company in South West
 Aardman Press Release — 23rd June

Aardman has retained its title as the 'Most Respected' Creative Company in the South West for the second year running. The Top 100 South West Creative Companies 2010, created by

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Bristol Media, also shows Aardman rising from fourth to third place in its overall league table, reflecting the company’s success over the past 12 months.

The survey also compiles a list of key creative individuals in South West, which sees Wallace & Gromit creator Nick Park and Aardman co-founder and Executive Chairman David Sproxton hold on to two of the top five places for ‘most respected’ individuals in the South West.

The league table, now in its second year, includes all major TV, digital, publishing, PR, design and marketing companies from the region in one list, ranked by income.

David Sproxton said, “It’s great to be appreciated by our professional peers for a second year. Rising a place in the official league is brilliant, but remaining the ‘most respected’ overall is something we really value as company.”

He added, “Let’s hope we can keep the region’s creative companies punching above their weight over the next few years. Competition is, after all, good for us all.”

Pie's The Limit For This Family Affair
Evening Post (extract) - 23rd June

IT may long have had a slightly stodgy image but the humble British pie has been given a makeover thanks to a Bristol family-run firm.

Instead of dishing up the classic steak and kidney pie, for years a standard offering on the pub menu, brothers-in-law Tristan Hogg and Jon Simon have given the product a gastro and gourmet image.

And demand for their range of pies including pork and bacon, minty lamb, tarragon chicken, beef, chorizo, goat’s cheese and sweet potato, is expected to send turnover of the Pieminister firm through the £5 million mark this year.

Their firm now has two shops in Bristol along

with Pieminister cafes in London, Oxford, Trentham, near Stoke-on-Trent and Derby. Their stall at London’s Borough Market, is run by Jon’s sister Camilla while the touring pie kitchen has become a familiar sight on the festival circuit.

Despite the firm’s growth – there are now nearly 100 staff on the payroll – it remains a family-run business. Jon and Tristan still oversee the making and baking of all the pies which are handmade at their kitchen in Bristol.

Pharmacy Plus and Proactive Care System
wins Bristol Evening Post award
Pharmacy Plus Press Release (extract) - 21 June

Pharmacy Plus has won a prestigious award, for its groundbreaking development of the Proactive Care System (PCS). This latest recognition came as part of this year’s Bristol Evening Post Business Awards, whose Gala night was held at the Bristol City Marriott hotel on Thursday, June 17.

Despite its relative newness and revolutionary way of operating, PCS has taken the Healthcare industry by storm this year, having already been “Highly Commended” in the high profile 2010 Patients Safety Awards.

The Proactive Care System (PCS) won due to its unique ability to help care homes and hospitals to reduce medication errors which are now costing the NHS millions of pounds each year.

In response to these challenges, Pharmacy Plus created an IT solution called the Proactive Care System (PCS). It is the first system that delivers patient safety by prompting staff when drugs are due and preventing incorrect administrations using a unique barcode validation process.

PCS further manages stock control, provides accountability and reports on every aspect of practice including near misses. Independent university led research (carried out by UWE) has shown that PCS can significantly prevent drug errors and 92% of staff interviewed would not



return to paper-based systems.

Harbour project is up for award
Evening Post—19th June

Bristol's floating harbour is among 22 buildings shortlisted for a national prize.

The Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award celebrates clients, creative designers and engineers and skilled construction teams.

Timber lock gates have been replaced and new hydraulic operating mechanisms installed.

Judges praised the design by BAM Nuttall and said the harbour presented major engineering challenges.

The awards are sponsored by the Office of Government Commerce and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. The winner will be announced on 13 October.

Apprenticeships scheme hits goal
Evening Post (extract)- 17th June

The Evening Post's campaign to get Bristol's businesses to take on 100 apprentices in 100 days achieved its goal on the very first day – inside 100 minutes.

At the launch of the Bristol daily newspaper's apprenticeships challenge last night, 13 organisations pledged to take on exactly 100 apprentices, helping change the lives of young people in our area.

These ranged from Bristol City Council – the city's largest employer – to smaller companies like disabled access equipment supplier Dolphin Lifts and medical insurers Best Health UK, which both employ five members of staff and are each looking for one apprentice.

After discovering the Post had achieved its goal, editor Mike Norton said: "It is fantastic that we have secured 100 apprenticeships on the very

first day but we want to drive on and get as many more as possible.

"The fact that we got 100 so quickly proves what a need there is for apprentices, and we are going to carry on for the next 99 days and get as many more as we can."

Bristol records private sector jobs growth
Centre for Cities report—June 2010

Bristol was the top UK city for private sector jobs growth outside London between 1998 and 2008, according to the latest Centre for Cities report. Bristol's private sector generated 37,200 additional jobs, with Manchester generating 33,700 and Leeds 25,400.

The South West created an additional 145,400 jobs, the highest proportional growth in the UK. Bristol's number represents a 15.4 per cent rise.

Academy Award for Walking with Robots programme
UWE Press Release (extract) - 7th June

Academics from the University of the West of England have won a top accolade for their work on a project to enable the public to engage with advanced robotics.

Walking with Robots has been run by a team made up of Professor Alan Winfield, Dr Karen Bultitude and Dr Claire Rocks (University of the West of England), Professor Noel Sharkey (University of Sheffield) and Professor Owen Holland (University of Sussex).

The team will receive The Royal Academy of Engineering Rooke Medal at the Academy Awards Dinner at London's Guildhall on Monday 7 June [2010] from Academy President Lord Browne of Madingley.

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Bristol Academy Secures Funding For Expansion

S&B Automotive Academy Press Release (extract) - 4th June

The UK's largest automotive academy is pushing ahead with expansion plans that will increase its capacity and improve facilities.

It follows the approval of a £500,000 capital investment grant matching a similar amount being invested by the academy itself.

It means S&B Automotive Academy in Bedminster, Bristol will be able to complete the second part of a four-phased programme to develop the academy into a complete campus.

Based on the Every Child Matters initiative the academy's development will create a more corporate feel in line with those of manufacturer's training facilities. It will also allow the academy to cater for an additional 45 learners in any one week.

UWE achieves Carbon Trust Standard

UWE Press Release—3rd June

The University of the West of England has gained the Carbon Trust Standard, a mark of excellence that has been awarded in recognition of measuring, managing and improving our carbon efficiency.

Tessa Gordelier, UWE's Energy Management Engineer, said, "Having the work we have been doing externally recognised by such a prestigious award is fantastic for the University – it shows that there is real substance behind the work going on and that it is not just green wash.

"Staff in the Estates and Facilities Services are very proud of this achievement as it proves that we have taken genuine action on climate change and is external recognition for the work that we have done. We had to demonstrate an improvement in our carbon efficiency over the last three years and undergo an on-site assessment of the processes and procedures we have in place for managing

UWE's carbon emissions."

Development completed

Evening Post—2nd June

A £1million refurbishment of a landmark building in the centre of Bristol has been completed.

The six-storey office building 100 Victoria Street in the centre of Bristol has been carried out by CB Richard Ellis Investors. The major work includes replacement of the air conditioning and completely new finishes to the office spaces and the building's reception area.

It has also been announced that Jardine Lloyd Thompson, risk specialists and employee benefits consultants, has recently renewed its lease of three floors in the building and there are a further three floors available.

Peter Martin of CB Richard Ellis commented: "100 Victoria Street is in a popular office location providing high quality office accommodation within walking distance of a wide range of the city centre's leisure and shopping facilities.

The refurbishment has created flexible accommodation that is being offered on competitive terms."

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