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### Rolls-Royce powers Dreamliner first flight



Rolls-Royce celebrated the maiden flight of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner just before Christmas, powered by the Trent 1000 engines, designed, developed and tested in Derby.

The flight in Seattle, Washington, completed the test flight of just over 3 hours and will now undergo a further nine months of rigorous testing. The Dreamliner is being touted as the future of aviation for the next 50 years. Its lightweight design combined with new technology, which will see more of its power generated by electricity rather than fuel, means it will produce 20% less carbon than conventional aircraft.

Mark King, Rolls-Royce President - Civil Aerospace, said: "Everyone at Rolls-Royce offers their warmest congratulations to Boeing on achieving this significant milestone. This is an excellent result for the Boeing 787 and Trent 1000, further developing our ability to incorporate new technologies and set new standards on operational efficiency and environmental performance."

### £50m vision to put Derby on the sporting map



A velodrome for Derby?

A multi purpose national cycling velodrome is the centerpiece of a report detailing a £50m overhaul of Derby's leisure facilities to be presented to the Council Cabinet later this month.

The proposals being considered include two leisure hubs. One outdoor hub to include an impressive 250m indoor cycling velodrome with 10 to 12 court sports hall which could also be used as a 3 - 4,000 seat concert venue and a 2km closed outdoor road cycling circuit and new athletics track. A second, indoor hub would include a new 50m pool to allow a wider range of uses including competitive swimming at a regional level and a leisure water facility.

Locations for the new services have yet to be decided and will be subject to local, public consultation, but the provision will attract local, county and regional customers and would therefore benefit from being centrally located

and close to major public transport destinations.

## University announces Derby Honorary Award winners



Simon Groom and Peter Gadsby

Former Blue Peter presenter Simon Groom, businessman Peter Gadsby and Derby County legend Roy McFarland and are among six honorary award winners the University of Derby have announced as part of its annual Awards Ceremonies in Derby.

Each year, a selection of high achievers with links to Derbyshire are decorated with the academic honorary doctorates by the University, as more than 2,000 students celebrate alongside them by collecting their own degree awards.

The ceremonies will take place later this month at the Assembly Rooms in Derby.

## Irongate Group wins £1.3m in new print contracts



Marketing Derby Bondholder, Irongate Group, has been awarded two contracts worth approximately £1.3m. The company is one of the largest providers of office supplies, furniture and print management in the east midlands.

Following a tender process, BSS Group plc, a leading distributor of plumbing and heating products, awarded Irongate a 12 month rolling contract to supply all of their operational print. The contract worth approximately £800k will see Irongate print and distribute over 180 different types of business forms and corporate stationery to 400 of BSS Group's branches in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The second new contract involves producing and distributing over £500k of training manuals for a large South Yorkshire based training company which utilises Irongate's unique print-on-demand and distribution service.

## Come in from the Cold - Gala charity concert at Cathedral



A charity gala concert is to be held at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. The aim of the concert, presented by the 'Rotary Club of Derby Daybreak' and generously sponsored by Handelsbanken, Derby, is to provide an evening of wonderful music, a warm social gathering and to raise funds primarily for the Nightingale Macmillan Unit at the Royal Derby Hospital.

The concert will feature American opera star Deborah Berioli (left), supported by Derbyshire Dalesmen Male Voice Choir and tickets are available from the Derby Cathedral Centre, Boxall Brown and Jones, both on Irongate, from Handelsbanken and by phoning 01773 599028 or 07785 242957.

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- Location: Pride Park, Derby
- What do you do/ what is your mission statement? East Midlands Trains is the new train company for the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.
- When did your business start? East Midlands Trains started on 11 November 2007.
- How many employees do you have? 2100
- What do you hope to get out of it? We are proud to serve Derby and are keen to help promote Derbyshire to customers in other parts of the country.
- How do you see business shaping Derby's future? East Midlands Trains aim to offer a high quality and efficient train service in order to encourage increased rail travel and help harness the development of the East Midlands region.

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