

## WORD ON THE WEB

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### THE SMILER IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN

Posted by Lianne

I was lucky enough to be at Alton Towers when they opened The Smiler and got on it after waiting one-and-a-half hours. I can confirm it is absolutely amazing!

### ROWDY ROOSTER GIVING FAMILIES DAWN CALL DREAD

Posted by Politiks

Banning birds from singing in the morning? We should do something about the sun rising too.

Posted by Cruella

How petty minded some people are? A rooster is nowhere near as bad as barking dogs, loud music or heavy lorries trundling past. Some people are just not happy unless they are complaining. I would advise the school to black out the windows in the chicken house, this may mean the rooster sleeps in a little longer.

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**BEFORE AND AFTER...** Tom Hartley posing at the site when it was announced (above) and the development now that it is completed (left).

# £2,000 a week for lodges built to boost tourism

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**A MULTI-MILLION pound project aimed at boosting tourism in and around a South Derbyshire village has finally opened – more than five years after plans were initially approved.**

Businessman Tom Hartley has revealed that the Ashby Woulds 'luxury lodge' complex is now up and running, in Spring Cottage Road, Overseal.

However, guests will have to have deep pockets as they will pay up to £2,000 for a week's stay in pampered surroundings.

The development cost £4 million to build and has been created to give people the 'Barbados treatment in Overseal'.

Mr Hartley, who also runs a worldwide motor business, spoke to the Mail.

He said: "Many parks can now offer an experience comparable with a good three-star hotel – but I wanted to give people a taste of what's on offer from the truly prestige end.

"In fact, many of the suppliers to our lodges already furnish some of London's most illustrious hotel names, and the beds are made by the company favoured by the Queen and royal family.

"The only difference which guests might notice is that our lodges offer

rather more living space than a hotel room, and that the view from the windows is green rather than grey."

The site will see holidaymakers 'cocooned in five-star finesse' with marble-topped kitchens, top-end electrical appliances, silver cutlery sets and complementary Champagne and chocolates.


According to Mr Hartley, the park's 20 lodges will appeal both to 'special occasion' guests, and to those always accustomed to receiving the best wherever they stay'.

"Arranging prestige accommodation in cities is never a problem, but people who find country house hotels rather stuffy have little alternative when they want to stay in rural surroundings," Mr Hartley added.

"Here they will have the space and freedom to relax in a superbly high-quality environment, and in a part of the country which offers endless leisure opportunities for all interests."

A limited number of its timber lodges will be available to buy, with prices ranging from just under £100,000 to a cool quarter of a million.

The park was recently awarded a five star grade under the Quality in Tourism scheme run by Visit England.

 What are your thoughts on the development? Tell us by heading online to [burtonmail.co.uk](http://burtonmail.co.uk)

## Sports leader course on offer



FUTURE sports leaders could get the leg-up they need with a special coaching course organised by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Young people over the age of 16 will be able to take part in the level two community sports leadership course from July 8 to 12 at Shobnall Leisure Complex.

It will cost £35 per person and will offer the chance to learn more about leading sports and physical activity in a safe manner.

Councillor Bernard Peters said: "It is a nationally recognised qualification which teaches generic leadership skills."

Visit [www.sportsleaders.org](http://www.sportsleaders.org) for more information.

## Derby College Information Evening

Thursday 13th June 2013 5.30pm - 8pm  
Held at The Roundhouse, Pride Park, Derby

Come and find out about Part-time Courses offered across all Derby College sites, including:

- The Roundhouse
- Field Road, Ilkeston
- The Joseph Wright Centre
- Broomfield Hall

- The event will also include advice on:
- Full-time School Leaver Courses
- Apprenticeships

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To save time on the night you can pre-register your contact information at [www.derby-college.ac.uk/events](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/events)

For further details on which subject areas will be in attendance Go to [www.derby-college.ac.uk/events](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/events) or call 0800 028 0289

