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Over 10,000 tickets have already been snapped up for The Women's FA Cup Final, which is sponsored by E.ON and supported by EMDA. Held at Forest's City Ground on May 7, will the record for the biggest crowd - 13,824 back in 2001 be smashed? Book now on 0871 226 1980

Celebrating Nottingham's creativity

Nottingham is to hold its first ever **Creative Business Awards** this October, to celebrate and reward the talented individuals and businesses that make Nottingham one of the most exciting cities in the UK. Organised by Nottingham Creative Network and Nottingham City Council and sponsored by HBJ Gateley Wareing, the award categories include advertising, crafts, interior design music and performing arts, amongst many others. The independent Comedia Report on creative businesses in the East Midlands (2003) showed that Nottingham hosts around half of all the creative enterprises and jobs in the region and the cultural industries contribute some **£600m per year** into the local economy. To find out more about the awards, visit www.creativethreads.org.uk

Proud of Mr Meadows

Film director Shane Meadows, one of Nottingham's most revered creative sons, is seeing his latest film **'This is England'** out on national release next Friday 27 April. Shot entirely in Nottingham, both the cast and crew are local to the area and the film was co-financed by EM-Media. This is England has already received **critical acclaim across the board**, picking up both the Special Jury prize and Youth Jury prize at the inaugural Rome Film Festival and Best British Independent Film at this year's British Independent Film Awards (BIFAs). A South Bank Show Special about Shane will be broadcast on Sunday 29 April at 11pm on ITV1 and was also filmed in Nottingham.

Skylink is soaring

More than **10,000 people** are using the Nottingham Skylink bus to get to and from East Midlands Airport. This means that passenger numbers have **increased by more than 100%** year-on-year since the service was launched in 2004.

Ozone vision one step closer

The Ozone, Nottingham's bid to win **£25m** of Big Lottery money to create a zero-carbon community in

The Meadows area of the city, has this week **received outline planning permission** from Nottingham City Council's Development Control Committee for key elements of the scheme. Designed to breathe new life into The Meadows, the **successful proposals** include an energy pavilion, energy learning centre, sports pavilion and improvements to its memorial gardens. The final bid will be submitted to the Big Lottery fund by 31st May 2007.

Music to the ears

Nottingham's extremely **healthy music scene** has somehow been whittled down to just eighteen bands and sixty-nine minutes worth of quality Nottingham sounds, for the first **showcase compilation** from the city's new Areafour Records label. Released on Monday 23 April, the CD is available to buy from www.area4records.co.uk. Areafour Records are determined to show the country exactly what Nottingham is all about (not just the bad stuff that we hear about from time to time) so watch this space for new releases featuring other genres of music.

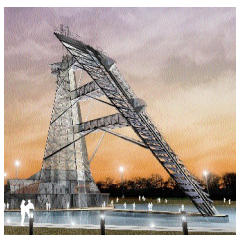
Sport Nottingham

Congratulations to local businessman **Mich Stevenson**, who has been announced as a new member of the Sport England Board. The local property developer will support the organisation as it works to sustain and **encourage participation in sport** in the run up to the 2012 Olympics through its Regional Sports Board.

And far from finally... 165 people of all ages, dressed up as Robin Hood last Saturday (April 14) to **smash the existing record** for 'the largest gathering of people dressed as Robin Hood...Get down to the Old Market Square today or tomorrow (Saturday) for the first of a regular monthly **Regional Food Fair**. Almost 40 producers and suppliers from around the East Midlands are due to take part in the market, which will be held on the third Friday and Saturday of every month...a belated congratulations to ice hockey supremos the **GMB Nottingham Panthers**, who recently skidded to victory in the final of the bmibaby Elite League Play-Off.

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The Ozone's water tower has a fourth new vision, after 1200 local people offered their thoughts and opinions on three previous options.



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