

## APPENDIX 2: Times and cityguide coverage

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### City Diary

#### Martin Waller

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### Spanish royals say adiós to their big day

**A**s this country stocks up on bunting for the Jubilee, the Spanish banking crisis and the disastrous state of the country's economy have made similar celebrations there inappropriate.

The country's King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia have scrapped an official celebration of their golden wedding anniversary next Monday.

In a country where the unemployment rate is hovering just below a quarter of the workforce, any high-profile jamboree on the part of the Royal Family might trigger unfortunate

consequences involving heads and poles. But the royals are already tarnished by a series of scandals concerning his racy private life of the King's son-in-law and corruption charges against him.

Juan Carlos is also in trouble for a Bourbon-esque trip to Botswana to shoot elephants, despite being Spain's honorary president of the World Wildlife Fund.

The Royal Family has had to concede that the anniversary celebrations will not now take place.

As someone said in another context, how very different from the home life of their own dear Queen.

● The largest onshore wind farm in England and Wales, a 76-turbine plant between Neath and Aberdare, was given the go-ahead this week. As the Department of Energy and Climate Change notice makes clear, "conditions have been included to safeguard the future extraction of coal from under the site of the wind farm". There is something nagging at the back of my mind about that. Anyone agree?

● A glossy 240-page book looking ahead to the UN's climate change conference in Rio next month devotes a whole chapter to the need to "degrow" the world's richest economies in order to reduce consumption and save the planet. It recalls that the movement really took off in 2010 at a specially convened conference in Spain.

Appropriate enough, the Spanish have shown quite a facility for "degrowing" their own economy.

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**In the blue corner**  
Chris Meares

**Q**uilter, which can trace its lineage back to 1777, has appointed an HSBC veteran as chairman. Chris Meares, 55, is the former head of HSBC's private banking arm and had worked there for 32 years in various roles.

In 2010 he moved from London to Hong Kong in a step the bank said emphasised Asia's importance to HSBC.



Quilter, which some may recall as Quilter Goodson, has passed through various hands in recent years. Last month the fund manager completed a management buy-out from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney backed by Bridgepoint.

Five years ago Meares completed his first London marathon on behalf of the Greenhouse Schools Project charity and plans to run more on different continents.



The City of London Corporation is canvassing public opinion over what should be done with one of its oldest private houses, a survivor of the Great Fire of 1666. Prince Henry's Room on Fleet Street has not been open to the public or available for hire since 2006. The corporation, its owner, has placed a survey on its website asking what should be done with the building, which dates back, in one form or another, to the 12th century and the Knights Templars, although it was rebuilt in 1610. Suggestions include exhibitions on the Great Fire, Peppys or Dickens.

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Wandsworth Museum, never before seen together. Exhibition highlights include a captivating photo of a suffragette stand at the Women's Exhibition of 1909 and a view of Trafalgar Square from 1857 taken by Roger Fenton, who is regarded as the most popular and influential British photographer of the 1850s.

In addition to the Museum of London's images, the exhibition also includes an exciting selection of historic photos of the Borough of Wandsworth from Wandsworth Museum's own collection. These 19th and early 20th century images are drawn from all parts of the borough: Balham, Battersea, Earlsfield, Putney, Roehampton, Southfields, Tooting and Wandsworth.

The exhibition runs until 12 August 2012, Tuesdays to Sundays 10 am-5 pm. Further details can be found at <http://www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk/new-wandsworth-museum/exhibitions/temporary/robin-rowe23>

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### Prince Henry's Room

The City of London Corporation owns Prince Henry's Room in Fleet Street. Since 2006 the Room has not been generally open to the public or available for private

hire. The City Corporation wishes to assess the appetite for increasing use of the room and wants your views, which you can express by going to [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk) and clicking on the relevant 'Latest News' item. You will also find a detailed history of the site there. sk



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### Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA)

The Bank of England has announced that the PRA will occupy 20 Moorgate which was formerly occupied by P Morgan/Capenove. pr

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### Staple Inn Hall

The City's Planning committee has granted planning permission for the installation of a sundial on the south elevation of Staple Inn Hall. It will be inscribed 'Staple Inn Actuarial Society 2010'. pr

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