

**Council
14 April 2011
Leader's Report**

Free Swimming

On 1 April, the Council introduced free swimming for Medway residents under 11 and over 60, in all Council run leisure centres and swimming pools.

World Heritage Site bid

Last month it was confirmed that Chatham Dockyard and its Defences is on the UK's Tentative List, along with ten other sites. One of these sites will be nominated by the UK next year for submission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation for World Heritage Site Status.

Forthcoming Festivals

The English Festival will take place on St George's Day, 23 April, at Riverside Country Park. The Sweeps Festival will follow in May and the Fuse Festival in June, which has been awarded £100,000 from the Arts Council.

Strood Academy

The Fashion Designer Zandra Rhodes turned the first sod to celebrate the beginning of the building work at Strood Academy, the first of three academies in Medway.