



New look for Max Fire

TAB Austria has redesigned its Max Fire Jukebox with a new look and a new control panel.

The upper half of the 32-inch HD touchscreen shows either the cover art or video of whatever song is currently playing, while the lower half lets users navigate through available songs, including up-to-date U.S., UK and German charts as well as an extensive archive.

Just 16cm deep, the Max Fire Jukebox HD can be connected to other screens or projectors so its output is visible around a venue. Managers can also customise the selection of songs by genre or playing time.

Carry on staycationing

Britons are likely to carry on taking their holidays within the UK even when the economic climate improves, according to new research from BDRC Continental.

In its annual survey of holidaying plans, BDRC found that 48 percent of British consumers are considering remaining in the UK for a "staycation" this year, compared with 39 percent in 2010 and 29 percent in 2009.

The firm suggests that lower costs compared to travelling abroad are not the only factor. Holidaymakers, impressed by the quality of the tourism experience available in Britain, will continue to take some vacations locally, it predicts.

"The UK holiday revival has been founded on a conscious decision to stay, based on positive experiences and improved service, rather than an inability to afford to travel abroad. This gives cause for optimism that this can be sustained well into the future, if the sector continues to innovate and meet holidaymakers' expectations," Steve Mills, director of BDRC Continental, was quoted as saying.

Police seize slots, close club

The Metropolitan Police found 20 unlicensed gaming machines in raids on sports and social clubs in the north London area of Hackney.

Working with other agencies including HM Revenue & Customs and the Gambling Commission, the Met launched the operation after a series of incidents involving firearms near Turkish sports and social clubs in the borough, also citing "heightened concern from Hackney's Turkish community".

At the Karadeniz Club on Green Lanes, three unlicensed gaming machines were seized and a closure notice was served on the premises. A further seven machines were seized from the Dilligra Social Club, also on Green Lanes, while ten were found at the Adana Social Club on Stoke Newington High Street.

The Gambling Commission said it was investigating the source of the machines.

Separately, the Commission has warned two licensed bookmakers trading as Oddsit Bookmakers and fined them £7000 for breaching licence conditions.

They had previously, at the beginning of last year, "been formally warned and had additional licence conditions imposed...for breaching licence conditions and failing to comply with social responsibility codes of practice", the Commission said.



Crystal targets Spain

Cystal is showing a new version of its Max Power for the Spanish market at the FER-Interazar trade fair in Madrid this month.

Hosted by distributor Comatel, it is exhibiting a release that combines two popular Spanish games, Ladrón de Cajas Fuertes and Casino Loco, with a Mega Premios jackpot display.

"These games are proven performers and we believe that the addition of new top-box technology and overall general appeal will prove to be a compelling proposition for operators and players alike," said Crystal sales and marketing director Simon McCarthy.

Crystal will also offer Ladrón de Cajas Fuertes as a standalone Type B game.