

Weather

- Met Office figures show that across the UK September brought average amounts of sunshine, above average temperatures and exceptionally below average amounts of rainfall

Transport news

- BAA's seven airports handled 2.16% fewer passengers in September than a year ago; domestic traffic fell 4.8%, European scheduled by 0.8% and North Atlantic by 4.7% - however traffic on other long-haul routes increased by 5.0%
- British Airways announces a pay freeze and loss of 1,700 cabin crew jobs
- In September British Airways carried 1.7% fewer passengers than a year earlier; traffic on Asia Pacific routes fell 18% and by 3% on UK/Europe routes, however, traffic to/from the Americas was up 3% and to/from the Middle East and Africa up by 4%
- From summer 2010 Jet2.com will fly to Manchester from Dubrovnik, Split and Barcelona Reus (all twice per week) and from Prague (four times per week)
- Wizz Air will introduce flights from Wroclaw to Doncaster Sheffield from July 2010
- Glasgow Airport may mothball Terminal 2 building over the winter period due to lower passenger volumes
- The number of passengers passing through the Port of Dover during September was 19.2% down on the same month of last year

Domestic Economic News

- Bank of England keeps UK interest rates on hold at 0.5% in October

European Economic News

- The value of the pound falls below €1.07 for the first time since early 2009

US Economic News

- US unemployment increased to 9.8% of the workforce in September

Global Economic News

- Australia's Central Bank increases interest rates from 3.0% to 3.25% - the first G20 nation to increase base rates in response to the gradual global economic recovery
- Singapore's economy grew by 0.8% in the third quarter of 2009 compared to the same period of last year
- UK Energy Research Council warns that global production of oil could peak in 2020
- According to President Medvedev the Russian economy will shrink by 7.5% this year

Tourism News

- The UN World Tourism Organisation report that international tourism declined by 7% in the first seven months of 2009
- Halfords reports better than expected profits which it says is in part down to growth in sales of camping equipment to those looking for value for money holiday options

Factors contributing to tourism trends in Britain, October 2009

