

# AUGUST 2012

The Olympics close with a special Blur concert, but the London 2012 Festival continues apace with Tate Modern's new oil tanks ahead of the August bank holiday.



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**LONDON OLYMPICS**

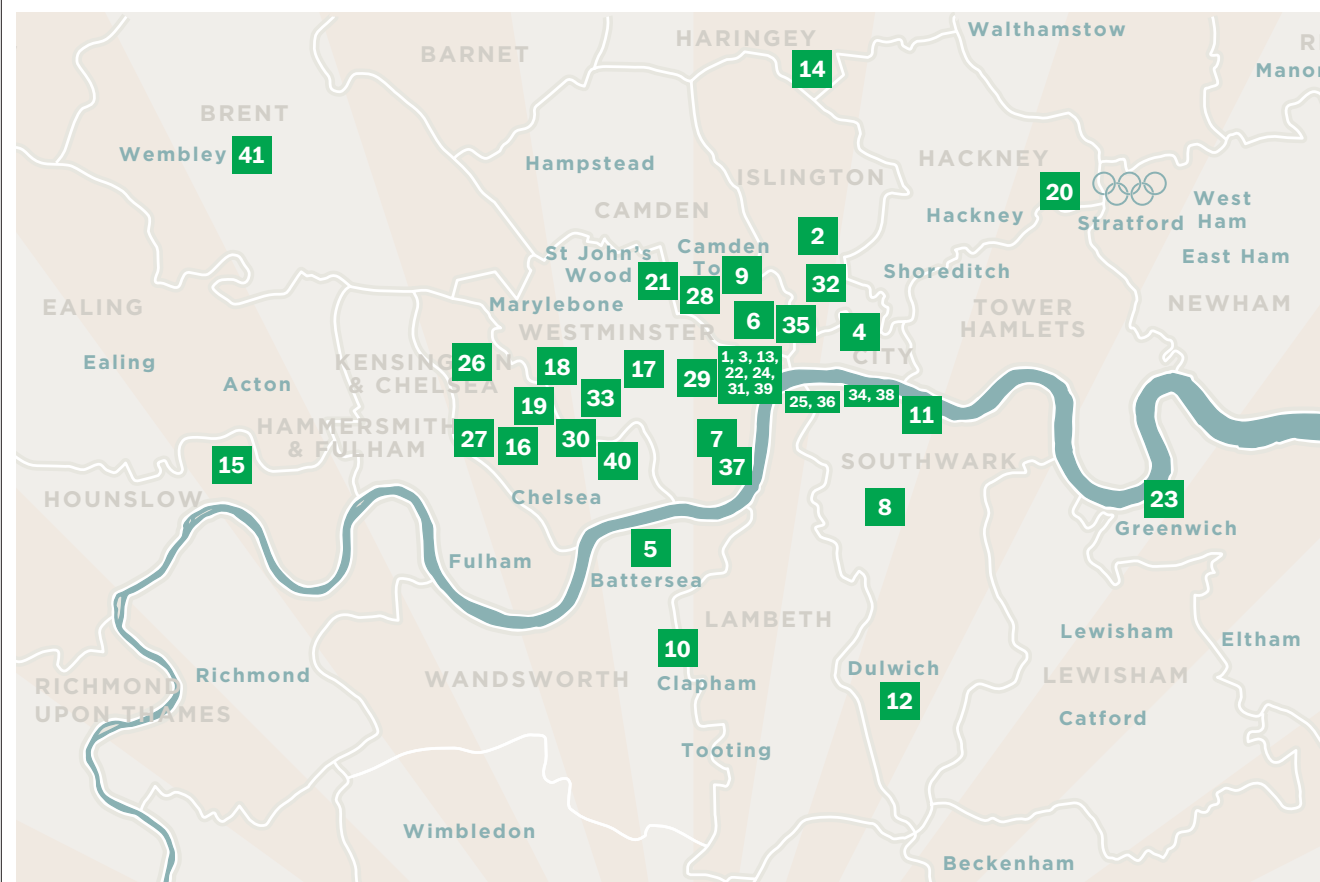
**4,700**

## Athletes bid to get their hands on gold, silver or bronze

With the Olympics in full flow we're going to see a lot of these this summer! Apparently 4,700 medals have been made for London 2012 and, interestingly, an Olympic gold medal is made up of 92.5% silver, 1.34% gold and the remainder copper. To find out more and see the medals up close, visit the Mine to Metals exhibition at the British Museum **PAGE 20**.



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# August

Carnival, cricket and concert crazy as London 2012 continues apace

Until 12<sup>th</sup>

## London 2012 Olympic Games

27th July - 12th August 2012

Various venues throughout London

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3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

## The People's Fringe

3<sup>rd</sup> - 12th August 2012

Netherhouse Farm, Waltham Abbey, London E4 7RJ

A nine day festival at the start of August celebrating sport, food and culture and offering entertaining family activities for those who were unfortunate not to get their hands on any Olympic tickets. Half an hour outside of central London and far enough away from the busy Olympic Park, The People's Fringe features multiple villages, stalls, chef demonstrations and gaming areas, with the overall theme being health, wellness and creativity. The VIP section is where you really get your money's worth - enjoy touch screen gaming pads, hot tubs, splash pools, virtual reality gaming and even a helicopter ride over London.

3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

## Jamaica Village

3<sup>rd</sup> - 12th August 2012

Finsbury Park, London N4 1EE

The Jamaica Village will bring a slice of the Caribbean to Finsbury Park this summer. In honour of the Jamaican athletes competing in the 2012 Olympics, get ready for ten days dedicated to celebrating the Jamaican lifestyle and its energy, culture, food, art and music. With strong cultural influences, this vibrant Caribbean island has plenty to celebrate and London will be embracing it all, reveling in everything that the nation is famous for. There will be traditional Jamaican dance, live performances, art and fashion and, of course, the famous jerk chicken.

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

## The Great British Beer Festival

7th - 11th August 2012

Olympia Exhibition Centre, London W14 8UX

Over 66,000 people flock to this massive celebration of our national drink, which features over 700 real ales, ciders, perries and beers from around the world. Although the Great British Beer Festival is a fun event, don't be surprised to see a lot of very serious faces and concentration; some real ale experts are genuinely obsessive - and for them this isn't merely an occasion to get sozzled. Tutored tastings are on offer for anyone who wants to learn the subtleties of what makes a great beer. Besides the amber nectar, there's a load of activities to keep you interested, including traditional pub games, live music and, to soak it all up, some hearty traditional pub snacks.

12<sup>th</sup>

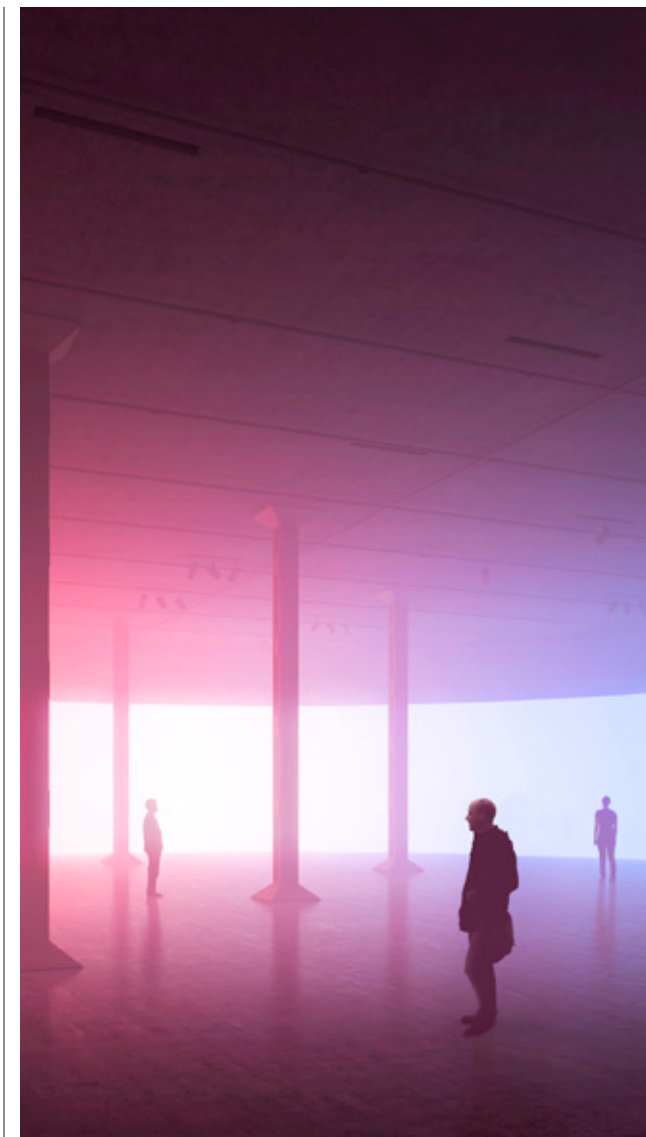
## London 2012 Olympic Closing Ceremony

Sunday 12th August 2012

London Olympic Stadium, Stratford, London E20 2ST

The grand finale of the London 2012 Games takes place at the Olympic Stadium and includes a handover to the next host city, Rio. For the elaborate closing ceremony at Beijing 2008, media estimates put the global television audience at anything from one to four billion people - so it's safe to say all eyes will be on London as the 30th Olympiad comes to an end. Leading choreographer and creative director Kim Gavin, the inspirational force behind many Take That shows and performances, has been appointed Artistic Director for the Closing Ceremony, which traditionally features a march of the athletes, the hoisting of the flags, speeches and the poignant extinguishing of the Olympic Flame - as well as one final

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Tate Modern's new annexe is unveiled for the London 2012 Festival

From 1<sup>st</sup>

## Tate Modern Oil Tanks

1st July - 1st November 2012

Tate Modern, Bankside, London SE1 9TG

**A** DRAMATIC NEW DEVELOPMENT at the Tate Modern opens this summer as three 30x7 metre oil tanks display art in live form. The giant underground chambers have remained unused since the power station was decommissioned in 1981 and will now be incorporated into Tate's new annexe, playing host to new audio and performance works, installations and film. Anonymous contributors have helped to raise 70% of the £215 million costs and the tanks will be open as part of the London 2012 Festival, the showpiece finale to the Cultural Olympiad.

25<sup>th</sup> July until 12<sup>th</sup> August  
London 2012 Olympic Games

25<sup>th</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Various venues throughout London and nationwide

		Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Archery	Lord's Cricket Ground																			
Athletics	Olympic Stadium																			
Athletics: Marathon	The Mall																			
Athletics: Race Walk	The Mall																			
Badminton	Wembley Arena																			
Basketball	Olympic Park & O2																			
Beach Volleyball	Horse Guards Parade																			
Boxing	ExCeL																			
Canoe Slalom	Lee Valley White Water																			
Canoe Sprint	Eton Dorney																			
Cycling: BMX	Olympic Park - BMX Track																			
Cycling: Mountain Bike	Hadleigh Farm																			
Cycling: Road	The Mall & Hampton Court																			
Cycling: Track	Velodrome																			
Diving	Aquatics Centre																			
Equestrian: Dressage	Greenwich Park																			
Equestrian: Eventing	Greenwich Park																			
Equestrian: Jumping	Greenwich Park																			
Fencing	ExCeL																			
Football	Various venues nationwide																			
Gymnastics: Artistic	North Greenwich Arena																			
Gymnastics: Rhythmic	Wembley Arena																			
Gymnastics: Trampoline	North Greenwich Arena																			
Handball	Olympic Park																			
Hockey	Riverbank arena																			
Judo	ExCeL																			
Modern Pentathlon	Various London venues																			
Rowing	Eton Dorney																			
Sailing	Weymouth and Portland																			
Shooting	Royal Artillery Barracks																			
Swimming	Aquatics Centre																			
Swimming: Marathon	Hyde Park																			
Synchro Swimming	Aquatics Centre																			
Table Tennis	ExCeL																			
Taekwondo	ExCeL																			
Tennis	Wimbledon																			
Triathlon	Hyde Park																			
Volleyball	Earls Court																			
Water Polo	Water Polo Arena																			
Weightlifting	ExCeL																			
Wrestling: Freestyle	ExCeL																			
Wrestling: Greco-Roman	ExCeL																			

From 29<sup>th</sup> August  
London 2012 Paralympic Games

29<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Various venues throughout London and nationwide

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Athletics	Olympic Stadium												
Athletics: Marathon	The Mall												
Boccia	ExCeL												
Cycling: Road	Brands Hatch												
Cycling: Track	Velodrome												
Equestrian	Greenwich Park												
Football: 5-a-side	Riverbank arena												
Football: 7-a-side	Riverbank arena												
Goalball	Olympic Park, Copper Box												
Judo	ExCeL												
Powerlifting	ExCeL												
Rowing	Eton Dorney												
Sailing	Weymouth and Portland												
Shooting	Royal Artillery Barracks												
Swimming	Aquatics Centre												
Table Tennis	ExCeL												
Volleyball (Sitting)	ExCeL												
Wheelchair Basketball	North Greenwich Arena (O2) & Basketball Arena												
Wheelchair Fencing	ExCeL												
Wheelchair Rugby	Basketball Arena												
Wheelchair Tennis	Eton Manor												

LONDON FOR FREE

WHERE TO WATCH FOR FREE

Missed out on tickets? You can still watch live events for free.

SOME OLYMPIC EVENTS pass through central London and its surroundings making for a great free day out for spectators. The marathons take in landmarks such as St Paul's Cathedral and the Houses of Parliament; fans will be able to line the streets with the exception of the ticketed finish area along The Mall. Other free athletics events on the streets of London are the 20km and 50km race walks.

The cycling time trial events take place at Hampton Court and Bushy Park in south-west London, and both road races begin and end at The Mall. While access to the finish line area will be ticketed, spectators will be allowed to watch everywhere else. Passing through Fulham and Putney, the route cuts through Richmond Park,

Twickenham and Bushy Park, and then heads down through Surrey before several circuits of a challenging loop around Box Hill. The route then takes the riders back to central London via Hampton Court, Kingston and Richmond Park.

Parts of the cycling section of the triathlon events will be accessible for free although the swimming in the Serpentine and running leg in Hyde Park are ticketed.

There are fewer Paralympic events free to the public, but spectators may acquire special day passes which enable them to see more than one sport in a day at the Olympic Park, ExCeL Centre and Royal Artillery Barracks. Each London 2012 ticket also includes free travel on public transport for the day of the event.

LONDON OLYMPICS

THE STATS

This summer's games in numbers

TOTAL COST

£11.3 billion

OLYMPIC STADIUM COST

£537 million

AQUATICS CENTRE COST

£214 million

OLYMPIC ATHLETES

10,500

OLYMPIC EVENTS

302

OLYMPIC VENUES

32

TOTAL CAPACITY

700,000

PARALYMPIC ATHLETES

4,200

PARALYMPIC EVENTS

503

TOTAL TICKETS

9.6 million

GLOBAL TV AUDIENCE

2 billion

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

205

OLYMPIC SPORTS

26

PARALYMPIC SPORTS

20

EVENTS AT OLYMPIC STADIUM

208

SIZE OF OLYMPIC PARK

587 acres

...cultural spectacle, plus a look ahead at the 2016 Games and the next host city in Brazil. If the handover at Beijing 2008 is anything to go by - it included a red London bus and an appearance by David Beckham - then the global audience will be treated with a mini Rio Carnival and a cameo by Pelé.

12<sup>th</sup>

### BT London Live Closing Concert: *Blur, The Specials, New Order*

Sunday 12th August 2012

Hyde Park, London W2 2UH

Blur will be headlining the BT London Live 2012 Olympics Closing Ceremony Celebration Concert at Hyde Park on the same day as the official Closing Ceremony on 12th August 2012. Returning to the scene of their 2009 Hyde Park performance, Blur's Damon Albarn, Graham Coxon, Alex James and Dave Rowntree will be joined by special guests including New Order's Peter Hook, Stephen Morris, and Bernard Sumner who reunited in December last year, and Coventry band The Specials who reformed for a 30th anniversary tour in 2009. Concert goers can also watch the London 2012 Olympic Closing Ceremony at the Olympic

Park in East London on giant screens in the park. This is a rare chance to see Blur live in concert - their only other scheduled performance this year was at the Brit Awards. Throughout the Games, BT London Live is offering plenty of other opportunities for the public to catch London 2012 sporting action live on big screens and enjoy free entertainment with Hyde Park, Victoria Park and Trafalgar Square as hubs of activity.

### From 15<sup>th</sup> Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*

15th August - 15th September 2012

Barbican Theatre, London EC2Y 8DS

Bursting onto the Broadway stage back in 1945, *Carousel* is one of the great American musicals. Performance producers Opera North now breathe fresh life into the much loved Rodgers and Hammerstein original as it arrives at London's Barbican in August. This carnival themed romance tells the ill-fated tale of bad boy Billy Bigelow and his sweetheart Julie Jordan. The show will run for five weeks with its brand new cast and live orchestra, giving a whole new generation of theatre-goers a chance to enjoy classic love

songs like, 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and 'If I Loved You.'

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

### Investec 3rd Test: *England v South Africa*

16th - 20th August 2012

Lord's Cricket Ground, London, NW8 8QN

England take on South Africa in the final Test match of the English summer as these two formidable sides square off to perhaps decide the series and the number one ranking in Test match cricket. The final Test of the summer is always a show-piece occasion for the English game - over the past few years, the last game of the year has seen the Ashes regained (2009), a spot-fixing scandal with Pakistan that would engulf the sport (2010) and a comprehensive win over India that saw England crowned as the best team in the world (2011). The world's best players will be on show: Dale Steyn, James Anderson, AB de Villiers, Kevin Pietersen, Morne Morkel, Stuart Broad... Will the touring South Africans be able to burst the English bubble?

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

### Battersea Park Foodies Festival

17th - 19th August 2012

Battersea Park, London SW11 4NJ



England's Alastair Cook will hope to be in the runs at Lord's

Meet Michelin starred chefs, see live demonstrations and sample food from London's top restaurants at the Foodies Festival at Battersea Park. Cooking is made to look easy thanks to demos from top chefs - and if the mere thought of all that makes you hungry then you can head straight to the restaurant tents where you can sample signature dishes from well known restaurants. Wash it all down with posh fizz from Veuve Clicquot and you can guarantee an atmosphere of bon viveur. It's a winning combination of sampling, slurping and learning - all in the open air. See also: Hampton Court Foodie Festival **PAGE 56**

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

### LolliBop

17th - 19th August 2012

Regent's Park, London NW1 4NR

A festival especially for the under-10s, LolliBop - "the big bash for little people" - returns to Regent's Park this summer. You can expect live music on the bandstand and circus fun in the Big Top, as well as plenty of activities where parents and children can get involved with workshops on hula hooping, body popping and creating a carnival costume. In fact, dressing up is positively encouraged - you're advised to come in your best fancy dress. There's something for all the family including fairground rides for the kids and a dedicated baby change tent for parents. If that's not enough you can always run away to the LolliBop circus and be entertained by the talented troupe of performers. A wonderful concept - and great to know London's kids are not being forgotten.

19<sup>th</sup>

### London Mela

Sunday 19th August 2012

Gunnersbury Park, London W3 8LQ

This wonderful celebration of Asian music and culture always draws a big crowd of over 50,000 visitors with its line-up of British Asian music, Bollywood figures and traditional and classical performances. One of the biggest celebrations of Asian music and culture outside the Indian subcontinent, this year's festival is still in the planning stages but previous years have seen nine different zones, all showcasing different types of music with urban, classical and experimental music, DJs, circus and comedy as well as dance, arts, a children's play area and stalls selling food and handicrafts.

19<sup>th</sup>

### Carnaval del Pueblo

Sunday 19th August 2012

Burgess Park, Walworth, London SE5 0RJ

This loud, colourful Carnaval del Pueblo is a chance for London's Latin Americans to celebrate their roots in the capital - and a massive fiesta for all those who attend. In 2011 the festival had to be cancelled due to work on Burgess Park, so this long awaited event has the potential to be a

seriously rumbustious affair. Proceedings kick off at midday when a procession of brightly-coloured floats are paraded down the streets of Southwark, admired by over 100,000 people. The route winds its way to Elephant & Castle and then on to the park, where revellers can enjoy regionally-themed food, drink, live music and, of course, dance late into the night.

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

### Film4 FrightFest

23rd - 27th August 2012

Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, London WC2H 7NA

The Empire Cinema will once again host the Film4 FrightFest this August. The home of horror, the festival has been running since 2009 and has rapidly grown in popularity. With four days of screenings, audiences can expect to be scared witless with a devilishly delightful line-up of premieres, previews and special screenings of fantasy and horror films. FrightFest organiser Paul McEvoy chose the following as his top picks from the 2011 festival: Kill List, Dedheads, The Theatre Bizarre and Inbred, as well as the annual interactive event, FrightFest International Short Film Showcase/ Andy Nyman's Quiz from Hell. With previous years' events welcoming a number of esteemed



The American musical *Carousel* has a five-week run at the Barbican

visitors, including Danny Boyle, 2012 is set to see even more cushion grabbing movies and an array of celebrity guests and talks.

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### Carnegie Challenge Cup Final

Saturday 25th August 2012

Wembley Stadium, London HA9 0WS

The Carnegie Challenge Cup Final returns to Wembley Stadium for one of the most eagerly anticipated dates in the rugby league calendar. Wigan Warriors saw off Leeds Rhinos in last year's final, their first visit

to Wembley in 13 years. Their 28-18 victory brought them an 18th Challenge Cup crown, a record in rugby league. Though it gets less media coverage than rugby union (or cricket for that matter), rugby league is the second most popular team sport in Britain, and the only thing apart from football that fills big stadiums every week with noisy, passionate fans. In spite of the game's roots in the North, the Carnegie Challenge Cup is now open to a few teams from France and Russia, and the Final, the showpiece of the domestic calendar, takes place in London.



Three years after their legendary open-air comeback concert, Damon Albarn's Blur return to Hyde Park



South West Four: Clapham Common's August bank holiday dance music festival is a huge favourite with London's hardcore clubbers

## 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> South West Four Weekender

25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Clapham Common, London  
SW4 9DE

Chase and Status, Carl Cox and Erick Morillo all feature on the opening Saturday of this summer's South West Four Weekender. Previous acts to perform at the open air inner city two-day festival of dance-music include Fatboy Slim and Dutch trance master Armin van Buuren, while last year's line-up featured Underworld, Pendulum and Magnetic Man. Taking place on Saturday and Sunday (leaving you the bank holiday Monday to recover), "SW4" has proved a great success over its first eight years, filling Clapham Common with revellers united in the knowledge that they don't have to slum it in a tent and that there's no work the next day - so the party can go on and on. The music may finish at around 9pm both nights but there are after-parties for those keen on all-night revelry.

## 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Notting Hill Carnival

26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Notting Hill, London W11 3AG  
Held since 1966, the Notting Hill Carnival was originally a local affair for west London's home-sick Caribbean community and

has evolved into Europe's biggest street party. With 2012 being the year to be in London there are rumours that this year's show will be even more extravagant than usual. Carnival sets London on fire in a blaze of Caribbean spirit as extravagantly costumed dancers, calypso and soca musicians, giant sound-systems and steel bands are joined by over a million revellers of all ages. Sunday is officially Children's Day, but there are loads of kids on both days enjoying the bright colours of the floats and the dancers' feathered costumes. Adults can shake their booties at dozens of stages: our favourites are Channel 1's booming dub, and the jazz-reggae at Gaz's Rockin' Blues, but there are tunes for all tastes, from house to hip-hop. It's a huge area, and can get very crowded, so be prepared for an exhausting day out, but for anyone who loves a party, Carnival remains the absolute highlight of the London summer.

## 29<sup>th</sup> London 2012 Paralympic Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012

London 2012 Olympic Stadium,  
London E20 2ST

A month after the start of the London 2012 Olympics, the London 2012 Paralympics get

underway with the Opening Ceremony at the Olympic Stadium. Leading British creative talents Bradley Hemmings and Jenny Sealey MBE are the Artistic Directors of the Opening Ceremony, which will showcase some of the UK's best creative performers as well as run through a raft of traditions, such as the raising of the Paralympic and Host Nation's flag, the Athletes' Parade, the speeches, the arrival of the Paralympic Torch and the lighting of the Paralympic Flame.

## From 29<sup>th</sup> London 2012 Paralympic Games

29<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012

London has a particularly strong connection with the Paralympics as the first Games dedicated entirely to disabled athletes were held in the city back in 1948, as a result of the large number of World War II veterans who were physically disabled but still eager and able to compete. Known as the Stoke Mandeville Games, they were carried out between clubs and hospitals and were the brainchild of Sir Ludwig Guttmann, a neurologist who was working with war veterans and using sport as a part of their rehabilitation. Fifty-four years later the Paralympics are an established and integral part of the Games, with their



Jonathan Pryce plays the lead in *King Lear* at the Almeida

own history of victories, losses and scandals. Held two weeks after the Olympic Games, the programme consists of twenty sporting disciplines **PAGE 111**, ranging from wheelchair basketball to athletics and sailing. The competitors are categorised under six different types of mental and physical disability, but the ultimate aim of the Paralympics is to celebrate the participants' athletic strengths and not their disabilities.

## From 31<sup>st</sup> King Lear

31<sup>st</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012

Almeida Theatre, Islington,  
London N1 1TA

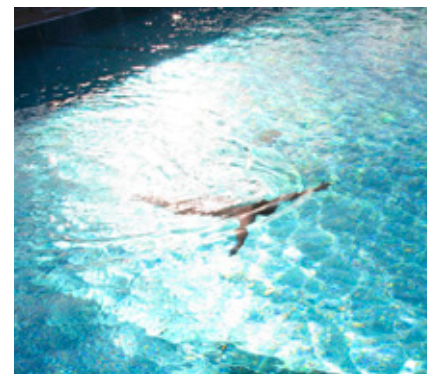
Michael Attenborough, son of actor Richard, brings Shakespeare's greatest tragedy to life at the Almeida Theatre, with award-winning actor Jonathan Pryce playing the title role in *King Lear*. Forming part of the World Shakespeare Festival **PAGE 33**, the show runs for 14 performances at the end of the summer (there is a longer production run until November 3<sup>rd</sup>, available only for Almeida members) and is brought lovingly to the intimate stage at the Almeida. Pryce takes on the complex role of King Lear, as he asks each of his three daughters to profess their love for him but is not satisfied by the honest answer of his youngest child and banishes her from his kingdom. Once he realises his mistake, it is too late and he descends into madness. Given Pryce's pull and the reputation of the Almeida Theatre in Islington, *King Lear* will be one of the most heavily subscribed productions in the World Shakespeare Festival.



Great Britain Paralympic sailing team at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

# NINE OF THE BEST LONDON LIDOS

Only the truly fearless can brave the pools of steel that stay open year round, but there's no better way to spend a summer's day in London than soaking up the sun at one of the city's historic lidos.



### 01 Parliament Hill Lido HAMPSTEAD NW5

Following an extravagant revamp, this is one of London's more spacious outdoor pools. Its stainless steel helps to retain the heat.



### 02 Hampstead Heath Ponds HAMPSTEAD

Once a reservoir, the ponds have been frequented by swimmers for centuries. With ponds for men and women as well as a mixed pond.



### 03 London Fields Lido LONDON FIELDS E8

If you want lido luxury, then this is your best bet. Olympic sized and with a heater to keep it temperate all year round.



### 04 Serpentine Lido HYDE PARK W2

Londoners have been swimming in the Serpentine for centuries. Opening its gates every summer, it hasn't lost any of its natural charm.



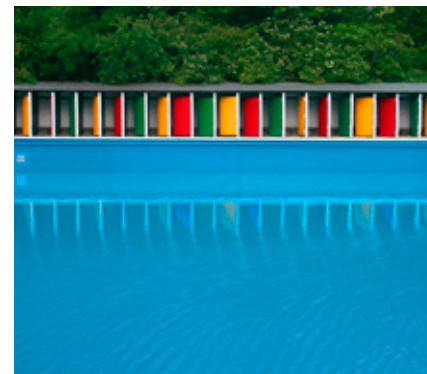
### 05 Hillingdon Outdoor UXBRIDGE UB8

Previously called 'Uxbridge Lido' the outdoor pool has been restored to maintain the Grade II-listed features of the original 1935 pool.



### 06 Hampton Open Air Pool HAMPTON TW12

On the edge of Bushy Park, the heated waters at Hampton are inviting all year round. In July, picnic concerts are staged by the pool.



### 07 Tooting Bec Lido LONDON SW16

90m long and London's first purpose built lido, upgrades have kept the pool in great shape. In fact, it now features saunas and jacuzzis.



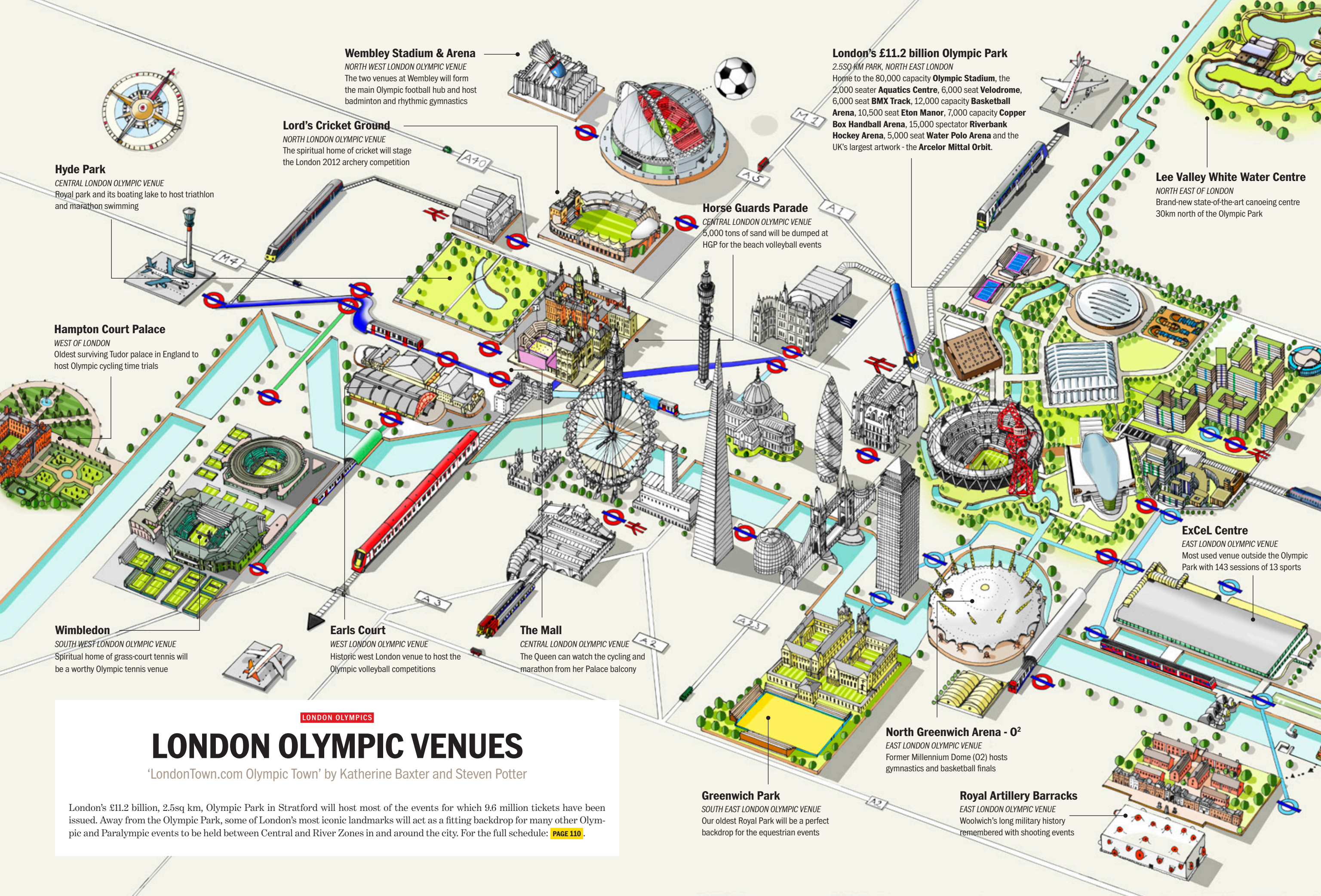
### 08 Ruislip Lido LONDON HA4 7TY

Build sandcastles on the beach at Ruislip Lido where visitors can walk around the lake or take a trip on the narrow gauge railway.



### 09 Brockwell Lido BROCKWELL PARK SE24

Nicknamed 'Brixton Beach,' the lido – built in 1937 – is an urban oasis adjacent to an extensive park with a very good cafe.



### Wembley Stadium & Arena

**NORTH WEST LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
The two venues at Wembley will form the main Olympic football hub and host badminton and rhythmic gymnastics

### Lord's Cricket Ground

**NORTH LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
The spiritual home of cricket will stage the London 2012 archery competition

### Hyde Park

**CENTRAL LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
Royal park and its boating lake to host triathlon and marathon swimming

### Hampton Court Palace

**WEST OF LONDON**  
Oldest surviving Tudor palace in England to host Olympic cycling time trials

### Wimbledon

**SOUTH WEST LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
Spiritual home of grass-court tennis will be a worthy Olympic tennis venue

### Earls Court

**WEST LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
Historic west London venue to host the Olympic volleyball competitions

### The Mall

**CENTRAL LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
The Queen can watch the cycling and marathon from her Palace balcony

### Horse Guards Parade

**CENTRAL LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
5,000 tons of sand will be dumped at HGP for the beach volleyball events

### London's £11.2 billion Olympic Park

**2.5SQ KM PARK, NORTH EAST LONDON**  
Home to the 80,000 capacity **Olympic Stadium**, the 2,000 seater **Aquatics Centre**, 6,000 seat **Velodrome**, 6,000 seat **BMX Track**, 12,000 capacity **Basketball Arena**, 10,500 seat **Eton Manor**, 7,000 capacity **Copper Box Handball Arena**, 15,000 spectator **Riverbank Hockey Arena**, 5,000 seat **Water Polo Arena** and the UK's largest artwork - the **Arcelor Mittal Orbit**.

### Lee Valley White Water Centre

**NORTH EAST OF LONDON**  
Brand-new state-of-the-art canoeing centre 30km north of the Olympic Park

### ExCeL Centre

**EAST LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
Most used venue outside the Olympic Park with 143 sessions of 13 sports

### North Greenwich Arena - O<sup>2</sup>

**EAST LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
Former Millennium Dome (O2) hosts gymnastics and basketball finals

### Greenwich Park

**SOUTH EAST LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
Our oldest Royal Park will be a perfect backdrop for the equestrian events

### Royal Artillery Barracks

**EAST LONDON OLYMPIC VENUE**  
Woolwich's long military history remembered with shooting events

LONDON OLYMPICS

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London's £11.2 billion, 2.5sq km, Olympic Park in Stratford will host most of the events for which 9.6 million tickets have been issued. Away from the Olympic Park, some of London's most iconic landmarks will act as a fitting backdrop for many other Olympic and Paralympic events to be held between Central and River Zones in and around the city. For the full schedule: [PAGE 110](#).