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.
**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 Medals exhibition at the British Museum...
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London 2012 Olympic Games
27th July - 12th August 2012
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3rd - 12th
The People’s Fringe
3rd - 12th August 2012
Netherfield 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, chief 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.

3rd - 12th
Jamaica Village
3rd - 12th August 2012
Finsbury Park, London N4 1XE
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, revealing in everything that the nation is famous for. There will be traditional Jamaican dances, live performances, art and fashion and, of course, the famous jerk chicken.

7th - 11th
The Great British Beer Festival
7th – 11th August 2012
Olympia Exhibition Centre, London W14 8UX
Over 60,000 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-enthusiasts are genuinely obsessive - and for them this isn’t merely an occasion to get sozzled. 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.

12th
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 Gern, the inspirational forces 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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Where to watch for free

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**From 29th August London 2012 Paralympic Games**
29th August – 9th September 2012
Various venues throughout London and nationwide

**London 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. Olympic 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.
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Great Britain Paralympic sailing team at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

has evolved into Europe’s biggest street party. With 2012 being the year to be in Lon- don there are rumours that this year’s show will be even more extravagant than usual. Car- nival sets London on fire in a blaze of Caribbean spirit as extravagantly costumed dance- ers, calypso and soca musicians, giant sound-systems and steel bands are joined by over a mil- lion 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 du- ens 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.

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**25th & 26th South West Four Weekender**
25th – 26th August 2012
Chapman Common, London
SW4 9ER
Chase and Status, Carl Cox and Erick Morillo all feature on the opening Saturday of this sum- mer’s South West Four Week- ender. 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, Pondu- lum 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 Chapman 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 but there are after- party options for those keen on all- night revelry.

**26th – 27th Notting Hill Carnival**
26th August – 27th August 2012
Notting Hill, London W11 3AG
Held since 1966, the Notting Hill Carnival, London’s home for west London’s Caribbean community and an affair for west London’s home sick Caribbean community and its diaspora, has become an annual celebration of London’s West Indian heritage.

Jonathan Pryce plays the lead in King Lear at the Almeida theatre. The show runs for 14 weeks. Following an extravagant revamp, this is one of London’s more spacious outdoor pools. Its stainless steel helps to retain the heat.

Parliament Hill Lido HAMPSTEAD NW9
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Hampstead Heath Ponds HAMPSTEAD NW3
Once a reserve, the ponds have been frequented by swimmers for centuries. With ponds for men and women as well as a mixed pond.

London Fields Lido LONDON E2
If you want lido luxury, then this is your best bet. Olympic sized and with a heater to keep it temperate all year round.

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

Serpentine Lido HYDE PARK W2
Once a reservoir, the ponds have been frequented by swimmers for centuries. With ponds for men and women as well as a mixed pond.

Ruislip Lido LONDON HA4 7TY
Built sanitariums on the banks of the outdoor lido where visitors can walk around the lake or take a trip on the narrow gauge railway.

Tooting Bec Lido LONDON SW17
One of London’s first purpose built lidos, upgrades have kept the pool in great shape. In fact, it now features saunas and jacuzzis.

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Hampton Open Air Pool HAMPTON TW12
On the edge of Richmond Park, the heated waters at Hampton are inviting all year round. In July, picnic concerts are staged by the pool.
London's £11.2 billion Olympic Park

Home to the 80,000 capacity Olympic Stadium, the 2,000 seated 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.

North Greenwich Arena - 0²

Former Millennium Dome (0²) hosts gymnastics and basketball finals.

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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.