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Welcome, to the July 2012 Newsletter

In this issue: Visits from Antigua and Bermuda, Surrey County Council Wins Inspire Mark, World Record Attempt at Open Weekend, Training Opportunities and more. If you wish to share your 2012 stories, please email london2012@surreycc.gov.uk

Pre-Games training camps

Antigua and Bermuda visit Surrey

The Surrey 2012 Team have recently hosted visits from Antigua and Barbuda, and Bermuda. Both countries were shown the sports facilities at Guildford Spectrum Leisure Complex and Surrey Sports Park in Guildford.

It is Antigua and Barbuda's second visit to Surrey. Cllr Denise Saliagopoulos, Cabinet Member for the 2012 Games said *"Both visits demonstrated to the Olympic Committee officials the range of fantastic facilities that Surrey has to offer and gave them a sense of the welcome they can expect. This is a marvellous opportunity for Surrey and we are really looking forward to welcoming the teams, helping to bring success to all those involved."*



Chet Green, President of Antigua and Barbuda (right) visits Guildford Spectrum Leisure Centre and is presented with a Surrey County Cricket Shirt by Cllr Ian Lake.

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Be a Guinness World Record holder: 3,000 people wanted

Runnymede Borough Council is supporting a unique event to celebrate Open Weekend, as part of the UK's Cultural Olympiad celebrations. 3,000 people are wanted to join in the fun in a world record attempt to have the most people doing jumping jacks for two minutes.

More details of Open Weekend events in Surrey are on page 5.

Egham Leisure Centre

11.30am, 25 July 2010

For more information please visit:

www.eghamleisurecentre.co.uk/

or to register your interest please email:

elc@runnymede.gov.uk



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Celebrating Surrey- inspiring the next generation of Surrey talent

Celebrating Surrey, held on 26 and 27 July, was the county's first ever multi-disciplinary arts and cultural weekend. Thousands of people spent a glorious weekend enjoying local community arts and crafts from over 160 voluntary community and arts organisations, as well as performances from internationally renowned artists from across the world.

Surrey Arts was awarded an Inspire Mark for their International Flag Exchange Project (see more on pg4)



Front row (left to right): Cllr Ian Lake, Cllr Lavinia Sealy and Cllr Denise Saliagopoulos with Australian performance artists from the Spaghetti Circus Touring Troupe.



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The Surrey 2012 team worked with Surrey Arts to achieve Surrey County Council's first London 2012 Inspire mark. This coveted award was given to the International Flag Exchange project, where Surrey schools have taken part and created flags with partner schools from around the world, resulting in a stunning display of over 100 flags.



This unique project has received the mark from the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG), which

endorses the project as being part of the Cultural Olympiad and meets standards of excellence. The project has involved close working between Surrey school children and their counterparts from schools around the world.

About Inspire Marks

An Olympic and Paralympic first, the London 2012 Inspire programme officially recognises outstanding non-commercial projects and events inspired by the Games. The Inspire programme is an opportunity for everyone to be a part of the London 2012 Games; it spans sport, education, sustainability, volunteering, business and culture. New opportunities are being created to inspire young people and encourage communities in every part of the country to be a part of London 2012.

Sue Gurney, South East's Inspire Programmer, is the person to contact for non-cultural Inspire mark projects. *"As well as nurturing new Inspire projects, I have been visiting existing projects such as Personal Best, I am really keen to raise awareness of the Inspire Programme in order to encourage local authorities and other non-commercial organisations to work in partnership to develop outstanding, innovative projects that could be Inspire marked."*



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Open Weekend: 23 - 25 July

Open Weekend is the national celebration that marks the two year countdown to the opening of the 2012 Games.

The aim of Open Weekend is to highlight local sporting and cultural opportunities that people can take part in. It will also offer sports taster sessions and tours of Surrey's sporting and cultural arts facilities. So if you would like to try a new sport or visit a facility then take advantage of this brilliant opportunity to find out more about what is available in your area and get involved.



OPEN WEEKEND EVENTS:

Theatre Meadows: Theatre and Circus Festival

Farnham Maltings, Farnham

23 – 25 July 2010

The circus is coming to Farnham and you're all invited. Held in a big top tent and organised by young adults (aged 14-26) the weekend will include professional performances, workshops and market stalls that will appeal to all ages.

Tickets are free for anyone aged 25 and under.

www.farnhammaltings.com/events/8492/157/Theatre_Meadows.aspx

Surrey Heritage Open Day

Surrey History Centre, Woking

10.30am – 3.30pm, 24 July 2010

Explore behind the scenes at Surrey Heritage, an opportunity to attend talks given by Surrey Heritage experts, take a tour of the building and get hands on with artefacts and archives. A series of talks by staff will introduce different aspects of work carried out by Surrey Heritage.

www.surreycc.gov.uk/sccwebsite/sccwspages.nsf/searchresults/90629cc9f85c990a8025773500476123?OpenDocument

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Summer Fun Fest

Lammas Park, Staines
12am - 4pm, 24 July 2010

Try something new today! Sports, games, bouncy castle, theatre show, face painting, stilt walkers and more. Something for all ages.

<http://www.london2012.com/events/summer-fun-fest.php>

GLL Open Day

Rainbow Leisure Centre, Epsom
10am – 5pm, 24 July 2010

Ever wanted to shoot 2,012 basketball hoops? Want to be set this olympic style challenge? Rainbow Leisure Centre enables you to do just this whilst celebrating the London 2012 Open Weekend with a selection of free activities. For this weekend only, Rainbow Leisure Centre is offering memberships with no joining fees. <http://www.london2012.com/events/gll-open-day-rainbow-leisure-centre.php>

Queen Mary Sailing Club

Club House, Ashford
24 –25 July 2010

Queen Mary Sailing Club, the home of Sarah Ayton and Sarah Webb, double Olympic Gold Medallists, offers members of the public the opportunity to learn to sail and windsurf. Over this weekend their doors are open to anyone who would like to try the sport for the first time. Sessions are FREE and include tuition, boats, wetsuits and buoyancy aids. All you need to do is register for one of the timed sessions and come along and enjoy the day. The event is open to anyone from the age of 8 upwards. Contact 01784 248881 to book your place now.

www.queenmary.org.uk

World Record Attempt

Egham Leisure Centre
11.30am, 25 July 2010

Everyone is welcome to come along and be part of a world record attempt for the largest number of people performing jumping jacks for 2 minutes non-stop

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For more information please visit: www.eghamleisurecentre.co.uk/

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Street Clash

Portsmouth Road Car Park

Guildford

11.30am – 6pm, 25 July 2010

An Open Youth Festival to engage young people in sport, arts, dance and music. There will be a skate park, basketball and football, dance demonstrations and workshops, carnival arts and a digital art wall. Dance demos and workshops will also be available, and there will be a battle of the bands competition as the event finale.

For more information please visit www.guildford.gov.uk/streetclash

The Surrey 2012 team can publicise your open weekend events.

For more information contact london2012@surreycc.gov.uk

Register your event by clicking <http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/open-weekend/>

Business

The 2012 Games offers a unique opportunity for Surrey Business to get involved and generate major benefits to the county. Already more than 60% of Games related contracts in the South East have been awarded to businesses in Surrey via the CompeteFor portal. This results in over 80 Surrey companies bringing millions of pounds into the Surrey and even includes the contract for construction of the Velodrome.

Local companies can improve their chances of putting together successful tenders by attending free courses that are being held in Surrey this month. Look out for these events to help your business to be better prepared and get the most from what's on offer from 2012.

Upcoming Events:

Quality Management, 12th July, Guildford

Advanced Bid Writing, 14th July, Cobham

For surrey business event information please visit:

<http://events.businesslinkseast.co.uk/>

or to see how your business can get involved visit:

<http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/business-network/>

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'Personal Best' courses in Surrey

The 'Personal Best' volunteering course is inspired by the 2012 Olympic Games. It is an exciting programme, delivered in Surrey by Sussex Downs College, that teaches event volunteering skills. The course is designed to help learners who are disadvantaged in the labour market to progress to employment, further training and volunteering. The course is 120 hours of learning that includes 20 hours volunteering in the community. It uniquely gives the opportunity of a guaranteed interview to become a Games Time Volunteer on successful completion of the course.

A course is currently being run at the Lockwood Day Centre, and will expand in July to the Leacroft Youth Centre in Staines and St Mary's Church in Camberley. The course has a strong pedigree in Surrey, we have had visits from the Government Olympic Executive, SEEDA and Skills Active and are recognized as an excellent example for partnership working. They have also been recognised as running the most successful course outside London.

The 2012 team has brought together partners from Adult Social Care, Job Centre Plus, Adult and Community Learning, and voluntary groups to create this success. Two Personal Best graduates Louise Dorrington and Becky Pauling, from the Grange Centre (for the disabled) in Bookham have been providing valuable support by volunteering with the 2012 team since February 2010.

Graduates from Sheerwater and the Lockwood Centre in Guildford recently volunteered at the Surrey Youth Games. Danny Potter of Active Surrey Sports Partnership said: *"The Personal Best volunteers really were great to have at the Games and so many people have since commented on their enthusiasm and help over the weekend. So credit to all who volunteered."*

This course free and is funded by the European Social Fund., London 2012 will depend on up to 70,000 volunteers to make sure the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games run smoothly. It is hoped that



Ian Billing, front row left and Darren Chapman, front row right are Personal Best volunteers currently studying at Lockwood Centre.

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up to 10% of these volunteers will be graduates of Personal Best.

Further information can be found via the following web address:

<http://www.personalbestprogramme.co.uk/home>

If you know an organisation whose clients could benefit from this course, please contact london2012@surreycc.gov.uk

Surrey 2012 Team: new intern

The 2012 team has a new Intern, Matt Warmington, with us for six months. Matt has concentrated on Surrey's 20 Pre-Games training camps. As a result of Matt's work we will be attending international sporting events around the UK where we will get the opportunity to raise Surrey's profile and the facilities we can offer amongst key Olympic teams and sports.

Matt has extensive experience in disability sport, having coached the Great Britain Blind Tenpin Bowling team at the 2007 World Championships in Sydney, Australia. As well as this sporting background, Matt is a politics graduate from Portsmouth University and enjoys all sports particularly cricket and football.

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