Coventry Cathedral's 50th Anniversary

In the year of 2012, Coventry Cathedral will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee under the theme of "Peace and Reconciliation" - a landmark occasion recognising 50 years of service to Coventry's community, and the world through both its unique international mission of peace and reconciliation, and as a cultural centre for the performing arts.

The Golden Jubilee will be a celebration of the cathedral as a centre of cultural and creative excellence for Coventry and the nation, with a combination of cultural, civic, and worship events, including a newly commissioned piece of music as part of the London 2012 Festival, by composer James MacMillan, performed in an exciting concert by local children with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO).

For more information visit: **www.coventrycathedral.org.uk**

Key Fact:
The Cathedral was consecrated, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen on 25 May 1962.

World Shakespeare Festival

Produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company, The World Shakespeare Festival, runs from 23 April to 9 September 2012 as part of the London 2012 Festival.

Experience the richness of theatre performance from companies across the UK and around the world and explore the contemporary relevance of Shakespeare.

In an unprecedented collaboration with many partners, including the Almeida Theatre, the Barbican, the BBC, the British Museum, the National Theatre, National Theatre Wales, the Roundhouse, and the Sage Gateshead, the festival will showcase the best of UK and international creative talent and harness the creativity of young people, emerging artists and amateur companies.

For further information please visit: **www.worldshakespeare festival.org.uk**

Key Fact:
William Shakespeare's birthday is the same day as St George's Day which is celebrated on 23 April.

Companhia Bufomecanica will present Two Roses for Richard III as part of the World Shakespeare Festival.

Key Dates for 2012

As part of the London 2012 Games, Coventry and Warwickshire has an extensive range of sporting and cultural events that celebrate this once in a lifetime opportunity and our regions' Olympic and Paralympic heritage. Be part of this fantastic occasion through the local, national and international events below.

Date	Event
23 April	Olympic Football Men's Test Event at the City of Coventry Stadium - last qualifying game
23 April - 9 September	World Shakespeare Festival
24 April	Olympic Football Competition draw
1 May	London 2012 Live Site Big Screen opens
19 May	Start of UK wide Olympic Torch Relay
30 May	Coventry Cathedral 50th Anniversary War Requiem
21 June - 9 September	London 2012 Festival
23 June	Coventry Cathedral and James MacMillan performance of their newly commissioned piece of music - Gloria
29 June - 1 July	Godiva Festival, the UK's biggest free family festival
1 July	Olympic Torch Relay Evening celebration event
2 July	Olympic Torch leaves Coventry
25 July	First matches of Olympic Football at the City of Coventry Stadium - first 2012 Games event in England
27 July - 12 August	London 2012 Olympic Games
28 - 30 July	Launch of Godiva Awakes and her journey to London
9 August	Women's Olympic Football bronze medal match at the City of Coventry Stadium
29 August - 9 September	London 2012 Paralympic Games

Find out more information about all of Coventry and Warwickshire's plans for London 2012 by visiting our website and keep up to date with the latest announcements through our social media pages.

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Welcoming the World

London 2012 is coming to Coventry...

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Welcome to Coventry

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Coventry to take its place on the international stage.

It provides the chance for us to show our city to the world, for our residents to provide the best and warmest welcome in the country to thousands of international visitors, and we want to make sure we have a city that we can all be proud of when the world is watching in 2012.

Our aim is to not only create a wonderful city for when the eyes of the world are focused on Coventry, but leave a lasting legacy for its people.

We look forward to seeing you soon in our great city.

Cllr John Mutton, Leader of Coventry City Council

Godiva Awakes

In July 2012, a 21st century Lady Godiva will awake to a spectacular performance involving dancers, actors, aerialists, musicians, pyrotechnicians, carnivalists and 220 young people in a procession marking the unveiling of this Godiva for the modern age.

Powered by 50 cyclists, Godiva will then journey to London to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

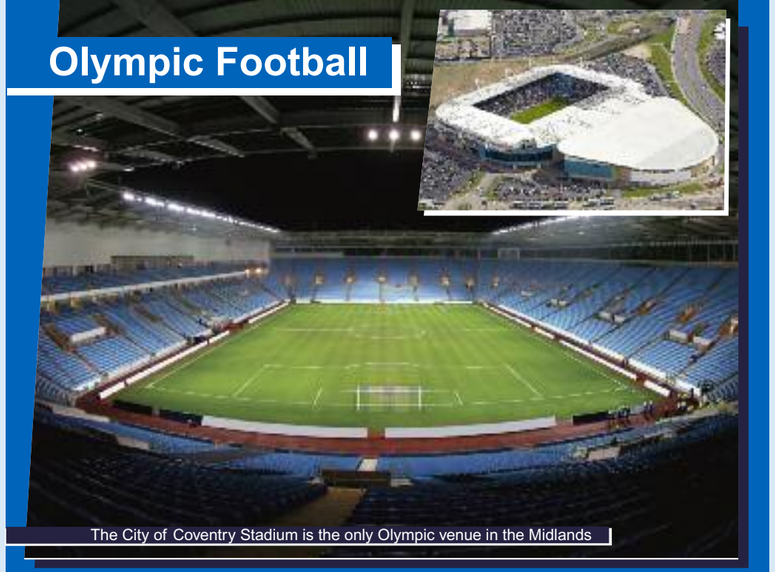
Produced by Coventry based creative production company, Imagineer Productions, Godiva Awakes is a world class piece of public art, made by mechanics, artists, theatre makers, puppeteers and engineers to the highest standards of contemporary craftsmanship.

Godiva Awakes is part of Artists taking the lead, a series of 12 public art commissions across the UK, funded by Arts Council England to celebrate the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

For more details please visit: **www.imagineerproductions.co.uk**

Key Fact:
Lady Godiva will be a 10m high mechanical puppet that will be powered by 50 cyclists.

Olympic Football



The City of Coventry Stadium is the only Olympic venue in the Midlands

The City of Coventry Stadium will host a total of 12 matches for the London 2012 Olympic Football tournament culminating in a women's bronze medal match on 9 August 2012.

Featuring 16 men's and 12 women's teams, the Olympic Football tournament kicks off two days before the Opening Ceremony in London. Coventry will host the first Olympic events in England on 25 July 2012.

Key Fact:
The football used during London 2012 is named 'The Albert' after the cockney rhyming slang for ball - 'Albert Hall' - which is also one of London's most iconic landmarks.

Format:

The men's competition is an under 23's event with each team allowed a total of three players above this age in their squad. There are no age restrictions for the women's tournament.

Both men's and women's events will feature preliminary group matches followed by a knockout stage.

Tickets:

For information on purchasing Olympic Football hospitality packages at the City of Coventry Stadium please visit: **www.coventry.gov.uk/london2012**

For the latest information and details on how to purchase tickets for the Olympic Games please visit: **www.tickets.london2012.com**

Fixtures

Date	Time	Match
25 July	17:00-21:45	Women's Preliminaries (2 matches)
26 July	19:45-21:45	Men's Preliminary
28 July	12:00-16:45	Women's Preliminaries (2 matches)
29 July	14:30-19:15	Men's Preliminaries (2 matches)
31 July	19:45-21:45	Women's Preliminary
1 August	17:00-21:45	Men's Preliminaries (2 matches)
3 August	19:30-21:30	Women's Quarter Final
9 August	13:00-15:00	Women's Bronze Medal

Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic flame will travel on a 70 day tour of the UK starting on 19 May 2012 and finish at the Olympic Stadium for the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony on 27 July 2012.

The flame will travel to within an hour of 95 per cent of people in the UK and will be carried by a total of 8,000 torch bearers during the Olympic Torch Relay.

Coventry will host an overnight celebration event for the Olympic Torch on 1 July 2012 with a spectacular outdoor performance. The Torch will also leave Coventry on the morning of 2 July.

Key Fact:
A Coventry based company, Premier Group, won the contract to manufacture over 8,000 Olympic torches.

London 2012 Live Site

Live Sites are a network of 22 BBC Big Screens across the UK which broadcast news, sporting fixtures, local film projects and also provide a setting for local events to take place around the screen.

During the Games, the Live Sites will show live screenings of Olympic and Paralympic sports and will provide an exceptional atmosphere to enjoy London 2012.

Coventry's Live Site big screen is located in the wall of the Coventry Transport Museum at Millennium Place and screens content for 18 hours a day.

Key Fact:
Coventry's uniquely designed Live Site is the only screen to be embedded within the wall of an existing building.

Interactive gaming at Coventry's Live Site Big Screen