

Kensington High Street Retail Forum Newsletter

February 2012

The Olympics are coming!

You can hardly fail to notice that London is hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games, but there are some key events that are happening close by and will impact on Kensington High Street:

- **The Olympic Torch relay 26 July** – is coming through the borough on the day before the opening ceremony and likely to cause significant traffic disruption.

- **Indoor Volleyball at Earls Court – 28 July – 12 Aug** this may not be very a very big sport in the UK but it 's a huge internationally. There will be 16 days of competition, 288 athletes, and 12,802 spectators expected.

- **Road cycle races 28-29 July** – Starts and finishes in The Mall. The route will go along Knightsbridge, Brompton and Fulham Roads. Road closures will be in place across west London, timing t.b.c.

- **Triathlon in Hyde Park 4 & 7 Aug** – 3,000 ticketed seats, 250,000 spectators expected around the route, swimming in the Serpentine, bike course around the park and running around the perimeter.

- **ROADSHOW Exhibition Road Festival 28 July – 5 Aug** - Games, dance, scientific experiments and debates, music, acrobatics and aerial displays and visual art installations. The calendar overleaf gives more details of dates etc.

TfL are providing advice to businesses on the transport impact of the Olympics see www.tfl.gov.uk/2012., information is also available from the Council's website www.rbkc.gov.uk/london2012

To the right are examples of the Olympic dressing that will be creating a consistent 'look' across London. Kensington High Street will have lamppost banners and hanging baskets with flowers in these colours .

A message from Jade Hoai – Chair for the Retail Forum and Manager of Whole Foods Market

2012 looks like being a real opportunity and quite a challenge for all of us in Kensington High Street. There is such a lot going on in our part of London this year as the calendar overleaf shows but we all need to think about how the Olympics are going to affect staff being able to get to work and stock deliveries getting through. I would urge you to come to the next meeting where we will be concentrating on the these topics and we will have a presentation from the Council's 2012 Co-ordinator.



Retail Forum meeting

The next meeting will be at **10.00am Friday 3rd February at the Town Hall**, please come to the Customer Service Reception and ask for Jo Hammond. At this meeting we will agree the dates and times of meetings for the rest of the year. Retail Forum meetings will be monthly from now onwards.

New member of the team.



James Masini in the RBKC Neighbourhood Planning Team will be working with Jo Hammond on supporting the Kensington High Street Retail Forum He can be contacted on 020 7 361 3234

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Olympic Emblem



Paralympic Emblem



Venue City /London Borough only



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Event Calendar 2012

Jan Feb March April May June July Aug Sept

Kensington Palace

Re-opening

Jubilee: A view from the Crowd

Diana: glimpses of a modern princess

26 March

24 May to 4 Nov

26 March to 31 Aug

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe (tent in Kensington Palace Gardens)

8 May to 9 Sept

Chelsea Flower Show and Chelsea Fringe events

24-28 May

Wimbledon

24 Jun to 4 July

National Market Fortnight

23 Jun - 38 July

The Proms

Friday 13 July - Sat 8 Sept

Holland Park Opera

Lucia di Lammermoor

Cosi Fan Tutte

Gianna Schicchi with Zanetto

Yevgeny Onegin

Falstaff

Fantastic Mr Fox (afternoons)

7th June - 4 August

June 7-30

Jun-08 - July 7

Jun-22 - July 14

Jul-13 - Aug 4

Jul-20 - Aug 3

17 July - 4 Aug

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Sat Queen attends Epsom Derby

Sun Thames Diamond Jubilee

Pageant and Big Jubilee Lunch

Mon Diamond Jubilee Beacons,

Concert Buckingham Palace

Tues Service of Thanksgiving and

Carriage Procession

Jubilee Weekend
2nd-5th

Olympics in RBKC 27 Jul- 12 Aug

City Dressing programme

Olympic and Paralympic Route

Network A4 inside lanes 06:00-24:00

hrs and other temporary changes

Torch relay Kensington and Chelsea

London Live 2012 - outdoor

celebrations

Indoor volleyball at Earls Court

Road cycle race - Knightsbridge,

Brompton and Fulham Roads, road

closures tbc

Triathlon in Hyde Park - Women's

09:00-11:30 Sat 4 Aug, Men's 11:30-

14:00 Tues 7

ROADSHOW Exhibition Road

Festival

27 July - 12 Aug

Mid July - Mid Sept

26-Jul

13 July to 11 Aug

28 July - 12 Aug

28 - 29

July

4 & 7 Aug

28 July - 5 August

Notting Hill Carnival

August Bank Holiday

Paralympics

29 Aug - 9 Sept