

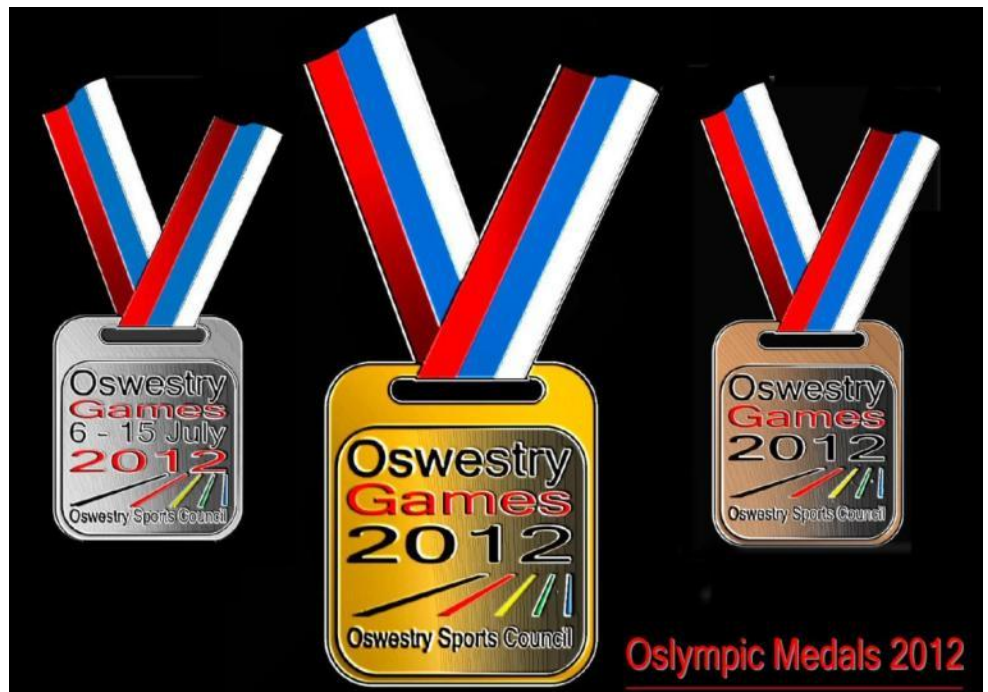
NEWSLETTER No.2

I wonder if the ancient Greeks published newsletters to raise the profile of their long established Olympic Games? They must have, how could they keep a thing like that going for over 1000 years without a fabulously efficient publicity machine? Imagine it.....
'We need volunteers to marshal the chariot races at Olympia. Pheidippides is organising a very long race, he calls it a Marathon. Anybody interested in taking part should be sure to wear their Nike (Goddess of Victory!) sandals.....'



OSLYMPIC MEDALS

Designs are almost finished for the Oslympic medals. Made for us in Gold, Silver and Bronze versions, they will be 'Super Shiny' and will feel quite chunky, with a posh ribbon too. We are investigating getting funding for these. If we are successful, we should be able to let you have them for your event for FREE!! Fingers crossed. As we get closer to the Games, we will need to know numbers, so please bear that in mind when planning your events.



EVENTS

The provisional list of events is printed at the back of this newsletter. This is by no means final and is quite fluid as I write this, but we have had an enthusiastic response and a high degree of commitment from the clubs listed.

Stagecoach Performing Arts School in Oswestry are working on their routines for the opening ceremony

We are still looking for a site for a Show Jumping and Dressage event which will be hosted by **Berwyn and Dee Pony Club**. Unfortunately, the field behind the New Leisure Centre will still have a crop in it at the time of the games so we will have to keep looking.

Border Counties School of Gymnastics are making good progress towards their 3 day Gymnastics competition.....

OOTri / Oswestry Olympians have moved their annual Sprint Triathlon to the 8th July. This is a very popular, top-class event, based at Oswestry School, which attracted over 120 competitors last year. This will be a great kick off to a fabulous week of sport in Oswestry. Plans are also well underway for a 10k Road Race on the final day of the Games. In the end, we decided against a Half Marathon during the height of Summer. The 10k race will finish just across the road from the new Leisure Centre.

SCHOOLS

The energetic Paul Marshall from Ballsports has volunteered to be our new **School's Liaison Officer**. He will be coordinating all the activities in the local schools. You can contact Paul by email: Paul@oswestrygames.co.uk.

MUSIC AND ARTS

Our **Games Anthem** competition is struggling! That part of our project needs some work. We have had some interest but we might have to have a re-think.....Any ideas?

There has been some fantastic news from the arts side of things. Oswestry Drama Project have won the support of the Royal Shakespeare Company for a production of 'The Tempest'. Yes, that is **the** RSC! How about that? There will be four performances on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of July. The next open workshop will be at The Venue, Park Hall on 5th November – 2.00 until 6pm. This will be a music workshop with percussion from the band 'Primal State' You can call Debbie Glen for more information 01691 653413

SPONSORSHIP

We have prepared a sponsorship pack to invite local businesses to contribute to the costs of the Oswestry Games in return for some excellent publicity opportunities. Businesses or even individuals might like to advertise in the Programme, set up their own drinks stations at some of the events, donate prizes, pay for the medals or printing costs. We will be grateful

A community theatre venture by **The 'OD' Project**
in association with the
Royal Shakespeare Company



Come along and whip up a...

TEMPEST

Actors, singers, dancers and musicians of all ages and abilities are invited to join us on the next step towards staging our exciting community production of William Shakespeare's **THE TEMPEST** as part of next summer's Oswestry Games!

THE VENUE
Park Hall, Oswestry
Saturday November 5th, 2011
2pm - 6pm

Book your place now!
Call Debbie Glenn on
01691 653413



for all contributions so that we can make the Opening and Closing ceremonies truly spectacular! Could your club or school organise a sponsored walk or other activity to contribute? There is a 'Donate Now' button on the website which you are welcome to try out!

OSLYMPIC PODIA

Part of our original plan for the Games was to supply winners' podiums, so that each sporting event can have its own medals ceremony. We would like to be able to lend these to each event organiser as part of our 'Games Kit'. This is another thing that we need funding for. Would anybody out there like to make them for us? You can see our prototype in the picture below. Big plywood boxes strong enough to take the weight of a rugby team without collapsing! Please email Jon if you think you, or your company can be of help.

OSWESTRY GAMES CALENDAR

Committee member John Waine is planning an Oswestry Sports calendar for 2012. This will consist of 12 action photographs of Oswestry's sports stars and events, taken by 12 different photographers. These will be stunning, dynamic shots depicting Oswestry sport as it happens. It should be in the shops for Christmas (gulp!). Proceeds from calendar sales will help fund the Games. The photographs, along with other shots of the events, will also be put on display at the New Leisure Centre, the Games Headquarters, during the games week.

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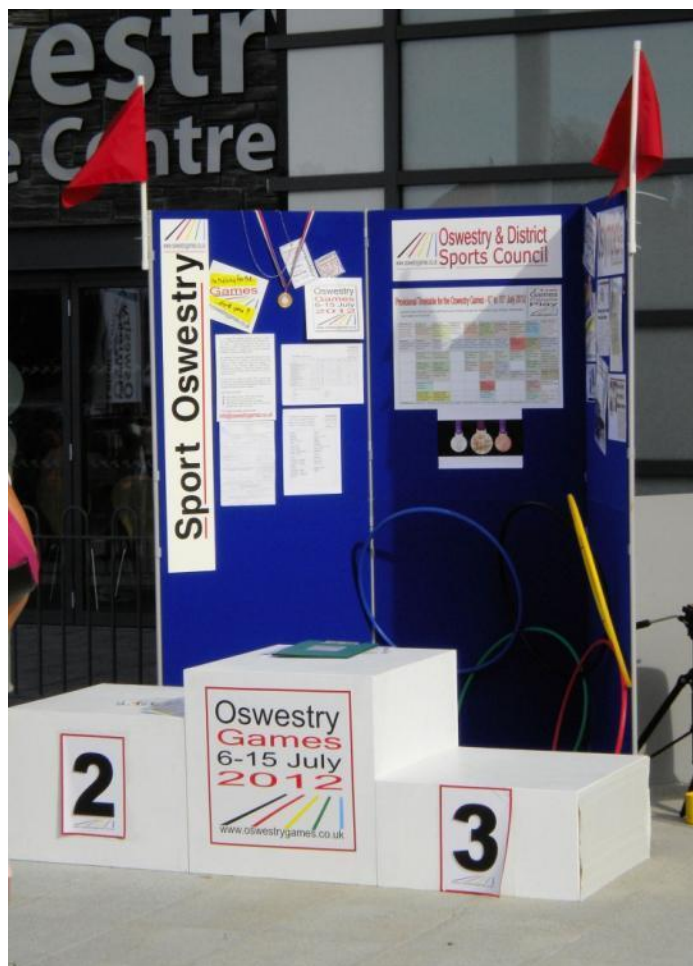
Did anybody go to the Shropshire Olympian Festival in Shrewsbury this June? If you did, you will remember the magnificent flags that were displayed at the top part of the Quarry Park. The good news... the good folk at Shire Hall have very kindly offered to lend us those flags for our Games... They are fabulous and will help create a special atmosphere.

NEW LEISURE CENTRE

October saw the opening of Oswestry's sparkling new Leisure Centre. The Oswestry Games were invited to put on a display depicting our event. It was a great day and we handed out over 150 copies of the provisional programme to an enthusiastic throng. It was interesting to talk to people, many of whom had heard about the games - we must be doing something right! We managed to add a few more events to the program of events too.

MASS CYCLE

We were fortunate to meet with a group called www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk They are hoping to arrange an event for our games, probably a 'mass cycle' on Sunday the 8th, (keeping well clear of the Triathlon also taking place that day).



OPENING/CLOSING CEREMONIES

Our plans for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies are still being finalised. We will let you know more when we can be a bit more definite.

LINDSTRAND BALLOONS

Lindstrand are keen to be involved in the Olympics. They are waiting until they have finalised their plans early next year, before they can let us know whether they will be able to launch some balloons at our closing ceremony. What fun! (We're not just a load of hot air!)



RED ARROWS

The events office at the Red Arrows headquarters have been in contact to confirm that the Oswestry Games is on the list for consideration for a Flypast next year. Of course, that does not mean that they are definitely coming but at least we are on the list.

THE GAMES PROGRAMME

We have started work on the games programme. This will contain a complete list of events and venues along with our generous sponsors names. (When we find them.) We would like to publish this sometime during May 2012, which would mean that we would have to have all the dates and times fixed by then.

OLLY M AND THE BLOG

We want to hear from you....up until now the Oswestry Games has seemed a bit of a dream.....but now that it has been transmuted into a real event, we need to coordinate our plans! Tell us about the event you are planning, for example. You can catch-up with all the latest Games news by going to our website and clicking on Olly M's Blog. We'll let you know more about Olly M next time.



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Most of the organising committee now have unified email addresses to make it easier to remember. You can contact the team as below:

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OUR WEBSITE /

Games information can be downloaded from the Oswestry Games website: www.oswestrygames.co.uk. There you can also access the Oswestry Sports Council pages and check up on details of the Awards Evening or find one of many sports clubs in Oswestry. You will find the grant application forms there too. If your sports club is not on the list, please send the contact details to Susie@oswestrygames.co.uk. You can also follow us on Twitter @OswestryGames

Less than 9 months to go now!

Jon Hancock – Oswestry Games

Provisional Timetable for the Oswestry Games - 6th to 15th July 2012



Several inter-schools sports will lead up to Finals during the Oslympics e.g. Hockey, Basketball, Tag Rugby and football.

Friday, 6th July	Saturday, 7th	Sunday, 8th	Monday, 9th	Tuesday, 10th	Wednesday, 11th	Thursday, 12th	Friday 13th	Saturday, 14th	Sunday, 15th July
Opening Ceremony: Parade of Clubs; Dance Display, Anthem, Flame	Martial Arts Seminar: Elite Martial Arts & Oswestry Martial Arts Centre	Triathlon: OOTri Oswestry Sprint	Fencing club championship: Oswestry Fencing Club	Air Pistol target shooting session: Oswestry Gun Club, Youth Cafe	Hockey Yr5/6 Inter-Schools Tournament: Oswestry Hockey Club	Tag-Rugby inter-schools final: Oswestry Rugby Club	Martial Arts Inter-club grappling & kick-boxing friendly: Oswestry Martial Arts Centre	Swimming Relay Gala (4 strokes + medley + canon): Oswestry Otters	Closing Ceremony: Celebration of Medalists; Gymnastics Display; Hot Air Balloon festival
Gymnastics Competition: Border Counties School of Gymnastics	Gymnastics Competition: Border Counties School of Gymnastics	Gymnastics Competition: Border Counties School of Gymnastics	Football "Going for Gold Skills Week": Oswestry Boys & Girls Club	Football "Going for Gold Skills Week": Oswestry Boys & Girls Club	Football "Going for Gold Skills Week": Oswestry Boys & Girls Club	Football "Going for Gold Skills Week": Oswestry Boys & Girls Club	Boccia Senior Citizens' Tournament	Archery National Competition: Croesoswallt Archers	Football "Going for Gold Skills Week" Final: Oswestry Boys & Girls Club
	Golf Captain's Prize competition: Oswestry Golf Club	Golf SHUGC Peewee Tour (Juniors): Oswestry Golf Club		Golf Ladies Board Competition: Oswestry Golf Club	Golf Taster Sessions: Oswestry Golf Club	Golf Taster Sessions: Oswestry Golf Club	Golf Captain's Junior Prize: Oswestry Golf Club	Golf Men's Monthly Medal: Oswestry Golf Club	Golf SHUGC U18 v Derbyshire (Midlands League): Oswestry Golf Club
	Cricket League match: Oswestry Cricket Club	Cricket Annual Juniors Sixes Competition: Knockin & Kinnerley Cricket Club		Athletics Mixed Team Challenge: Oswestry Olympians	Wynnstay Shoot and "Have a Go": Police Clay Pigeon Shooting Club	Football Inter-Club Tournament (for non-football clubs e.g. Cubs): TNS		Cricket League Match: Oswestry Cricket Club	Athletics 10 km race & Fun Run, finishing at Closing Ceremony: Oswestry Olympians
	Kayaking Have A Go: Shropshire Paddlesports	Mass Cycle around town?			Boccia Tournament: North Shropshire Special Olympics	Cricket Festival for People with Disabilities		Strongest Man Competition: Oswestry Rugby Club	Basketball Final of inter-schools tournament: Oswestry Arrows Basketball Club
	Oswestry Food Festival: Sixth annual festival from local producers	Oswestry Food Festival: Sixth annual festival from local producers			The Tempest: Oswestry Drama Project	The Tempest: Oswestry Drama Project	The Tempest: Oswestry Drama Project	The Tempest: Oswestry Drama Project	Horse Riding Tetrathlon: Berwyn & Dee Pony Club
					Canoe/Kayak Final: Shropshire Paddlesports			MiniGolf Pro-Am Tournament: British MiniGolf Association	Fencing - Club Championships Final
									Archery - 'Have a Go' Session
									Zumba - 'Have a Go' Session
									Zorbing - In the Swimming Pool
Exhibitions all week of: Olympics Posters @ The Qube; Embroidery @ The Willow Gallery; Sports Photography @ The Leisure Centre									