

IGNITING AMBITION FESTIVAL

April–October **2011** Northamptonshire





Welcome

Igniting Ambition Festival 2011 – Northamptonshire is a unique festival for the county that showcases a diverse range of projects being delivered across the county as part of the Cultural Olympiad programme in the East Midlands.

The programme has been designed to engage young people and local communities through exceptional cultural projects, events and festivals that celebrate the county's rich cultural heritage, outstanding natural environment and hidden gems.

The festival therefore introduces a number of new ambitious projects and partnerships such as FLOW, Formula Fashion and SHINE and presents a fantastic opportunity to showcase and promote the very best of the county's cultural assets to local, regional, national and international audiences in advance of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The programme has been made possible through funding from Legacy Trust UK and the European Regional Development Fund, with support from key partners Arts Council England and Northamptonshire County Council, and many others.

Legacy Trust UK is an independent charity set up to create a cultural and sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games across the UK.

For further information and for latest programme updates go to: www.northamptonshire2012.com

We very much hope that you enjoy the festival.





CLIX

Jan–Oct 2011

Further information –
www.clix-northamptonshire.com
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Image opposite that of national kick-boxing champion Chantelle Cameron from Northampton and one of the Eleanor Crosses at Geddington. Credit: Chris Denner.

CLIX is an innovative and exciting digital photography project that encourages participants to explore the values and themes of the Cultural Olympiad and London 2012 and promote the county's key cultural and sporting assets.

The project workshops will be primarily delivered through Northamptonshire's Study Centres which include Northampton Saints Rugby Club, Northampton Town Football Club, Northamptonshire Cricket Club, Rushden and Diamonds Football Club, Silverstone Race Circuit and Adrenaline Alley Urban Sports Park, Corby.

The general public are also encouraged to submit their own photos that marry the county's key cultural and sporting assets and the themes and values of the Olympics.

SHINE

Apr–Oct 2011

Location Brixworth, Earls Barton, Northampton, Rothwell, Oundle

Further information –
www.shine-northamptonshire.com

Image overpage of All Saints Church, Brixworth at night supplied by Hingy Lee.

SHINE will celebrate Northamptonshire's medieval heritage through several of its ancient and historic Grade I listed churches.

Informed through local research and participation, SHINE will provide an online repository of heritage information to include trails, photos, videos, music and stories connected with the church and its associated town or village.

SHINE will culminate in the autumn of 2011 with a series of outdoor multi-site illuminated exhibition events.



Mad About The Seasons

May–Oct 2011

Performances and exhibitions at various locations.

21 May, ICON, Daventry

21 October, The Core, Corby

Additional October performance at St Andrews, Northampton tbc.

Further information –

www.mad-about-the-seasons.com

www.fiori-musicali.com

Image: Monica Fernandez.

Mad About The Seasons is a digital arts project expressing a sense of place and identity for communities in the 21st century, around issues such as sustainability, climate change, and our rural and cultural heritage.

Inspired by Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* and by the Northamptonshire poet John Clare, Fiori Musicali juxtapose the traditional with the new, engaging audiences with music and poetry through the digital arts.

Fiori Musicali work with Monica Fernandez (Film & Photography), Patrick Bond (Poetry), Julian Parfitt (Environmentalism & Photography), and Sean Clark (Interactive Arts) in an array of participative events and celebratory occasions.

Formula Fashion

Key Silverstone exhibition dates:
10–12 June (2011 Air Asia MotoGP)

8–10 July (2011 Formula 1 Santander British Grand Prix)

22–24 July (Silverstone Classic)

Formula Fashion is an exciting new project that will explore the technology and materials used in the motor sport industry.

Utilising Silverstone Circuit's international reputation for excellence, and using leather as one of their primary materials, five talented artisans from across the UK, have been commissioned to produce a range of new works inspired by the county's traditional leather and motorsport industries.

Formula Fashion represents a new unique cultural partnership for the county which includes Silverstone

Circuits, Northamptonshire County Council, University of Northampton, Design Factory, South Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire Enterprise Limited.

The Formula Fashion exhibition at Silverstone will be open to the public during event opening times each day (approximately 8am–6pm).

For the Silverstone exhibitions, access will be free to all motorsport event ticket holders. Tickets for these events are available from www.silverstone.co.uk

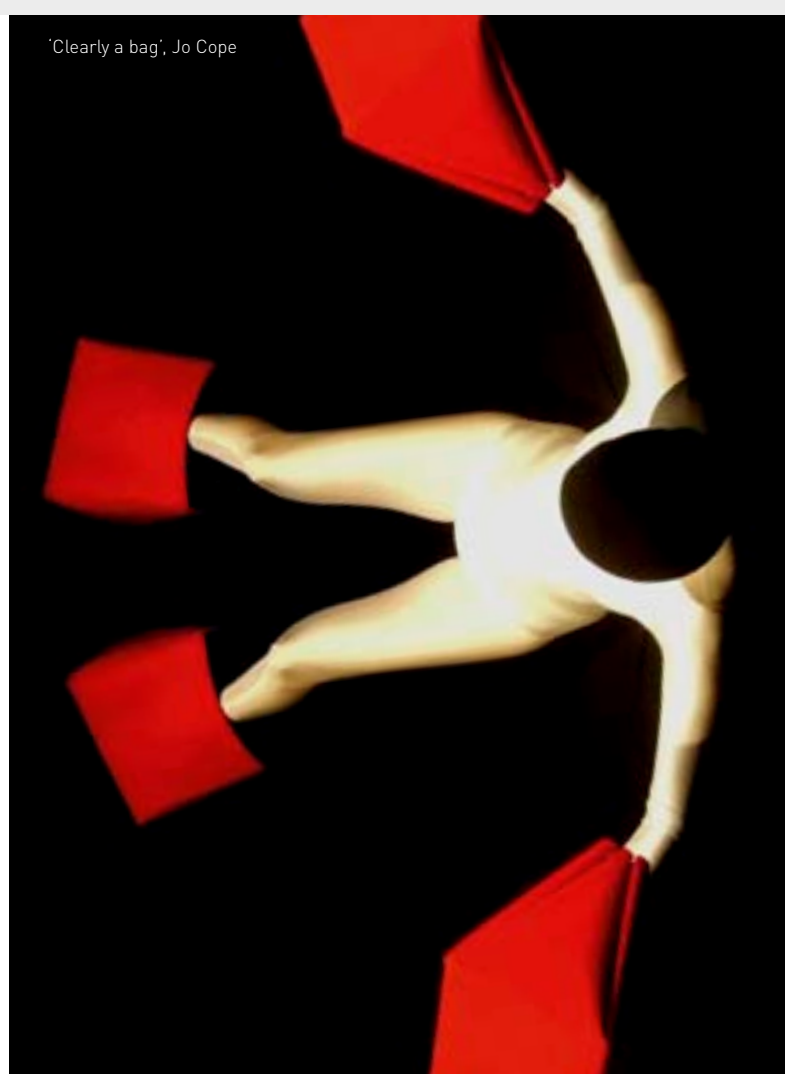
Following exhibition at Silverstone during the MotoGP, Formula 1 and Classic, the new pieces will be exhibited at the University of Northampton Gallery, Northampton Museum and Art Gallery and The Hub, the National Centre for Craft and Design, Sleaford.

Opening times for touring exhibition to be confirmed by individual venues.



Marloes Ten Bhomer

'Clearly a bag', Jo Cope



Northampton Carnival – “Footsteps to 2012... The Colourful Journey”

Saturday 11th June 2011
12 noon to 7:30pm

Delapre Park, London Road,
Northampton NN4 8AW

Carnival Parade leaves Park at 2pm
through the Town Centre and back to
the Park.

Further information –
www.northamptoncarnival.com
northamptoncarnival@yahoo.co.uk

Image: Jonathan Cobb



Victorian Country Gathering

16th and 17th July 2011
11am–4pm, both days

Canons Ashby, Daventry,
Northamptonshire NN11 3SD

Free entry. No booking required.

Further information –
www.watch-this-space.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Image provided by
The National Trust.

Watch This Space and The National
Trust are recreating the Victorian
sports day that the Dryden family
hosted in 1879. Inside the house
you'll be taken on a magical tour by
Watch This Space, one of the region's
most exciting arts organisations.

The grounds will be transformed into
a country gathering with the original
races and a variety of stalls and
activities. So come and decorate the
garden with bunting, try pinhole
photography and take part in the
sporting activities!



Daventry Arts Festival

18–23 July 2011

Further information –
www.daventry.co.uk

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Daventry Arts Festival is a “first”
for this rural market town in west
Northamptonshire, and will take
place in open spaces and community
venues across the town, including
the spectacular new iCon
Environmental Innovation Centre.
National and local artists will bring
poetry, drama, comedy, dance,
carnival, visual art, and orchestral,
folk and world music to the town.

We will also feature an event
celebrating Daventry's heritage
as the place where the BBC
World Service was born. The festival
is the first partnership project of
Field Day Arts CIC and Daventry
Business Partnership.



Blaze! Dance Relay

23rd and 24th July 2011 – Olympic Open Weekend

23rd July – Outside The Cube, Corby Daventry Leisure Centre
The Castle, Wellingborough
Kettering Market Square
Towcester Centre for Leisure

24th July – Althorp House followed by finale and mass participation in Northampton Market Square

All events are free of charge.

Further information –
www.youtube.com/user/blazedancerelay to learn the dance routine
Northants Dance – 01604 233122

Blaze! Dance Relay is an exciting dance project involving community performances in five outdoor areas of Northamptonshire and culminating in a finale extravaganza of performances and participation opportunities for people of any age and background.

Go online to learn the dance moves then come along and join in the fun. This is an opportunity to be part of a record breaking dance routine with hundreds of people dancing together and celebrating dance in Northamptonshire, choreographed by Louise Richards, Artistic Director of Motionhouse Dance Theatre.



FLOW

May–Oct 2011

Grand Union Canal, River Nene,
Water Tower(s) and Reservoir

Further information –
More details about planned events
and activities can be found at
www.flow-northamptonshire.com

FLOW will deliver an exciting series of new site specific artworks that explore and respond to the journey of water through the county focusing on different aspects of the county's waterways, from its major canals and rivers, to its iconic water towers and reservoirs.

Confirmed artists and organisations within the programme include Jo Fairfax, Charles Monkhouse, Steve Messam, Fermynwoods Contemporary Arts and The Fishmarket Gallery.

FLOW is a Northamptonshire County Council led project delivered in partnership with Anglian Water and British Waterways and is associated with the regional Breath of Fresh Air programme that encourages local communities to engage with the environment.

Encounters: journeys through language and landscape

August to September 2011

Please check for opening times.

Fermyn Woods Country Park and Lyveden New Bield, Northamptonshire.

The exhibition is free to visitors in the Country Park, tickets to Lyveden New Bield cost £4.50. All associated events are free.

Further information –

www.fermynwoods.co.uk

info@fermynwoods.co.uk when you enquire or for further details.

Encounters invites visitors to take part in a series of artist interventions, residencies and installations along the 3-mile bridleway connecting Fermyn Woods Country Park to Lyveden New Bield.

Artwork by national and international artists will explore ideas around landscape, place and belonging, using different forms of language – visual, verbal and musical – as we ask:

What makes a place significant and not just empty space?

How do people living/working in urban areas relate to rural places?



Complaints Choir of St. Petersburg, 2006 Project initiated by artists Tellervo Kalleinen and Oliver Kochta-Kalleinen
Photo: Yuriy Rumiantsev

The Lyric Lounge

June–October 2011

3rd September: Corby CUBE

16/17th September: Fishmarket Gallery, Northampton

Further information –

www.lyriclounge.co.uk

catherine@writingeastmidlands.co.uk

The Lyric Lounge is a season of mini-festivals celebrating spoken word in transformed spaces. This year the Lounge will tour Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland, where lead artists will be commissioned to write inspirational pieces of work. Diverse participants, including young people, will engage with internationally renowned spoken word artists and writers, benefitting from workshops, showcases, and the opportunity to explore new venues. The festivals will bring literature to new audiences, who will experience a broad range of creative work in unusual settings.



Night Run Northampton

Saturday 29th October 2011
6–10pm

Northampton Town Centre

Further information –

www.marketsquareevents.com

marketsquareevents@northampton.gov.uk

northampton.gov.uk

Night Run Northampton is the UK's first dedicated night running event with a twist. Participants will be encouraged to run or walk a 3km town centre circuit that takes in all of Northampton's key cultural landmarks at night.

The proposed route will be animated through a mix of lighting installations, live music and dance performances, giant LED screens, indoor and outdoor art exhibitions and Market Square illuminations. The event is aimed primarily at young people and families.



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Open Weekend 2011

22–24 July 2011

Country wide locations

Further information –

More detailed listings on Northamptonshire based Open Weekend events and activities will be made available at:

www.northamptonshire2012.com

and on the official London 2012 website:

www.london2012.com/get-involved/open-weekend



This year's London 2012 Open Weekend will start the countdown to one year to go to the start of the Olympic Games, as we welcome the world, showcasing the best of what the UK has to offer in art, dance, music, film and sport.

In 2010 Northamptonshire had a staggering 21 Open Weekend, the joint highest in the East Midlands region and more than several neighbouring counties. This year we want to go one better.

Open Weekend events and activities are currently being planned across the county with a highlight this year including a free Film Al Fresco event at the Althorp Estate that includes have-a-go sport activities, award-winning short films by the county's young film makers, access for up to eighty people to the main house and a mass participation dance event as part of Blaze!

The public will also be encouraged to bring a picnic, enjoy the grounds and view films on a large outdoor LED cinema screen.

Planners are also hoping for an appearance by one of the official Olympic mascots.

Other major events

May

International Waendel Walk, **13–14 May**, Wellingborough.

Further information –

www.wellingborough.gov.uk/waendelwalk

Crick Boat Show and Waterways Festival, **28–30 May**, Crick.

Further information –

www.crickboatshow.co.uk

June

Althorp Literary Festival, **10–11 June**, Althorp

Further information –

www.althorp.com/literaryfestival

Stoke Bruerne Gala Weekend, **12–13 June**, Stoke Bruerne.

Further information –

www.friendsofcanalmuseum.org.uk

Northampton Music Festival, **12 June**, Northampton Market Square.

Further information –

www.marketsquareevents.com

July

Festival of History, **16–17 July**, Kelmarsh Hall, Kelmarsh

Further information –

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Oundle International Festival, **15–24 July**, Oundle.

Further information –

www.oundlefestival.org.uk

August

Nene 250 River Festival, **7 August**, Becketts Park, Northampton.

Further information –

www.northampton.gov.uk

Northampton Balloon Festival, **19–21 August**, Billing Aquadrome.

Further information –

www.northamptonballoonfestival.net

Shambala Festival, **25–28 August**, Northamptonshire.

Further information –

www.shambalafestival.org

October

The Run 11, **2 October**, Northampton.

Further information –

www.the-run.org

World Conker Championships, **9 October**, Ashton.

Further information –

www.worldconkerchampionships.com

Map showing town and transport links





www.northamptonshire2012.com



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