

The Essex Association of Change Ringers

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Sparks will Fly: Essex Finale – 6th July 2012

Two great champions Boreas Zephyr and Marina Mightier complete their marathon journeys across Essex and come face to face for the first time. The Red Devils Parachute Display Team will lead the expectant crowd towards the performance arena where Marina and Boreas will compete to become the 2012 champion of the great Glass Bead Game, played for the first time in one thousand years. Enter an outdoor arena for an astonishing performance that mixes giant characters and a carnival atmosphere with stunning pyrotechnics and special effects to create a breathtaking showdown. Created by outdoor arts specialists Walk the Plank, expect to be immersed in an other-worldly game where your participation helps define the outcome.

Please bring a torch, bike light or small flashlight with you, and be ready to use it in the finale show - we may need your help to make sparks fly!

Sparks will Fly: Essex Finale & Chelmsford welcomes the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay is the finale to Sparks will Fly in Essex. A cultural celebration of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, a specially commissioned unique piece of outdoor theatre by internationally renowned arts organisation Walk the Plank that will encompass the whole county - the first of its kind in the region.

Two great champions, Boreas Zephyr and Marina Mightier are coming to Essex to compete for the title of 2012 Champion of The Game. In two marathon journeys around the whole county, each champion must collect enough giant beads to enable them to play - and win - The Game.

In each location there will be a welcome ceremony by local people who will present a Glass Bead which contains something unique to each place. Come and see Boreas or Marina and support them in their journey before they come together, for the first and last time on Friday 6 July, when sparks really will fly.

Events include:

- 18 May - Harwich welcomes the Champion, Marina Mightier
- 19 May - Saffron Walden Museum Uttlesford
- 20 May - Tour de Tendring Cycle Festival
- 22 May - Stansted welcomes the Champion, Boreas Zephyr
- 25 May - Basildon Sporting Village
- 27 May - Market Square Harlow
- 2 June - Rochford Wild Woods Day

Notes:

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- 3 June - T-Fest 2012 Thurrock
- 9 June - Town Centre Braintree
- 16 June - Promenade Park Maldon
- 17 June - Castle Point Show Canvey Island
- 23 June - Southend-on-Sea: a celebration across the borough
- 24 June - Waltham Abbey Town Show
- 30 June - Celebrate Diversity Festival Colchester
- 1 July - Brentwood's gone Global! Brentwood Centre
- 6 July - Finale & Chelmsford Welcomes the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay

Sparks Will Fly in Essex is commissioned by Essex County Council and Chelmsford Borough Council and created by Walk the Plank working with local authorities and communities throughout Essex. The project has been awarded the London 2012 Inspire Mark and is supported by Arts Council England. The finale is part of the London 2012 Festival and is a free ticketed event.

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