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ARCHIVES KEEP PACE WITH THE GAMES

As London takes centre stage this summer for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, archives across the country are set to show off the feats of British sports and games over the last 200 years.

Remarkable tales from the Olympic Games, including those held in London in 1908 and 1948, are revealed as part of the [Archive Awareness Campaign](#): *Sports, Games and the Olympics*.

From Cornwall to London, Birmingham to Manchester, East Lothian to Conwy, British sporting legacy will be brought to life; and archive organisations, local record offices and councils are inviting the public to discover the stories behind the history of sport and sporting heroes in their communities.

Caroline Williams, President of the Archives and Records Association (UK & Ireland) said:

“The 2012 London Games is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration and what better way for archives up and down the country to pay homage to our sporting legacy both historical and contemporary than with an archival sports festival”.

As well as honouring Olympians and Paralympians, archives will trace the history of sports and the achievements of local champions. Highlights include:

Royal Albert Hall

The **Royal Albert Hall**, one of the world's greatest multi-sport venues, will chart the history of sports played at the Hall since its opening in 1871

<http://life.royalalberthall.com/2012/03/sport-at-the-hall/> .

The Hall's Royal Charter did not specify that it could be used for sporting events; however it was used for cycling demonstrations and military displays which included gymnastics, fencing, wrestling and tug-of-wars. In 1909 the world's first indoor marathon was held at the Hall and less than a decade later boxing matches were hosted by the Hall, becoming a regular event up to the present day.

Forgotten Sporting Heroes & Archive Olimpicks!

Gloucestershire Archives will bring to life local sporting celebrities in *Forgotten Sporting Heroes & Archive Olimpicks!* Visitors will also be invited to partake in traditional Gloucestershire sports and games such as *cheese-rolling, gurning, spurning-the-barre*; historical table-top games such as *shove-groat, table-skittles* as well as traditional children's games including *trigon, micare, jacks* and *five-stones*.

Memory Games

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's *Memory Games*, a touring exhibition, comprises interviews with former and current athletes including Paralympian swimmer Beverley Gull who gained medals at 1988 Paralympic Games in Seoul and in the 1992 Games in Barcelona; Haley Willis, a member of the 2012 Judo training squad; and Dan O' Sullivan, official announcer of the London 2012 boxing event.

Playing the Game: Sporting Life in Jewish Manchester

Manchester Jewish Museum's *Playing the Game: Sporting Life in Jewish Manchester* will challenge the common misconception that "Jewish people do not play sport". It will also show that sport has been an important part of Jewish life in Manchester since the 1890s.

Around the World in 80 photographs

As Games fever takes hold, a display in **Tameside**, *Around the World in 80 photographs* will focus on Hyde Seal Swimming Club and Water Polo team, its president Dugald Wilson, and members including Henry Taylor and George Wilkinson. Wilkinson won a gold medal for his part in the men's water polo – he scored four of Britain's nine goals at the 1908 games in London. The British water polo team, captained by Wilkinson also won gold in the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm.

Sporting Heroes

Scotland's **John Gray Centre** will also keep pace with the Games with a display featuring four of East Lothian's sporting heroes, including Jock Taylor, Scottish, British and World Champion in motor-sidecar racing; and Robert Carlisle, the legendary pedestrian racer.

Angela Owusu, Archive Awareness Campaign commented:

"I hope that people visiting these archival treasure troves will take away memories of our sporting history to cherish for the rest of their lives. With the plethora of events from film screenings and drama to cartoon workshops and photographic tours everyone across the UK can relive the past excitement of our sporting history."

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For free postcards, further details, spokespeople or images on the Archive Awareness Campaign, please contact **Angela Owusu** on **0208 392 5237** or email Angela.Owusu@nationalarchives.gov.uk.

Notes to Editors

- The Archive Awareness Campaign (AAC) is spearheaded by the Archives & Records Association (ARA) www.archives.org.uk and funded by The National Archives nationalarchives.gov.uk.
- AAC www.archiveawareness.com is an ongoing celebration of archive treasures across the UK and Ireland. It provides a means for local archives to promote their services through open days, exhibitions, tours, workshops, competitions, performances and many more to help the public discover a piece of their own history.

Sports, Games and Olympics events highlight:

London

- To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, **BT Archives** www.bt.com/archives is supporting the BT Artbox project as part of the Cultural Olympiad leading up to the Olympics www.bartboxes.com. The aim of the project is to connect people with the **iconic K6 kiosk (red telephone box)**. And across London's iconic streetscapes, the public will see replicas of the Gilbert Scott telephone box. After public display, BT will auction the boxes to raise money for ChildLine to celebrate its 25th Anniversary.
- **Royal Albert Hall Archives'** display of archive material will chart the history of sport at the Hall. Many Olympic and non-Olympic Sports including tennis, boxing, ice skating, badminton, sumo, volleyball, wrestling, judo, gymnastics, and marathon running have been hosted at the Hall since its opening in 1871. The exhibit which runs from **July – December** will be housed in display cases in the Hall and includes programmes, posters, photographs and sporting equipment. www.royalalberthall.com.
- **Hillingdon Local Studies, Archives and Museum** exhibition, *Hillingdon's Olympic Heritage*, will focus on the part the borough played in the 1908 and 1948 Olympics and the contribution of local athletes. The exhibition starts from **7 July – 30 August** and will be a mixture of photographs, archive and museum items. On **13 July**, journalist, **Philip Barker** will discuss his experiences at the Olympic Games, including carrying the Olympic torch. On **18 July** local historian, **Ken Pearce**, will speak about the local connections between Hillingdon and the Olympic Games particularly 1908 and 1948. Finally on **9 August** there will be *Make your own Olympics - crafts and activities* for the under 11s. See www.Hillingdon.gov.uk/heritage.
- **London Borough of Barking and Dagenham** and **Eastside Community Heritage** are celebrating Barking and Dagenham's rich sporting heritage with *Memory Games*. The community archive project for local people encompasses untold stories and memories of previous Olympic and Paralympic Games. Highlights including interviews (oral and film) with past and potential Olympians and Paralympians, key sports people and organisations as well as residents that attended or have memories of past Games, will be in a touring exhibition from **June** until **September**:
 - Eastbury Manor House, Barking, 22 June – 20 July
 - Dagenham Town Show, Dagenham, 21 July – 22 July
 - Valence House, Dagenham, 24 July – 15 September

They are also running a 1940's sports day with their infant schools and holding a photography competition as part of the www.lbbd.gov.uk/memorygames. Details about the project and the exhibition are in the following link www.lbbd.gov.uk/memorygames.

- **The Royal London Hospital Museum** has a small display about Barts and The London Olympians, based on material in the Trust's archives. Some of that material also features on the Queen Mary website, see www.qmul.ac.uk/olympics/playing_a_part/olympics_1912/index.html www.qmul.ac.uk/olympics/playing_a_part/olympics_1924/index.html and www.qmul.ac.uk/olympics/playing_a_part/olympics_1948/index.html as well as on the

'Winning Endeavours' website. For more information on the museum see:
www.bartsandthelondon.nhs.uk/museums.

- **SOAS, University of London** will be holding an exhibition on **Eric Liddell**, the famous LMS missionary and Olympic athlete, depicted in the film Chariots of Fire from **13 July – 22 September**. Details about the exhibition can be found here www.soas.ac.uk/gallery/liddell/. For more information on SOAS, see www.soas.ac.uk.
- **The Scouting Association** will have an exhibition on Scouts involvement in the Olympics at Gilwell Park in **July** and **August** see www.scouts.org.uk or www.scoutsrecords.org for more information.
- **London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)** will be holding a number of activities:
 - **Sporting London** will explore the varied and colourful stories around London's sporting past through documents and images on **10 & 11 July**. The two-day TALK will look at London's fine amateur sporting history from street football played by apprentices in the City, bowls played on Bowling Green Lane to local cricket clubs.
 - **This Sporting Life** Conference on **13 July** focuses on sports and pastimes enjoyed by Londoners over the centuries. The full programme can be found on LMA's website www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL_Services/Leisure_and_culture/Records_and_archives/.
 - **White City and the Ghosts of the 1908 Olympics**, Guided walk on **21 July** will explore the recent social history of Shepherd's Bush including the building of the White City Exhibition Centre and the Olympic Stadium which were both opened in 1908. Although none of the original buildings remain, reminders of the various exhibitions and London's first Olympic Games can still be found amongst the streets and parks of an area now dominated by the BBC and one of Europe's largest shopping centres. The talk will be led by Mike Moran of City Highlights. Call 020 7332 3851 for times and further details.
- **University of Westminster** will be holding a small exhibition featuring display panels and original archive material relating to the Olympics at their 309 Regent Street building. The exhibition will be in place from **9 July – 9 September** and will be open to the general public. See www.westminster.ac.uk/archives for further information
 - The University's predecessor, the Regent Street Polytechnic, played a key role in the organisation of the 1908 Olympics, including the opening and closing ceremonies and the marathon race. 27 members of the Polytechnic's sporting clubs competed at the 1908 games, winning 10 medals. Some of the finest athletes of the twentieth century were members of the Polytechnic Harriers, including **Arthur Wint** of Jamaica and **Emmanuel McDonald Bailey** of Trinidad. UK Polytechnic Olympians include **Violet Webb, Thomas Lance, Harry Ryan, George Albert Hill, Mary Glen-Haig, David Ricketts** and **Alan Pascoe**.

- **Methodist Heritage** has put on a travelling exhibition exploring themes around the 18th century medical writings and remedies of one of the most prominent founders of Methodism, **John Wesley**. His advice was linked to living healthily and the exhibition ties this into modern advice on well-being and the Church's use of sport to build up and reach out into communities, from the 19th century up to and including the forthcoming Games. It also highlights some ideas of Wesley's that ought to stay firmly in the 1700s! A free leaflet for visitors offered at each venue, and supporting web pages can be found at: www.methodistheritage.org.uk/wesleyandwell-being/index.htm. The panels are on show at Methodist heritage sites around England, with discussion about other secular and/or UK-wide venues thereafter:
 - [Wesley Cottage, Trewint, Launceston, Cornwall](#)
25 May – 22 June
 - [Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum of Primitive Methodism, near Crewe](#)
25 June – 20 July
 - [John Wesley's City Road Chapel, House & Museum, London](#)
23 July – 23 August
 - [Holy Biscuit Gallery / Newcastle Brunswick Methodist Church](#)
24 August – 30 September
- **Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists** will hold a free exhibition *Birth during the London Olympics* focusing on the changes in antenatal care and advice received in 1908, 1948 and 2012 – the years in which London played host to the Olympics. The exhibition draws on rarely seen treasures from the museum, archive and historic book collection, plus the newly available collections of the Royal College of Midwives. The exhibition runs from **27 July – 12 August**. Visit the RCOG website www.rcog.org.uk/what-we-do/information-services/museum. For further details about this event.

South East

- **Hampshire Record Office's** exhibition, *The Olympics in Hampshire* which runs from **2 July – 1 September** will cover Olympians and Paralympians with links to Hampshire; venues used for the 1908 and 1948 Games and the Olympic torch route through Hampshire in 1948 www3.hants.gov.uk/record-office/eventdetails-hro?id=147136. Other activities include film screening of old sporting footage from Wessex Film and Sound Archive collections. The film *Healthy exercise and the Competitive spirit: a selection of films from WFSA celebrating sport in the region* www3.hants.gov.uk/record-office/eventdetails-hro?id=148260 will be shown on **26 July**. Finally, **Dr Martin Polley**, Southampton University will give a lecture on *Hampshire and the Olympic Games: a local history of a global event* on **30 August** www3.hants.gov.uk/record-office/eventdetails-hro?id=148261. For further information see www.hants.gov.uk/archives.

- **East Sussex Record Office** has been working with Futures@Chailey Heritage' on the People's Record project-a new transition provision programme for young adults aged 19-25 with complex physical and learning disabilities. The project has revisited Chailey Heritage's Archive photographs which illustrate children practising sports in the early 1930's and images of the organisation's Stoke Mandeville medallist team in 1971. Throughout its history, Chailey has used sports to nurture independence, confidence and friendship. Bridging Chailey past and present, 15 young people have been working on the creation of an animation film where they share their passion for sports and how the Olympic and Paralympic Games inspire them. The completion of the project will be celebrated with an exhibition of the young people's art work, a screening of the film and sports activities during the **summer**. Visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk for further details.
- **Kent County Council Libraries, Registration and Archives.** The Olympic Torch Relay passes directly outside the new **Kent History & Library Centre**, Maidstone on the morning of **Friday 20 July**. Following that, the Centre, will tell the story of the 1948 Torch Relay across Kent. A small exhibition will include the original 1948 Olympic Torch that was carried from Bearsted to Maidstone by Sergeant George Cox. See www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/libraries.aspx for more details.
- **Local Sporting Heroes: Olympians & Paralympians with Kent connections** is a project celebrating Kent's great sporting heritage which has been granted the Inspire Mark, the badge of the London 2012 Inspire Programme. Time2Give volunteers in **Kent Libraries, Registration & Archives** have used their library resources, (including local newspapers & online biographical dictionaries) to identify more than 130 sports men and women with Kent connections who participated in past Olympic and Paralympic Games: http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/archives_and_local_history/collections_and_research/local_sporting_heroes.aspx. The 10 stories featured on the webpage above are a sample of the many inspiring stories that Kent County Council will collect and celebrate in its libraries.

The web pages are linked to a voting platform, using this, members of public can vote for the 3 stories that they find most inspiring from the 10. They can also give further feedback and comments. The Archives aim to link with a high profile event to honour and recognise the best former, current & future sporting stars in Kent, planned for **November 2012** in Canterbury.

South West

- **Cornwall Record Office** will hold a Cornish sport exhibition *Discover Cornwall's Sporting Heritage* at their sister service, the **Cornish Studies Library**. The exhibition of photographs, books, newspapers and original manuscript sources from the Cornish Studies Library and Cornwall Record Office will explore and uncover fascinating facts about the history of sport in Cornwall. The exhibition is designed to focus on quirky and little known stories about sport in Cornwall, particularly its international connections. For example, that the first captain of Mexico's national football team was a Cornishman. This, and material related to many more stories will be on display from **2 August – 1 September**. The exhibition opens on **2 August** with a sports-based children's cartoon workshop led by 'Dandy'/'Beano' cartoonist **Nick Brennan**. Artwork created during the workshop will be displayed as part of the exhibition. Contact cro@cornwall.gov.uk for more details.

- **Gloucestershire Archives' *Forgotten Sporting Heroes & Archive Olympics!*** brings to life local historic sporting celebrities. The event comprises a combination of dramatic performance and traditional Gloucestershire sports and games with the audience encouraged to participate. The games include cheese-rolling, gurning, spurning-the-barre (Gloucestershire 'tossing-the-caber'), quoits and leaping, plus historical table-top games such as shove-groat, table-skittles, backgammon and Merrils (nine-man's morris), as well as traditional children's' games such trigon, micare, jacks or five-stones and cup-and-ball! Visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives for further details.

East

- **Bedfordshire & Luton Archives & Records Service** are organising a display entitled *Bedfordshire's Sporting Greats*. As well as the display appearing on the website www.bedfordshire.gov.uk/archive, it will also be appearing at the following local venues:
 - Bedford River Festival, The Embankment & Russell Park, 21 & 22 July
 - Olympic Live Site, Bedford Athletic Stadium, Barkers Lane, 3 – 8 August

Midlands

- **Cadbury Research Library: Special Collections** will present an exhibition about the history of the Olympic Games particularly highlighting the 1908 London Olympics, the infamous 1936 Berlin Games, and the return of the Games to London in 1948. Original photographs and collectables from these early Olympics are drawn from the extensive sports collections of the Cadbury Research Library including the collection of Olympic champion **Harold Abrahams**. The exhibition runs until **10 September** at the University of Birmingham in the Muirhead Tower Atrium Edgbaston Campus. Admission is free to all staff, students and members of the public. The physical exhibition is accompanied by an online exhibition on the Cadbury Research Library's Flickr page. See: www.flickr.com/photos/cadburyresearchlibrary archiveshub.ac.uk/contributors/universityofbirminghamspecialcollections.html.
- **Nottinghamshire Archives** will be holding a Talk on *Nottinghamshire's Sporting Heritage* on **10 July**. The Talk, will explore the county's sporting heritage as reflected in the holdings of the Archives. For details of time and cost see www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives or contact the Archives on 0115 958 1634.

North East

- **Tyne & Wear Archives' Discovery Museum** will be hosting *Sporting Treasures from the Archives* from **23 June** until **14 January 2013**. The exhibition will display some of the region's most treasured sporting items and memorabilia –highlighting the vital part sport has come to play in local people's lives, both as participants and spectators. It will also feature images from historic sports clubs and societies across Tyne and Wear over the past 150 years, including the 1909 FA clash between Sunderland and Newcastle and the Northumberland Football Association record of players' offences. www.twmuseums.org.uk/archives.

North West

- **Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre** www.tameside.gov.uk/archives exhibition *Around the World in 80 Photographs* centres on the travels and exploits of **Dugald Wilson**, president of the Hyde Seal Swimming Club and members including **Henry Taylor** and **George Wilkinson**. Photographs of the Hyde Seals can be found on the website www.tameside.gov.uk/history. The exhibition which started at Central Library in Ashton and travelled to Hyde-April and Denton in May will tour other libraries in Tameside including **Droylsden–June, Stalybridge–July** and **Dukinfield–August**.
 - For the **curator of the exhibition, Jacob Corbin**, there is a real modern day connection between Hyde Seal and 2012 Olympics, “**Sascha Kindred who trained with the club in the 1990s recently achieved his 100m breaststroke qualification time for London 2012 and will defend the two titles he has won at the last three Paralympic Games**”.
- **Cheshire West & Chester** will have a photographic exhibition *Simply the Best* focusing on local men and women who participated in sports including cycling, swimming, football, tennis and cricket from the 1920s to 1960s. More details about the display which takes place from **2 July – 28 September** can be found here www.cheshirewestandcheshire.gov.uk.
- **Cheshire Archives and Local Studies** open day on **20 July** will include a film of 1950s all-female mountaineering expedition to the Himalayas, an exhibition of sporting records including a penny farthing as well a TALK from the Anfield Cycling Association <http://archives.cheshire.gov.uk>.

Yorkshire and the Humber

- **East Riding of Yorkshire Archives and Local Studies Service** is holding a FREE Open Day on **8 September**. The open day will allow the public to explore their family and local history and view an exhibition of local archives and books on sport, games and play. Additionally, there will be children's activities, games and competitions and staff in costume! Behind the scenes tours and conservation demonstrations will also run throughout the day. See www.eastriding.gov.uk for full details.
- **Hull History Centre** www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk is planning three small displays of original material over the **summer**.
 - *Poland and Ukraine* exhibit from **now until the end of June** will showcase a range of material including a medieval document recording a trade agreement between Hull and (what is now) Gdańsk in Poland; letters home from the front in the Crimean War and material about the appearance in Hull of the great Polish classical pianist Artur Rubinstein in 1973.
 - *Cricket & Tennis 2 – 21 July* will have items including old score books from the 1840s and accounts of when England played Hull on **6 July** 1849-eleven England players competed against 22 batsmen from Hull (and England won). Hull also played against the Australians in 1878. There will also be a gallery of old team photographs.

- *Olympic sports 27 July – 31 August* will look at a range of sports including swimming, cycling, the Rational Dress movement and athletics as well as material relating directly to the Olympics.

Scotland

- A display at **John Gray Centre** in **East Lothian** features four of East Lothian's sporting heroes. **Jock Taylor** (Scottish, British and World Champion in motor-sidecar racing); **Bernard Sayers** (famous golfer); **Barney Battles Jr.** (a successful football player who played both in Scotland and in the United States); and **Robert Carlisle** (a famed pedestrian racer – the sport of pedestrianism involves walking as far as possible, or walking a set distance as quickly as possible). Following an initial tour around the libraries and local sports facilities in North Berwick, Prestonpans, Tranent, Musselburgh, Haddington and Dunbar, the display will continue through **Longniddry, Ormiston, Gullane, Port Seton and Wallyford** until the end of the **summer**. See www.johngraycentre.org.
- **Scottish Council on Archives'** (SCA) *Racing Through The Records* exhibition will celebrate the nation's sporting heritage and promote the variety and richness of Scotland's archives and records. Dedicated to all things sporty, the project will be launched as part of the new SCA website.
 - Members of the public who view the exhibition will have the opportunity to bestow their own gold medals and vote for their winning item. There are prizes lined up for a lucky voter and for the winning archive/records service, including VIP family tickets to one of Scotland's most renowned 'gaming' events – the world famous [Braemar Highland Gathering](#).
 - From sporting heroes and national teams, to weird and wonderful local gaming customs and school sports days-the SCA will showcase Scotland's sporting hi(stories). Contact info@scoarch.org.uk or you can also find out more information about the SCA on their website at www.scoarch.org.uk or follow them on Twitter [@ScotsArchives](#).

Wales

- **West Glamorgan Archive Service** will celebrate the Olympics, and more specifically the passage of the Olympic Flame through Wales. The Archive has created a YouTube film which looks at the first London Olympics in 1908 and poses the question '*What would the route through Swansea have looked like if there had been a torch relay?*' The film clip follows today's route in old pictures to show how it might have been. The film can be viewed on the West Glamorgan Archive Service website here: www.swansea.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=49248.
- **Conwy Archive Service's summer** exhibition on sport will include images of *posters, documents, newspapers* and *photographs*. Designed to give a snapshot view of how sport has developed in the county over the years, the exhibition will also showcase the county's link with previous Olympics. This includes '*a fore-runner of the modern Olympic Games*' held at Llandudno in June 1866, when a series of public events were organised, coinciding with the fifth meeting of the Athletic Society of Great Britain at Llandudno, called an *Olympic Festival*. Articles include a description

of the medal won by **AS Pearson** for the mile steeplechase and a reproduction of the 'Feast of Lanterns'. See www.conwy.gov.uk/archives for details.

Our Sporting Life www.oursportinglife.co.uk/ projects as part of AAC and Britain's Olympic year include

Dorset

- **Our Sporting Life – Dorset**, will be celebrating Dorset's Sporting Heritage and Achievement in Museums across the county until **December 2012**. See www.oursportinglife.co.uk/what's-on for full details.

Manchester

- **Manchester Jewish Museum** is hosting *Playing the Game: Sporting Life in Jewish Manchester*. The exhibition challenges the common misconception that "Jewish people do not play sport", and shows that sport has been an important part of Manchester Jewish life since the 1890s. It runs from **22 June – 21 December 2012**. See www.oursportinglife.co.uk/what's-on for full details.

Ironbridge

- *Our Sporting Life: Sporting Heroes*, exhibition at the **Coalbrookdale Gallery** will present a new interpretation of our sporting life, showcasing previously unseen photographs and prints to tell the story of local sporting endeavour. Visitors will be able to contribute their own memories and family items, photographs and memorabilia to the exhibition, allowing the exhibition to grow and develop over the course of the year. The exhibition started last March and ends on **9 September**. www.ironbridge.org.uk/collections/current_exhibition/.

Web and microsite exhibitions on 1908, 1948 Olympics and London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games:

- **The National Archives' [Olympic Record](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/olympics)** website has a timeline feature with access to files from its collection relating to the Olympic Games stretching all back to 1896 as well as links to Olympic-related activities happening across the country this summer: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/olympics.
- **Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies Aylesbury** microsite, the *Mandeville Legacy: Celebrating Buckinghamshire as the birthplace of the Paralympic movement* can be viewed here www.mandevillelegacy.org.uk/.
- **London Metropolitan Archives and Archives for London's *Sporting Endeavours*** website www.winningendeavours.org/ celebrates London's sporting past. Visitors can search for images relating to the 1908 and 1948 London Olympic Games; athletes from London who have competed in the Olympics; London's sporting heritage and sports events in London and the South East.
- **Royal Albert Hall's** exhibition content and sporting stories are available on the Hall's website and microsite www.royalalberthall.com. The site contains facts about the Hall and the people that work there but it will also contain sporting history from the Hall.

- **Network Rail** is planning an exhibition of *Olympic Stations* for the summer on their virtual archive site www.networkrail.co.uk/virtualarchive. The articles will focus on some of the key stations that will deliver spectators to the games.

West Yorkshire Archive Service's *Sporting Heroes* an oral history project, is celebrating the diverse and passionate sporting landscape of West Yorkshire in the run-up to the London 2012 Games. It has captured the memories of supporting, players and ex-players of football, rugby league and cricket. Details of the project are available via the project website www.nowthen.org/collections.

- **Hampshire Record Office** will be running an exhibition on Hampshire Olympian **Tommy Green**, and *The Olympics in Hampshire*. Tommy Green's biography www3.hants.gov.uk/biographies/tommy-green.htm as well as two related LTL's are available on the HCC events page as well as the 2012 page <http://hantsweb-staging.hants.gov.uk/2012/olympic-history>.
- **The Scout Association's** web exhibition on the 1948 Olympics can be found at www.scoutsrecords.org/exhibitions.php?dil=&icerik=60&bparent=0&.