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# » WIN tickets to FOUR great events

## Win tickets to see Kings of Leon

Last year's sold out, postponed gig

The sell out gig, postponed from last year is back on Wednesday June 1, 2011. These are the only tickets available to the public, so to be in with a chance of winning just answer; The American rock band with huge hit singles such as Sex on Fire released their fifth studio album in 2010.

What was their latest album called, Come Around...?

- A) Sundown
- B) Sun town
- C) Sunrise

Just call **09056521114** and follow the instructions or text **LEON** followed by a space then your answer (a, b or c) name, address and postcode to **86600**. Lines close midday Tuesday May 31, 2011. Calls cost £1.02 from BT landlines. Texts cost £1.50 plus standard network rate.

## Win tickets to see Britain's Got Talent

Britain's Got Talent will be returning to the O2 for the third time. To win tickets for Thursday 23rd June, tell us;

Who presents the TV show?

- A) Dick and Dom
- B) Ant and Dec
- C) Holly and Phillip

Just call **09011542256** and follow the instructions or text **ACOMP4** followed by a space then your answer (a, b or c) name, address and postcode to **85010**. Lines close midday Wednesday June 22, 2011

## Win tickets to see Neil Diamond

American pop singer-songwriter Neil Diamond's music career stretched nearly 50 years. For a chance to see Neil Diamond live at the O2 on Monday 11th July just answer;

Complete the following hit single name, Sweet...

- A) Caroline
- B) Catherine
- C) Caitlin

Just call **09011542408** and follow the instructions or text **ACOMP10** followed by a space then your answer (a, b or c) name, address and postcode to **85010**. Lines close midday Friday July 8, 2011

## Win tickets to see Glee

The popular American musical comedy-drama Glee will be at the O2 on Sunday June 26. Join the cast of the television series live.

## Name the cheerleading team in Glee

- A) The Frosties
- B) The Cheerios
- C) The Sugar Puffs

Just call **09011542409** and follow the instructions or text **ACOMP11** followed by a space then your answer (a, b or c) name, address and postcode to **85010**. Lines close midday Monday June 24, 2011

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# Marathon voyage to get under way at Land's End

## Olympic flame's 8,000 mile trip

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» The Olympic Torch will begin its journey to Stratford's Olympic Stadium from Land's End, organisers have announced. The iconic flame, which arrives in the UK on May 18, 2012, is then set to make an 8,000-mile journey across the country.



■ The Olympic torch will be welcomed into London by the borough of Tower Hamlets

It will arrive at the Games site on July 27, having visited dozens of towns and cities, including Bristol, Cardiff, Belfast and Glasgow.

The flame will also pass through all the London boroughs, starting with Tower Hamlets on July 20.

More details of the route will be announced later this year.

Organisers have also launched a search for an army of 8,000 so-called "inspirational torchbearers" to carry the flame on its journey.

Olympics minister Hugh Robertson said: "The Olympic Torch

Relay brings London 2012 to the doorsteps of the UK giving everybody the chance to celebrate the London Games.

"It's a magnificent showcase for the country and a chance to mark the achievements of inspirational people in our communities."

More details on the route and how to volunteer are available at [www.london2012.com/olympic-torchrelay](http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torchrelay).



■ Some of the walkers who took part in the Bridge Walk

## Historic bridges form backdrop as fundraisers complete charity walk

More than 200 fundraisers took part in a 10 mile walk over some of London's most well known bridges for a children's hospice.

The walkers decorated the capital's streets in bright yellow for the second annual Bridge Walk for Richard House Children's Hospice.

After some warm up stretches on Clapham Common the yellow army headed off towards Chelsea Bridge.

The route took in all the bridges including Lambeth Bridge, Westminster Bridge, Millennium Bridge and Tower Bridge before finishing at The Scoop at More amphitheatre, near London Dungeon.

The biggest attraction on the day was fundraiser Mario Noto, 26, who completed the route dressed as Harry the puppet from the hospice's Harry's Million campaign.

This campaign aims to raise £1 million for the hospice over the next three years.

Anne O'Connell, 65, from East Ham, completed the shorter five-mile route from the National Theatre.

The former headteacher who is registered blind said: "I'm thrilled I did the walk and got to the end; that was the whole point of the day."

"I raised between £50 and £100 for the hospice."

Mario, of Enfield, said: "Everyone loved the puppet. It was amazing to see the reaction from passer-bys and tourists. Everyone was waving and smiling."

Ben Alonso, community fundraiser at Richard House, said: "The event was a huge success. Every penny raised will go towards funding the care we provide for life-limited and life-threatened children at our hospice."

## Helping volunteers help jobseekers

Social housing provider One Housing Group is holding taster workshops for volunteers interested in helping people back into training and employment.

The sessions will be held at 10am and 3.30pm at Suttons Wharf South on Saturday, May 21 and Saturday, June 11 (women only) and at Stratford Circus on

Saturday, June 4.

To book a place or make an enquiry, contact [communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk](mailto:communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk) or call (020) 8821 5162.



## » Inside Parliament

Stephen Timms, MP for East Ham

## Foundations laid for a better future

Ten years ago, together with Tony Banks, I laid the foundation stone for the new Building Crafts College at Stratford. Last week, I returned to catch up with progress.

The College was established over 100 years ago in the West End. Its relocation to a fine modern facility at Stratford was good news for us - even then it was clear there would be a great deal of construction in East London, and that we had to train up many more local people with the skills which were needed. The College has always been sponsored by the Carpenters Company, the ancient livery company, and the Carpenters Company has owned land at Stratford since the 1600s. (That is where the name Carpenters Road comes from.) So it was a good site for the college for that reason too.

### Breathtaking

The college has expanded with a new wing since I was last there. Together with a workshop at Anchor House it houses 860 students. A third are from East London. Students include school pupils who spend part of their week at the college, apprentices taking time out from their employment and people on evening courses, as well as full time students.

The quality of students' workmanship is breathtaking - eg in furniture making and stone masonry. I saw beautiful chairs, tables and cabinets. Some students train for specialised restoration work at cathedrals, and samples of their work are very impressive.

94 students from the college are working on the Olympic Park and Village; 39 on the Westfield development. The college also works with East Homes, the borough's biggest housing association, and students have worked with an estimated 1,500 tenants. They are also involved in the Canning Town regeneration programme. Building Crafts College is an exciting place. I hope it continues to grow in the years ahead.