

2012 Year of Great British Cycling

- *Tour de France*
- *Cultural Olympiad*
- *Olympic Cycling*
- *Tour of Britain*



Bradley Wiggins is the first British cyclist to win the TDF since it began over a century ago in 1903.

A distance of 3,497km over a period of 25 days.



The historic victory has put cycling back into the consciousness of the public. Millions watched on television and some members of the club were in Paris to witness the sky team accompany Bradley around the Champs Elysees to the 1st Podium position.

The *Cultural Olympiad* started with:

The Olympic Torch - being passed on through Abington Street on a wet Monday with thousands lining the streets cheering, as it passed by.



Olympic Torch Relay

Games Time - was a theatrical game of chess performed on a large chess board with 4 opposing sides. Victory was decided on the throw of a pair dice. This reflected the spirit of the games and was held at Delapre Park.



GAMES TIME

Cyclopedia - was built to transport a six metre high Lady Godiva puppet which journeyed from Coventry to London stopping at Northampton Town Market to pick up a pair of customed made leather boots and then walk up Abington street.



Lady Godiva, powered by a team of 100 cyclists, She was propelled by 25 cyclists at a time who were seated on full-sized tricycles which are joined together in a structure called the Cyclopedia.



Lady Godiva coming up Abington Street



The giant puppet and 'cyclopedia', travelled 125 miles from the Godiva Awakes ceremony in Coventry on 28 July, arriving in Walthamstow on 5 August 2012. The puppet represented the arts from the West Midlands region as part of the cultural Olympiad.

Olympic Games

The Olympic games was started by Bradley Wiggins ringing a large bell in the Athletic Stadium.



The following 2 days a million people stood by the roadside to cheer on Team GB in the Men and Women's Road Races.

OLYMPIC CYCLING RESULTS



Women's Road Race (29 July) Lizzie Armistead Silver



Men's Time Trial
(1 Aug) Bradley Wiggins Gold

Velodrome Races:

Men



Keirin (7 Aug) Sir Chris Hoy Gold

Omnium (5 Aug) Ed Clancy Bronze

Sprint (6 Aug) Jason Kenny (Gold) x2



Team Sprint (2 Aug) GB (Gold) WR



Team Pursuit (3 Aug) GB (Gold) WR

Women



Keirin (3 Aug) Victoria Pendelton (Gold)

Sprint (7 Aug) Victoria Pendelton (Silver)



Omnium (7 Aug) Laura Trott (Gold)



Team Pursuit (Aug 4) GB (Gold) WR

The Tour of Britain - allowed the public a second chance to see the Dream Team. It finished in Guildford with Mark Cavendish crossing the line as he did in Paris.



The Tour of Britain

