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### GAMES AND PARADE!

Buses will be leaving from outside the sports centre between 11:15am and 1pm. The first bus should arrive at 11am and we're hoping it will be full and ready to leave at 11:15am to take people into town.

We'll be congregating outside Adventure Island and by the Tourist Information Centre

The parade will start at 2pm and we'll be walking a short parade along the seafront, where we will then be playing and showing off our fantastic games. This will be at approx 3pm and last for about 2 hours.

You'll then be free to go and play in Adventure Island, visit the arcades or get food in one of Southend's many restaurants, before making your own way to the theatre for our stunning public show 'HIGH POINT'.

23. A very cold BJC where everyone woke up to ice on the tents...brrrrr

24. A 40 min bus journey to the show was a highlight of this year.



# welcome to the 25th British Juggling Convention Southend 2012

## GREETINGS FELLOW JUGGLERS AND CIRCUS FANATICS!

Please take the time to read this booklet it will give you all the information you need to enjoy the convention.

If you do require more information then please visit our registration desk where the volunteer staff will do their best to answer your questions! You can also ask a member of the Crew team who will be wearing lime green shirts or hoodies throughout the event.

We are extremely proud to be hosting this year's convention and we have done our utmost to make the Silver Anniversary of BJC extra special. The theme of our convention is the celebration of British Juggling Conventions; so with this in mind we're putting on an exhibition which will show off passes, merchandise, info booklets, details about each convention, photos, videos and memories from all of you. We're also

putting on a party on Friday night and the fancy dress theme is silver and black tie.

As well as the usual public show, 'HIGH POINT', BYJOTY and the British Balloon Modelling Convention, we will also be presenting a number of shows on site for your entertainment. This year also sees the return of the Parade - so get your costumes ready and lets show the people of Southend what the British Juggling Convention is all about!

*we would like to thank:*

Southend Borough Council for their support of this event, Southend Leisure & Tennis centre for agreeing to let us loose in their centre, the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to put on a fab convention.

And finally the traders, Butterfingers, Oddballs, Unicycle.com, Henrys And Aerotech who have sponsored the Gandini Juggling Performances:

We hope you have an amazing convention and if you see any of the volunteers looking worn out, then please make a fuss of them!

*All the best from the BJC2012 team.*





## THE TEAM of 2012

The head organiser is Amie Bridge. Amie volunteered to host the 2012 convention back in 2010 at the Huddersfield business meeting. Since then she has spent the last two years coming up with ideas, liaising with the council and generally putting everything in place to make the convention special. Amie admits it's not been easy: "When I volunteered, I was confident I'd be able to do a good job. I had a small but dedicated team. Unfortunately for me, a couple of people had to drop out and this considerably reduced my team size. I found out I was pregnant in the summer of 2010, which was a happy shock. This has then made the organising process a lot more difficult. I just hope that everyone has an amazing time and that will make all my efforts worthwhile!!"

### PASS

This is your proof of payment. You need to keep it with you at all times. If you don't have your pass you will not be able to enter the campsite or the juggling halls. If you lose your pass, you will have to pay again!

1. The Queen came to visit.

Amie has had the help of a few people. Some of whom form the Crew this year:

Graham Hazlehurst - support, entertainment, set-up and main contact on site

Kevin Fletcher aka Topper - support, set-up, passes, signs and top bloke

Emily Winch - Pre-reg, webmaster, workshops and all round good egg

Mini Mansell - Site, renegade and sound systems

Jane Randall - Info-Booklet, volunteer badges, reg-desk and a great listener!!!

Sam Gresham - Marketing, support and reg desk.

Roger Arney - Parade co-ordinator.

Paul Randall - Show poster design and Info book liaison!

Lorraine Reese - Twitter specialist

This year's logo has been designed by Nick.

### REGISTRATION OPENING TIMES

Wednesday	4.00pm - 9.00pm
Thursday	9.30am - 9.00pm
Friday	9.30am - 7.00pm
Saturday	9.00am - 11.30am
Sunday	10.30am - 2.00pm

3. A summer BJC.

### CLOTHING

Remember to buy your 25th Anniversary, celebratory t-shirt and hoodie! We have limited supplies available, however if we sell out and demand is high enough we are happy to take orders and have them sent to you afterwards for an additional small postage and packing fee.

They are on sale at the Registration Desk.

### Prices

Adult T-Shirt	£13
Lady Fit T-Shirt	£13
Adult Hoodie	£25
Child T-Shirt	£11
Child Hoodie	£18



## BEARD JUGGLING

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### LOCAL AMENITIES, CASH POINTS AND SHOPS

19. The first Springboard competition won by Philip Penny

Waitrose has the nearest cash machines. It's a short walk from the site and the quickest way from the leisure centre is to go across Garon Park field. From the campsite the quickest way is along the road past Cecil Jones High School (see map at reg desk).

There are a couple of small shops nearby and a take-away within walking distance. These are marked on the map. For more take-aways see the info point.

Local Buses regularly leave the leisure centre for Southend town centre. Please see reg desk for timetables.

### FOOD AND DRINK

Sports Centre Café

Midday - 8.30pm (tbc)

As well as food, you'll also be able to purchase some alcohol via the café. Extra seating is available in the bar area upstairs (next to BBMC room).

Foodgroove - Campsite

8am - 11pm (depending on demand)

Marquee Bar - Campsite

Midday - 2/3am (depending on demand)

Love Waffles - Campsite

All day.

Essex Hog Roast

Party Night Only - special Hog Roast as party of the celebrations of BJC.

20. A brilliant mad professor organist

### NOISE

Even though we don't have housing very close to the site this year, we would appreciate it if you would be considerate to other campers and local residents. Please keep the noise down after midnight - Especially within the camping area. If you still wish to make noise, then please go to the leisure centre which will be open all night

21. Americans came bringing the WJF to the UK

### WATER

A tap has been provided on the campsite for drinking water. Drinking water is also available in the leisure centre.

22. AMAZING orange light up passes

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- 2002- BJC 15 Whitstable
- 2005 - BJC 18 Perth
- 2009 - BJC 22 Norwich

18. 1993 - BJC 6 Birmingham
19. 1995 - BJC 8 Norwich

20. 2010 - BJC 23 Huddersfield
21. 2007- BJC 20 Nottingham
22. 2004- BJC 17 Derby



## TRADERS

They will be in the main hall and open at regular times throughout the convention. BJC is a great opportunity to get a bargain price and see the vast range of props on sale. You won't have a better chance to purchase such gear at superb prices. You'll also get fantastic advice and service. Please support the traders of BJC.

This year some of the traders have sponsored the two Gandini Juggling shows which take place on Friday night - 'The Event' and on Sunday afternoon for the closing show - they'll be performing their hit show 'SMASHED'.

## OPENING TIMES

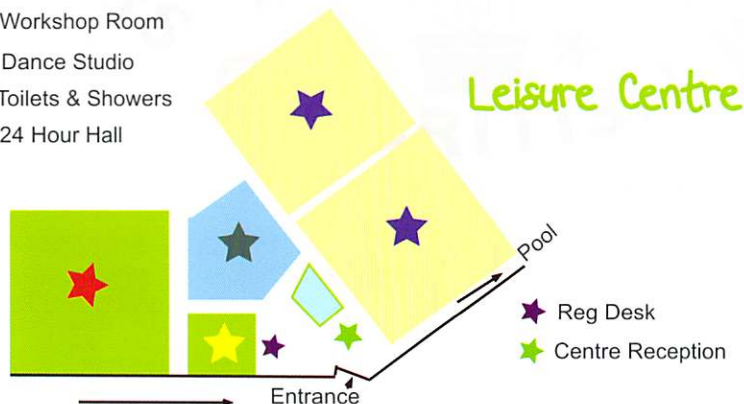
Wednesday	4.00pm - 6.00pm
Thursday	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Saturday	11.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	10.00am - 1.00pm

15. The 3rd BJC lasted 3 days, around 900 people!

16. Had a race to the sea and back



- ★ Workshop Room
- ★ Dance Studio
- ★ Toilets & Showers
- ★ 24 Hour Hall



17. Gatto wowed the crowds

## CONVENTION SAFETY

We don't expect to have any problems, however, we would appreciate it if you could be on the look out for non-convention goers trying to access the site.

4. Games included 5-egg cascade endurance, and unicycle jousting

We have done our best to ensure your safety and have security on the main entrance and within the site, however extra eyes are always helpful. If you do spot something suspicious, please report it to a

member of security.

## RUBBISH

Please use the bins provided and help to keep the leisure centre and campsite tidy. This will make the de-rig process a lot easier for Crew members if they don't have to spend hours collecting rubbish at the end of the convention. Black bags are available from the registration desk.

5. 'Unicycles on ice'

## FIRST AID

Please go to any of the following:  
Security  
Registration Desk  
Sports Centre Staff  
Bar staff

## TOILETS AND SHOWERS

Available 24 hours in the changing block on the field or in the Leisure Centre.

6. The pass was a yellow plastic duck

## SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION BJC2012 SPORTCO BALLS

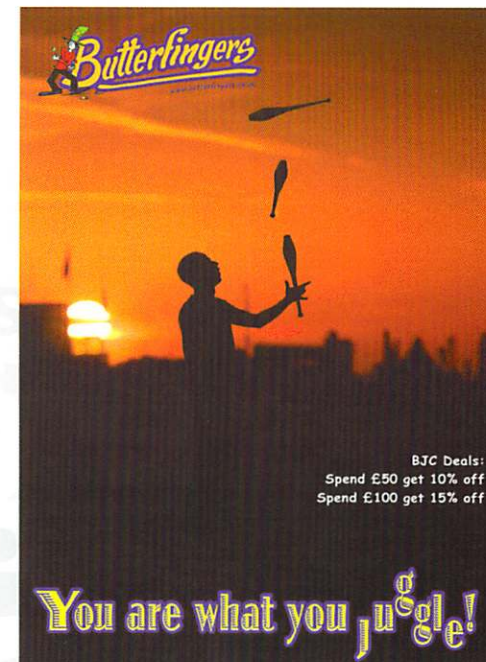
This year's BJC is all about celebrating it's 25th anniversary and all the BJCs gone by. In honour of this we have had 25 BJC2012 balls made by Sportco. There are 5 sets of 5 balls, all come with a certificate of authenticity. 2 sets will be given away as prizes: one to the winner of BYJOTY and one to the winner of the 5 ball endurance in the games. The other 3 sets are up for grabs!

All you have to do to be in with a chance of getting one of these fantastic sets of balls is

1. Buy yourself a strip of 5 raffle tickets for £5 so if you win, that's £1 per ball!
2. You can make a sealed bid, filling in a form provided in your reg pack and posting it in the box provided at the registration desk.
3. Make an open bid in the auction on Friday night.

7. A very delicious Beast

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to own these unique balls.



BJC Deals:  
Spend £50 get 10% off  
Spend £100 get 15% off

## LOST CHILDREN

Please take to the registration desk or security out of hours.

## FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT

Please see the map for the fire assembly point on the campsite and leisure centre areas.

8. Donald grant organised the Lob'ster Circus

15. 1990 - BJC 3 Exeter  
16. 2003 - BJC 16 Brighton  
17. 2000 - BJC 13 York

4. 1989 - BJC 2 Bath  
5. 2008 - BJC 21 Doncaster  
6. 1998 - BJC 11 Bristol

7. 2006 - BJC 19 Bodmin  
8. 1996 - BJC 9 Edinburgh



## LOST PROPERTY

Look after your stuff - loose something or find something - either way come to the Reg Desk!!

## VOLUNTEERING

The convention's success relies on YOUR help!

There is a lot to organise and do during the convention and not enough crew to do it all. PLEASE PLEASE volunteer a small amount of your time to help with some of the tasks available for volunteers. Everything will run more smoothly and be a whole lot better if you do!

Ask the Registration Desk team for details.

If you volunteer, you'll earn yourself a special convention badge - each of the 25 conventions feature on this year's badges. See if you can collect all 25!!! The more you collect, the more privileges you'll get; like getting into shows first!

## CAMPING/CAMPSTE

We have a large area available for camping - please do NOT move the tape marking the camping areas. The areas have been specifically marked out to allow access for emergency vehicles. If you pitch your tent within the emergency access route, you will be told to take your tent down and pitch in the

9. So good they went onto hold an EJC there

provided areas.

## LEISURE CENTRE

Please **do not** bring your sleeping bags in to the centre with the aim of bedding down in the halls.

We have paid for a field for you to camp - use it! Please be considerate to other users of the hall.

We will need to keep the halls tidy and will be cleaning periodically throughout the convention. If you try to sleep in the centre you will be asked to leave and camp on the field.

NO GLASS BOTTLES

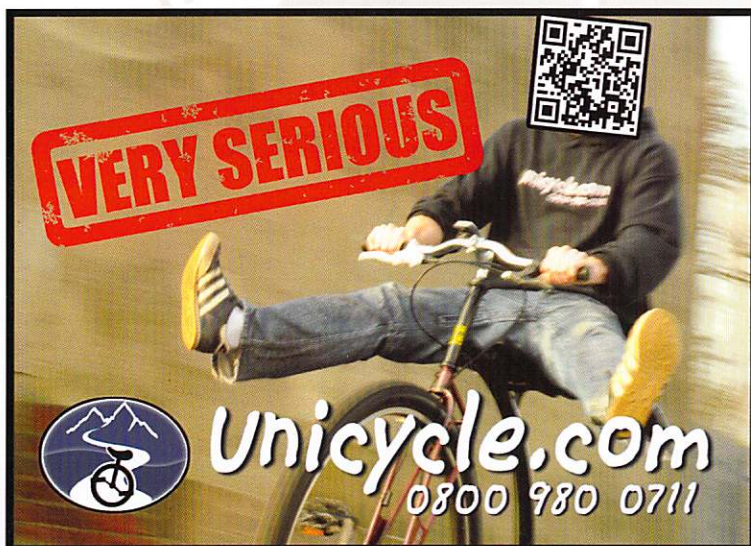
**NO FIRES ANYWHERE ON THE CAMPSITE**  
**NO PETS ACCEPT GUIDE DOGS**  
**NO SMOKING IN ANY BUILDING, INCLUDING THE TENTED STRUCTURES**  
**PLEASE dispose of cigarette butts responsibly**  
**NO ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**  
**NO GLASS BOTTLES IN THE 24 HALL OR THE TENTED STRUCTURES**

11. The very first BJC

10. It Attracted over 2000 attendees

12. Campers sharing their space with the Deer

13. Did Cheggers play pop or was it pot?



9 - 1991 - BJC 4 Leeds  
10 - 1992 - BJC 5 Coventry  
11 - 1988 - BJC 1 London

12 - 1997 - BJC 10 Nottingham  
13 - 1994 - BJC 7 Manchester  
14 - 2011 - BJC 24 Nottingham

## whats On?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Workshops All Day	Workshops All Day	Workshops All Day	Workshops All Day
	Ladybird Project All Day	Ladybird Project All Day	Ladybird Project Morning Only	Ladybird Project Morning Only
	Cirque Normande Workshop 10:00 - 11:00 Cirque Normande Family Show 11:30 - 12:30		Buses to Seafront 11:00 - 13:00	Kids Renegade 11:30 Ladybird Tent
	Kendama Open 13:30 Big Top	BYJOTY 13:30 - 16:45 Big Top	Parade 14:00 BJC 'Olympic' Games 15:00 - 17:00 Seafront Nr Fountains	Closing Show Gandini Juggling 'Smashed' 14:00 Workshop Hall
Pub Quiz BJC/Juggling 1st round. General Knowledge 2nd round 20:00 Marquee	Torwood Wheelers Display 17:30 - 18:30 Main Juggling Hall	Circus Space/Ciromedia First Show 19:00 Second Show 20:30 Big Top	High Point Public Show 19:30 Cliffs Pavillion	
	Open Stage 19:30 Big Top	Gandini Juggling 'The Event' First Show 19:00 Second Show 20:30 Workshop Hall	Buses Back to Site 22:15/22:30 Angry V's the Bear Marquee	
	Renegade Big Top	Party! Marquee	Renegade Big Top	

## WORKSHOPS

There are plenty of workshops taking place throughout the convention. Please see the workshop boards for all the information. If you have signed up to attend a workshop which is for limited numbers, please turn up on time and if you can't attend cross your name off the list so that another person can sign up in your place.

## SHOW TICKET

Do not lose your show ticket - you will need it to get on the bus into town for the parade, games and show. You will only be allowed into the stalls of the theatre with your show ticket.

Your convention pass is not enough to give you access.

Additional show tickets can be purchased from the reg desk for £15, for seating in the stalls or via the box office of the Cliffs Pavilion for the same price but with an allocated seat in the balcony.

14. The longest BJC yet, at seven days

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AC cabs - 01702 33 44 55  
Southend Radio Cars - 01702 345678

