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Family Holidays

Events and festivals to dazzle Tenerife in 2012! Easter Family The largest island in the Package Canaries, the Isle of Contrasts The latest snowfalls in Austria lives up to its nickname just cry for some more skiing perfectly with a whole host of this season. Enjoy some Easter colourful events and festivals running throughout the year. In 2012, Tenerife has something to suit every visitor - cultural events, religious festivals, concerts and one of the largest carnivals in the world! 28th-29nd April 2012 Marking the start of Tenerife's religious festival period, the April for two adults and two Festival of Tegueste sees children (up to 12 years) starting from EUR 2.400 .-

thousands of people dress in traditional costume to honour of Saint Mark the Evangelist During the event, dozens of colourfully-decorated floats parade down the streets of the village accompanied by singing and dancing groups, while local people hand out potatoes, gofio, meat, eggs and wine from the area in order to symbolise friendship. The following morning (29th April), visitors and locals celebrate the "Day of the Float" as a procession of beautifully-decorated floats wow spectators Rock Coast Festival, Santa Cru 24th-26th May 2012 This year, the island's

cosmopolitan capital, Santa

some of the world's greatest

pop groups, rock stars and

Cruz, is set to welcome

electronic musicians at the Rock Coast Festival. With big names due to be announced. the artists expected to perform boast a combined total of more than 270 million records sold between them - prompting the musical extravaganza to be dubbed "the most important music event to be held in the Canary Islands" by José Manuel Bermúdez, mayor of the capital's City Hall. Benefitting from a €5 million investment, visitors will be able to enjoy 15 hours of music each day and daily entertainment, such as a Formula 1 simulator. a ski slope and wind tunnel allowing visitors to feel the force of freefall Corpus Christi Carpets, La Orotava 14th June 2012

fireworks display and then transfers to the streets of the Corpus Christi is arguably the town before the statues are most famous and inspiring of returned to their sanctuaries. Tenerife's religious festivals,

centred around vast intricate Perseid Meteor Shower. Teide and coloured carpets - superbly National Park 12th August 2012 created from flower petals and volcanic sands - which are The Perseid Meteor Shower is laid out in the streets for all to undeniably one of the greatest admire. The highlight of the natural wonders in the universe festival is a tapestry of 800 The annual spectacle brings

piece of art, which only lasts a

few hours until the Procession

Festival of Virgen del

alive to honour Virgen del

boat, preceded by dancers

to be confirmed)

square

of Christ takes place across the

square metres covering the a dazzling light show with centre square in front of La more than 60 shooting stars Orotava's Town Hall. Petals zipping across the sky every and sand from the protected hour, caused by tiny particles Teide National Park, which of debris from a comet burning can only be used for this event, up when entering the Earth's are used to create this gigantic atmosphere at 135,000mph.

March 2012

Egg-Citing

Easter at Chesil Vista Chesil Vista Holidav Park in Weymouth Dorset has an

egg-stra special entertainment schedule planned for the Carmen, Puerto de la Cruz forthcoming Easter holidays, 10th or 17th July 2012 (date which begins on Saturday 31 March and continues until Each year, the fishing port Saturday 14 April. of Puerto de la Cruz comes In addition to the park's usual entertainment programme Carmen, the patron saint of of quality live cabaret acts. fishermen. During the tradition, the family-friendly holiday devoted locals carry a statue park will also be putting of the Virgin Mary to a small on an action-packed Easter programme which is sure to with coloured ribbons, before leave all Chesil Vista kids eggdozens of fishing boats sound stremely egg-sausted! their horns and accompany the Seven night Easter holiday Virgin as they sail along the at Chesil Vista start from coast. Back on land, the fiesta £335.00. Special Easter continues with an amazing holiday offers are also available including: 'Easter Treat' - nine nights for the price of seven Thurs 29 March to Sat 7 April or Sat 7 April to Mon 16 April prices from £335.00. Pre-Easter' (Sat 31 March to Thurs5 April) and 'Post-Easter' (Tues10th to Sat 14 April) breaks from £255.00 'Easter Mini Break' (Thurs 5 April - Tuesday 10 April) priced from £295.00. For more information www.chesilholidays.co.uk 01305 773 233 Can be booked with just a £60 deposit



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Guide 2012

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The AA winners of the Campsite of the Year for Britain and Ireland

The AA has announced the views or the best parks to go winners of the Campsite of the Glamping, the name for posh Year Awards for Britain and camping, as well as colourful Ireland to coincide with the fully updated introductions to launch of the AA Caravan and key destination counties, and Camping Britain and Ireland a section containing 20 new walks and cycle rides." AA Best Campsite of the Year England and Overall Winner The guide also carries a - Ross Park, Newton Abbot, selection of interesting and informative features on subjects ranging from 'A Details of all the awardweekend in a classic VW winning sites can be found in Camper Van', 'A look at the new AA Caravan and camping technology' and 'A Camping Britain and Ireland day in the life of a campsite Guide 2012. The guide nspector features over 900 annually The AA also offers the AA inspected and rated sites

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guide, commented, "I wish to show the card on arrival. The types of discounts vary from congratulate all our winners who have been awarded in site to site, details of which will recognition of exceptional be given when contacting the quality and attention to detail site. An AA Camping Card is across their parks and who are included in every AA Caravan included in a feature in the AA and Camping Britain and Carayan & Camping Britain Ireland Guide 2012. and Ireland Guide 2012. The guide also lists local attractions AA Caravan and Camping

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families for some Easter Fun

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walk with a difference, as they

All the family can join the

go in search of the Easter

of urban talent in the UK

including breakdancers, street

you can see them on mid

Talented Seaside competition

members of families can come

along and sing a song, dance

fellow guests with magician's

skills. The favourite acts will

be entered into the fantastic

CW.

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their socks off or captivate

will take place during the

week breaks at all parks."

The very first Haven's

Easter holidays too. So

dancers and free style tricksters

earned break?

Bunny

prize draw to win a VIF heading for the coast for a well weekend for the family in London or £1000 cash prize so make sure they take take Haven parks, dotted all around along their props, costume or the coastline, have just opened instrument!

> Evening entertainment includes performances from Same Difference Ray Lewis from The Drifters Sonva Stavros and Bucks Fizz featuring Bobby G.

In the kids clubs they will make Easter bonnets and At Haven they know that every later join the characters in the family is different some like narade. Jamie Thomson from to explore the local area, some Haven's entertainment team build sandcastles, some are says "we know everyone loves sporty and like to try out new all the traditional aspects of things. Whatever They have it Easter, it's expected, but we also like to offer something Easter Breaks start from a little different at Haven just £149 for a 3 night break in standard accommodation This year we're showcasing Streethall Extreme, the best

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Family Holidays Fun for all the Family

activities have been added to the phenomenal activity exercise solution, as well as programme for Canvas a springboard to get involved with this fantastic sport.

Swimming and sunbathing are typically things you associate with going on holiday. This year Canvas, alongside specialist outdoor activities company, In2Action, introduce them learn how to solve a new activities, including Bodyzorbing, Balanceability and Mini Fence to the FamilyExtra programme to a selection of sites across Europe

Body Zorbing Have a go at one of the latest extreme sports! If you've ever fancied stepping into a gigantic plastic ball and rolling around at high speed then Body Zorbing is the one for you. Kids can play a variety of games from inside the bodyzorbs, including Bodyzorb Football, Bodyzorb Rugby and

A learn to cycle programme for children aged 2 1/2 to 6 vears old. These sessions help develop confidence, spatial For more information on Canvas Holidavs see www.canvasholidays.co.uk or call

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FamilyExtra and Hoopi's

Club (the Canvas Holidavs

children's club) campsites. The

whole family can get involved

in sport which will feature in

thes years' London Olympics

and clothing items

Balanceability

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Bodyzorh Battle Mini-Fence Capture the children's www.haven.com/easter 0871 230 1900 23 parks have touring and

Out and About

Penshurst Place & Gardens to become a Seven Wonder of the Weald nart of the new 2012 attraction nass offer which gives one free

just £25. (a saving of £25 on

admission after purchasing a

pass). The 2012 attraction pass

is available to purchase online

via the Seven Wonders website

www.sevenwonders.or.uk

The Seven Wonders of the Weald are delighted to entry to all the attractions for announce that Penshurst Place & Gardens has accepted an invitation to join the Seven Wonders of the Weald tourism partnership

Ben Thomas, General Manager of Penshurst Place Estate said and also from Bedgebury "We are really pleased to be National Pinetum & Forest, joining this unique partnership Merriments Gardens, It is a good fit for Penshurst Biddenden Vineyards and Place and a clever brand from the Majdstone Ashford and Tunbridge Wells Tourist presence for this stunning area of the country and we look Information Centres. forward to working with our new partners.'

A new 2012 brochure with information about all the Seven Peter D'Aguilar of Bedgeburv Wonders has been produced and will be available to pick up National Pinetum & Forest a member of the Seven Wonders at various tourist points For partnership for 7 years said, an early copy visit any of the "It is really good to have Seven Wonders of the Weald Penshurst Place & Gardens in attractions or visit the Tourist the Seven Wonders of the Weald Information Centres at Partnershin They will fit well Tunbridge Wells or Maidstone

with our offer to visitors in the area and to those we are trying Penshurst Place & Garden is set in the beautiful Weald of Kent and has stood on the

Penshurst Place & Gardens banks of the river Medway ioins other Kent and Sussex

to attract in."

attractions in the group: Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest Marle Place Gardens & Gallerv Biddender Vinevards Merriments Gardens Kent & East Sussex Railway. Chiddineston Castle & Garden Penshurst Place

& Gardens will h

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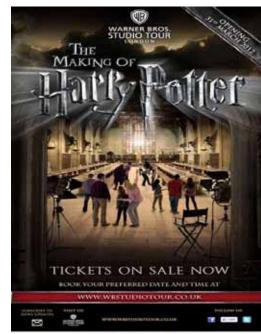
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Merlin's Dragon' spreads its wings at Spotlites at Kings Theatre!

"Merlin's Dragon' is little 'uns as well in the form spearheading Spotlites of Spotlites' two sell-out interactive hits for 2-5 year at Kings Theatre's 2012 olds: 'Magic Porridge Pot' Spring season, which brings interactive fun for all the and 'The Enormous Turnip family to enjoy. This February In an intimate venue played in half-term brings an array of the round, families are invited Spotlites' unique interactive on an enchanting adventure. plays and drama workshops, tailor made for toddlers and including 'Peter Pan on small children. The little 'uns Dinosaur Island', 'Rapunzel come onstage and join in - May the Force be with throughout both these plays! you!', 'Magic Porridge Pot' 'A great introduction to and 'The Enormous Turnip' theatre' Herald on 'Magic Running until April, 'Merlin's Porridge Pot' Dragon' tells the story of 'So perfect' ThreeWeeks on Merlin's quest to defeat the evil 'The Enormous Turnip' Sorceress Nimue the Lady of Also don't miss 'Snotlites the Lake. On his journey, he is Drama Workshops for 5-12s You drop your children off and aided by an ancient and wise Dragon, a no-nonsense Princess they do the workshop on their and the White Knight, Sir own. Each workshop costs £5. Lancelot. Can they overcome 'Wow-tastic' British Theatre the Lady of the Lake before Guide she floods Avalon forever? They have workshops on these Children join in throughout themes: lightsabres ready this interactive production for in 'Star Wars: Jedi Knight 5-12 year olds! Shoot firebolts Academy'; save Far Far Awa with the Dragon! Joust with Sir from Prince Charming in Lancelot the White Knight! 'Shrek' Sonic Screwdrivers Vanquish evil knights with real Kids come onstage throughout

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Dance, Drama & Music 5 Swallows And Amazons Brings Easter Fun To The Marlowe Theatre

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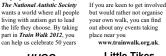
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& family accommodation at
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                              Boat - the story of Women's
their child or stay nearby. To
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habitats, FREE. 4,10 Mar

Meet the historical character

adaptations &

puppets & storytelling, learn more about natural history & science in a fun way. Until 31 July Images of Nature Dinosaur Way exhibition, all ages, Every weekend & school hols Hands on Nature Dinosaurs, visit the handling station & explore interesting specimens with the help of the museums science performed by the English Youth educators, FREE & Up, Up and Ballet 25 Mar La Traviata Away interactive storytelling for under 7's, FREE. Daily Mar Natural History Museum Cromwell Road Family Earth Lab explore London 020 7942 5000 The the wonder of fossils, rocks Ring of Fire talk on earthquakes & minerals families 6+vrs. volcanoes & tsunamis & why FREE. Explorer backpacks. they happen, families, 7+yrs, families under 7's. Dippy 3.24 Mar Cutting Floor puzzle under 7's, FREE Bookasaurus, families under Edge workshop for families marine invertebrates handle 5's Jurassic Ark family activity real specimens, take part in

pack includes code breaking fun group activities & lots activities. Daily Learning more. 3 Mar Ring of Fire talk Activators encourage visitors of on earthquakes, volcanoes & all ages to discover more about tsunamis & why they happen, the natural world, FREE, Daily families, 7+vrs, 3,11,31 Mar Focus Points handling trollevs Meet Charles Darwin with his explore real specimens with collection of beetles & hear the help of volunteers, using about his famous theory for the different natural history themed evolution of all living things activities, all ages, FREE. 1-3 Mar Theatre Royal for families, all ages, FREE. 4 11 18 25 Mar The Bird Table

Margate 0845 130 1786 How to be a Monster a light hearted examination of teenage angst. a look at fears, friendships, parents, pranks, puppy fat & school. 1 Mar-18 Nov Hever Castle

Mary Anning & find out more Kent 01732 865224 'A Royal tnttravelshow.com. Romance' new exhibition of about her life & her collection of interesting fossils for all Anne Boleyn includes a replica 10.17.31 Mar Animal of her coronation gown. Vision Show featuring live 2 Mar The Queen's Gallery animals shows there is a world Buckingham Palace London only visible to certain reptiles 020 7766 7301 Antartic & invertebrates, families, all inspiration special event. Daily ages, FREE. 17 Mar Meet become an explorer & discover the historical character Carl the exhibition with activity Linnaeus, a Swedish botanist bags for families. Using the & see his specimens on the bags find out which animals the 1st floor 17 Mar Killer Bugs adventurers shared the Antartic discovery talk for families, all with and what early explorers ages. 18 Mar Meet Dorothea wore to protect themselves from Bate gallery character who the cold.

knows a lot about mammals & 2-5yrs, FREE. 3 Mar Spotlites Kings Theatre birds that lived millions of years 338 High Street Chatham 3 Mar Museum of Londor

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Docklands No West India Quay Hertsmere Road London 020 7001 9844 A whale's tale create a short story book about these mysterious creatures, 5+yrs, FREE. 3-4 Mar Margate Beach Cross With two days of racing & spectators are able to watch FREE from the Margate promenade. The event also doubles up as the first two rounds of the ATE MCF British Beach Cross 3-4 Mar Knole Park House & Gardens Sevenoaks 01732 more.

Centre 0845 1552277 The 462100 Designs for the Garden Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular al students from the Universit totally live & every song is an of Greenwich present their absolute classic Daily Various conservation plans for the times Junior Fitness 12-15vrs private garden, 16 Mar Meet the learn how the body works, the Conservation Team with talks benefits of a healthy lifestyle & & demonstrations 24 Mar Walk participate in structured fitness from Knole to Emmetts Garden sessions with a qualified fitness & back, approx 14miles. instructor Selected Sats Wave 3 4 10 11 17 18 24 25 31 Mar

01634 829468 Open Talent

Competition for anyone aged

5-90yrs, it is split into two age

groups 5-13s & 14-90's. It is

judged by the audience, whoever

acts should be under 3mins. 4

gets the loudest applause &

Mar Merlin's Dragon, 4 Mar

Merlin's Dragon 29 Mar The

241806 Guided Walk from Elms

Vale to West Hougham, 4.5

miles (2.5hrs) children 7+vrs.

Mar Maidstone Leisure

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Enormous Turnip,

Mar Elms Vale

dogs on leads welcome.

Centre

Rave Pool Party sessions with The Royal Observatory inflatables, floats, games & the Greenwich latest music. Available Birthday 020 8858 4422 Davtime Sky

Parties for children leave all the Watch: Venus take a look through the Observatory's enormous planning & tidying up to the 28 inch telescope at the planet 3 Mar The Foundling Museum Venus as it approaches its 40 Brunswick Square 020 7841 greatest apparent distance from 3600 Explore the exhibition the Sun on 30 March, 7+yrs, 3 Ouentin Blake, as large as life Mar Saturday Space Explorer in session aimed at 3-12yrs. drop in family workshops 3 Mar Earls Court Exhibition offering something new to make Centre Warwick Road London & take away each month to help www.tnttravelshow.com TNT vou learn more abut astronomy Travel Show extravaganza including star charts, planet offers people the chance to finders & much more, 3+vrs. source information, tips & FREE. advice from a wide range of 3.10 Mar Davennorts Magic

exhibitors offering everything Theatre Strand London 020 7836 0408 The Magic from day trips & city breaks to extended tours across Africa, Symphony magic show for the Europe, the UK, Asia, USA & whole family, staged to classical beyond for all ages. Admission music & themed around the FREE by pre-registration www. theatre & the theatre orchestra 3-10 Mar Olympic Park

Mar Somerset House Aquatics Centre British Strand 020 7845 4600 Family Swimming Championships workshops & for under 5's (50m), the event is part of story, drama & crafting sessions. the London Prepares series Marbling Marvels, learn which will allow London 2012 the craft of paper marbling, organisers to road test Olympic FREE, 10 Mar Parallel Lines. venues before the games begin. FREE. 17 Mar Being Green www.londonpreparesseries.com an exploration & celebration 3.10.17.24 Mar Hornima of the colour green, FREE. Museum London Road Forest 24 Mar Flower Power FRFF Hill 020 8699 1872 Hands 31 Mar Dreamtime Treasures on Family Workshops, drop in, 3+yrs, FREE, use all your Mini Make Believe workshops 4 Mar Mad March Hares with senses to explore the animal songs, stories and bouncy hats kingdom, musical instruments, costumes, masks, toys &

puppets from all the world in

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themed workshops. 3,10 Mar through making music, dance & Hands on Puppets, 17 Mar stories, under 5's FREE, Daily Hands on Music 24 Mar Hands Ship Simulator discover the art on Costume, 3,10,17,24 Mar of navigation & communication Art Makers fun themed sessions at sea, become the captain led by a professional local artist. of a ship & try your hand at 3,10 Mar Indian String Puppets. manoeuvring into port using the 17.24 Mar Cress Creations 3 state of the art bridge simulator Mar Woven Easter Baskets 2 for younger visitors FREE 3,31 Mar Wilderness Woods Mar Nzinga Dance Ensemble Concert, FREE, all ages. Every Hadlow Down 01825 830509 FairyGardens, find the enchanted Wed until 31 Mar & every Fri fairy glade & listen to a story until 30 Mar Busy Bees sessions for under 5's with creative play. about woodland elves plus stories. art & craft, songs & lots make a woodland wand to take home, 3-6yrs. 10 Mar Castaway Every Sun until 31 Mar join an expedition deep into Discovery for All, drop in the woods, build shelters from to explore thousands of real woodland materials & cook objects from around the world sausages over your campfire families 3+yrs, FREE drop try your hand at breadmaking in. Until 9 Sept Mummers. & toast marshmallows, bring Maypoles and Milkmaids - A chipolatas to cook & a picnic Journey Through the English tea to keep you going, 6+yrs. Ritual Year exhibition, FREE 11 Mar Woodland Monster for under 16's Until 31 Dec The venture into the deen woods in Art of Harmony: The V & A & search of a monster, listen to his Horniman Music Collections. story, camouflage yourself then FREE follow the clues to his hiding 3.10.17.24.31 Mar National place, 3-6yrs. 11 Mar Coppice Maritime Museum Greenwich Skills, a beginners guide to 020 8312 6565 Explore coppicing, learning traditional Saturdays meet a character skills that are still practised at from he part & take part in an the wood today. Fell poles to exciting performance that will make stakes & roof shingles using hand tools, learn cleaving bring maritime history to life, 6+yrs, FREE. 4,11,18,25 Mar & splitting techniques & enjoy Discover Sundays explore your tea by the coppice fire, suitable nersonal connections to the sea for individuals or families 1 all ages FREE 6.13.20.27 Mai Mar We're Going on a Bear Play Tuesdays young children Hunt, recreate this story in the woods, 3-6yrs. 18 Mar Heavy can have fun with their families

as they explore the museum

sites. A unique chance to meet these gentle giants, pat & brush them & watch them at work in the woods, demonstrating how much nimbler they are than the average tractor 24 Mar Wand Making listen to a fairy story then wander into the wood to collect natural treasures to decorate a willow wand to take home, 3-6yrs. 25 Mar Camp Building, build a camp with whatever materials you can find. 4+vrs. 25 Mar Explore! Guided walk around the wood. Mar Cobham Manor Thurnham Maidstone British Heart Foundation North Downs Way Challenge, choose to either hike or run the circular route plus 3 distances to choose from,

www.bhf.org.uk/events. 4 Mar Samphire Hoe 01304 225649 Samphire Hoe to Deadman's Pool and Back. guided walk, distance 1 mile, Green Gang event, dogs on leads welcome. 4 Mar Avenue Theatre Sittingbourne 01795 471140

'Happy Feet 2' movie for families Mar Winter Gardens Margate 01843 296111 Swan Lake performed by the Vienna Festival Ballet 4 Mar Barons Court Theatre

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distance 4 miles (2hrs), children Festival, www.dover-film.com. 7+yrs, dogs on leads welcome. 7 10 11 21 24 25 Mar Vew 10 Mar Chartwell Westerham Tree Cottage Penshurst 01892 01732 868381 The gardens. 870689 Open Garden lots of seats & secret corners, many usual plants, hellebores, spring bulbs, old roses, small pond & lots more FREE entrance children 7-11 Mar Wembley Arena Empire Way Wembley 08744

847 1963 Disney on Ice: Princesses & Heroes. Mar Scotney Castle & lots more. Lamberhurst 01892 893819 Open Garden with over 20 acres of

Building 020 3108 2052 Fossil of garden to explore. Mar Olympia Exhibition Forage: National Science & Centre London 0871 230

Engineering Week Activities

over 9ish with accompanying estate, shop & studio are now open 7 days a week. adult. Start point Burmarsh, 10 Mar Charlton Church Hall meet Lathe Barn Tea Rooms 01304 219767 Fundraising 2pm. Morning Fayre, stalls to include 11 Mar Wildwood Trust cakes & produce, books & Herne Bay 01227 712111 CDs. gifts toys & stationery Junior Zoo Keeper Experience plus games to include treasure day find out what it's like to

hunt, bar skittles, hoola hoop, work at Wildwood & how they tombola, karaoke, refreshments care for the animals & keep them happy & healthy, need to 10 Mar Grant Musuem book 7-11yrs 18 Mar Wildlife Zoology Rockefeller Gardening Talk with hints &

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with an opportunity to sieve

rich sediment from a time when

London was patrolled by sharks

& rays. Find a 50 million year

old shark's tooth & take it home,

explore the amazing fossils

from prehistoric creatures with

their interactive specimen based

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4pm, FREE. 20 Mar The Beast

from 20,000 Fathoms (1953) on

the Big Screen 6 30nm FRFF

10 Mar Brixton Makers

Market Local market selling

food & clothes to cards, gifts &

11 Mar Romney Marsh Cycle

Ride 01797 367934 Fun family

bike ride the first of 2012, enjoy

the first signs of spring, the

splash of colour from yellow

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energetic activities.

It's no wonder campers look

forward to returning for the

2012 holiday camps. As one

parent, Claire Nickols says,

last year, they wanted to go

everyday and when it ended

The kids thoroughly enjoyed

they said they couldn't wait for

sports and outdoor recreational games, children are able to build on and develop skills that will last them a lifetime while ultimately having fun.

strive to make every camp One of the greatest benefits of the camp environment is that it offers children the fun and thrills of trying new activities child interacts in a positive whilst also engaging in ones they are more familiar with.



As a well directed camp they Another parent, Debbie Cassell, says "I like the camp experience a success making because it is well organised. sure that every child is included secure, and friendly while in each activity and that each



way. What develops is the

fostering of a team atmosphere

friendships. These friendships

which in turn leads to lasting

are often unique and special

as the camp is open to anyone

between the ages of 4-14 so

it's a great chance to meet and

people

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network of 'Local LittleBird Ambassadors', who's role Previous partnerships include is to spread the word about The Gruffalo, Lee Valley Park, LittleBird in their communities The Design Museum, Willows and forge partnerships with Farm, Battersea Zoo, Toni & Guy and Buyagift.

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development, building an active enthusiasm for learning. Contact your local Instructor today Ashford, Park Farm East Malling Park Langley and 01233 733 801 and Gravesend West Wickham. 01622 728 214 Haves Bearsted 020 8402 2443 01622 205 955 Maidstone West Sevenoaks Bexleyheath

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Dyslexia East Kent Support Evening Talk

'Using Technology to Support Dyslexia'. Literacy support tools, typing tutors, voice recognition & mobile devices, including app for the ipad will be demonstrated.

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Tuesday 13th March 7.45pm for 8 pm start until 9.15 pm enue: The Spires Academy, Bredlands Lane Westbere, Sturry, Canterbury. CT2 OHD (just off the A28) There's no need to book a seat. A £3 donation from non-members would be appreciated.

For further information phone 0845 0038 979 www.dyslexia-east-kent.org.uk

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CHERRYGOOD

Cherrygood, the cherry juice Cherrygood for breakfast drink, is now available in a and that they would love a smaller ready-to-go size. smaller version to pop in thei Cherry Burst, primarily lunchboxes. We listened and aimed at children, launch in created Cherry Burst. Morrisons stores as a triple pack of 200ml cartons. Each 'All the goodness and flavour carton counts as one of your of wonderful real cherries are Five-A-Day. In addition to packed into each carton making children it is also hoped Cherry it an easy way for children to Burst will appeal to the adult get one of their Five-A-Day

The packs will sell at RRP 'Cherry Burst is not just for children though. We've already £1.35 and will be on promotion throughout March with a 30p discovered that lots of dads are tucking them into their briefcases to drink at work as John Heseltine, the founder an alternative to tea and coffee and mums are taking them

of Cherrygood, says: 'Mums have been telling us how much to the gym to rehydrate after their children love drinking exercise

lunchbox market.

saving.

Kensington

The Science Museum Live

The Science Museum Live The Science Museum Live is brings the excitement of The on at the Churchill Theatre Science Museum to the stage Bromley Wed 14 March featuring spectacular science, 7pm, Thu 15 March 1.30pm dangerous demonstrations and Tickets £15 50 Children £13.50. Family Ticket (4) £52 extraordinary experiments in this entertaining and educational live show. Featuring interactive sets, pyrotechnics and digital projections, the action is interspersed with web cam footage from inside the Science Museum as well as exclusive footage of some of the nation's scientific treasure stored at Wroughton in Hyde Park in the huge glass building known as the Crystal Wiltshire and Rlythe House in

Book on 0844 871 7620 (bkg fee) www.atgtickets.con The Science Museum as an institution has been in existence for about a century and a half It has its origins in the Great Exhibition of 1851, held in

Palace.

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Learning Together

New book available March 12 children, whatever their budget Montessori St Nicholas, the Sometimes it's the smallest UK's largest Montessori charity activities that can make the announces the publication of a biggest impact on a child's new parenting book: Building development." Strong Foundations: What Better parenting starts from

Montessori can offer your family. The book takes a fresh birth and is central to the life look at family life to help chances of every child. The parents put the child at the book starts out exploring the heart of the home and unlock first year of a baby's life as a their amazing potential. Packed time of extraordinary growth with ideas and advice, it is and development. It stresses the relevant to parents of young key roles played by attachment. children from birth upwards. movement and communication.

Philin Bujak, Montessori It explains what the Montessori philosophy of "follow the CEO says, "The parenting journey is awe-inspiring, life child" means and discusses key changing and challenging. The elements of the approach which young child is full of future embraces child-led natural and possibility. This isn't a how favorable home environments to manual on the right way to For further information or raise children.

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from Centre Pa

tips on making your garden

more wildlife friendly with

simple ideas & guidance. 25

Mar Bushcraft Experience Day

learn essential skills including

animal tracking, field signs &

animal preparation for cooking.

12+yrs. 27 Mar Photography

Day with tuition from resident

access & special animal feeds

to help you get close up shots,

18+yrs. 11 Mar Kent County

Showground Maidstone 01622

630975 Event with loads of

boating, fishing and watersports

equipment at bargain prices

with stalls inside & out FREE

11 Mar Victoria & Albert

Museum Cromwell Road

entrance for children.

stallholders selling all manner of

photographer & get exclusive

filled with jigsaws, stories & price games to explore the collection. 17-18 Mar Churchill War 4-11yrs, Activity Cart hands on Rooms Clive Steps King art fun for children to create a Charles Street 020 7930 6961 Samuri helmet, a silver goblet or Britons at War 1938 drop in an elephant mask to take home. informal session as visitors are FREE, drop in plus Agent encouraged to consider the fear Animal bag a sensory activity felt by Britons before war even bag that has been developed for broke out. As well as discussing under 5's containing an audio the topic with experts, visitor map & fabric cubes, FREE. will have the chance to examine 11 Mar Museum of Londor genuine objects relating to 150 London Wall London the topic, suitable all ages. 020 7001 9844 Edible history, Ongoing Undercover Life in choose your picture, make it Churchill's Bunker learn what your own by adding a personal life & conditions were like touch & then turn it into a underground. delicious cupcake, 5+vrs, 18 Mar Goodnestone Park

FREE. Until 15 Apr Streets of Gardens Wingham N Canterbury 01304 840107 Gold exhibition. Until 10 June dickens & London exhibition. Open Garden 10-12 acres Mar Gulbenkian with good trees, woodland Theatre Canterbury 01227 garden, snowdrops, spring 769075 Kent Dance Annual bulbs & walled garden with Show with tap, jazz, ballet, hip old fashioned roses. Picnics hop, Bollywood, Irish, street allowed. dancing & lots more performed 18 Mar Folkestone Warren

by University of Kent dance 01303 274806 White Cliffs Walk an afternoon walk to discover the wildlife & history of the dramatic landscane beneath the White Cliffs, distance 4 miles (3hrs), dogs on leads welcome. 18 Mar Canterbury Cathedral

01227 762862 Come & Sing Event performed by singer from all over Kent, directed by Dr David Flood

Mar Charlton Park 18 Canterbury 01227 831355 Open House & Grounds enjoy a walk in the grounds followed by afternoon tea in the ballroom. 18 Mar Old Royal Naval College Foundation House 2 Cutty Sark Gardens Greenwich 0870 169 0101 Mother's Day Cream tea the afternoon tea will include a glass of prosecco on arrival, a selection of sandwiches, cakes, tartlets, homemade scones with cream & jam, a variety of teas plus an Tourism Week an indoor activity pack for children

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the Tale of Peter Rabbit with lots ground, Victorian walled 18 Mar Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park 020 8293 1904 of audience participation. From The Trust for Urban Ecology 11am there will be pre-concert is hosting its 10th National activities including meet the Frog Day with FREE, fun, musicians, percussion zoo & froggy themed activities. These minute maestro conducting, 3-8 will include pond dipping, yrs, concert 12 noon. 24-25 Mar LegoLand Windsor storytelling, treasure trails, 01753 621621 Feel the Force! froggy art a garden pond workshop & 'Meet the Newts' Lego Star Wars, Event Weekend, sessions. There will also be a meet Star Wars characters on bbq, refreshments, book & gift park including a Stormtrooper stalls plus raffle, 11-3pm, www. battalion, Jedi training, Droid urbanecology.org.uk. building workshops, life size 18 Mar St Patrick's Day Star Wars vehicles & lots more. Parade & Festival www. 24-25 Mar Kent Showground Detling 01233 713878 Kent london.gov.uk/stparticksday. The parade begins at Piccadilly Game & Equine Festival with at 12pm & travels along indoor & outdoor countryside Piccadilly Lower Regent Street arenas with wildfowling. Pall Mall East, Trafalgar Sq & falconry & ferrets & more Whitehall. There will be the best an indoor equestrian arena, of Irish music, dance & culture game cookery demonstrations, in Trafalgar Sq. There will also have-a-go activities including be throughout the day FREE archery, clay shooting, air rifles entertainment to include celli & more. There will also be over dancing traditional Irish music 150 equestrian & countryside celebrity MCs & Irish speakers companies in the indoor & outdoor shopping villages, a to teach you a few Irish phrases. FREE family day out. fun day out for all the family 18 Mar The Drayton Court whatever the weather, under 5's Function Room Faling Dusty FREE, tickets 01749 813899 Does Disco for children & their or www.contour.uk.net 31 families. A real disco packed Mar Heritage Transport Show full of entertainment with & Auction event for anyone live DJ, full disco lighting, with an interest or passion for bubbles, disco tuition plus vintage vehicles, tickets 01622

games Child friendly yenue 630075 with baby changing, buggy 24 Mar-27 May Herne Bay park, microwave & food Museum & Gallery 01227 367 available, 3-5pm, tickets www. 368 Create your own greetings dustydoesdisco.co.uk. cards, stamp, rub or print your 20 Mar The Secret Gardens own greetings card to take home of Sandwich at The Salutation inspired by the collecting prints 01304 619919 3 1/2 acres of exhibition children FRFF ornamental & formal gardens 25 Mar Mere House Mereworth with lake, white, yellow, Open Garden with woodland spring woodland, rose, kitchen, walk & major tree planting & landscaping. Park & lake walks, vegetable & herbaceous gardens designed to provide year round children FREE admission, changing colour. www.mere-house.co.uk. 21 Mar Royal National Mar Capel-Le-Ferne

Village Hall Folkestone 07899 Theatre Upper Ground South Bank 020-7452 3234 082356 Indoor Boot Fair with NT Revealed on stage activities large variety of stalls plus exploring design & technical refreshments, entry by donation skills & careers. Stage Design to village hall funds Tel: 01303 259120 for bookings & Costume, hair & make up 24 Mar Old Town Hall 25 Mar Folkestone Downs 01303 274806 A walk over Chatham Monica's Vintage

Fair selling vintage & retro the Downs in search of early clothing & accessories plus live signs of spring, distance 5 miles music from the 1940's swing (2hrs) dogs on leads welcome & wartime throughout the day 25 Mar Mote Park Maidstone Refreshments available, FREE 01342 716574 Sport Relief Miles, a 1,3 & 6 mile run, Tel: for children, 11-4pm, www. 01622 602718. monicasvintagefair.com.

25 Mar Godinton House 24 Mar Pilgrims Hospice Ashford 01233 820461 Open Canterbury 01843 233934 Spring Fair with home made Garden terraced lawns lead produce, plants, gifts & through herbaceous borders. homeware from local artisans, rose garden & formal lily refreshments, music & an Easter pond to intimate Italian garden Egg hunt for the children, 12-& large walled garden with 3pm, FREE entry. delphiniums, potager, cut 24 Mar St Margaret's at Troy flowers & iris border, entrance Town Rochester 01634 843843 FREE children. 25 Mar Tatsfield Art & Craft

Alternate Shadows, pantomime The Beauty Sleeping. Fair Craft Fair, 11-3pm. 24 Mar Spring Walk around 25 Mar Stonewall Park Open Hawkinge 01304 205108 Garden a romantic woodland Including Reinden Wood, garden in historic setting distance 5 miles (2hrs), dogs featuring species rhodendrons, welcome on leads. magnolias, azaleas, a range 24 Mar Cadogan Hall 5 Sloane of interesting trees & shrubs Terrace 020 7730 4500 Crash wandering paths & lakes. There Bang Wallop, family concert,

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children. 27 Mar Canterbury Library 01227 712111 01227 712111 Canterbury Read-a-thon. monthly David Copperfield chat sessions & discover Canterbury connections. 27 Mar The Broadway

garden with herbaceous borders

& vegetable garden, www.ngs.

Theatre Catford 020 8690 0002 All Our Yesterdays a show from the producers of 'Memory Lane', 'Rolling Back the Years' & 'A Timeless Collection 28-31 Mar The Brook Theatre Old Town Hall Chatham 01634 338319 Annie the musical for

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be available in the Chocolate have been with them for many Cookery Theatre. 31 Mar White Cliffs, Country Trail 07801 508958 Country Walk through Finglesham & returning via Betteshanger,

suitable 7+yrs, distance 5.25 miles (3hrs). 31 Mar Canterbury Heritage

Museum Stour Street 01227 475202 Easter Fun Day decorate eggs & take part in fun & unusual customs from Britain, Poland & around the world, complete a treasure hunt around the galleries to win a small prize.

Mar Thanet Coast Plumpudding Beach Clean 01843 577672 Beach Clean starts at the very western end of Minnis Bay going along the northern sea wall' beaches Come & help maintain the beautiful coastline, gloves, sticks & bags provided, 2pm. 31 Mar Pegwell Bay 01843 577672 Beach Clean meet on beach below hoverport access road near the Viking Ship Picnic

Green, gloves, sticks & bags provided, 10-12.30pm. 31 Mar-15 Apr Bembridge Windmill 01983 873945 Spring Nature Trail

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Day, Board Games as part of their 'Our Childhood Past exhibition adults & children alike can design & make their own board game, drop in 10-4pm, FREE. 7 Mar Cuxton Community Junior School Rochester 01634 718532 Alternate Shadows, pantomime The Beauty Sleeping. 17 Mar St Peter's Village Tour Margate 0754 6514948 English

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preview & a 1hr sample of the

tours, FREE, booking essential

7 Mar Kingsdown to Walmer

Castle and Back 01304

241806 A pleasant walk along

part of the Saxon Shore Way

to Walmer Castle returning via

Hawksill Down to Kingsdown,

17 Mar Greenwich Park

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