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Camping for Beginners

Whether you're a first time festival goer or have decided to camp out during the Olympics to cut costs, Vango's Adventure Tents ensure that even those with no experience can pitch up like a pro. Ideal for first timers and people on the move due to the pack weight and versatility of the space, the Adventure tents range from Vango have plenty of features to keep you dry and comfortable. With hotly anticipated UK festival line ups being announced and Summer holidays not too far off, there's really no better time to get out into the great outdoors

A new style for 2012, the Ark DS has full length front windows to let in plenty of light as well as an added inner tent. The front door of the tent can also be turned into a sun porch to create even more much needed relaxation space. Sleeping 2,3 or 4 people and available in bright yellow, green or classic

with your family and friends.

black, the Ark DS also features colour coded poles and a handy loop to hang your lantern.

Vango Sigma 300 £100. Sigma 300+ £120. An ideal option for the more technical camper due to its dome-style structure adding

flexible stability. Updated for 2012, the Sigma features cleaner aesthetics and higher porch poles for additional height. Large windows will allow plenty of light into the tent and the breathable polyester inert tent and new linked in groundsheet you'll stay comfortable while keeping your possessions dry.

Vango Dart DS 200: £85, Dart DS 300: £100

Ideal for new campers and undated for 2012, the Dart DS offers separate sleeping porch areas thanks to its pre-attached inner whilst still providing the simplicity of a pop up tent. Light can pour in thanks to the Handled carry bag

new large front windows but a good night's sleep can still be had by all due to the built in privacy curtains. Great internal space and a small pack size make the Dart DS easy to carry and great to use.

Vango Tigris 400 XL The new Tigris XL is a major update of the well loved Tigris The added front pole doubles as a living space and creates an area ideal for storage and relaxing, perfect for a holiday. Pitching time 20 mins

All in one or Flysheet First pitching Easy pitch tunnel style. Tension Band System. Lightweight inner groundsheet Colour coded poles New larger windows New privacy curtain New low level vents. Easy find inner clips. Pelmet with pockets

> There are also three delightful B&B rooms available in owners Brett & Sue Jones's main house, within the site, each of which can be accessed privately

The complex has a resident's alcohol licence and Sue and Brett can provide mea

Little Paddock becomes Bigger Paddock!

Little Paddock, a collection of Scandinavian-style lodges located on the borders of the New Forest and Avon Heath Country Park has just added 'Snowdrop Cottage' to the collection, taking the total to

As with all the lodges, Snowdrop Cottage is individually decorated, and features include a bathroom with a hand-made barrel bath - complete with rubber duck and rain shower! - lounge/ diner with a 32" TV/DVD, bedroom with king-sized white faux leather bed, a fully-fitted kitchen and a large decking

The lodges are all designed for just two people and the complex is 'adult only' ensuring a peaceful and relaxing break, even during the summer school holidays.

through French doors.

through a local farm shop on request, at a supplement. The meals are freshly prepared then delivered to the lodges to be heated-up in the oven.

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Little Paddock also has 2 hot tubs swimming pool and a tennis court, and complex is right on the border of Avon Heath Country Park, so it is possible to enjoy walks direct from the back gate, leaving the car behind. The lodges are ideally located with the New Forest villages just a short drive away, and with Ringwood, Bournemouth. Poole. Christchurch. Southampton, Salisbury and Portsmouth all within easy During the month of May, Little Paddock is offering 5 nights for the price of 4 from just £170 pp (two sharing). Five night breaks in the B&B also cost from £170 pp during the same period To book www.little-paddock.com.

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Blowing the Whistle on the General Dental Council.

Traditional train tracks create flat faces, big noses and fired looking eyes: if you doubt this, just look at those who have been treated in the past. They also routinely damage the enamel and roots of the teeth and worse still the teeth go crooked again unless the patient wears a brace for the rest of their life. Extractions of sound teeth are almost always required although patients may not be told about this until near the end of treatment. Newer treatments can achieve better and more permanent results without extractions but orthodontists avoid comparative research as they don't want the damage they do to faces to be exposed.

Worst of all the General Dental Council allows orthodontists to withhold information about some newer methods. This leaves many patients accepting extractions and even major surgery unaware that improved techniques can render them unecessary. If you have suffered you are entitled to compensation.

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- Childminders offer a flexible service, accommodating unsociable working hours, before and after school care, school holidays and siblings of different ages from birth upwards.
- Childminders are part of the local community, regularly taking children out and about to local parks, libraries. Childrens centres and Childminder stay and play sessions. Many also visit farms, soft-play
- Ofsted Registered Childminders are valued members of the Royal Borough of Kingston childcare workforce and are supported by the Local Authority Childcare Support Team to provide high quality childcare within the borough.

Want to know more about Kingston's registered childminders? Please contact the Families Information Service (FIS) on 020 8547 6582 or email FIS@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

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Enjoy the sunshine and all the fun of the farm!

Children love to explore and as summer arrives there are more opportunities to get out and do just that. Sometimes it is difficult to find places or activities that can entertain all members of the family but Farming World has a wide range of activities to suit all age groups. There is plenty to keep the family occupied for a whole day and the cost of entrance won't break the hank! Farming World is conveniently situated just off the M2 between Faversham and Roughton It is a family run onen farm with the emphasis firmly placed on fun in a safe environment. There are plenty of attractions for everyone to enjoy and the farm also has a wide variety of special events planned throughout the vear. The half term activities and bank holiday fun begin with Picnic in the Park taking place on the 4th June Farming World encourage people to come to the farm with a picnic and enjoy the outdoors and get involved in the celebrations going on at the farm. Children will also gain free entry to the farm when dressed as a King or Queen (conditions apply). Further activities that are planned for the half term include Sheep Shearing & Wool Week (4th June - 8th June) when you can follow the progress of wool

from fleece to woolly jumper! visit Rodney the vulture meet Watch the farm's sheep being the centre's eagles, owls sheared (1-4pm daily), see and falcons. There is also a spinning, knitting and weaving Conservation and Rearing demonstrations (2-4pm). room where you can watch Creeny Crawly Day will be Harris Hawks nesting via taking place on the 6th June CCTV. Adventure Playground when the farm's animals will be & Jumping Pillows - Two ioined by a variety of snakes. large outdoor adventure play areas situated at the farm with spiders and reptiles. A visit by Sponge Bob Sauarepants is special designated areas for planned for the 7th June which under 5's and a climbing wall is sure to cause much mayhem for older more adventurous and merriment! 'Have a Go members of the family! The Falconry Day' will take place jumping pillows are sure to on the 8th June when you be a hit with all members can meet Sharon Hollens the of the family! Indoor Soft farm's resident falconer and Play Barn - With entrance try your hand at flying a bird included in the admission of prey. To celebrate Father's price the indoor soft play Day dads will gain free entry barn is a great place to hide to the farm on the 17th June from a shower. Craft and (conditions apply). As well as Activity Room - Get creative a whole host of special events and make a souvenir to take the open farm also has a wide home. Paint an animal mask variety of other attractions. or try your hand at a seasonal here are just a few: A host of themed craft which are also rare breeds & friendly animals available throughout the year. - including; sheep, pygmy Other attractions - Visit Ree goats (and their kids), pigs and World, the Heritage Centre mini pigs, chickens, peacocks, and recreated hop pickers huts llamas, alpacas, rabbits and enjoy home cooked hot and Shetland ponies. A visit to cold refreshments, survey the the farm's new calves is also a beautiful Kent Countryside or must! Heavy Horses - visit the a tractor and trailer ride and farm's team of gentle giants. before you leave don't forget to have a cart ride and learn more challenge the family to a game about the role of heavy horses of mini golf! in the past. Hawklands Birds of Prey Centre - Watch a birds

www.farming-world.co.uk 01227 751144

Visit Farming World's website

Tin Bath Theatre presents: Bee Detective can be found in the outside course, she also starred as a deaf mum-to-be in Channel 4's

Part of the Unlimited Cultural Olympiad programme and the London 2012 Festival An outdoor theatre show for deaf and hearing children Created by Sophie Woolley NATIONAL TOUR: SAT 5 MAY - SUN 2 SEP In parks and squares across the UK this summer, children will be invited to step into the inner sanctum of a bee hive to help solve a honey bee murder mystery as Sonhie Bee, champion forager, turns detective to track down the honey bees when they go missing from the Queen Bee's birthday party.

Bee Detective is an interactive. multisensory adventure. The action is both spoken and signed, with projected animation and creative captioning making the show both accessible and dynamic. Through vibration effects children will be able to feel the buzzing of the bees, and will be invited to join in the "waggle dance" that is used by bees to explain where pollen and nectar

world The project is one of the twelve new commissions for Unlimited, the ground-breaking London 2012 Cultural Olympiad programme that celebrates arts and culture by disabled and deaf artists on an unprecedented scale. The only children's show of all the Unlimited commissions, Bee Detective is created by Sophie Woolley, who is deat and is designed for both deaf and hearing children aged six upwards. Bee Detective is also part of the London 2012 Festival, the spectacular 12week nationwide celebration running from 21 June until 9 September 2012 bringing together leading artists from across the world with the very hest from the LIK Sophie Woolley is a writer and actor from London. As well as her stage plays, she is a regular

Her first play, When to Run toured the UK 2006 - 2008, with sell out runs at the Royal Festival Hall. Soho Theatre and Manchester's Royal Exchange studio. She followed this up with Fight Face at Hammersmith Lyric. She wa an attached writer at Soho Theatre from 2005 - 2006. Tin Bath is a theatre company formed by Sophie Woolley and director Gemma Fairlie The company produces

award winning Cast Offs series

exciting interactive theatre that is accessible to deaf and hard of hearing people. They have created a unique way or captioning theatre that uses animation, graphics, text and visual jokes. The result is par video game, part cartoon and entertaining to all. This is the company's first show for

www.beedetective.bz Running Time: 45 minutes Suitable for ages 6+



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of Channel 4's screenwriting





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What is Foster Care Fortnight?

Foster Care Fortnight is an annual awareness campaign run by the Fostering Network. The aim is to raise the profile of fostering and highlight the urgent need for more foster carers across the UK.

This year's campaign runs from Mon14 to Sunday 27 May. Under the theme of fostering. time to care, it will encourage more people to come forward and consider becoming a foster

Fostering services - local authorities and independent agencies - throughout the UK join in the campaign to run local activity promoting the specific needs they have for foster carers in their area. For more information about becoming a foster carer people should contact their local fostering service, visit www.couldyoufoster.org.uk or call Fosterline on

0800 040 7675. Why do we need more foster

Since the tragic death of baby Peter Connelly in August 2007 more and more children have been coming into care. As the vast majority of children in care live with foster families. thousands of new foster carers are needed now Children should live with a foster carer whose skills and

experience meet the child's

individual needs. The shortage

of foster carers means fostering

services often struggle to find the right home for a child, first As a result, children often have

to live with a foster family a long way from their home, are split up from their brothers and sisters and have to move from family to family and school to Frequent moves result in

children missing out on the stability they need to help them make friends and build other relationships, and to be in one place long enough to receive the support they need to succeed in education. A wider pool of foster carers with the right skills and qualities would make it more likely that the right homes can be found for children first time, giving them the best chance of a happy childhood and a successful future

"I am a qualified solicitor. After working at a specialist young people's law centre I decided to leave my job and become a full-time foster carer for two teenage asylum seekers. They are great lads and my family life is much improved." Rosella Potts, foster carer Fostering FAQs

What is fostering? Fostering is a way of offering children and young people who need to be in care a stable family environment while their own parents are unable to look after them. On any one day,

Foster Carers Required

North / West Kent & SE London

ound 59.000 children live with 45,000 foster families across the UK. Why do children need

fostering? Foster carers look after children so families have the chance to sort out their problems. These problems can range from a family member's short-term illness to a parents depression or drug or alcohol abuse. Many children have been abused or

neglected Some children will need to be looked after for only a short time until they can return home, while others will stay with foster carers for the longer term or move elsewhere. What is the difference between fostering and adoption? Fostering is usually a temporary way of offering children a home until they can return to their family, although many live with foster carers for years, some for their whole childhoods. Fostered children continue to be legally part of their own family, even if there is limited contact with them. Adoption provides a new family for a child and their legal relationship with their birth family ends. About 4,000

www.nationaladoptionweek. org.uk

out of the 75,000 children in

care away from home in the

UK are awaiting adoptive

May 2012 May/ June Events at Battersea Park Children's Zoo

Usual entrance fees apply to all activities (with the exception of the Friends of Rattersea Park BBO where entry is included in the ticket price) Children must always be accompanied by an adult. 26th May- 10th June -Rattersea Park Children's Zoo are taking part in the BIAZA "Love your Zoo" campaign by holding an "Animal Portrait Drawing competition", children can pick up a drawing pack upon entry and create a portrait of their favourite

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Pony Days

the animal in their portrait and a Family Day Ticket to the zoo Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th June Children wearing a Crown or Tiara visiting the zoo can claim a Free biscuit, from our Lemon Tree Cafe. Hedgehog Day Thurs7th June The People's Trust for Endangered Species PTES are visiting the zoo for some hedgehog focussed fun... Story time, meet a real hedgehog & hedgehog themed arts & crafts! 4 x 45min

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The 2 other sessions are on a first come first served basis. Max no 30 per session. Usual entrance fees apply. The activity is free Father's Day Treat Sunday 17th June Kids treat dad to a free slice of cake ! 1 free slice of cake for dad per Friends of Rattersea Park

Barbecue at Children's Zoo Tuesday 19 June 6 - 9pm Live Music Bar Tombola Children's Activities Silent Auction Advance Tickets only

Adults: £15 (£20 after 14th June) Children: £6 Under 6s: Tickets from

www.batterseapark.org/bbq 020-7622 5199

Free parking in Chelsea Bridge Car Park No Dogs





May 2012

Enjoy A Taste Of The Great Outdoors in Rye Bay

a huge number of thrilling. healthy and fun activities in Rye Bay in 2012.

With the medieval East Sussex town of Rye at its hub, Rye Bay is developing a reputation as one of the South East's hottest destinations for outdoor sports and activities. Away from the hilltop town's cobbled streets and old world charms, vou can spend your days kitesurfing sailing canoeing horse riding, golfing, fishing, rambling, cycling and even

sailing throughout the year and the rivers Rother and Tillingham are both popular with canoeists. The Royal Military Canal passes through Rye offering visitors opportunities for boating and

Ramblers are spoilt for choice when it comes to exploring the region on foot - away from the coast there are glorious woodlands and forests and wide open spaces to enjoy.

estuary lies the 805-acre Rye Harbour Nature Reserve that stretches along the shoreline. There are many walking paths including one that loops the entire reserve. Local audio walking tours are also offered

Visitors can also enjoy cycling tours and horse riding breaks. Go hacking in lovely countryside from several riding stables across Rve Rav Cycles can be hired in the town and cyclists have a wide choice when it comes to routes along the coast or inland to discover the leafy lanes and tranquil hamlets Cheer on the participants in

the 1066 Relay race in May, a five stage off-road team relay race. Back on the water the annual Rye raft race draws large crowds to the town every August. The River Rother flows neacefully through the High Weald to the 14th century Bodiam Castle

And for the ultimate spectator 'sport' visitors can get a taste of Olympic glory by joining in the fun when Rye welcomes the Olympic torch relay on 18

For more information about holidays and short breaks in Rve Bay - including details on where to stay and the outstanding shopping facilities

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Venn Street

Venn Street Market is a local community food market taking place on Saturdays The Sunday market will be reintroduced later this year providing food, crafts and

From April onwards many small independent producers takepart at Venn Street each

Wild Country Organic wide variety of tomatoes. cucumbers, peppers, aubergines and leaf. It has over 5 acres of glasshouses and grow organic salads and oriental vegetables year round and without heating improving the flavours and making the crops the tastiest available Banhmi 11 makes French toasted French floured demibaguettes with a choice of freshly cooked meat, fish or tofu fillings with carrot and

Food Market

Norfolk Hideaways specialise in high quality coastal cottages along the beautiful north Norfolk coastline Jasmine Cottage at South Creake is beautifully presented with a contemporary style in

children to play in and the house is opposite tennis courts and playing fields. Two minutes' walk you can

a village location, just three

miles from Burnham Market

The dog friendly cottage is

spacious with a good sized

room on the first floor for

daikon pickle, cucumber and coriander.

The Culinary Herb Company bringing the freshest edible herbs for any recipe. The Garlic Farm - All things garlic: fresh and smoked.. Hardcore Prawn - Asian influenced cooking of skewered meats (chicken, pork and steak) and prawns! There are also noodles and soups like Tom Yum and Tom Kha to look out for. www.vennstreetmarket.co.uk

10am - 4pm

A Norfolk Treat for all the Family find a local pub with a good

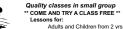
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reputation for food at The Ostrich Cottage features include

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Investec Derby Day For more information or or to book your tickets in advance.

The Jubilee Family Enclosure on Investec Derby Day Epsom Downs Racecourse have launched the brand new Jubilee Family Enclosure of Investec Derby Day. This will be a secure area on The Hill where families can relax in a safe and friendly environment with entertainment for all to enjoy. Admission is: £5 per adult in advance (17's and under free of charge); £10 per adult on the day

Celebrate with the nation at the Investec Derby Festival 1-2 June. Epsom Downs Racecourse will be hosting the first

engagement of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Invested Derby Day on June 2nd. www.ensomdowns.co.uk





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26-27 May Finchcocks Musical

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Museum Broadstairs

locally.

Daily Larkfield Leisure Centre Aylesford 01622 713225 Soft play zone 10's New Kickstart unlimited access under 10's Saturday Fun Club plus pre-school bounce & adventure time sessions for 0-5yrs.

Daily Fishbourne Roman Palace Chichester 01243 789829 Guided 2-4yrs, there is also a playroom for tours, plus café & picnic area.

Daily Espression Interactive Art Studio & Cafe Canterbury 01227 765665 ceramics & mosaic all ages. Daily Maidstone Leisure Centr 0845 1552277 Junior Fitness, 12d Sats Wave Rave Pool Party Available Birthday Parties for children leave all the planning & tidving up to the Centre

Daily Wingham Wildlife Park Canterbury 01227 720836 Meet the animals plus children's play area. Daily Druidstone Park and Voodland Honey Hill Blean 01227 765168 friendly animals, sleeping Daily Tides Leisure Centre Deal 01304 373399 Indoor tropical

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Until 3 June Spotlites Kings Car Park High Street Staplehurst
Theatre 338 High Street Chatham Plant Sale vegetable & flowering 01634 829468 Magic Porridge Pot

May Canel-Le-Ferne Village Hall Folkestone 07899 082356 Farmers Market Russian specialities May Knole Park House

Gardens Sevenoaks 01732 462100 Open Garden bluebells, 11-4pm. May-21 Oct Leeds Castle 01622 765400 'What the Butler Saw' stories from above & below staris in the 1930's

2.9.16.23,30 May Blue Town Heritage Centre 69 High Street Sheerness 01795 662981 Tea at the flicks classic film screenings May The Astor Theatre Deal 01304 370220 Great Expectations National Theatre Tour.

May Samphire Hoe 01304 225649 Early Spider Orchids of Samphire Hoe, gentle walk life story of the Hoe early spider orchids. 5 May Mote Park 01622 790195 Dawn Chorus guided walk at dawn,

FREE activity, booking essential,

email moteparkevents@maidstone. gov.uk 12 May Mini beast hunt see how many bugs & creepy crawlies you can find. FREE activity. need to book. 13 May The Stroke Association Step out for a stroke walk, 19 May Wild Food Foraging guided walk, find out what is good & safe to eat, FREE activity, need to book. 20 May It's a Knockout Tournament, raising funds for Children Today, teams of 7-10 people are needed to participate in this event & pay a registration fee per team. 26-27 May Town & Country Fair, all day entertainment which may include birds of prey, working

well as arts, crafts, gifts & food marquees. 5 May Stanlehurst Village Centre

5-7 May Penhurst Place Tonbridge Kent 01892 870307 Weald of Kent Craft Show including specialist food & drink marquee & cookery theatre, show gardens, daily falconry displays, fly fishing demonstrations, ceramics, wood & glass, family craft, demos & workshop plus an

plants FREE admission

lay Rochester Sweeps Festival 50 Morris sides & entertainers processions, folk music. Jack-in-the-Green awakening ceremony at dawn on the first day of May, Bluebell Hill, Chatham. Performance by Barbara Dickson on 5 May Rochester Cathedral tickets 01634 338338. fun fair attractions, a mini psychic fair, astrology, handcrafted gifts & musical memorabilia while on Sat and Sun children circus skills activities & punch & Judy shows. www.whatsonmedway.co.uk

7 May Canterbury Tales Visitor Attraction 01227 479227 The Canterbury Tales Live.

St Nicholas Church Ash Nr Sandwich 01304 813087 Art exhibition & Sale giving local artists the opportunity to display & sell their work & throughout the weekend families can enjoy a treasure hunt around the village. Maps will be available for a small fee from the desk in the church

porch. 5-7 May Hever Castle Kent 01732 865224 Dancing round the Maypole with costumed dancers & see Morris men perform lively folk dances Until 18 Nov 'A Royal Romance new exhibition of Anne Boleyn includes a replica of her coronation

May Victoria Gardens Broadstairs 01227 700894 May Fair with fun fair, crafts & gifts. 5-7 May Broadstairs May Fair Victoria Gardens & Promenade 01227 700894 Family fun fair wioth rides for all ages games crafts & bric a brac stalls plus live entertainment every afternoon a The Band Stand, FREE entry.

adventure playground. 5,12,19,26 May Fleur de Lis

01795 534542 Guided town walks 6 May Charles Dickens School experience the history & architecture of Faversham market town FREE for children 7-12nm

May Brighton Festival May Children's Parade Same Sky Chiddingstone Hoath procession from Sydney street to Garden, featuring species Madeira Drive FRFF event rhododendrons, magnolias, azaleas May Barricade a spectacular aeria a range of interesting trees & shrubs. playground sets the scene for a wandering paths & lakes, 1.30-5pm, maelstrom of breathtaking circus www.ngs.org.uk including acrobats, aerialists & i.7 May Turner Contemporary tightrope walkers, FREE. Every 26 Letters a mini festival for

The Rendezvous, Margate 01843 233000 Sonic Play. 13 May Easy children with family fun shows Sundays, Natural Wonders. 16 Ma plus workshops for adults & various Bookworms Story Time, 23 Ma age groups & Dip Your Toe with Artists Salon activit custom built Victorian bathing 6-12 May Thanet Walking Festival machines spread out across the city & each one will transform into a mini theatre to house puppet

resorts of Margate, Broadstairs & Ramsgate, experienced walk leaders guide vou around 'tried & tested & new routes & special interest town walks provided by local civic & historical societies, www. thanetwalkingfestival co uk

Open

May Museum of Kent Life Loc Lane Maidstone 01622 763936 May Day celebrations, watch the traditional Morris & maynole dancers plus lots of family fun. under 3's FREE, 13 May Food Bazaar with a wide range of foods. entrance under 3's FRFF

May Walmer Green 01304 381506 Beachside bank holiday brocante with huge selection of antiques, collectables & crafts, furniture, vintage clothing. housewares, toys, books, jeweller local arts & crafts plus lots more. May Whitstable Castle 01227 263595 May Day celebration with

Morris dancing, maypole dancing stalls & food nunch & judy circu skills, candy floss, coconut shy & lots more, FREE. May Trinity Theatre Tunbridge

Wells 01892 678678 Sense & 10 May Hazlitt Theatre Maidston 01622 726155 New Line Learning

Challenge with a choice of starting 6 May Walking with the Wounded Olivert The Musical 19 Ms Cycle Event Horsmonden 01892 Maidstone's Got Talent auditions. 722769 Help to raise money for the winner & runners up will be invited to take part in the Olympic our wounded servicemen & women with two cycle routes, 50 & 25 miles Concert in Mote Park on 19th when the torch reaches the town. 3

10 May Cobtree Manor Park co.uk. 31 May A Right Royal sylesford 01622 683695 Spring Knees Up packed with sing-a-long Tucker guided walk looking for edible leaves & flowers, 2.5 miles memories spanning four weddings & a Coronation, from the 40's to the long, FREE, booking recommended new millennium

introduction to the birds that visit or

10 May Canterbury Heritage

Museum Stour Street 01227

available Tel:01304 205108

the 'Our Childhood Past' exhibition

adults & children can try out a wide

variety of games from tiddlywinks

to subbeteo, table bowls to bagatelle,

12 May Chatham Historic

Dockyard Chatham 01634 823845

Beat Retreat is a special submariners

day to celebrate & commemorate

the 50th anniversary of the launch

of HM Submarine Ocelot the last

warship built for the Royal Navy at

Chatham Dockyard. The parade will

be led by the Band of HM Royal

12 May Orchard Theatre Dartford

01322 220000 The Magic of the

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5's & carers.

Observatory

drop-in 10-4pm.

Marines.

0 May Basic Birds, guided walk an 12-13 May Sandwich Celebration 01304 611619 A two day celebration live in the park, a morning of bird of the sandwich, the festival facts & bird identification, booking recommended, FREE. commemorates the 250th anniversary of the 4th Earl of Sandwich inventing the sandwich, highlights include a 2 day food fayre, a street lunch & street music.

475202 Rupert & the Rainbow 13 May & every 2nd Sun of songs & stories, investigate objects month Tonbridge Farmers plus fun art activity session, under Market Sovereign Way 07876 12 May Sandwich Bay Bird 685853 Normally with more than 01304 617341 50 stalls 9 30-1pm Breeding Birds Day, guided walks

13 May Salvation Army Maidstone around Sandwich Bay lasting approx 01622 681808 Community Gospel 2hrs. There will also be displays Choir rehearsal & every fortnight about local breeding birds in the throughout the year for anyone Field Centre & light refreshments 8+yrs. Opportunity for whole families to come & enjoy singing 2 May Dover Museum Market together & to meet new people Square 01304 201066 As part of 13 May Valding Gardens Valding

> 01622 814650 Honey Bee Fayre & Auction for families & for anyone else who would like to come along & learn more about these insects. There will be live bee demonstrations where real hives are opened up to show you their inner vorkings plus lots of information & lots more. Plus there will be food & drink available throughout the day, ice cream van face painting a raffle lots of stalls, books on bees for all ages, also opportunity to make your

May Beech Court Gardens Challock nr Ashford 01233 740735 Onen Garden informal woodland garden surrounding medieval farr with nicnic area entrance FREE children.

Until 13 May Bates Green Fram Arlington East Sussex 485151 Bluebell Walk & farm trail

plus RSPB stand, farmers mini market, secondhand book room & nlant stall

01322 621238 Open Garden with 11 acre lake, lakeside walk crossing over picturesque bridges with many rare interesting trees & shrubs.

14 May Sellindge Sports & Social Club 01303 812437 Afternoon Boot Fair, no booking required, FREE car parking & entry. May Sittingbourne Retired

Greyhound Trust Charity Night The Central Park Stadium 722847 An evening of all Trophy Greyhound racing & an Afghar Hound race families welcome all monies raised wtihh go to the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound greyhound Tel: 01227 722847. Download FREE entry tickets at www.rgtsittingbourne.co.uk

07775 736116 Variety of local produce including meat, bread, fruit & vegetables, jams & preserves & much more. 18-19 May The Home of Charles

Darwin Down House 01689 859119 Museums at Night. 18-20 May Museums at Night Celebration of arts, history & heritage when hundreds of museums & galleries across the UK will be onening up after hours & hosting an array of special events, www.

museumsatnight.org.uk.

May Hawley Lake Sail Training Centre Surrey Watersports taster sessions for children 7-17yrs, for more info www hawleylake org uk Gravesend Methodis Church Gravesend Kent May Fayre coupled with an Arts & Music Festival all held indoors There will be 22 stalls selling hand made crafts, plants, & hand made

products, cakes, sweets & more, There will also be live performances by local musicians & singers plus an exhibition & demonstrations of arts

staircase to the public for FREE. Dungeness Nature Reserve 01797 320588 Moth Morning see what

fascinating moths have been attracted to the light traps after National Moth Night. 19 May NLL Academy Boughton Lane Loose Nearly New Sale with maternity, clothing up to 11vrs. nursery & baby equipment. nappies, toys, games books & lots

& crafts, face painting for little ones

& refreshments available throughout

19 May RSPB Visitor Centre

the day.

19-20 May Spa Valley Railway West Station Tunbridge 01892 537715 A Day Out With

19-20 May West Kent Garden & Leisure Show Longmead Stadium 07952 908716 With a selection of stalls from the garden & leisure industry plus there will be several displays throughout the days featuring cookery, flower arranging pottery & birds of prey, under 16's entrance FRFF

19-20 May Robertsbridge Village Hall Station Road 07736 560956 Erith Model Railway exhibition. 20 May Broadditch Farm 01322

863571 Dogs Saving Lives Woodland Mile Walk, which is half a mile once around so you can choose to either be sponsored to walk as many times as you can between 11am & 4pm or simply register £20 to take part. All funds which are raised for Medical dogs to help people with severe medical conditions such as diabetes, Addison's disease & cancer. There will also be other attractions for the dogs, dog owners & dog lovers.

20 May Hole Park Nr Rolvenden 01580 241344 Open Garden.

20 May Western Heights Dover Food will be available ranging from 01304 241806 Grand Shaft Open Day opening the unique triple spiral www.kentbattleofnations.webs 20 May EllenorLions Hospics Gardens A unique opportunity to

Coldharbour Road Northfleet Scruffs Companion Dog Show celebrating Children's Hospice Week, categories for both adult & child dog handlers with best puppy. best looking, vest veteran, best bark & many more. There will also be a dog display, stalls, bbq, refreshments & lots more, 11-4pm entrance under 3's FREE.

26 May Ellinoton Park Ramsoate Museum 01580 211702 Spring 01843 580579 Diamond Jubilee Garden Fair with a selection of May Favre with maypole dancing. garden, outdoor living & food traditional games & bouncy castle, orientated stalls plus homecooked rides, steam train rides, lots of stalls lunches & afternoon teas on offer & including second hand books & bric-a-brac There will also be lots instruments of singing & dancing, FREE entry. May Elham Valley Walk 01304 26-27 May Hon Form Paddock 241806 Three Tracks & A Railway Wood 01622 870821 Only Paws & Track guided walk, 3miles, 2pm. Horses a horse & dog show featuring 27 May St Mary's Hall Whitstable a variety of trade stands, top class 01227 772605 Past & Present Fair arena events & demonstration with over 22 stalls offering retro agility, K8 athletics & a friendly homewares, vintage & pre-loved companion dog show with awards clothes & accessories, jewellery such as 'waggiest tail in show handcrafted gifts, bunting, cards &

Also planned a fun filled day full of

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The whole event is to raise money

for Help for Heroes. There will als

he a number of displays shows &

lots more fun for all the family.

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27 May Conifers Ash Road, Ash equestrian demonstrations & canine displays & have go activities plus Open Garden in aid of EllenorLions Hospices refreshments raffle stalls 26-27 May Quex Park Birchington & plants, www.ellenorlions.org. Kent 01843 595143 Garden & 30 May Merton Farm Canterbur Outdoor Living Show with the garden advice team on hand to give performance of their circus show advice, entrance under 13's FREE. raising money for Pilgrim 26-27 May Hunton Park Hunton Hospices, www.circus-starr.co.uk Village Maidstone Kent Battle

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Remember the important messages of staying safe in and around the water, including the

S: Snot the dangers. Whenever children are near water they should take extra care. They should look to see if the water is affected by currents or tides or if there are rocks, piers, groynes or breakwaters that may affect swimming. Children should also learn to look at what the general conditions are like in and out of the water A: Advice Children should always try and choose a place to swim where there are lifeguards and always take notice of safety information

F: Friends. If children are going near water they should always go with a friend if they

that may include warning or

adult. If your child is with a friend one of them may be able to get help if the other gets into trouble in the water.

E: Emergency. Children should never jump into water to rescue someone. A drowning person may be very strong and pull them under the water as well. Instead they should ring 999 or 112 and shout for help

For more information on the Get Safe 4 Summer campaign

www.getsafe4summer.org Check out website for programmes at your local pool for instance Tonbridge Swimming Pool and Larkfield Leisure Centre are running a Get Safe 4 Summer one day

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VOUR CHILDREN ARE AMAZING ALREADY. WE JUST HELP THEM PROVE IT

The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Welleslev

Isaac is a solitary hedgehog. He never speaks to anyone and he likes it that way. He eats alone, sleeps alone, lives quietly alone and goes about his life perfectly content with having no friends to talk to. One day, an apple falls from a tree and lands on his back. Isaac tries to shake it off, but the apple has stuck fast

Poor Isaac panics - what will he do? He has no friends to help him and he starts to cry. He is crying hard when suddenly a donkey plucks the apple from Isaac's back. The donkey is overjoyed that at last he has an apple to eat, the tree is too far from his paddock for him to ever reach his favourite fruit.

The donkey tries to talk to the little hedgehog and make friends, but Isaac has never had any and doesn't know what to do. So he stays quiet. But returning to his pile of leaves, Isaac spots another apple, and an idea forms in his head.. This touching story is all about Isaac learning that it's better to have friends and help others, than to

Reautifully illustrated throughout, this timeless tale is perfect for children 3+vrs.

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May 2012 Go for Gold with the Great British Carrot Whistle Olympics to win a £1,200 Prize!

Carrots are one of the nation's favourite vegetables and it's easy to see why. Not only can you roast them for Sunday lunch grate them into a sandwich or salad, bake them in a wonderful carrot cake or blend them into a warming soup, but did you know tha carrots also make great musical instruments?!

Once a few holes have been made, a carrot is transformed into a carrot whistle, much like the recorder you used to play at school. Just type the words 'carrot whistle' into Google and you'll see there's already over sixty million people interested in turning the humble carrot

into something you blow! And now it's your chance to get your hands on a free carrot whistle, courtesy of The British Carrot Growers' Association and get involved with - the Great British Carrot Whistle Olympics! Top prize is a limited edition London 2012 set of two gold coins made of 22 carat gold and worth a whomping £1.200! All you have to do to enter is video vourself playing a 'gold' themed song on your carrot whistle and post

www.facebook.com/ greathritishcarrots Try a rendition of the classic Bond theme 'Goldfinger, belt hit 'Gold' by Spandau Ballet or even explore your urban side with a bit of Kanya 'Golddigga' get as creative as you like!

is open to everyone including all amateurs musicians schools and music groups etc www.facebook.com/ greathritishcarrots

Young Scientists' Challenging Day

Year 5 pupils from 24 different East Kent primary schools enjoyed an exciting and thought-provoking day at St Lawrence College for this vear's "Thanet Primary Schools' Science and Engineering Challenge" held on Thursday 15th March. The event was sponsored by EDF Energy as part of Nationa Science and Engineering Week. The teams all participated in a series of challenges during the morning, which included a colourful pH Chemistry task, a Biology enzyme race and a Design Technology competition to build and fire

fierce competition in the hi-tech The Headmaster of St Science quiz after lunch and Lawrence College, Reverend then pupils and guests were Mark Aitken, said: "It was treated to the St Lawrence so exciting to see so many College Science Department's budding young scientists from explosive "Chemical Magic schools in Thanet enjoying a Show". The day finished with day's exploration using the the presentation of prizes, with great facilities at the College. only three points separating the

The day's events were part ofSt Lawrence College's celebrations for National Science and Engineering Week which also included a 'Cool Physics' show, a webchat with a NASA astronaut a debate on genetic engineering and a Science Fair.

awarded prize money towards

Coiledspring Games announce the UK exclusive launch of Zingo the award-winning fastpaced, fun educational game for kids! Zingo has already taken America by storm and is set to be a big hit with families all over the country! There are two fabulous editions of Zingo; one is a numbers

the best rocket. There was

game whilst the other is all about words and pictures. and totally addictive! Players or words and pictures to fill their score card as quickly as game of Zingo not only builds number and word recognition, children aged four and up, this interactive bingo!

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Described as Bingo with a Zing these games are super speedy compete to match up numbers. Apart from being a lot of fun, a it also develops concentration and memory. Suitable for is a perfect game to play to boost confidence and support learning. Children will love pressing the red 'Zinger' to release images, this really is

Even better each Zingo game has two levels of play Younger players will enjoy the 'beginner' games but once they've mastered the basics they'll be clamouring to move onto the advanced level. meaning your set of Zingo will last for years and years!

Parents can play Zingo too and there is even a handy guide included with every game that offers hints and tips on how to encourage healthy competition support early readers and build logic so that everyone gets the most out of their game of

Roger Martin owner of Coiledspring Games commented 'We are very excited to have brought Zingo to the UK. We want to make sure kids have the opportunity to play and enjoy traditional games, and Zingo is a game the whole family can get excited about, enjoy and learn from.

May 2012

Nearly half of UK parents keep tabs on teens via Facebook ·28 per cent of UK parents

(30 per cent). Australia and

New Zealand (27 per cent).

United States (19 per cent).

downloads as a result of Britain

UK teens could face up to

ten years in jail for illegal

signing the disputed Anti-

One fifth of UK parents

One fifth of UK parents

(ACTA) bill

Spanish parents

Countering Trade Agreement

pornography on their PC -in

have seen explicit or abusive

messages on their offspring's

Australian and New Zealand

Parents 'friending' teens on

parents are connected with their

teens on Facebook, compared

with United States (72 per

cent), Canada (66 per cent),

Italy (66 per cent), Spain (64

per cent), New Zealand (60 per

cent), Australia (57 per cent),

Republic (50 per cent), France

(32 per cent) and Japan (10 per

Germany (51 per cent), Czech

Facebook -over half of UK

social networks -compared

with over one quarter of

Is this a new kind of parental relationship, or is it spying?

Parents are keeping tabs on their teens by accessing their Facebook accounts without their consent AVG Technologies' latest Digital

Digital Coming of Age, the fifth instalment of AVG's Digital Diaries study, features responses to questions to 4,400 parents with 14-17 year olds in 11 countries. It found that only 30 per cent of UK parents are likely to be concerned about how their teen's interaction with social media sites could affect their future job prospects This was the lowest figure (excluding the Czech Republic) of all the countries surveyed.

Other key findings from Digital Coming of Age

·UK parents are most likely to suspect teens of 'sexting' nearly one quarter (23 per cent) of UK parents suspect their kids of sexting, compared with their European counterparts in Germany (9 per cent), France (10 per cent), Italy (11 per cent) and Czech Republic (13 per

Nearly half of UK parents are suspect their teens are illegally worried that their teen's mobile downloading music - compared phones are geo-tagged with Spain (45 per cent), Czech

Republic (35 per cent) France Only 30% of UK parents concerned about how their teen's interaction with social media sites could affect their future job prospects, compared with Spain (65 per cent), Italy (57 per cent), Germany (47 per cent), France (45 per cent) Australia (42 per cent), Canada (38 per cent), New Zealand (37 per cent). Japan (33 per cent) suspect their teens of accessing and Czech Republic (29 per comparison to over a quarter of

UK parents most satisfied

(59%) with how schools are teaching their teens to responsibly navigate the internet, compared with Spain (54 per cent), United States (49 per cent), Australia (53 per cent), New Zealand (47 per cent), Germany (44 per cent), France (43 per cent), Canada (43 per cent), Japan (42 per cent), Italy (35 per cent) and Czech Republic (31 per cent)

Advertise PARENTS NEWS Call fergus 020 8337 6337 fergus@parents-news.co.uk BBC Learning & the RSC Unveil Shakespeare Unlocked A new online learning help students develop their

resource for schools Young people can 'unlock Shakespeare via new online resources as part of their studies thanks to a new series of short films created by BBC Learning and the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC)

These films, produced as part of the BBC's Shakespeare season and the World Shakespeare Festival bring Shakespeare to life for a secondary school audience They provide students and teachers with a unique insight into Shakespeare's work through world-class theatre productions and workshops with actors and directors

Students will be able to "unlock" key scenes from RSC theatre productions of three of Shakespeare's most widely studied and performed plays Romeo and Juliet Macheth and A Midsummer Night's Dream. By visiting the portal at: www.bbc.co.uk/shakespear

they will be able to click through to explore three pivotal scenes from each play each containing significant moments for character and plot

The series of 12 short films for each play are designed to

the texts feel as relevant today understanding of language, as they were when they were character development and dramatic devices which are all at the core of the GCSE English The online resources became Shakespeare curriculum. accessible from April 1st The website will explore the 2012 and are available via the interpretative choices that lie at website portal at the heart of all Shakespeare's

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said: "Shakespeare Unlocked

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teachers who want to delve

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actors and directors interpret

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resources for both students and

deeper into these famous plays.

Rebecca Simor. Executive

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www.bbc.co.uk/shakespeare Teachers packs, with ideas for using the films in class are published at the end of April

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Education

Olympic Park gets gold for ethical wood sourcing

announced certification for ethical wood sourcing at 19 different sites around the Olympic Park following a ground breaking, collaborative project. Sites include the conic Velodrome and track, the Aquatics Centre and all the bridges, fences and benches. The project involved over 12,500 cubic metres of timber from European construction timber to Tropical hardwoods and is a world first that involved adapting existing standards to suit a demanding

and complex site. The Olympic Delivery

Authority (ODA) worked with Soil Association Woodmark to achieve certification to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) standards

Noah Bold. ODA Park Operations Environment & Sustainability Manager, said:

"A huge thanks to Soil Association Woodmark for guiding us through the certification process. Right from the start we knew we wanted our construction work to have the smallest possible

environmental footprint and supporting sustainable forest management around the world was a big part of that. We hope that other large scale developments can be inspired by the scale of what we have achieved and that ethical wood sourcing will become the norm for future Olympic sites and construction projects globally."

Beck Woodrow, Woodmark project manager, said:

"Managing the certification process for such an iconic site was a positive and fulfilling experience. It's great to know that after The Games take place these buildings, and all the supporting infrastructure, will be enjoyed and appreciated by Olympic Park visitors and the local community for years to

"The sheer scale of the project was impressive, the largest we've ever been involved in. and Soil Association Woodmark can now offer tailored Project Certification for large, complex construction sites through to micro-projects - the smallest so far is an FSC certified Japanese woodcarving

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SATURDAY 12 MAY 2012

1-2.30PM

10 - Minute **Bedtime Stories**

Classic Nursery Tales, Tales from Around the World by Graham Percy, pb £5.99 each. A wonderful series of classic tales retold especially to be read aloud to a vounger audience. The 10-minute Bedtime Stories series make it simple and fun to choose stories to read aloud to children at night and as each book is divided up into 10-minute bite-sized chapters. the books are ideal for parents and children to enjoy reading together. Reading aloud to children before bed has endless benefits for future development. Recent studies have shown that bedtime stories can help promote healthy sleep patterns. mprove motor skills and memory, and increase closeness with parents. Catching your children early with bedtime stories also helps to reinforce reading as a pleasurable

Each book in the 10-minute Bedtime Stories collection retells much loved classics that are brimming with magic and adventure with enchanting characters from some of the most popular children's tales of all time. Beautiful, action packed illustrations by popular children's artists Graham Percy and Graham Philpot

start at school

Le Club Français

The ability to speak another anguage is one of those skills that is as useful in the world of work as it is for getting the

most out of life. Research is vast, and shows again and again that exposure to second language learning before the age of 11 is the most significant factor in developing the ability to learn languages. One of several language organisations for Primary aged children, Le Club Français stands out with its experience in teaching. Established for over 15 years in Ashford. Canterbury, Herne Bay, Faversham, Tenterden and the surrounding villages it only uses teachers who are qualified, experienced and bi-lingual and able to device curriculum specific for jeach group of primary school students. It doesn't use a format or a course that everyone has to follow because that can seem uninspiring for children. activity, and gives them a head and what really counts is to

inspire, to capture children's enthusiasm, and lead them towards a lifelong love of language learning.

There are classes outside of school, principally on Saturday mornings, or the extremely poplular Summer Holiday Club, which this year is running from July 23rd-27th in Challock, between Ashford. Canterbury and Faversham. If your child isn't yet at school watch out for the parent and toddler classes on Tuesday mornings. A wonderful session of songs and games is run for pre-school children from eighteen months onwards. followed by coffee and time to chat and play. Parents even get the chance for their own French lessons, if they want, thanks to the free baby-sitting service.

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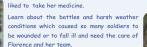


Florence Nightingale will visit Ewell after returning from her nursing duties in the Crimea. Meet her and discover her life story; hear about her famous lamp carrying at Scutari Hospital and her later campaigns for nursing and health reform in England.

See the uniforms that Florence and her nurses wore together with some of their equipment. Discover the

difficult conditions that the nurses found themselves working in.

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May 2012

The Horse Trust

Sometning special to do on the May Bank Holiday weekend is the Horses. Heroes and Hounds Family Fun Day which will be held at The Horse Trust's Home of Rest for Horses in Speen, Buckinghamshire on Sunday 6th May from 11.00 am to 17.00 pm The Horse Trust, the oldest horse charity in the UK, opens its doors for this countryside themed, family fun day. Entry to the event is only £1 per adult or £2 for the event

This inaugural event is a ioint fundraiser with Hounds for Heroes, who provide specially trained assistance dogs for disabled military and emergency service men and women. The event will have a strong military focus with a Spitfire flyover and support from the RAF, Army, Navy and

There will be a licensed bar

programme which permits

entry for the whole family.

food, activities for the whole family, shopping opportunities and of course lots of animals! Susan Lewis, Marketing Manager of The Horse Trust explains, "It is a huge community event, the first that has ever been held at our magnificent horse sanctuary, and we would be delighted to welcome you and your family." To celebrate this amazing event we have a spectacular Spitfire Fly Past at 15.10 pm and special appearances by Thames Valley Police Mounted Section; the Light Cavalry: Stokenchurch Dog Rescue, who will be running a Fun Dog Show with entries in categories such as Best Fancy Dress, Best Rescued and Waggiest Tail and a visit from Wycombe Wanderers FC mascot Bodger. Other activities include Ferret Racing, Pony Rides, Falconry Display, Army Assault Course, Farm Animals, Farrier demonstrations. Face Painting and much, much more. To enter the dog show, which starts at 11.30 am, turn up at 11.00 and make your way to the sign-up station and enter your pooch into the classes of vour choice.

Award presentations for the championship dogs will be in the main arena at 15.30 pm so make the most of your day and join in the other activities we have on offer

sanctuary for retired working horses, ponies and donkeys in Speen is a wonderful setting for such an event and the surroundings stunning? She continued, "We hope to welcome lots of visitors and to raise much needed funds for both The Horse Trust and Hounds for Heroes."

www.horsetrust.org.uk

Calendar London

Meet at Temple Station 2 1/6 hr hus tour of London locations featured in the Harry Potter films.

Daily Tower of London Tower

Hill London 0844 482 7799 Dail London Zoo Regent's Park London 020 7722 3333 Rainforest Life Exhibit.

aily National Army Museum 020 7730 0717 www.nationalarmy-museum.ac.uk Victorian Soldier Action Zone FREE Daily The World's Army, Empire, Commonwealth & Dominion Soldiers 1914-45 Action Zone family interactive zone, FREE. Kids Zone, interactive learning & play space for under 10's plus a soft play area for babies. Daily The Oueen's Gallery Buckingham Palace London 020

7766 7301 Daily Victoria & Albert Museum Cromwell Road London 020 7942 2000 Daily Back Packs families

Ongoing Royal Mews Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7302 Family groups may explore a range self directed activities from the art trolley, 5-11yrs.

Ongoing Churchill War Rooms 020 7930 6961 Undercover, Life in Churchill's Bunker,. Every Sun National Gallery

www.nationalgallerv.org.uk 020 747 2885 Family workshops plus FREE family trail Every 2nd Sat of month National

Geographic Store 83-97 Regent Street 020 7025 6960 Animal Man comes face to face with slithering snakes, slimy insects & smelly skunks for all ages

Every Sat Blue Elephant Theatre Camberwell 020 7701 0100 Young People's Theatre workshops, variou age groups 7-18yrs, FREE to join. Every weekend Rich Mix Bethnal Green 020 7613 7498 Kids' Cine Time a collection of films suitable for all the family

Greenwich Clocktower Market Greenwich High Road Ouirky weekend market has 50 stalls specialising in vintage, retro & antiques with a few

contemporary craft stalls FRFF Kingsland Rd London 020 7739 www.clocktowermarket.co.uk 19 May Unicorn Theatre for Children 147 Tooley Street 020 7645 0560 How to think the Unthinkable 11-14vrs Until 20 y The Man with the Disturbingly

9893 Family Day, Thirsty Work,

taste, drinking chocolate & paint a mug with 17th century style

patterns, 5-11yrs, FREE. 5 May

Blue & White Beauties creative

Chinese, Dutch & English ceramics

& decorate a plate to take home &

020 7845 4600 Spray Away drop in workshop for families FREE.

May Somerset House Strand

May Kokoro Dragons family

workshop experiment with brush

& ink & scrolls & take home your

own dragons of mythic creatures,

6-12vrs FREE 18 May Museums

at Night with live music, creative

learning workshops & guided tours

for all ages. 19 May River Poems,

drop in workshop families all ages,

create very short 3 line poems

originally from Japan, FREE. 26 May Dazzle the eye family

workshop create sizzling optical

aintings in The Courtauld Gallery,

Theatre Strand 020 7836 0408

6 May Royal Albert Hall 020 7589

8212 The Night of 1000 Voices

raising funds for the benefit of

Leukaemia & Lymphona Research.

7 May-9 Sept Exchange Shopping

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lewels competition a chance to win

12-13 May Wembley Exhibition

Centre 0844 873 7332 Pet Show

13 May Regents Park 0845 673

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Recovery Foundation, costume

FREE, www.cancerrecovery.org.

uk/events. 19 May-8 July Little Angel

Theatre Cross Street 020 7226

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0870 870 4868 Universe of Sound

1787 The Ugly Duckling, 3+yrs.

a diamond worth £3,000,

under 5's FREE

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6-12yrs, FREE.

use, 11-16vrs, FREE,

Smelly Foot, 7-10yrs. Theatre South Bank 020-7452 3234 Festival exhibition, FREE. Until 10 June Museum of London

150 London Wall 020 7001 9844 Dickens & London exhibition Until 9 Sept Museum of Childhood Bethnal Green 020 8983 5200 Beautiful Games the science behind sport, FREE. Daily Family backpacks for under 5's

May E4 Udderhelly Festival Southbank Centre 0844 545 8282 Tiddle & other Terrific Tales 3+vrs 1,13 May Comedy Club 4 Kids, 6,27 May The Adventurers Club family show. 7,12 May Impropera a family show for anyone who likes great music, surreal comedy & sublime silliness. 19 20 May Little Howard's Big Show,

3+yrs, www.underbelly.co.uk Just opened London Dungeon London 020 7403 7221 Vengeance: The UK's first 5D laser ride 1,2 May Southbank Centre www.

southbankcentre.co.uk. Singalong Oliver evening choral clubs. May pre-screening workshops for families & Singalong Oliver at Royal Festival Hall

May Covent Garden West Piazza www.thebigggrin350.com. Big Grin Birthday Party & Puppet Festival Mr Punch's 350th hirthday FREE, 11-5pm. 1-7 May London Imax Cinema

South Bank Waterloo 020 7928 3535 Sci-Fi London festival with costume parade 13 May Tales of the Night Funday workshop silhouette animation plus the usual arts & crafts tables, competitions & prizes, FREE to ticket holders for the Funday screening. 21 May Senior's FREE matinee: A Private Function. 2,9,16,23 May Questors Theatre

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26-27 May HMS Belfast Toole Street London 020 7940 6320 Summer jamboree of FREE activities Every final month A Sailor's Life for Me family activities.

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& minerals, families, 6+vrs, FREE,

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