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Out & About

Fireman Sam Returns to Kent Life Heritage Farm Park

Children's favourite **Fireman Sam** makes a welcome return to **Kent Life Heritage Farm Park**, near Maidstone, on **Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June**. Such is the enduring popularity of **Fireman Sam** that **Kent Life** has invited him back after the children enjoyed meeting him at the award-winning attraction last year.



He will be appearing at intervals throughout each day meeting his young fans. **Kent Life** expects lots of interest in the visit, so booking your **Kent Life** tickets online in advance is recommended to make sure you don't miss out.

You can even see a vintage 1800s **Merryweather** Fire Engine, one of 20,000 artefacts held in **Kent Life's** historic collection. The fire engine came originally from **Cobham**

Hall where it was privately owned and operated on the estate as there was no public fire brigade at the time. It was pulled by horses and teams of men operated the pump by hand. **Kent Life** is a wonderful treat for children, whatever the weather. They can go wild in the outdoor adventure play area or soft indoor play barn, as well as enjoy donkey and tractor rides, water zorbing, face painting, dressing up, painting a pot and much more.

Kent Life is also a real working farm, so there are plenty of animals to see including pigs, sheep, ducks, goats, ponies and alpacas. Young visitors can even snuggle up to the smaller farmyard friends in **Cuddle Corner**.

Admission to **Kent Life** is £9.25 adults, £8.25 concessions and £7.25 for children (three-15 years). Under-threes and **Kent Life** members go free. **Kent Life** is open daily from 10am to 5pm (last admission 4pm). For more details and to book visit www.kentlife.org.uk or call 01622 763936

Get paddling on a family white-water challenge

Banish boredom this summer and treat the kids to some high-adrenaline action in France. Described as 'the ultimate family white-water canoeing adventure' by **Family Adventure Holidays**, **01273-803030** www.familyadventureholidays.com a new break features a thrilling two-day canoe descent of the spectacular **Ardeche gorge**.

For families with children aged eight years and over, the seven-night **Ardeche Adventure** promises a truly exhilarating time. No experience is necessary, with highly-qualified and experienced English-speaking instructors ensuring everyone's safety at all times.

Canoes tackle a total of 22 rapids and the famous natural stone **Pont D'Arc** bridge on the Ardeche river as they descend through the magnificent limestone gorge which rises up to 1,000ft in places. A night is spent under canvas at a bivouac site deep in the heart of the gorge where families enjoy a sociable barbecue together in the evening and a hearty breakfast of pancakes next morning before tackling the second day's challenging canoeing.

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The Bowler Hat

An all-new pop-up theatre in **Paternoster Square**, EC4M 7DY for the duration of the Festival, featuring an eclectic mix of children's theatre, stand-up comedy, circus, cabaret, live poetry and much more. Children's theatre in the **Bowler Hat** - all tickets £6.50 **Little Angel Theatre** presents **'Dogs Don't Do Ballet'** - The sublime and the ridiculous combine in this hilarious story of a small dog with a big personality and even bigger dreams (23 - 27 June) **Peut-etre Theatre** presents **'The Tin Soldier'** - A newly-minted tin soldier stands on a single leg, having been the last one cast from an old tin tin. Nearby he spies a paper ballerina, also standing on one leg and the soldier falls in love (7 - 11 July) **James Campbell** is a stand-up comedian for children, who proves that comedy for kids is much more than toilet humour (3 July) **Storybook World Cup Football** is centre stage in the **Bowler Hat** as the City's three community libraries - **Shoe Lane Library, Barbican Children's Library** and the newly opened **Artisan Library** - unite with the Festival and present league football clubs to storytelling.

Holidays are available from **July 19 to September 13** and include all professionally-instructed activities and self-catering accommodation in mobile homes on a three-star campsite set among vineyards in the low mountains of the **Cervene**, near **Lablachere**. Tents, equipment and food are provided on the bivouac night. The price for adults and children is £438 for seven nights (based on a family of four sharing a mobile home), dropping to £398 for the last week **beginning September 6**. Travel is not included. Families may arrange own transport or combine the activity week with a longer stay in France.

June 2014

My Normandy Adventure

Le Memorial De Caen 70 years story of **World War II** through the end of the cold War 1944-2014. It's a must for a school trip. Featuring an underground bunker which was the headquarters of Lieutenant-General Richter in 1944, who played a crucial role in the first weeks of the **Battle of Normandy**. An audio guide illustrates the events. www.memorial-caen.fr

Centre Juno Beach Courseulles-sur-Mer Situated on the beach where the Canadians actually landed in June 1944. Tours of **Juno Park**, remnants of the **Atlantic Wall** and bunkers (on the beach) are taken by young Canadian guide giving them an authentic atmosphere to the accounts of the battle. A new 12 minute film **'They Walk With You'** is the most poignant film I saw on my trip. Look out for the inventive use of corks instead of rubber tyres on the bicycle! www.juno-beach.org



Musee Du Debarquement Utah Beach This museum pays tribute to all the American troops who risked and sacrificed their lives for freedom. In ten chronological sequences, it covers the German Occupation, the forces that were present on the eve of D-Day. Their new treasure is an authentic **Martin B-26G Marauder**. They have a comprehensive programme of talks by people who witnessed the Landings, 'forties concerts, book signings, etc. Panoramic views out to the beach which thanks to those young troops you can now enjoy in freedom. www.utah-beach.com

Memorial De Montormel Situated one hour's drive from the landing beaches, watch on a large model and film the final battle in Normandy. The archive footage, photos, and eyewitness accounts all help to put the final phase into perspective. Then the doors

open with a panoramic view of the actual combat zone, now beautiful countryside it's hard to envisage the devastation that occurred. www.memorial-montormel.org

Cinema Circulaire Arromanches 360 New film **Normandy's 100 days**. Simultaneously projected 360° onto nine screens, this 19 minute film tells the story of the 100 day Normandy Campaign. The film has previously unseen footage from Canadian, American, German, British and French archive sources, paying tribute to the soldiers of all nations. The cinema overlooking the village of Arromanches, it is just 5 min walk down the hill, with great restaurants and a small museum. A beautiful sandy beach, a merry-go-round and looking out to sea you can still see the remains of the artificial port, or **'Mulberry Harbour'**! www.arromanches360.com/en

Accommodation La Bergerie Only an hour from the landing beaches at **Sainte Opportune**, Sylvie and Frédéric will give you the warmest welcome ever, both of them speak perfect English. They offer gites (self-catering), chambre

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d/hotes (B&B) and table d'hôte (dinner with your hosts). Each of their cottages is picturesque and full of character with the traditional half-timbered cob buildings, that they actually restored themselves. From the quirky furnishings via the clean comfort rooms to the rural gardens this is a must. The food was delicious with the pizza and bread all homemade. The icing on the cake was a tour around **Suisse Normandy** the next day in a purple London taxi expertly driven by Sylvie. I enjoyed learning about the local events and architecture of this beautiful region in a spacious and comfortable cab. Sylvie was very knowledgeable about the historical events and took us on a wonderful picnic with local produce and homemade recipes. Thoroughly recommend to all, great for families with gardens to explore and secure playground.

Residence Le Chant des Oiseaux **Pierre & Vacances** has a range of apartments across Normandy that is ideal for families. On the coast and within 30 minutes' drive of the **Pegasus Museum** is the **Residence Le Chant des Oiseaux** in Courseulles-sur-Mer, overlooking the Juno landing area. Prices in June (D-Day itself is sold out) start from £457 for a 7 nights in a 1 bedroom apartment sleeping 4. These are clean spacious apartments with the ability to hire linen, heated indoor swimming pool and children playground. For more information visit www.pierreetvacances.co.uk

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Blowing the Whistle on GDC Scam.
 Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal scam to withhold information from the public about new methods which can avoid almost all extractions and even major jaw surgery. This is being done partly to protect traditional methods and partly to preserve the high incomes of orthodontists and surgeons. Research suggests that this British development is being ignored in the UK while spreading rapidly abroad. As a result hundreds of children and young adults have extractions and jaw surgery, unaware they may be unnecessary.
 Some Orthodontists mislead patients, saying that extractions can be avoided although the traditional methods they use leave too little room, risking severe damage to the face. It is wise to explore the internet yourself, many sites make great claims and show beautiful faces but very few show good results before and after treatment. Even the media is scared of disclosing this scandal.

There is another way.
 Take a second opinion now. Nine years old may be too late.
ORTHOTROPICS
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 Professor John Mew, Tunbridge Wells 01892 526406 and personal 01435 862045
 Email: john.mew@virgin.net

SUTTON HOLIDAY CAMPS
 THE SPORTS VILLAGE
 If you are looking for ways to keep the children entertained while school is out for the holidays, look no further! The Sports Village, located in Rose Hill Park, is a reputable and established sports facility with more than 20 years' experience coaching children and running holiday programmes. Our coaches and camp leaders are fully-qualified, CRB-checked and completely professional.
 Our next Camps will run during **Easter Holiday (April 7th - 18th)** and **Summer Holiday (July 21st - August 29th)**
 We are running **Teddy Tennis** sessions for three and four year olds, as well as half- and full-day camps for children aged five and over. These camps include tennis and multi-sports, such as hockey, basketball, netball, football, dance, cricket and more! Our fantastic indoor facilities allow camps to run regardless of the weather.
 We also run camps over **Half-Terms**
 For more information and an application form, please contact The Sports Village.
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Hillcroft The National Residential College for Women
Summer Sizzlers Courses at Hillcroft, summer 2014
 Hillcroft was awarded a grade 2, good college by Ofsted in 2014 and has been supporting women returners to education through a unique blend of intensive residential learning since 1920, enabling learners to gain the skills they require to improve their employment prospects, increase basic skills, engage with IT, progress onto university and develop pathways to a brighter future. We have lots of short weekend courses starting Friday evening to Sunday and courses which run during the week. Courses are FREE for those on means tested benefits including accommodation, childcare, and travel. (There is a £20 enrolment fee for most courses) Call Admissions for eligibility and for more information on **020 8399 2688**.
Starting Points Returning to learning but not sure what to study? Discover your pathway on this skills taster. 9th June to 11th June 2014 (Monday to Wednesday)
Information Communication Technology
Spreadsheets Software Level 2 6th June to 15th June 2014 (This course runs over 2 consecutive weekends)
Beginners IT 27th June to 29th June 2014 (Weekend)
Website Software Level 1 30th June to 4th July 2014 (Monday to Friday)
Improving Productivity Using ICT Level 2 11th July to 20th July 2014 (Runs over 2 consecutive weekends)
English and maths
Creative Reading, Writing and Speaking 2 2nd June to 6th June 2014 (Monday to Friday)
Maths - Measurement and Data 16th June to 20th June 2014 (Monday to Friday)
Creative Reading, Writing and Speaking 3 30th June to 4th July 2014 (Monday to Friday)
English for Rusty Students 11th July to 13th July 2014 (Weekend)
Make the Most of Time and Money 18th July to 20th July 2014 (Weekend)
Careers and Enterprise
Start-up & Stilettoes: Using Social Media 6th June to 8th June 2014 (Weekend)
Introduction to Careers in Beauty, Spas, Hair and Nails 16th June to 20th June 2014 (Monday to Friday)
Introduction to Accounting 20th June to 22nd June 2014 (Weekend)
Introduction to the Security Services 4th July to 6th July 2014 (Weekend)
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AAT Access Level 1 21st July to 31st July 2014 (This course runs Monday to Thursday over 2 consecutive weeks)
ESOL: English for speakers of other Languages
ESOL: Employment and Job-seeking 6th June to 8th June 2014 (Weekend)
ESOL: Communication Skills 27th June to 29th June 2014 (Weekend)
ESOL: Emails and Formal Letters 11th July to 13th July 2014 (Weekend)
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Out & About

GROW...

...London, a new contemporary garden fair, will burst into bloom for the first time on **Hampstead Heath, 20-22 June**. A fresh, innovative approach to gardening arrives in London this summer when **GROW London** launches its first show on Hampstead Heath. A destination event where design lovers are as inspired and stimulated as passionate plants-people, **GROW London** is an exciting sourcebook of all that's best in the world of contemporary gardens. Around 100 national and international exhibitors have been handpicked by **GROW London** to showcase an unrivalled selection of garden products, from contemporary and classic garden furniture and the finest handmade tools, to chic accessories and unusual plants from some of the UK's finest nurseries. The interior of the 5000 square metre air-conditioned marquee will be beautifully designed by Shane Connolly, famed for his decoration of Westminster Abbey for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, while outside, architect Rodrick James will be presenting a futuristic oak building which will be surrounded by a stunning pop-up garden.

The three-day show offers a varied programme of free talks, demonstrations and workshops packed with ideas on how to transform your outside space, no matter how large or small. Speakers include landscape designer **Chris Beardshaw**, designer and broadcaster **James Alexander-Sinclair**, *Otter Farm's* **Mark Diacono**, community gardening expert **Naomi Schillinger**, award-winning garden writer **Val Bourne** and children's gardening expert **Dawn Isaac**. Traditional crafts such as rug and basket making will be given a contemporary twist, with demonstrations running throughout the show.

A stylish café and bar hosted by *Leithwaite's Wine* and featuring English champagne and wine, will offer visitors a chance to relax while they plan how to transform their outside space.

GROW London will ensure you leave with everything you need to create the garden of your dreams!

www.growlondon.com



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Daily throughout June **Bodiam Castle** Robertsbridge 01580 830196 Uncovering Bodiam's secret history. **15 June** Father's Day BBQ.

New **Legoland Windsor** 01753 621621 Pirates Landing gets a major re-vamp to become New Pirates Shores featuring Castaway Camp a new pirate adventure play area with more than 100 brand new Lego modes & themed features on the Pirate Falls Treasure Quest log flume ride, plus a new themed restaurant plus lots more on offer.

Every Wed **Heaven at Nutfield** 19 High Street www.heaven-nutfield.com. Smiley Faces music group for babies & toddlers for up to 2yrs & 2-4yrs, there is also a playroom for under 5's, a café & a crèche.

Every Sat during term time **The River & Rowley Museum** Mills Meadows Henley on Thames 01491 415600 Artways Art Club, 5 week sessions, 11-1.5yrs. **Every Wed** during term time Taylor Tug's under 5's Club.

1 June **Royal Naval Submarine Museum** 02392 545034 Lighting the Way a shadow puppet play watch the incredible story of the secret

midget x-craft submarines at D-Day & then make your own shadow puppet, FREE with a valid museum ticket. **7-8 June** **Standen** East Grinstead 01342 323029 NGS Open Day with guided tour. **21 June** Midsummer Eve garden tour. **7,28 June** **Bateman's** Burwash 01435 882302 Summer garden tours & tea. **15 June** Father's Day tea. **20 June** Paint the garden with artist & tutor Julie King.

10 June **Devil's Dyke** West Sussex 01273 857712 Wolstonbury orchid safari looking for up to 10 species of orchid. **17 June** **Alfriston Clergy House** Polegate 01233 870001 NGS Day & garden tour. **17 June** **Theatre Royal Brighton** 08700 606 680 Morecombe brand new production of the West End play.

21 June **Sheffield Park and Garden** Nr Haywards Heath East Sussex 0825 790231 Midsummer evening stroll & picnic. **Until 17 July** International Garden Photographer of the Year Exhibition. .

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Museum of Childhood

WHAT'S ON AT THE V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD IN JUNE
www.vam.ac.uk/moc
DAYDREAMS AND DIARIES – THE STORY OF **JACQUELINE WILSON**
5 APRIL – 21 NOVEMBER
This exhibition explores the life and work of one of Britain's best loved children's authors.

Dame Jacqueline Wilson has written nearly 100 books and over 30 million copies sold in the UK alone. The exhibition features original notebooks and extracts from some of her favourite books including *The Story of Tracy Beaker*, *The Illustrated Mum* and *Hetty Feather* as well as artwork by illustrator **Nick Sharratt** with whom she has worked for over 20 years. **Free.**

NEW DISPLAY TOY STORIES
7 JUNE – 14 DECEMBER
A display of 20 portrait photographs taken by Italian photographer **Gabriele Galimberti** exploring the role and function of toys in the lives of children around the globe.

The portraits reflect the impact of the children's backgrounds and families on their choice of toys and highlight the universality of play. **Free.**
DISPLAY THE GREAT DIARY PROJECT
17 MAY – 12 OCTOBER
Documents from the *Great Diary Project* archive at the Bishopsgate Institute, this

display offers insights into the lives of children and teenagers at particular moments in history. On public display for the first time and dating from 1813 to 1996, they include Godfrey Williams' boarding school journal, begun in 1881; the writings of a Girl Scout from the 1930s; and 12-year-old Bill Kirkman's account of VE Day. The diaries reveal changes in the experience of childhood over time and are a valuable record of social history. **Free.**

DISPLAY HAND ME OVER HAND ME DOWNS
24 MAY 2014 – 31 AUGUST
Artist **Annabel Stockman's** photographic project will be displayed alongside the clothing and possessions of an adopted child. The project began after Stockman and her husband adopted their two children. The photographs document the clothes, toys, keep sakes and good luck charms that their children, as well as 65 other adopted children, brought with them to begin their new lives in the UK. Their possessions reflect the culture and traditions of their previous homes, the relationships they had with their carers, and the fears or hopes of those carers. **Free.**

For advance booking, email mocbookings@vam.ac.uk or call **020 8983 5205**



Book tickets now at the following venues:
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FAIRFIELD HALLS, CROYDON (0208 688 9291)
BARN THEATRE, OXTEAD (01959 561811)
CHRISTCHURCH, PURLEY (01883 330 380)
DUGDALE CENTRE, ENFIELD (0208 807 6680)

Further details of dates & times between 18th May and 28th June and to book online visit www.anotherwaytheatre.co.uk



June 2014

THE LONGEST DAY CHALLENGE

How far can you cycle in 24 hours?

This is the challenge from a group of regulars at the **Chequers Inn Pub** at Laddingford, near Maidstone, who hope to raise more than £16,000 for Pembury-based charity *Pepenburg* through a team cycling challenge called **The Longest Day**. They seek teams to take part in this 24 hour team cycle challenge which will take place, appropriately, on the **Summer Solstice June 21**. The starting point will be **The Chequers Inn**, Laddingford, but there is no fixed destination. However, there will be several different challenges and teams can choose their own goal.

The challenges are: Furthest distance as the crowd flies. Furthest distance in road miles. Longest loop in road miles. For those who want to turn up, do the event and get back to the start. Most unusual destination. Most unusual location en route. Anyone could win this. Assuming you participate, a good picture of somewhere unusual could bag you top spot

Most countries visited. Photographic evidence of every country visited is expected if you are mad enough to go for this one. For the toughest riders it will be about endurance and distance. For some the biggest kudos will come from cycling the longest distance challenge. Others may want to consider the most unusual destination or the unusual location challenges. Photographic evidence of each team's location must be provided within 24 hours of finishing the event. Each team must have four members and the event is limited to 40 teams. Entrance costs £25 per person. **The Chequers** have their own team of 20 plus cycling enthusiasts, the **Chequers Racers** who are organising the challenge. This new event to support *Pepenburg* with the aim of raising £16,438 – the amount of money needed per day to keep running the services for people with learning and other disabilities. To enter a team or find out more information see: www.longestday24hr.co.uk/home.html

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June 2014

WWT London Wetland Centre

Mondays in June 2.9,16,23,30
Pond dipping for adults 12.00-12.45 and 3.00-3.45

Why should children have all the fun messing about in ponds? This is a chance for adult visitors to **WWT London Wetland Centre** to roll up their sleeves and enjoy a spot of pond dipping. Come on a *Pond Safari* to hunt for the many different kinds of insects and other small animals that live in fresh waters. You may find anything from a diving beetle to a caddisfly larvae and the team will be on hand to tell you about the creatures' behaviours and habitats. No previous knowledge is required, the sessions are just for fun; for people who want to know a bit more about the mysterious animals that live at the bottom of a pond. Meet in the **Pond Zone**. No need to book – it's a drop-in session so just turn up! **Saturday 7 June** **Members' Walk** 1pm Wet woodland walk.

Join the warden for a 30 minute walk into the wet woodlands, an area not usually open to the public. Wet woodlands are an increasingly rare habitat and yet they're a vital ecosystem for some species. On this walk you may hear the explosive song of a Cetti's warbler, see beautiful marsh marigolds and

extremely popular and places fill up very quickly, so book early. £5pp + admission. Booking essential: call **020 8409 4400**. **Sat 28 and Sunday 29 June** **Dragonfly Weekend** 11am and 2pm both days **WWT London Wetland Centre** is home to 22 species of Odonata - dragonflies and damselflies - including the rare Hairy dragonfly which first bred here in 2010. They breed around the shallow ponds and pools, and their voracious larvae develop underwater. Summer is a great time for dragonfly spotting as they'll be hunting smaller flying insects across the reserve. Throughout the day they will look at specific technique, composition and equipment for close-up photography. Subjects may include flowers, butterflies, minibeasts and abstract nature. This session is suitable for users of SLR and compact cameras. The content will be tailored to the needs of course attendees, and with limited numbers there will be plenty of time for 1-2-1 tuition. This workshop is led by photographer and author **Iain Green**. Iain's wildlife photography workshops at **London Wetland Centre** are

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'All Star Cast From an All Star Studio'

Pip Ahoy! airs on Channel 5's *Milkshake* starting on 12th June 2014. *Pip Ahoy!* follows the adventures of an eager happy-go-lucky young pup called Pip and his best friend Alba the kitten around the colourful and enchanting seaside resort of Salty Cove. Aimed at pre-school children from the age of two, Pip Ahoy! will bring fun and laughter into every home with a mixture of the extraordinary and the familiar. The series has been produced by **CHF Entertainment's** hugely talented creative team under the leadership of multi award-winners **Jean Flynn** and **Ben Turner** and features **Sir David Jason** as the voice of Pip's caring uncle, Skipper. *X Factor* finalist, singer and reality TV star, **Stacey Solomon**, has also recorded the theme song and is the voice of the pink flamingo, Fuchsia. For more information about Pip Ahoy! visit www.chfentertainment.com/site/shows/pip-overview

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LEAF's Open Farm Sunday 8th June 2014 'Celebrate British Farming and Food'



Open Farm Sunday
www.farmsunday.org
UK farmers produce 52% of all food consumed in the UK (Defra)

UK farmers grow 23% of all fruit and vegetables consumed in the UK (Defra)

UK farmers supply 82% of the meat consumed in the UK (Defra)

UK farmers supply 62% of cereals consumed in the UK (Defra)
UK farmers supply 83% of the dairy produce and bird's eggs consumed in the UK (Defra)

How Many Animals? (Defra)
103 million table fowl
47 million laying hens
32 million sheep & lambs
4.5 million pigs
1.8 million dairy cattle and calves
1.7 million beef cattle
Livestock numbers, UK, Defra

What Do We Grow? (Defra)
1.9m hectares of wheat
1m hectares of barley
756k hectares of oilseeds
158k hectares of maize
122k hectares of oats
149k hectares of potatoes
123k hectares of vegetables (grown outdoors)
24k hectares of orchard fruit
9k hectares of soft fruit & wine grapes
Area of arable and horticultural crops, UK, Defra

Find out more about British food and farming at an **Open Farm Sunday** event.
Hundreds of farms will be opening on **8th June**. Find your nearest farm at: www.farmsunday.org

Education

This summer opt for a family holiday that will inspire your child and bring knowledge gained in the classroom to life. Travel broadens the mind and the educational benefit of foreign travel for children is immense. They learn to interact with new cultures and society, adapt to a different language, experience new climates, food and how to spend new currencies. The Tourist Board has a selection of ideas combining traditional subjects with destinations

LANGUAGES
Where? Leutasch Valley; Mosern, Ober Weidach and Reinldau
Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Where



Family Holidays - Bringing the classroom to life

better to learn a language than by taking a holiday in the country itself? The Austrian Tyrol self-guided hotel-to-hotel walking tour, by *Inntravel*, is perfect for families. Children can utilise their German skills by helping with the navigation through reading signposts, asking people for directions and most importantly ordering an Apfelstrudel and Grosses Bier (for their parents!) after a hard day in the mountains.

Inntravel
01653 617009
www.inntravel.co.uk

has 7 night's accommodation on half board at three hotels, with prices starting from £2554 (5-12yrs) or from £2744 (13-

15yrs) sharing a family room or from £2914 for a family of four in two twin rooms. Price includes luggage transfers between the hotels and walking notes. Departures **18 July to 26 August 2014**. Flights not included.

www.easyJet.com
fly twice weekly to Innsbruck during for £35 one-way.
www.olympiaregionsefeld.com

HISTORY
Where? Oetzal
Since the remarkable discovery of the Ice Man, or Otzi as he is affectionately known, over 20 years ago, the fascination has continued into what life was like over 5000 years ago. So what was it like in Otzi's day? He was alive during the time of the Early Bronze Age when the discovery of copper changed the simple agricultural and cattle breeding of Europe and to put it into perspective he had already been

dead about 600 years before the Pyramids were built in Egypt or before Stonehenge. Research continues to throw up new information. Visit Umhausen in the Otztal and take the children back in time on a visit to the Otzi Village, an open-air archaeological park where they can see and experience the way of life when Otzi was alive. Family ticket costs €17, for 2 adults and 2 children over 6 yrs

www.oetzi-dorf.at/en
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www.inghams.co.uk

Depart in July or August and stay at the 4* *Hotel Edelweiss and Gurgl* for 7 nights on half board with prices starting from £2,229 for a family of four in a large family room, including flights from Gatwick and resort transfers. Free daily activity programme for all.

www.oetzi.com
Where? Wilder Kaiser
A family holiday in the mountains is just what you need to get the kids fit and healthy this summer. The *Wilder Kaiser* region is home to six family adventure parks, including the Hexenwasser (Witches' Water) in Sell, where you can discover sounds through stone and water, follow the secrets of the sun,

wind and weather, have a go at bread baking or for a real buzz visit the Bee Garden. Over at *Ellni's Magic World* on the Hartkaiser in Elnau embark on a mystical journey following in the footsteps of the sorcerer's apprentice Ellni. Take the funicular railway up to 1555m and enjoy amazing views whilst the children have fun with swings, trampoline, carousel, climbing castle and much more. In Scheffau the *KaiserWelt Scheffau* has tree cabins, climbing walls, zip wires and swings. Families holidaying in the Wilder Kaiser region will never be short of things to do with horse riding, cycling or swimming nearby in the picturesque Hintersee lake above Scheffau.

Crystal Summer
www.crystalsummer.co.uk
0871 231 2256
offers 7 nights half board at the 4* *Hotel Alpin* in Scheffau from £1,922 for a family of four. Price includes packed lunch, afternoon tea and cakes, unlimited drinks, children's ice cream buffet as well as flights from Gatwick to Innsbruck and resort transfers. Also included in the price is 'Bobo Club' for children from 3 yrs with activities, Sunday-Friday.

www.wilderkaiser.info
www.visitirol.co.uk

June 2014

The B-type Battle Bus

Remembering the brave bus drivers, mechanics and transport workers of the First World War

www.ltmuseum.co.uk
To mark the centenary of the First World War, *London Transport Museum* is restoring one of the country's last surviving B-type buses, No. B2737, into working condition and its wartime livery. The restored bus will serve as a tribute to the brave bus drivers, mechanics and transport workers who contributed to the war effort a century ago.

When war broke out in 1914, London's B-type buses and staff were quickly commandeered for the war effort. Fitted with protective boarding and khaki paint, the 'Battle Buses' transported troops to and from the front line and were even used as ambulances and mobile pigeon lofts. Nearly 1,200 *London General Omnibus Company* vehicles went on war service, most to France and Belgium, with some travelling as far as Egypt.

B2737 has been restored thanks to support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the *London Transport Museum* Friends and donations from the general public. The restored bus will be unveiled for the first time on **12 June** on the *Covent Garden Piazza* when it will appear in its red London livery. Throughout the summer it will be at a number of events across London including bus garage open days and at the *Regent Street Bus Cavalcade* on **22 June**. In September, B2737 will be converted from its red London livery into a wartime 'Battle Bus'. It will appear at the *Museum's Depot Open Weekend* in Acton, West London on **13 and 14 September**

www.buzzbnk.org/ltm-battlebus

June 2014

Natural History Museum scientists report the latest finds

Night Safari: Back from the Field

Monday 9 June 2014

For those with a scientific curiosity, the *Natural History Museum* is providing the chance to hear first-hand reports of discoveries unearthed during recent fieldwork from a group of its scientists. A unique alternative to the tired pub meet, the evening presentation, *Back from the Field*, is part of the museum's *Night Safari* with *MasterCard* series of events, which introduce guests to a multitude of weird and wonderful creatures from across the globe. Once the Museum doors have closed for the day, guests will have the chance to unwind over a drink in the iconic Central Hall before hearing from three Museum scientists who

have recently returned from scientific expeditions. Guests will learn about their methods, hear new findings and discover why their work is so valuable to science. It's a chance to experience the mysterious air of the museum after dark, taking in the galleries and inspiring architecture while roaming the galleries at night. To book tickets to *Night Safari: Back from the Field* visit **www.nhm.ac.uk/night-safari**

Date: **Monday 9 June 2014**
Time: 19.00-22.00, doors open at 18.30
Admission: adults £28, members £25
Not suitable for children under 16.
Tickets must be booked online.
Visitor enquiries:
020 7942 5000
Nearest tube: South Kensington
www.nhm.ac.uk/night-safari

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SCHOOL TALK

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5 July - Hillcross Primary School, Ashridge Way, Morden **Summer Fair** *Lights, Camera, Action* theme with archery, body zorb, inflatable rodeo, bbq, international food, beer tent & stalls, 1-5pm
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Cake sale Pocket money
Tombola Raffle Lots of different stalls

Education

Surrey Autism Charity Celebrating 20 Years

Members of *interAKtive* will be celebrating 20 years of the autism charity with a **Gala Dinner Dance** at *Surrey Downs Golf Club* on Friday **20th June**. The fundraising event will feature live music from *RAAS Jazz* of the *Royal Alexander and Albert School* plus a grand charity raffle and auction.

Phil Tuffnell, former England Cricketer has donated signed father & son cricket bats for the charity auction to help raise funds. **Stephen Wiltshire MBE**, the autistic artist that draws and paints detailed cityscapes has donated a print of his 'View from the Shard' and *Centre Parc* has donated a fantastic holiday prize for the auction.

The grand charity raffle includes prizes for a 2 night break at the *London Hilton* on Park Lane, *View from the Shard* for 2 plus dinner at *Marco Pierre White's* restaurant and Afternoon Tea for 2 at *Nuffield Priory Hotel*. *interAKtive* is an independent parent led charity with around 150 member families, all of whom have a child (or

more than one child) who is on the autism spectrum, or a child with a similar communication difficulty. The charity organises trips and outings for the children and a tremendously popular playscheme during the Easter and summer holidays as well as organising conferences.

All proceeds from the event will go to *interAKtive*. For tickets, information and any charitable donations please call **Alison Dickson** 077739 68133 or via **www.interAKtive.org.uk**



The Literacy Lounge

The Literacy Lounge, founded by **Anne Goodhall** in 2008 is a tutorial school for individual and small group studies. After considerable success, it expanded with centres in Chessington and Surbiton. 2014 also extends the 11+ **Simulation Tests**, putting candidates at ease. The Summer Break is the perfect time for children to enjoy themselves. Creative arts and skills-based activities are offered weekly, throughout the Summer from **28th July until 29th August**. Do you need safe, fun activities for your children?

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www.literacylounge.co.uk
020 8397 8262
summer@literacylounge.co.uk

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