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Tanks, Spitfires and Family Fun at Headcorn

Travel back to wartime Britain at the 'Combined Ops Military Vehicle and Air Show' - the only military show in Kent to take place on the ground and in the skies!

Sat 15th and Sun 16th August, this fantastic family friendly weekend will offer something for everyone from military

vehicle displays and living history re-enactments to food and military stalls, tank driving and jive dancing. There is also a packed programme in the sky, with displays from the *Great British Lancaster Bomber*, *Spitfire* and *Hurricane*. Visitors are in for a rare treat as the world's only flying *Vulcan*

Bomber will blaze through the skies above the crowds. This deafening aircraft played a huge part in Britain's cold war defence programme and had a key role in defending the Falklands Islands in the 1980's, Martin Withers who made that flight back then will be flying her on the day.



Royal Air Force display team, *The Red Arrows* soaring overhead in a spectacular twenty five minute display of speed, agility and precision. Tickets are priced from £25 for a family of two adults and two children (under 4's free). Book early to save money on your tickets!

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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.

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Hampshire

The Hampshire South Downs nestles between the cathedral cities of Winchester, and Chichester, on the Sussex coast. It has a character all its own - boasting dramatic and inspirational countryside - from its trademark woodland Hangers and sunken lanes through to the high hilltops of Butser and the Downs. The South Downs in Hampshire is rich in opportunities for walking, hiking and cycling but also has a great deal to offer those interested in sampling its history and heritage or foodie delights. This quiet corner of the *South Downs National Park* is famous for its literary heritage and was home to Jane Austen. Jane Austen's

former home is now a famous museum in the lovely village of *Chawton*. Nearby is the former home of the naturalist and ecologist Gilbert White - also now a fascinating museum and gardens. The museum also houses exhibitions dedicated to the great explorers Lawrence and Frank Oates. Very soon there will be a walk in the footsteps of Gilbert White - from Selborne to Oxford, which you may like to hear more about. *National Trust* historic houses *Hinton Ampner* and *Uppark* are both nearby and the area has a series of 6 literary walks following in the footsteps of *Jane Austen*, *Gilbert White*, *Flora Thompson*, *William*

Cobbett, *Edward Thomas* and *WH Hudson*. There is lots to delight the food lover - wonderful local produce with restaurants and pubs serving delicious fare.

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www.forestry.gov.uk/aliceholt
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Battersea Park Children's Zoo

Usual entrance fees apply. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult

Tuesday 21st July
SSSSNAKE DAY - Snake Story Time @ 11.45am & 2.15pm - Meet a real snake @ 12.15pm & 2.45pm
Make a snake puppet (free) &/or a snake badge (cost £1)
Drop in sessions: 11am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Thursday 23rd July
Meerkat Day Meerkat Story @ 11.45am + 2.15pm
Meerkat feeding time fun @ 11.15am + 2.45pm - Make a Meerkat puppet (free) &/or a meerkat badge (cost £1)
Drop in sessions: 11am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Tuesday 28th July
Wildcat Day Find out all about Scottish Wildcats and see the zoo's Scottish Wildcats: *Cormack & Glenn*. - Today ONLY Wildcat Keeper talks @ 11.45am & 2.15pm
Wildcat themed Activities. Sign up and take part ...4 x 45 min sessions @ 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

Cat Story Time and Wildcat Chat by *P.T.E.S. (People's Trust for Endangered Species)*
Cat ears craft activity, finished off with face painted whiskers! (free) Cat Face painting (Cost £2.50)

Thursday 30th July
Australian Animal Day
Watch the Emus have a shower (weather permitting!), see the Wallabies bounce around their field and meet a Bearded

Dragon Lizard.
oin in the Emu themed fun Did you know an Emu egg is GREEN? Help Artist in Residence, Beatrice Von Preussen, complete her big Emu collage by adding your hand print to the picture to give the Emu her feathers!
Meet a Bearded Dragon Lizard @ 11.45am & 2.15pm
Make your very own Emu mask (Cost £1)
Drop in sessions: 11am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Tuesday 4th August
Snail Day Giant African Land Snail... Just how slimy are they? Snail Story Time & meet a snail @ 11.45am & 2.15pm.
Make your own snail puppet. (Cost £1) Pin the shell on the snail picture!

Thursday 6th August
BIAZA Big Bug Bonanza Day (British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums)
BIG BUG BONANZA Week... there will be free stickers - Meet some creepy crawlies.
- Listen to a Bug Story @ 11.45am & 2.15pm
- Make an Ugly Bug puppet (free) Bug picture colouring in
Drop in sessions: 11am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Tuesday 11th August
Piggy Day - Feed hairy Kune, pigs at 12.15am & 3.30pm (free) - Listen to a Piggy story @ 11.45am & 2.45pm (free) - Make a piggy mask (free) - Make a Piggy Badge (Cost £1)
Drop in sessions: 11am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Thursday 13th August
Lizard Day Story Time & meet a lizard @ 11.45am & 2.15pm free - Make a Lizard puppet, with movable arms and legs! (Cost £1) Drop in sessions: 11am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Saturday 15th August
Cotton Top Tamarin Day
Monkey Feeding Time fun @ 11.30am & 3.00pm - Monkey Story time @ 11.45am & 2.45pm free - Monkey badge making (Cost £1)
- Face painting (Cost £2.50)
- Monkey Puppet making (Cost £1)
- Buy a Banana (50p) and have a Monkey Picnic.

(All money raised will go to Projecto Titi, which is a multi-disciplinary in situ conservation program that combines field research, education initiatives and community programs.)
Animal Story Time Days at the zoo...A chance to... - hear an animal story - make a picture from the story (free) and/or a badge (cost £1) - meet the real life characters! Picture/badge making: Drop in sessions: 11am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Story times & meet the animal character @ 11.45am & 2.15pm
Tuesday 18th August - Rabbit Story Time
Thursday 20th August - Ferret Story Time
Tuesday 25th August - Guinea Pig Story Time
Thursday 27th August - Hedgehog Story Time
020 7924 5826
www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk

Get Active Wandsworth Festival

Enjoy the **6th Annual Get Active Wandsworth Festival** on **Saturday 18th July 2015**, taking place at *King George's Park*, Wandsworth, SW18 4AZ.
The day will be packed out with fun free activities for all ages and abilities to enjoy. Keep the kids entertained with bouncy castles or kid's street dance, with circus skills or face painting, while the adults can indulge in some yoga or tai chi, get a health check at the *NHS* stand or even race the kids to the top of the climbing wall. With over 7000 people attending last year it's one of the must see events of the summer. To

know more email active@wandsworth.gov.uk
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From the exotic butterfly tunnel, the *Discovery Garden*, woodland walks to the edge of the *Secret Lake* there is something for everyone.

You may like to follow the footprints to the giant's chairs.....if you are brave enough!!

Daily activities are *Meet the Animals sessions*, *Falconry Displays* and of course the famous *Pig Racing*. Outdoor activities also include zip

wires, a hill fort, tube maze and two assault courses. They have a large restaurant offering hot and cold meals and snacks at very reasonable prices and a patio where you may like to relax and watch the kids in the paddling pool and sand pit. They also have a gift shop and a Plants and Produce area!

The Rare Breeds Centre is situated on the B2067 between Hamstreet and Woodchurch close to Ashford. For more information visit www.rarebreeds.org.uk 01233 861493

All this information plus much more online

www.parents-news.co.uk



The Historic Dockyard Chatham

Doc Yard makes a triumphant return from a secret mission with the Southern Hemisphere Navy and is ready to share the new science of "Bubbleology" at **The Historic Dockyard Chatham** with budding Techsplorers! *Doc Yard's "Liquid Science"* sessions provide a hands-on, interactive science and technology experience, suitable for young minds from 4 to 94 included in the normal dockyard admission price!

Produce personal bubble formula, test in a 'bubble off' and take it home; construct bubble frames and see the fascinating properties of soap films; race balloon vehicles in a test of design and technology skills; and be immersed in an interactive science show with the *Doc and Bunsen*.

Doc Yard's Liquid Science sessions run three times a day from **1st to 31st August** and included in dockyard annual ticket. **The Sailors' Academy** crew. Children and grown-ups board the impressive Victorian Naval Sloop, *HMS Gannet* (1878) and pick up a mission, comprising tasks on board and around **The Historic Dockyard**. They can learn how to tie knots and whistle commands; they can follow the ship's cat trail and an animal trail around the dockyard, use signal flags, try out a hammock, learn nautical language and explore the ship's history below decks. These activities fun from **25th July to 31st August**

www.thedockyard.co.uk



Outside play with Chad Valley

As the sun continues to shine and the evenings stay lighter, kids are making the most of the warmer weather by playing outside. As a parent, trying to think of games and activities can be a tough job, but with the **Chad Valley Playtime Pocketbook** from *Argos* there's inspiration for traditional style games to keep kids occupied come rain or shine.

The **playtime pocketbook**, developed by long-standing toy maker **Chad Valley**, surveyed over 2,000 parents to compile more than 100 ideas and top tips for parents to keep kids entertained - the ideas are endless!

With the warmer days here to stay, here are our top ten picks from the pocketbook:

1. One for the lighter evenings... set up glow in the dark bowling by putting glow sticks in plastic water bottles

2. Turn paddling pools into a mini ball pit with plastic play balls, great all year round!

3. Create a map of your local park and plan a route to cycle or walk round, and take the kids on a magical mystery tour

4. Make toy parachutes by attaching napkins to toy soldiers with string and releasing

them from the top of a climbing frame or a window

5. Make and decorate frisbees by sticking together two paper plates

6. For parties or BBQ's, why not make fun cocktails with different types of fruit juice

7. Have a teddy bears picnic inside or outside using your child's favourite toys and snacks

8. For indoor fun...create an obstacle course from household objects for children to navigate around

9. Make stamps using potatoes and get little ones creative by using them to paint a work of art

10. Put together a scavenger hunt for the children to find objects in the garden

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Calling all Nature Explorers

This summer holiday, children of all ages can discover their inner adventurer by becoming fully fledged **Nature Explorers** at any of the nine UK **WWT Wetland Centres**. Here, they can follow in the footsteps of Scott of the Antarctic (father of **WWT's** founder **Sir Peter Scott**) by going on an array of 'wild' adventures and recording them in a special Nature Explorer passport.

Adventures to tick off include taking a watery safari, discovering giant animals made entirely of **LEGO®** bricks, finding treasure, building dams, hand feeding rare birds, riding 'wild' bikes trails, crawling through tunnels and lots, lots more. Summer 2015 at a **WWT Wetland Centres** has just got much more exciting. Little explorers can begin their voyage of discovery by picking up a **Nature Explorer** passport from the front desk and collecting stickers from each of the activities working their way up to gold. What's more if children don't have enough time to fill in their passport they can visit again for free, any time during the school summer holidays.

Awesome adventures include:
 • Discovering giant animals made of **LEGO** bricks, including flamingos and otters, on the new summer trail at **Slimbridge Wetland Centre**.
 • also a **LEGO** brick building pit
 • Paddling or gliding through reeds to come face to face

with kingfishers, water voles and lots more on canoe or boat safaris at **Martin Mere, Slimbridge and Arundel Wetland Centres**. Older explorers can hop on a Land Rover safari and go on to the wild reserve at **Slimbridge** and take a bike safari at **Llanelli Wetland Centre**
 • Finding treasure at **Martin Mere** on the Geocache trail
 • Hand feeding some of the world's rarest birds
 • Going on big bug hunts to discover creepy crawlies
 • Building dens
 • Pond dipping
 • Picking up a pair of binoculars and spotting some of the wonderful wildlife
 • Splashing, climbing and swinging at adventure playgrounds, such as **Welly Boot Land** in **Slimbridge**, **Water Vole City** at **Llanelli**, and **Playscape** at **Washington**
 • Getting up close to a whole range of amazing animals including flamingos, otters, swans, geese, diving ducks, salamanders and many more
 For more information on **Nature Explorer** activities at your nearest **WWT Wetland Centre** please visit

www.wwt.org.uk

- **WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre** - Gloucestershire
- **WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre** - Lancashire
- **WWT London Wetland Centre** - Barnes

- **WWT Arundel Wetland Centre** - West Sussex
- **WWT Llanelli Wetland Centre** - Carmarthenshire, Wales
- **WWT Washington Wetland Centre** - Tyne & Wear
- **WWT Welney Wetland Centre** - Norfolk
- **WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre** - Northern Ireland
- **WWT Caerlaverock Wetland Centre** - Dumfriesshire, Scotland

WWT Wetland Centres

A whole new world of award-winning discovery awaits you at **WWT Wetland Centres**. There are nine different centres across the UK, including **Slimbridge, Martin Mere, London and Arundel**. At the centres you can have close encounters with some of the world's most dramatic and endangered birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, surrounded by stunning scenery.

There is always something to see and do at the Centres, 364 days of the year. Add to this exhilarating adventure playgrounds, a packed line up of special events, cafes serving delicious homemade goodies, buggy friendly pathways and parent & baby facilities.

What's more every penny spent at the centres supports the vital conservation work.

www.wwt.org.uk

Summer Party Decorations



Everyone loves a good summer party. Whether you're planning a BBQ, house warming, birthday or wedding reception, **mt washi tape** has a range of colours and patterns to suit every soiree. It allows you to express your inner creative side by making your own decorations in a fun way for all the family. The diverse product allows you to be creative by writing and drawing on it. **mt washi tape** can be removed without leaving a trace and re-applied in case you make any mistakes. It's also water and heat proof so it's safe when the kids are

around. **mt washi tape** masking tape is the original of its kind and began in 2006 when three ladies from Tokyo approached **Kamoi Kakoshi** who initially made industrial masking tape. The four joined forces and revolutionised masking tape as we know it, launching **mt washi tape** as a decorative item. There are now over 100 different colours and patterns. Use to decorate, personalise, embellish and beautify your summer party with **mt washi tape**.

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Consult your doctor:

- if you are pregnant and want to know more about your options in screening for **Down syndrome**

- if you have had a test which gives you a high risk of **Down syndrome** and are considering having a 'diagnostic' test

- if you are unsure what would be the best test for you

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What are your options for screening for Down syndrome during pregnancy?

by **Dr Elisabeth Peregrine**, consultant obstetrician at richmond practice

Down syndrome is the commonest chromosomal abnormality and there are several options on how to screen for it during pregnancy.

Combined Screening, the most frequently used test, detects around 85% of **Down syndrome**. It involves a scan and blood test at 11-13 weeks, giving you a risk of **Down syndrome** (e.g. 1 in 1000). It carries no risk to the pregnancy, but cannot give you a definite 'yes' or 'no' answer.

A new screening test: **Free Fetal DNA** testing is now available. It involves taking blood from you from 10 weeks onwards and can detect >99% of **Down syndrome**. There are several different tests available (e.g. the **Harmony** test) but none are currently available on the **NHS**. They are only available in private clinics at a cost of around £500. The test cannot give you a definite answer but carries no risk to the pregnancy.

Amniocentesis and **CVS (Chorionic Villus Sampling)** are diagnostic tests, which can give you a definite answer as to whether your baby has **Down syndrome** or another chromosomal abnormality. However, these tests both involve putting a needle into the womb and therefore carry a risk of miscarriage of around 1 in 100 (1%). **CVS** can be done from 11 weeks and involves taking a biopsy of the placenta and amniocentesis can be done from 15 weeks and involves taking some fluid from around the baby. Usually these 'diagnostic' tests are only done if you are considered high risk of having a baby with **Down syndrome**.

Dr Elisabeth Peregrine was trained in London in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and worked at two large teaching Hospitals. She is a subspecialist in fetal and maternal medicine and a Consultant in Obstetrics and Fetal Medicine at **Kingston Hospital**.

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Guided tours

Daily, 2.15pm
Take a guided tour with one of our knowledgeable hosts, from a walk through atmospheric Sailortown to an exploration of what used to be stored in the museum's building!
FREE

Second Saturdays

Sat Jun 13 & Sat 11 Jul, 11am – 12.30pm & 2 – 3.30pm

Every Second Saturday during terms time we choose a favourite object in the museum to inspire a creative event or activity. Join us to discover and explore a different object every month.

Suggested ages: 5-11

FREE

Soldiers and Suffragettes - The Photography of Christina Broom

Fri 19 Jun – Sun 1 Nov

Christina Broom is regarded as the UK's first female press photographer. A major new exhibition of her works at the Museum of London Docklands reveals the extraordinary story of this self-taught novice who turned photography into a business venture to support her family.

FREE

Late night opening Thu 25 Jun, 6-10pm

Support the Suffragettes

Mon 17 Aug, 12 - 1.30pm & 2.30 - 4pm

Support women's right to vote by creating a Suffragette badge like those worn by many of the brave women photographed by Christina Broom.

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE

Under 5s storyline

Thursdays from July 2, 15 – 15.30pm

Join us in our galleries for a fun and interactive story, told using puppets, museum objects and music - then come and play in Mudlarks children's gallery if you have energy to spare!

Suggested ages: < 5

FREE

Music and movement

Tue Jun 16, 10 - 10.45am & 11.00-11.45am

Join us for our monthly music and movement session then come and play in Mudlarks afterwards! This session is for children and their parents and carers. Younger siblings are welcome.

Suggested minimum age: 1

FREE

Digital creations: Christina Broom

Sat Jun 27, 11am - 12pm, 12 - 1pm & 2 - 3.30pm

Be inspired by our new exhibition featuring the photography of Christina Broom, London's first female press photographer who turned her images into postcards. Then learn how to create your own masterpiece.

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE Tickets allocated on arrival

Second Saturdays: Mudlarking adventures

Sat Jul 11, 12 - 1pm & 2.30 - 4pm

Discover some of London's hidden heritage and come face to face with real objects from the River Thames in this archaeology workshop.

Drop-in object handling

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE

Making headlines

Sat Jul 25 Wed Aug 19, 12 - 1.30pm & 2.30 - 4pm

Just like Christina Broom, Britain's first female press photographer, make your own post cards of important events happening in London today.

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE

KEY: Museum of London Museum of London Docklands Museum of London Archaeological Archive

Enter an Edwardian photograph

Fri 21 Aug, 12 - 12.45pm, 2 - 2.45pm & 3 - 3.45pm

Enter the world of Christina Broom, the first female press photographer, by exploring her striking images of London from over 100 years ago. Then use blue screen technology to dress up and place yourself in one of Broom's photographs.

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE Tickets allocated on arrival

Sailor Sea Shanties

Mon 10 Aug, 11 - 11.45am, 12 - 12.45pm & 2 - 2.45pm

Learn some sea shanties and sing with sailors in this fun musical session for under 5s and their parents or carers.

Suggested ages: 1-5

FREE Tickets allocated on arrival

Little mudlarks toddlers group

Mondays 10 - 10.50am & 11 - 11.50am

Learn, play and explore together every Monday during term-time in this fun, hands-on and creative session for toddlers (walkers - 5 years) and carers. Explore our Mudlarks gallery and soft play area then join one of our members of staff for a fun-filled interactive workshop

Suggested ages: 1-5

FREE

Book in advance 020 7001 9844

Mini mudlarks babies group

Mondays 12.45 - 13.45pm

Learn, play and explore together every Monday during term-time. This session is for babies (aged 6 months-walking) and their carers and includes sensory, hands-on and play based activities for you and your baby to enjoy together.

Suggested ages: 6months - walking

FREE

Book in advance 020 7001 9844

Through a lens

Sat Aug 15 & Tue Aug 18, 12 - 1.30pm & 2.30 - 4pm

Explore the world of the early 1900s as seen through the lens of Christina Broom. Fashion your own characters inspired by the people featured in the work of this inspiring photographer.

Art drop in

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE

Crafty cameras

Sun Aug 16 & Thu Aug 20, 12 - 1.30pm & 2.30 - 4pm

Technology has changed a great deal since Christina Broom worked as a photographer in London. Create a model of an old-fashioned folding camera like the one used by Broom and see what moments you can capture in this craft workshop.

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE

Artistic impressions

Sat Aug 22, 12 - 1.30pm and 2.30 - 4pm

Create your own amazing works of art inspired by our new temporary exhibition Soldiers and Suffragettes: the photography of Christina Broom.

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE

'Your River' family event

Sat 26 & Sun 27 Sep, 12 - 4pm

Join us for an exciting family weekend where we explore the sights, sounds and stories of the Thames. Be inspired by the river and its impressive history and take part in crafts and storytelling sessions which celebrate this famous London landmark.

Suggested ages: 5+

FREE

Classical Concert supports *The Chartwell Cancer Trust*

Buy your tickets now for *The Leeds Castle Open Air Classical Concert* on **11 July** and help support Kent based charity *'The Chartwell Cancer Trust'*.

Heritage Events Ltd. who organise the *Leeds Castle Open Air Classical Concert* supports this very worthwhile charity, which provides financial support for *The Chartwell Cancer and Leukaemia Unit* in the *Princess Royal University Hospital*, Farnborough, Kent.

The Trust's aim is simple; to supply funding to increase staffing levels in the unit and to provide other support, where

appropriate, that will enhance and improve the patients' care while being treated in the unit.

Michael Douglas, Trustee of *The Chartwell Cancer Trust* says:

"We are delighted that **Heritage Events Ltd** has given us the opportunity to raise funds prior to the concert. Our support for the unit is greatly appreciated by the staff, patients, their families and friends of those being treated there...Our Events Committee (all volunteers) is working on some fantastic events and we are looking forward to being part of the *Leeds Castle Open Air Classical Concert*."

The *Leeds Castle Open Air Classical Concert* is celebrating its 37th year with a wonderful programme of music and entertainment from the *Royal Philharmonic Orchestra*, conducted once again by **John Rigny**.

Headline act **'The Definitive Rat Pack'** will open the afternoon concert, which will see thousands of people enjoying the very best classical music into the evening culminating in an incredible firework display above the 900 year old Castle. Book your tickets today by visiting www.leedscastleconcert.co.uk



The SunWalk Festival

this year *The SunWalk Festival* will be held in *Battersea Park* on **Sunday 12th July**, it is a great fun day out for everyone, with fairground rides, an animal safari for children and live music throughout the day. There are walking distances for all the family - 5k, 10k and a 13.1 miles Half Marathon.

Why not bring the whole family to *The SunWalk Festival* organised by grant-making breast cancer charity **Walk the Walk!** There's a distance for every age and ability and children can walk for free... they all love to be competitive and will get their very own medal! This fantastic day, with its Jungle theme, is always a sell out and tennis

fans can watch the Wimbledon final on big screens whilst tucking into strawberries and the odd *Pimms!* This is not just a walk in the park, there will be live bands, great food, fair rides, stalls, and animals to get up close to... a fabulous walk the Walk day! So sign up now and get ready to SunWalk! *The SunWalk Festival*, **Sunday 12th July 2015** *Battersea Park*, London

Entry fee £27 for adults, with each adult able to bring one child 12 and under free of charge.

Each additional child costs £15. Entry to the site and entertainment is free

www.walkthewalk.org/sunwalk

to sign up as either a Walker or a Volunteer

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Newfoundland Dogs take to the water at Bewl Water Country Park

Newfoundland Dogs will be in the water at **Bewl Water Country Park** for a special event on **Sunday 19 July**. The dog display by the *Newfoundland's H2O* team will show these magnificent dogs in and out of the water! Throughout the day the dogs will meet and greet the public before taking part in a special water display at 2pm. Children can also enjoy exploring the extensive adventure playground including a fort, giant slide, rope bridges and swings. There is also the **'Three Bears House'** and some giant boulders for children to climb on. *The Swallow* operates a regular passenger boat service across and around the lake from March to October as well as offering combined *Cruise & Lunch* packages with either *Bewl's* own restaurant or nearby *Biddenden Vineyard*. The 40-minute cruise around the lake takes in spectacular scenery and the fully licensed bar offers light snacks and refreshments during the

cruise. A pick-up or drop-off at *Ferry Point* is available approximately half way around the *Round Bewl Water* route for those who don't wish to tackle the 13-mile walk!

Tickets can be purchased directly from the *Swallow* jetty. Cruises for groups of six or more booked more than 24 hours in advance gain free entry to *Bewl Water*. In

all other cases *Bewl Water* admission charge will apply. Entry into the *Country Park* is now only £8 per car and a new annual family season ticket has been introduced at £50.

For further information about *Bewl Water Country Park* and events visit

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The BBC Proms

...is the largest classical music festival in the world. With 92 concerts over 58 days and many more free events to enjoy over the summer, it's a great place to introduce your family to some of the world's most celebrated musicians in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. This year, the Proms introduces regular Sunday matinees, a series of concerts for all the family to enjoy, with tickets to all concerts (except for the Last Night) half-price for under-18s. The first year of *BBC Music's* classical music initiative Ten Pieces culminates with two dedicated Proms concerts, a spectacular live journey through classical music. The concerts showcase the original 10 pieces of music, as well as a range of children's creative

responses to the music – through compositions, dance, digital art and animation (**18 & 19 July**). The dynamic young musicians of the *Aurora Orchestra* perform *Beethoven's 'Pastoral' Symphony*, and an exciting new work from British composer Anna Meredith, both entirely from memory (**2 August**). Eric Whitacre also conducts a Sunday matinee which includes American classics by *Copland* and *Gershwin*, as well as his new piece *Deep Field*, inspired by the images beamed back from the *Hubble Space Telescope* (**9 August**). The musical mind of Sherlock Holmes is explored in a further Sunday matinee with special guests (**16 August**). Sir David Attenborough presents a concert inspired by his natural

history series, *Life Story*, including music from Murray Gold's soundtrack, films from the series and insights into the making of the show (**30 August**).

Proms Extra, all the free events that happen around the Proms concerts, returns with a great range of family activities. Interactive family events provide a perfect introduction to the pieces you'll hear at the Proms, for children and parents of all musical abilities. Children may bring their own instruments to play and sing along with members of the *BBC Orchestras*.

An opportunity for the whole family this summer at *The Royal Albert Hall*. www.bbc.co.uk/proms

The Tales of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny

Adapted by *Michael Whitmore*
Thursday 6th August
Peter Rabbit knows very well he's not to go into Mr McGregor's garden, especially as it was there his father met his untimely end! But he can't resist... and soon finds himself face to face with Mr McGregor himself! Can he escape his murderous clutches? Will he find his way out of the garden? And what will his mother say when she sees he's lost all his clothes? Poor Peter! He vows never to return to that garden... until his naughty cousin Benjamin persuades him to make a return visit. This time, however, there's more danger on the prowl in the shape of Mr McGregor's cat. Will they ever escape from the basket?

Can Old Mr Bunny come to the rescue in time? And whatever will Mr McGregor make of all those little footprints in his garden? *Quantum Theatre's* delightful production follows the scrapes and escapades of all your favourite characters from the *Peter Rabbit* tales in a magical and enchanting experience for young and old alike. "Truly outstanding!..." **THE JUNGLE BOOK** By Rudyard Kipling; Adapted by *Laura Turner*
Wednesday 19th August
In the magical Indian jungle a new arrival changes the animal kingdom forever. Join Mowgli on his wonderful adventures with the loveable and wise Baloo the Bear, the powerful panther Bagheera, and not to

mention mischievous monkeys and the terrifying tiger Shere Khan! Rudyard Kipling's best known and most loved story creates an enchanting and fun-filled musical show for children of all ages, and for this performance children are invited to dress up in their favourite animal costume and join in the Jungle Parade in the interval. "What Chapterhouse does is theatre at the coalface, carried by the power of acting... and they do it with distinction" *The Stage* 2014
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Paralympic Gold Medalist Unveils "Spider Room" at New Bromley Physio Centre

Paralympian **David Weir CBE** was special guest of honour at the official opening of *The Wooden Spoon Spider Therapy Room* at the newly opened *Freddie Farmer Foundation physiotherapy centre* off Elliott Road, Bromley South. They welcomed David and charity representatives from *Wooden Spoon Kent* to formally open the room which boasts state of the art equipment to help mobility for children with cerebral palsy and serious mobility problems. The equipment includes two *Universal Exercise Units (UEUs)*, otherwise known as the 'spider' which is formed by elastic ropes and a harness that create a web to support children and allow them to exercise in any position. The new centre is the result of a three-year fundraising campaign which saw hundreds of people take part in activities such as climbing mountains, triathlons, cycles, parachute jumps and a 70s disco-thon raising over £400,000. The centre's charity officer, **Karen Smith**, said: "It is very exciting for everyone involved with the charity to finally see the new centre open. "We hope to help many more disabled children to reach their full potential and to benefit from the intensive

physiotherapy programmes that we run here from our new home in Bromley. "I would like to say a big thank you to **David Weir** and *Wooden Spoon* for their support, I hope they enjoyed the day." **Paul Shrubsall MBE**, chairman of *Wooden Spoon's* Kent Region which donated £25,000 towards the cost of creating the therapy room, said: "*Wooden Spoon*, the children's charity of rugby, supports projects that benefit physically, mentally and socially disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 25 in UK. "When we heard about the work the *Freddie Farmer Foundation* was doing to create a centre to help disabled children in Bromley we were delighted to help, it's the realisation of a dream. "We've watched this charity grow for a number of years and to be able to help is a great privilege for us. We wish them lots of luck for the future, supporting disabled children in the London and the surrounding areas."

The *Freddie Farmer Foundation physiotherapy centre* is the only independent centre of its kind in South East providing intensive physiotherapy for disabled children. They support disabled children aged 3–16 years with cerebral palsy, developmental delay/co-ordination disorders and other non-progressive neurological disorders and syndromes. For further information and/or to book an initial assessment please contact charity officer **Karen Smith** on **020 8313 3707** karen@freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk



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Your child's self-esteem – are you getting the balance right?

It can be quite challenging to build a child's self-esteem without overdoing it. There is a balance between too much praise and not enough. With too little a child's self-esteem can suffer, but with too much children can develop a distorted sense of entitlement and their own abilities.

So what is healthy self-esteem? **Professor Matt Sanders**, founder of the *Triple P Positive Parenting Program* explains:

Self-esteem is the term psychologists use to describe how a person feels about their innate worth as an individual, their skills and attributes, and how they interact with the world.

Under a daily bombardment of "winning is everything" advertising messages, it can be particularly hard for kids to learn to deal with disappointment, and/or to stop measuring themselves against impossible standards. This is an often-overlooked element of the development of healthy self-esteem.

True self-esteem is something we build up ourselves, as we work to master new skills, stick to our values, and show pro-social behaviours such as care and concern for others. Egotism, on the other hand, is an unhealthy focus on one's self and a disregard for others, a feeling of being better than

everyone else, and, often, a fear of failure.

Children who have what might be called artificially high self-esteem may have been given overblown praise for no real reason, or not taught to empathise with others. They may develop a sense of superiority, struggle to form healthy relationships, and find it hard to understand why they don't automatically succeed at everything they attempt.

Then there are the kids with low self-esteem. Many children who regularly misbehave already view themselves in a highly negative way. They may feel inadequate and/or lack the desire to achieve goals and face challenges. They may also believe bad things about themselves: that they are, and always will be, dumb, ugly, stupid, naughty etc.

Children who have healthy, balanced self-esteem are likely to be happy and cooperative and make friends easily. They're eager to learn and succeed, and they can cope with stress effectively.

Healthy self-esteem doesn't come built-in at birth. We first learn our view of ourselves during childhood, through the interactions we have with the people around us. So it's crucial for parents and carers to help our children develop a true

sense of their own strengths and weaknesses.

So how do you build healthy self-esteem in children?

1) Take a consistent, positive approach to their upbringing. Tell your child you love them, and demonstrate this by spending time talking to and playing with them. This helps your child feel valued and cared for.

2) Watch what you say. Constant criticism can create low self-esteem, and make problem behaviour even worse.

3) Display confidence in their ability to persist. Let them attempt appropriate things by themselves. Teach them that mistakes are important ways of learning, and show them how to set realistic goals and work towards them.

4) Follow a healthy lifestyle. Taking care of one's self with regular exercise, healthy food, and grooming habits all help children develop a positive self-image.

5) Teach them to be balanced. When they've made an effort and mastered a new skill or achieved something, teach them to enjoy their accomplishments, without gloating or boasting. Help them understand that everyone is good at different things.

6) Teach them that life isn't always about winning. Your role is not to make every problem disappear or smooth over every bad feeling; instead, let your child express how they feel and assure them you understand. They'll develop a deeper sense of self-worth as they learn that with a bit of help from you, they can work out reasonable ways to deal with strong emotions. As a reaction to not getting what they want, children may sometimes put themselves down, saying things like "I'm dumb, you hate me", or "I'm just stupid". If this happens, try not to get dragged in to being overly sympathetic; instead, encourage your child to try again after the set-back, and to enjoy the activity or game even if they aren't the winner.

7) Encourage a sense of humour. Laughter really is a great medicine, and it doesn't hurt kids to see that even parents can laugh at themselves sometimes. Enjoying the little things in life helps people cope with tough times. Help your child to laugh by listening to their stories, playing games and having fun together.

By following this advice parents can help their children develop healthy self-esteem – a gift that will stay with them throughout their lives.

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"My time boarding at Barney was fantastic. I had the use of all the sports facilities whenever I wanted to, which was more or less every day, which was a real benefit. As I got older I was able to access them for more specific training and the school coaching staff were always there to help and guide me. The boarding community had a great family atmosphere to it and I still have some close friends from it. Staff were always available whether it was to help with academic work, or just for a chat.

"Boarding helped me become more independent and better organized. I had to work hard and was encouraged to do so. I was able to manage

my time between sport and the classroom well. I am dyslexic so the extra help I received was invaluable to help me pass my GCSEs and A levels.

"We didn't have many people in each class which I think made it easier for teachers to get to know us. The added time outside the classroom with staff meant they knew what we were like in other situations so could relate to us better.

"I loved doing sport and the continuous help and support from a variety of coaches helped me become a professional rugby player - the dedication and expertise of the coaches is second to none. One of my highlights was leading the 1st XV out at Twickenham on my 18th birthday in the *Daily Mail Cup* final.

"And Peps is brill!" (**Martin Pepper** is Director of Sport at Barnard Castle School)

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GOFEST

GoFest 2015, the UK's Family Festival of Sport, Dance, Health & Fitness at **Surrey Sports Park** will now also run tournaments for adults and children on **Sun 12th July**. The family festival, falling on the weekend of **10-12 July**, will feature tournaments in

Football with **Fulham FC Foundation** and **Kevin Keegan**, Rugby with **Harlequins**, Hockey with **Surrey Spartans**, Netball with **Tamsin Greenway** and **Surrey Storm**, and Tennis with the **LTA** and **Premier Tennis**. **GoFest Tournaments Day** will offer a fantastic

opportunity for friends, teams and clubs to come together for a day of fun and team bonding at what is promising to be the mass participation sporting event of the summer. Ready to win? Visit

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Look After Your Babies Delicate Skin with the SmartSun Wristband

Fresh air and warm weather are healthy for young children and babies, and small doses of Vitamin D from the sun's rays are good for baby's skin. Babies and young children have delicate and sensitive skin however, so it is important to make sure their SPF is topped up at all times when outside in the sun.

It is easy to forget about reapplying sun cream when you are out having fun, but the **SmartSun wristband** provides an easy to read indicator

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has been running sewing clubs and classes in **Beckenham, Kent** area for over 5 years.

The clubs teach children as young as 8 to sew both by hand and using a sewing machine. Each term lasts six weeks and follows a school term. They also offer holiday camps at Easter, **summer** and Christmas. Working on fun and imaginative projects while learning the principles of sewing, students complete a level and get a certificate to move to the next. The club teaches a variety of sewing and textiles techniques so that students get an opportunity to explore their own creative path. For more information about the club please

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The Seams So Easy Summer Sewing Camp
Monday 20th–Thursday 23rd of July 2015
9.30am -12.30pm

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EXHIBITIONS AND GALLERIES

Against Captain's Orders: A Journey into the Uncharted will take audience members on the adventure of a lifetime through the *National Maritime Museum's* extraordinary collection of maritime artefacts. With so much history secured in one museum: so many objects, so many stories, so many doorways to other times and other worlds, who knows who or what will turn up on this exciting journey. Exciting, enlightening and perhaps just a tiny bit dangerous, this is a theatrical expedition through the museum, the likes of which have never been seen before.

www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/events/against-captains-orders
August From 10.00 daily
Sammy Ofer Wing, National Maritime Museum Admission: £19.75A 6-12 years.
Adults attending must be accompanying a child.

Unseen: The Lives of Looking by *Dryden Goodwin*
Acclaimed contemporary artist Dryden Goodwin's first feature-length film, in the striking space of the 17th-century Queen's House, alongside an exhibition of related drawings and artefacts. The newly commissioned film continues Goodwin's long-term investigations into portraiture and focuses on three individuals at the forefront of their professions, each of whom have a compelling relationship to 'looking'.
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2 MAY – 1 NOV 2015
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4, 11, 18, 25 July 2015
1, 8, 15, 22 August 2015
12.00 | 13.00 | 14.00 | 15.00
Sammy Ofer Wing, National Maritime Museum 6+ **Free**
Discover Sundays

Be inspired by our maritime past and explore your personal connections to the sea. Ask staff where the activity is on the day.

5, 12, 19, 26 July 2015
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August 2015
11.30-13.30 | 14.00-16.00
National Maritime Museum
All ages Admission: **Free**
Play Tuesdays
Have fun with your family by exploring the Museum through crafts, music, dance and drama. Timed sessions; collect tickets from the admissions desk.
7, 14 July 2015
10.30 | 11.30 | 13.00 | 14.00
Venue: *Sammy Ofer Wing, National Maritime Museum*
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4, 11, 18, 25 August 2015
10.30-12.30 | 13.00-15.00
(Drop-in) *National Maritime Museum Learning Space*
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Family Activities on HMS Belfast

August – September 2015

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17 – 31 August
11 – 12.30pm and 2 – 4pm
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Tattoo T-Shirts: Davy Jones's Locker
5 – 6 September
11am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 4pm
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While getting creative, they'll learn more about the history of navy tattoos, what the symbols mean and why as a sailor you wouldn't want to be visiting Davy Jones's Locker in a hurry.

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Meet a Female Pirate
Not all pirates had one leg, a parrot and not all of them were men! Women were just as fearsome as men in the world of buccaneering.
Saturday 29 August 2015
12.00 | 13.00 | 14.00 | 15.00
Sammy Ofer Wing, National Maritime Museum and then to *AHOY!* or *Great Map* 6+ **Free**

WHAT'S ON AT THE V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

NEW DISPLAY
KITES FROM KABUL
4 JULY 2015 – 3 JANUARY
In the historic city of Kabul, the spring sunshine brings kite flyers out in their hundreds, and brightly coloured kites can be seen dotting the skyline. Kites From Kabul will bring this spectacle to London, transforming the entrance lobby at the *V&A Museum of Childhood* with a colourful display of paper kites made by children in Murad Khani, the Old City district of Kabul. The rich heritage of kite flying will be brought to life by photographs taken at sites around Kabul and Bamiyan, and there will be a video, giving a glimpse into the lives of children living in the Old Town. The display has been developed with the British charity *Turquoise Mountain*, one of the Prince's Charities, working in Afghanistan. **Free.**

SPECIAL EVENTS
SUMMER FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 26 JULY,
11.30 – 16.30
The ever popular annual Summer Festival returns to the *V&A Museum of Childhood*. The event will provide an action-packed afternoon of live music including a performance by *Magic Roundabout* and song and dance by *Praxis*. There will also be food on offer, designer stalls, henna, face-painting, games and other craft activities to join in with.
Free. Drop-in. Suitable for all ages.

ARTBASH CAMP – WONDERLAND
MONDAY 27 JULY – THURSDAY 30 JULY,
9.00 – 15.30
Young artists can develop their creative skills through a programme of imaginative workshops at the *V&A Museum of Childhood*.

Participants can enjoy experimenting with materials and developing ideas in their sketchbooks, as well as taking part in messy, outdoor, giant-size activities. They will need to bring a packed lunch and dress for mess.
£140 Monday – Thursday or £40 per day (10% sibling discount). Book at www.artbash.co.uk/book/
Suitable for ages 5 – 11.

WEEKLY FAMILY EVENTS
The Greatest Adventure
Have you ever dared to venture into the unknown? Make your own telescope to guide you through storytelling adventures.
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 28 August

SUMMER HOLIDAYS FUN
FRIDAY – STORY-FEST
FRIDAY 31 JULY,
11.00 – 16.00
At this special event curated by *Story Spinner* visitors can travel around the world in a day with a variety of storytelling workshops, installations and art activities.
Free. Drop-in (sign-up for some workshops on the day). Suitable for all ages

Family Fun Weekend: Pirate Takeover

11.30-13.30 | 14.00-16.00
(Drop-in) *National Maritime Museum Learning Space* All ages Admission: **Free**

CURATOR'S TOURS
'From Working Boats ... to Ship in a Bottle'
A tour of the art highlights on display at the *National Maritime Museum*, including the striking Ship in a Bottle by Yinka Shonibare, MBE.
19 August 2015 13.00
Baby Friendly Bring along your baby to this special curator's tour,
5 August 2015 11.00
Sammy Ofer Wing Foyer **Free** but booking advised

Be come the Greatest Explorer on The Great Map
The Great Explorer is a magical new interactive game for families. Take one of the tablet devices and set sail across *The Great Map* to explore distant lands and discover treasures from all around the world. Where will you visit and what will you find? Take a photo and share your adventure with us @NMMGreenwich #greatmap
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MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD
GENERAL INFORMATION
FREE ADMISSION
The *V&A Museum of Childhood* is open daily 10.00 – 17.45, last admission 17.30. The nearest underground station is Bethnal Green (Central Line).
For general information:
020 8983 5200
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Days Out

Discover the Great Outdoors

Children are invited to experience a taste of the wild at **Penshurst Place and Gardens** this summer, with several exciting bushcraft taster sessions taking place across the season, as well as the option of enjoying a two-day overnight camping experience. Set in the beautiful *Weald of Kent* countryside, the 14th century historic house and gardens opens up its parkland again this year for an outdoor two day bushcraft experience that includes an overnight stay

in a large communal tent. Taking place over **30th-31st July and 6th-7th August**, children aged 7 – 14 years will learn how to light campfires, build shelters and take part in scavenger hunting -- with help from the **Camp Wilderness** experts. At night, wrapped up warm and campfires glowing, the young adventurers will fall asleep under the stars comfortable sheltered in a large traditional Bell Tent. The knowledgeable crew at the **Camp Wilderness** are trained

in survival techniques and accredited by the *British Safety Council*, creating a perfect way for children to make new friends, have fun and learn valuable skills -- in a fully-supervised environment. Bushcraft taster sessions will also be on offer to families visiting **Penshurst Place** during the August Bank Holiday. Families and little explorers, who may be too young for the camps, can try out shelter building and campfire making with live demonstrations by

the professionals from *Camp Wilderness*. For more information on the two day summer camps and to book, please visit:

www.campwilderness.co.uk/summer-camps/penshurst-place

Taster bushcraft activities will take place daily on **30th & 31st August**, between 11am-5pm and are included within the admission price.

www.penshurstplace.com/whats-on/events-and-activities/



Family Activities at IWM London

August – September 2015
Fashion on the Ration:
1940s Street Style before it closes on **31 August** and learn about 'onesies' worn in air raid shelters and jewellery created from aeroplane parts. In August, have a go at making your own colourful forties scarf in our popular activity Art Workshop: Design a 1940s Scarf. (Free, **1 – 16 August**). Adult: £10 Child: £5 Concession: £7 Members go free Explore how fashion survived and this major exhibition at **IWM London**. Discover how men and women of Britain found new ways to dress, from adopting more casual styles to demonstrating

amazing ingenuity in renovating, recycling and creating their own clothes. See uniforms and textiles from wartime Britain and discover the impact of the war on people's lives – on what they wore, their sense of identity, and how they coped with the demands and deprivations of shortages and austerity. Free family activities Suitable for all ages with parental supervision.
Art Workshop:
Design a 1940s Scarf **1 – 16 August**
11.30am – 12.30pm; 2 – 4pm Taking inspiration from fashion of the 1940s, get inspired and design your own bold and colourful scarf to take home at these free drop in sessions. This

activity is inspired by items in our *Fashion on the Ration* exhibition. Uniforms and patriotic fashions of the Second World War were an essential part of the war effort and had to be durable but could also be stylish, with scarf designs featuring anything from propaganda slogans and cartoons to bright colours and patterns. Suitable for ages 11 and above with parental supervision.
Object Conversations
Every Sunday throughout August and September
11am – 12.30pm; 2pm – 4pm In this immersive object handling session, families can explore objects from the collections and how they connect with iconic objects

on display in theatrium and Terraced Galleries Feel the weight of a shrapnel piece from the First World War and come to grips with real objects from the collections.
Creative Response
23, 30 August and 6, 13, 27 September
11am – 12.30pm; 2pm – 4pm Get creative and tell them what inspired you on your visit. Make a drawing, take a photograph, write a postcard and share your ideas.
Ongoing Free Exhibitions and Galleries
The Holocaust Exhibition
This highly-acclaimed exhibition uses film, photographs and a large number of rare artefacts – many brought from Germany and

Eastern Europe – to document the history of the Nazi persecution of the Jews and other groups before and during the Second World War. Recommended for children aged 14 and above

First World War Galleries
Discover the story of the war through the eyes of people in Britain and its empire, both on the home front and the fighting fronts. They are able to see how the war started, why it continued, how the Allies won and its global impact. A series of special family captions are accessible for younger visitors, telling the stories of Alfie Knight a nine-year old boy who wanted to join Kitchener's army, and

Tirpitz the pig who became the mascot of the cruiser *HMS Glasgow* among others.

A Family in Wartime
The lives of William and Alice Allpress and their ten children and what life in London was like during the Second World War. Interactive exhibits, photographs, recorded interviews with the family, archive film footage, paintings, personal documents and an intricate model of the Allpress family home. Secret War

Secret War reveals the clandestine world of espionage, covert operations and the work of Britain's Special Forces.
www.iwm.org.uk

10th Anniversary with Outdoor Feasts at Alexandra Palace, July 3,4,5, and Clapham Common July 24,25,26th
July is the month for feasting in London as **Foodies Festival** celebrates its 10th anniversary North and South of the River. Expect Michelin-star and celebrity chefs, new food and drink theatres, artisan producers and more street food than you can shake a satay stick at. Festival-goers can join the

culinary celebrations in the **New Tasting Theatre**, where local experts invite visitors to try the latest foods and learn new skills including Oyster Shucking, Bee Keeping, Cheese Selecting, Foraging, Raw and Vegan foods, and Herb Cocktail Making. To toast *Foodies'* big year, a **Wine and Champagne Theatre** hosts tutored tastings with experts **Neil Phillips** and **Charles Metcalfe** who will guide visitors through this

season's best British bubbles from the UK and around the world, and beer expert **Melissa Cole** hosts masterclasses in the **New Craft Beer Theatre**, matching foods with locally produced craft beers. Summer cooking inspiration comes from the **Aga Rangemaster Chefs Theatre** with Michelin-starred and celebrity chefs cooking favourite dishes from their summer menus, inspiring the audience to recreate these

dishes at home for friends and family and experiment with new flavours and ingredients. Chocolate addicts should head to the **Chocolate Theatre** for an instant hit of coco in *'How to Sniff Chocolate like a Rockstar'* masterclasses with Coeur de Xocolat, while the **Cake & Bake Theatre** offers masterclasses in 3D cake modelling, Pastry, Chocolate Making and Sugar-Craft with London's best bakers and pâtisseries. A complementing

Chocolate, Cake and Bake Village sells bakes, jams, gadgets and baking essentials.

Delicious smells wafting from **The Street Food Avenue** will tantalise visitors to feast on the huge selection of hot and cold dishes from around the world, at communal tables in the Feasting Tent.

Little foodies can explore their taste buds and learn basic skills with **Picnic in the Park** themed

masterclasses in the **Childrens Cookery Theatre**, where Kiddy Cook will show them how to make finger sandwiches, jellies and chocolate buns.

After a day of feasting and fun, foodies can relax with a spot on the grass and soak in the atmosphere with live music and a refreshing cocktail, glass of bubbly or from the Giant Pimms Teapot and Galleon Mojito bars.
www.foodiesfestival.com

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Out of this World Activity Mornings

This summer, *Out of this World* will be celebrating the arrival of the *NASA* spacecraft **New Horizons** at the dwarf planet Pluto in the asteroid belt, and we will be exploring dwarf planets, asteroids and meteorites. Parents will remember when Pluto was a planet – find out why this is no longer the case.
22 and 29 July 2015
10.00-12.30 *Astronomy Centre, Activity Space* £5 5+
Sunday Space Explorers
Drop-in family workshops, where astronomers will show you how to make a star

finder to identify stars and constellations in the night sky, all year round.
26 July 2015 12.00 | 12.30 | 14.00 | 14.30 | 15.00 | 15.30
Activity Space, Astronomy Centre, Royal Observatory Greenwich £1 5+
Plenty of other activities for all the family over the summer An 'Astro Ticket' combining access to the historic Royal Observatory buildings and Meridian Courtyard with a planetarium show is available subject to availability
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