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Blowing the Whistle on the General Dental Council.

also be turned into a sun porch to

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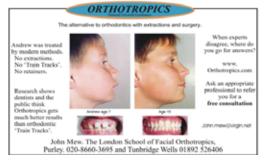
What's On

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

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

There is another way.

Take a second opinion now. Nine years old may be too late.



Camping for Beginners Whether you're a first time black, the Ark DS also features new large front windows but a festival goer or have decided to colour coded poles and a handy camp out during the Olympics loop to hang your lantern.

to cut costs, Vango's Adventure privacy curtains. Great internal Tents ensure that even those space and a small pack size Vango Sigma 300 £100. with no experience can pitch up Sigma 300+ £120. make the Dart DS easy to carry like a pro Ideal for first timers An ideal option for the more and great to use. and people on the move due to technical camper due to its the pack weight and versatility Vango Tigris 400 XL dome-style structure adding of the space, the Adventure flexible stability. The new Tigris XL is a major tents range from Vango have Updated for 2012, the Sigma update of the well loved Tigris plenty of features to keep you features cleaner aesthetics and The added front pole doubles dry and comfortable. With higher porch poles for additional as a living space and creates hotly anticipated UK festival height. Large windows will an area ideal for storage and allow plenty of light into line ups being announced and relaxing, perfect for a holiday. Summer holidays not too far the tent and the breathable Pitching time 20 mins off, there's really no better time polyester inert tent and new to get out into the great outdoors linked in groundsheet you'll All in one or Flysheet First stay comfortable while keeping with your family and friends. pitching Easy pitch tunnel style. your possessions dry. A new style for 2012, the Tension Band System. Vango Dart DS 200: £85, Ark DS has full length front Lightweight inner groundsheet windows to let in plenty of light Dart DS 300: £100 Colour coded poles as well as an added inner tent. Ideal for new campers and New larger windows The front door of the tent can undated for 2012, the Dart DS New privacy curtain

offers separate sleeping porch

areas thanks to its pre-attached

inner whilst still providing the

simplicity of a pop up tent.

Light can pour in thanks to the Handled carry bag

of Scandinavian-style lodges good night's sleep can still be located on the borders of the had by all due to the built in New Forest and Avon Heath Country Park has just added 'Snowdrop Cottage' to the collection, taking the total to

Little Paddock, a collection

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

New low level vents. Easy find

inner clips.

3 mesh doors

Pelmet with pockets

for just two people and the Little Paddock is offering 5 complex is 'adult only' nights for the price of 4 from just £170 pp (two sharing). ensuring a peaceful and Five night breaks in the B&B relaxing break, even during the summer school holidays. also cost from £170 pp during the same period There are also three delightful To book 01425 470 889 B&B rooms available in owners Brett & Sue Jones's www.little-paddock.com. main house, within the site, each of which can be accessed privately through French doors.

Little Paddock

becomes Bigger Paddock!





Have you considered using an Ofsted Registered Childminder?

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

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through a local farm shop on

request, at a supplement. The

meals are freshly prepared then

delivered to the lodges to be

Little Paddock also has 2 hot

tubs swimming pool and a

tennis court, and complex is

right on the border of Avon

Heath Country Park, so it is

possible to enjoy walks direct

from the back gate, leaving the

The lodges are ideally located

with Ringwood, Bournemouth

with the New Forest villages

just a short drive away, and

Southampton, Salisbury and

Portsmouth all within easy

During the month of May,

Poole, Christchurch,

car behind.

reach

heated-up in the oven.

Enjoy the sunshine and all the fun of the farm!

Children love to explore and from fleece to woolly jumper! as summer arrives there are Watch the farm's sheep being more opportunities to get out sheared (1-4pm daily), see and do just that. Sometimes spinning, knitting and weaving it is difficult to find places or demonstrations (2-4pm). Creenv Crawly Day will be activities that can entertain all members of the family but taking place on the 6th June Farming World has a wide when the farm's animals will be range of activities to suit all joined by a variety of snakes. age groups. There is plenty spiders and reptiles. A visit to keep the family occupied by Sponge Bob Sauarepants is for a whole day and the cost planned for the 7th June which of entrance won't break the is sure to cause much mavhem hank! Farming World is and merriment! 'Have a Go conveniently situated just off Falconry Day' will take place the M2 between Faversham and on the 8th June when you Boughton It is a family run can meet Sharon Hollens the farm's resident falconer and open farm with the emphasis firmly placed on fun in a safe try your hand at flying a bird environment. There are plenty of prey. To celebrate Father's of attractions for everyone Day dads will gain free entry to enjoy and the farm also to the farm on the 17th June has a wide variety of special (conditions apply). As well as a whole host of special events events planned throughout the year. The half term activities the open farm also has a wide and bank holiday fun begin variety of other attractions. with Picnic in the Park here are just a few: A host of taking place on the 4th June rare breeds & friendly animals Farming World encourage including; sheep, pygmy people to come to the farm goats (and their kids), pigs and mini pigs, chickens, peacocks, with a picnic and enjoy the outdoors and get involved in llamas, alpacas, rabbits and the celebrations going on at the Shetland ponies. A visit to farm. Children will also gain the farm's new calves is also a free entry to the farm when must! Heavy Horses - visit the dressed as a King or Oueen farm's team of gentle giants. (conditions apply). Further have a cart ride and learn more activities that are planned for about the role of heavy horses the half term include Sheep in the past. Hawklands Birds Shearing & Wool Week (4th June - 8th June) when you

of Prey Centre - Watch a birds of prev flying demonstration can follow the progress of wool (most days, except Monday)



visit Rodney the vulture meet the centre's eagles, owls and falcons. There is also a Conservation and Rearing room where you can watch Harris Hawks nesting via CCTV. Adventure Playground & Jumping Pillows - Two large outdoor adventure play areas situated at the farm with special designated areas for under 5's and a climbing wall for older more adventurous members of the family! The jumping pillows are sure to be a hit with all members of the family! Indoor Soft Play Barn - With entrance included in the admission price the indoor soft play barn is a great place to hide from a shower. Craft and Activity Room - Get creative and make a souvenir to take home. Paint an animal mask or try your hand at a seasonal themed craft which are also available throughout the year. Other attractions - Visit Ree World, the Heritage Centre and recreated hop pickers huts enjoy home cooked hot and cold refreshments, survey the beautiful Kent Countryside or a tractor and trailer ride and before you leave don't forget to challenge the family to a game of mini golf!

Visit Farming World's website www.farming-world.co.uk 01227 751144

Visit



Part of the Unlimited Cultural can be found in the outside Olympiad programme and the world London 2012 Festival An outdoor theatre show for deaf and hearing children Created by Sophie Woolley NATIONAL TOUR: Olympiad programme that

SAT 5 MAY - SUN 2 SEP celebrates arts and culture by In parks and squares across the UK this summer, children an unprecedented scale. The will be invited to step into the inner sanctum of a bee hive to help solve a honey bee murder mystery as Sonhie Bee, champion forager, turns and is designed for both deat detective to track down the honey bees when they go missing from the Queen Bee's birthday party. Bee Detective is an interactive.

running from 21 June until 9 September 2012 bringing multisensory adventure. The action is both spoken together leading artists from and signed, with projected across the world with the very animation and creative hest from the UK captioning making the show Sophie Woolley is a writer and both accessible and dynamic. actor from London. As well as Through vibration effects her stage plays, she is a regular children will be able to feel the contributor to BBC Radio 3 and 4 (notably afternoon plays buzzing of the bees, and will be invited to join in the "waggle When to Run and Carbon dance" that is used by bees to Cleansing). A recent graduate explain where pollen and nectar of Channel 4's screenwriting

and director Gemma Fairlie also part of the London 2012 The company produces exciting interactive theatre Festival, the spectacular 12week nationwide celebration that is accessible to deaf and hard of hearing people. They have created a unique way of captioning theatre that uses animation, graphics, text and visual jokes. The result is par video game, part cartoon and entertaining to all. This is

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

children.

the company's first show for



disabled and deaf artists on

only children's show of all

the Unlimited commissions,

Bee Detective is created by

Sophie Woolley, who is deat

and hearing children aged six

upwards. Bee Detective is



Festival Hall, Soho Theatre

this up with Fight Face at

an attached writer at Soho

Theatre from 2005 - 2006.

Tin Bath is a theatre company

formed by Sophie Woolley

Hammersmith Lyric. She wa

Exchange studio. She followed

and Manchester's Royal

Nhat's On

What is Foster Care Fortnight? services often struggle to find

Foster Care Fortnight is an the right home for a child, first annual awareness campaign run by the Fostering Network. As a result, children often have The aim is to raise the profile of fostering and highlight the to live with a foster family a urgent need for more foster carers across the UK. This year's campaign runs from Mon14 to Sunday 27 May. Under the theme of fostering. time to care, it will encourage more people to come forward and consider becoming a foster carer Fostering services - local authorities and independent agencies - throughout the UK

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

0800 040 7675. Why do we need more foster people's law centre I decided carers? Since the tragic death of baby full-time foster carer for two teenage asylum seekers. They Peter Connelly in August 2007 more and more children have are great lads and my family life is much improved." been coming into care. As the vast majority of children in Rosella Potts, foster carer care live with foster families. Fostering FAQs thousands of new foster carers What is fostering? are needed now Children should live with a children and young people foster carer whose skills and experience meet the child's own parents are unable to look individual needs. The shortage of foster carers means fostering after them. On any one day,

long way from their home, are split up from their brothers and sisters and have to move from family to family and school to school. Frequent moves result in children missing out on the stability they need to help them make friends and build other relationships, and to be in one place long enough to receive the support they need to succeed in education A wider pool of foster carers with the right skills and qualities would make it more likely that the right homes can be found for children first time, giving them the best chance of a happy childhood and a successful future "I am a qualified solicitor. After working at a specialist young

What is the difference between fostering and adoption? Fostering is usually a temporary way of offering children a home until they can return to their family, although many live with foster carers for years, some for their whole childhoods. Fostered children to leave my job and become a continue to be legally part of their own family, even if there is limited contact with them. Adoption provides a new family for a child and their legal relationship with their birth family ends. About 4 000 out of the 75,000 children in Fostering is a way of offering care away from home in the UK are awaiting adoptive who need to be in care a stable families. See family environment while their www.nationaladoptionweek. org.uk

ound 59.000 children live with 45,000 foster families across the UK. Why do children need fostering? the ticket price) Foster carers look after children so families have the chance to sort out their problems. These problems can range from a family member's short-term illness to a parents depression or drug or alcohol abuse. Many children have been abused or neglected Some children will need to be looked after for only a short time until they can return animal home, while others will stay with foster carers for the longer term or move elsewhere. and info, call

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ONLY are bookable in advance

www.ntes.org/events

The 2 other sessions are on a

Usual entrance fees apply. The

17th June Kids treat dad to a

1 free slice of cake for dad per

first come first served basis.

Father's Day Treat Sunday

Friends of Rattersea Park

Barbecue at Children's Zoo

Tuesday 19 June 6 - 9pm

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Children's Activities Silent

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June) Children: £6 Under 6s:

www.batterseapark.org/bbg

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activity is free

family

Auction

Free

Tickets from

free slice of cake !

through the PTES

May/ June Events at Battersea Park Children's Zoo 1st am & 1st pm sessions

Usual entrance fees apply to all The top 3 win an adoption of activities (with the exception of the animal in their portrait and the Friends of Rattersea Park a Family Day Ticket to the zoo BBO where entry is included in Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th June Children wearing a Children must always be Crown or Tiara visiting the zoo accompanied by an adult. can claim a Free biscuit, from 26th May- 10th June our Lemon Tree Cafe. Hedgehog Day Thurs7th June Rattersea Park Children's Zoo are taking part in the BIAZA The People's Trust for Endangered Species PTES "Love your Zoo" campaign by holding an "Animal Portrait are visiting the zoo for some Drawing competition", hedgehog focussed fun ... children can pick up a drawing Story time, meet a real pack upon entry and create hedgehog & hedgehog themed arts & crafts! 4 x 45min a portrait of their favourite

sessions, starting at 11.00.. Old Barn Stables Waffrons Farm, Woodstock Lane South, Chessington, Surre A Friendly, Family Run Riding School BHS Qualified Instructors All weather sandschool All ages & abilites Lessons & Hacks Pony Days Holiday Fun • Woodland Walk

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Military Canal passes

fishing

Enjoy A Taste Of The Great Outdoors in Rye Bay

On land and on water, lovers including one that loops the of the great outdoors can enjoy entire reserve. Local audio a huge number of thrilling. walking tours are also offered healthy and fun activities in Rye Bay in 2012.

Visitors can also enjoy cycling tours and horse riding With the medieval East Sussex breaks. Go hacking in lovely town of Rye at its hub, Rye Bay countryside from several riding is developing a reputation as stables across Rve Rav one of the South East's hottest Cycles can be hired in the town destinations for outdoor sports and cyclists have a wide choice and activities. Away from when it comes to routes along the hilltop town's cobbled the coast or inland to discover streets and old world charms, the leafy lanes and tranquil vou can spend vour days hamlets Cheer on the participants in kitesurfing sailing canoeing horse riding, golfing, fishing, the 1066 Relay race in May, a rambling, cycling and even five stage off-road team relay

race. Back on the water the annual Rye raft race draws Rye Bay offers excellent large crowds to the town every August. The River Rother sailing throughout the year flows neacefully through the and the rivers Rother and Tillingham are both popular High Weald to the 14th century with canoeists. The Royal Bodiam Castle

through Rye offering visitors And for the ultimate spectator opportunities for boating and 'sport' visitors can get a taste of Olympic glory by joining in Ramblers are spoilt for choice the fun when Rye welcomes when it comes to exploring the the Olympic torch relay on 18 region on foot - away from July. the coast there are glorious For more information about woodlands and forests and holidays and short breaks in Rve Bay - including details wide open spaces to enjoy. on where to stav and the Across the River Rother

outstanding shopping facilities estuary lies the 805-acre Rve on offer - check ou Harbour Nature Reserve that www.visitryebay.com stretches along the shoreline. enquiries@visitrvebav.con There are many walking paths



BBQ Anvone?

We all love BBQing but we Venn Street Market is a local are oftern concerned about community food market how well the meat is cooked. taking place on Saturdays Superfast Thermapen digital The Sunday market will be thermometer will help make reintroduced later this year sure alls cooked well! providing food, crafts and plants The thermometer incorporates From April onwards many a large digital display with a small independent producers precise read out of temperature.

takepart at Venn Street each The true temperature of a week product can be tested in under Wild Country Organic four seconds. The thermapen wide variety of tomatoes. incorporates a reduced tip, cucumbers, peppers, stainless steel, food penetration aubergines and leaf. It has probe that conveniently folds over 5 acres of glasshouses back through 180 degrees into and grow organic salads and the side of the instrument when oriental vegetables year round not in use. The thermometer will and without heating improving power off automatically after the flavours and making the ten minutes, maximising battery crops the tastiest available life. The casing is washable & Banhmi 11 makes French includes 'Biomaster' additive toasted French floured demithat reduces bacterial growth haguettes with a choice of & the ergonomic rubber seal freshly cooked meat, fish or minimises the risk of the tofu fillings with carrot and ingress of water, dust or food. daikon pickle, cucumber and The Thermapen is available in

coriander thirteen colours ideal for many The Culinary Herb Company different applications. bringing the freshest edible For more information herbs for any recipe. 01903 202151 The Garlic Farm - All things www.etiltd.com garlic: fresh and smoked ..



What's On Venn Street Food Market

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cottage

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The Jubilee Family Enclosure on Investec Derby Day

The Jubilee Family Enclosure For more information or or to on Investec Derby Day book your tickets in advance. Epsom Downs Racecourse visit www.epsomdowns.co.ul have launched the brand new Jubilee Family Enclosure of

Investec Derby Day. This will

be a secure area on The Hill

where families can relax in a

with entertainment for all to

enjoy. Admission is:

£5 per adult in advance (17's and under free of charge);

£10 per adult on the day

safe and friendly environment

Celebrate with the nation at the Investec Derby Festival 1-2 June. Epsom Downs Racecourse will be hosting the first engagement of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Invested Derby Day on June 2nd. www.ensomdowns.co.uk



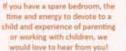


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83361561 Stay & Play for under 5's Hands on Garden Glasshouse fchocolate tree. Daily For families Every Thurs young parents drop-in. y Fri Toy Library, under Treehouse Towers climbing towers 5's, 10.30-1.30pm. & wooden play equipment Every Tues Farnham Library Every Wed morn Watermans 40 Baby High Street Brentford 020 8232 www.bookstart.org.uk Bounce 'n' Rhyme, FRFF Every Tues Leatherhead Library www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Storytime, FREE, Every

Rhymetime, FREE

1010 Parents & babies screenings Every Sat Drama Zone 5-8 & 9-14yrs n Family Cinema, 1 adult goes FREE with every one paying child.

Every Wed morn Sutton Arena Leisure Centre Carshalton 020 8770 4088 Women's Recreation Mornings sport & social activities single fee, 9-12pm. Every Thurs Tolworth Recreation Centre Fullers Way North Tolworth Badminton Club intermediate/ advanced level, 020 8395 9175 Every Thurs Cheam Leisure Centre 020 8770 4830 Street Dance boys & girls 10-15yrs Tues Mitcham Library 11am, Free 020 8648 4070 Under 5's Storytime & Craft, fun activity, Free. Every

Thurs CV & Careers Advice. Thurs of each month, Coffee Mornings. Every Fri Knitting Group, need to bring own needles. i of every month Bergundy & Black Café St Martins Walk Dorking Bumps & Babies mums with humps & non mobile habies www.nct.org.uk/branches/dorking/ events/bumps-and-babies. ery Fri Teddington Library 12pm. Walgrave Road 020 8734 3304/5 Storytime session, under 5's, FREE Every 2nd Wed of the month Nursery Tours need to book Ever Chatterbooks reading group, 8-9yrs, 4 20nm FREE 1st Thurs of month Tiny Teddies sessions baby bounce & rhyme, FREE.

Every Fri Redhill Library www. book. surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, Every Fri The Phoenix Centre Wallington 020 8770 6006 Mini Movers Toddlers Singing & Movement, 0-5vrs for children with learning difficulties, autism etc, siblings welcome. Every Sat Early Learning Centre The Bentalls Centre A Playologist 8-14yrs. will be on hand to make children

have the best fun possible with ELC products, they can have their faces painted, mess with play-doh & lots more from 10am

norn Canbury Park Gardens Kingston Every Sat morn Fitness in the Gardens low impact outdoor cardio exercise for all with power walking, jogging & stretching, 10-11am, FREE, info@ to suit all ages. AHM-Go.com. Every Sat morn Canbury Gardens Lower Ham Road Kingston 020 8547 6422 Low impact outdoor cardio exercise for all with power working in the gardens. walking, jogging & stretching, 10-Every Wed Ursuline Prep School 18 The Downs Wimbledon 020 8947 0859 Mother & Toddler playgroup Rowing.

in the nursery, play along with the tovs & make use of the facilities plus a cup of tea is always available & well qualified & well trained nursery staff are on hand, FREE. dress up in seasonal garments. 3rd Sat of month Norbitor Childre's Centre Kings Oak Primary Dickerage Lane dada out play session for under 5's, 10-Damned exhibition. Every Sat Kew Gardens, Kew Set in the High Street local produce Palace 020 8847 0946 Tropical 60 local farmers 1.3 May Bike Fit Led local Bike

s & Thurs Orchid Nurserv Tours Rides Reigate 07801 235222 Fun need to book Every Sat Hands on & sociable led bike rides of between Session Blowing in the wind stories 1 & 1.5hrs around Reigate/Dorking of seed dispersal. FREE, no need to Charlwood areas for beginners & intermediate levels. Every Sat Electric Theatre Onslov 3 May Nower Wood Educationa Street Guildford 01483 444789 Nature Reserve Leatherhead

Little Sparks in the Café Bar with 01372 379509 Creatures of the Night a family evening for adult music, games, songs, stories & nunnets & Snarkles Dance dron in & children discover the nocturna animals of Nower Wood, 7+vrs classes for 5-9vrs. Every Mon & need to book. 9 May Mad About Tues after school The Man in The Moon Weekly drama workshops, Bats a family evening for adults & 6-14yrs. Every Wed All Star Choir children see & hear the bats using a batty detector, with batty slides & a Every Sat morn Dorking Halls talk, 7-18vrs, booking essential. 01306 881717 Saturday morning 3 May Camberley Theatre 01276

screenings of popular children's 707600 Magical Extravaganza on films, accompanying adult FREE. Ice with magic, circus, fantasy, ice Until 5 May Kingston Museum skating show for all the family

and Heritage Centre Wheatfield 020 8688 9291 Nicholas Nickleby Way Kingston 020-8547 5006 Springtime Search Family Trail, 3 May A Night of Soul Tour 2012. follow the trail around the gallery May Sing-a-long-a Grease Mat Rural Life Centre Farnham there are three trails to choose from

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01252 795571 Model Railway Until 31 May Gatton Park 01737 exhibition a variety of layouts of 649055 Percy the Park Keeper treasure hunt, follow the story many different scales & neriod May A Village at War re of Percy & find the park keepers enactors transform the museum with the sights & sounds of a village Until June 12 The River & Rowing somewhere in England as D-Da Museum Mills Meadows Henley approaches & the troops prepare on Thames 01491 415600 Rocking for the impending invasion. 26-2' May Days Gone By ... Transpor the Boat - the story of Women's & Machinery from a bygone rural Until 25 Aug Chertsey Museun 01932 575370 A Dress for all 5 Max Priory Farm South Nutfield Seasons exhibition. There will also 01737 822603 Tractor & trailer

rides, all ages. 6 May Wild Food be an opportunity for visitors to learn the dos & don'ts & discove Until 30 Sept Hampton Cour how to prepare seasonal wild food. Palace Hampton Court 0871 230 5 May Elmbridge Museum 01932 2200 The Wild, the Beautiful & The 843573 Blooming Nature, Arts & Craft Family fun events, first come. May Farmer's Market Guildford first serve basis. 5-6 May Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

023 9272 7582 Remember the Falklands with living history static displays providin visitors with a balanced view o events 30 years ago & enable them to experience first hand accounts of Portsmouth's contribution to th conflict. There will also be hand of HM royal Marines, Collingwood performing in Victory Arena

-7 May Morden Hall Park Mill Cottage Morden Hall Road 020 8648 1845 All day entertainment which may include birds of prey, working dogs, children's intertainment as well as arts, craft gifts & food marquees. May Polka Theatre 240 The

Broadway Wimbledon 020 8543 4888 Pop up Fair with handmad crafts, gifts & more, 11-4pm, 18-19 May Videk's Shirt with puppetry

articipation, 2-5yrs. 19 May World of Stories & Music interactive story telling sessions plus all visitors receive a FREE ice cream, FREE need to ring well in advance for tickets 25-26 May The Little Red Hen, 2-5yrs. Until 30 June Run! A Sports Day Musical 7-11yrs May Wimbledon Common Nature Club. 020 8540 6154 Pond. Dipping, 6-14yrs. May Claremont Landscape Gardens 01372 467806 Fleur de Lys Morris Dancers, dancing & tunes in the garden. 20 May Claremont Community Dav demonstrations of traditional skills by local craftspeople, live music

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displays & more throughout the day fun for all the family 6-7 May Blindley Heath Countr Show Osney Lodge Farm 01342 892216 Show all about the country s crafts, traditions & attraction plus Jive Pony the UK's No 1 all female equestrian display team plus lots more fun day out -7 May Clandon Park 01483 222482 Clandon comes to life meet **Oucen** Elizabeth's Walk Barnes the Mannered Mob, 18th century

the hidden spaces which are not normally open to the public. 27 May Day of Maori dance, performances throughout the afternoon May Kingston May Merrie Kingston Town Centre Kingston Lots of entertainment for children fun & sociable environment with a & adults to include Kid's Corner in

Memorial Gardens, punch & judy show, circus skills workshop, craft & gift fair, local choirs & live music from 'Soul Beat' & Kingston Youth Big Band & lots more, 020 8547 varden. May Haslemere Charter Fair

12 May St Mary's Church Hall will be traditional fair ground rides,

May River Wey & Dapdung Wharf 01483 561389 Down Your Wey Day with environmenta family fun to include sow a seed bug hunts ladybird hotel & bird boy making, 29 May Jubilee Jaunt 1h cruise to St Catherine's Lock with tea on the lockside before returning to Dandune, need to book May Brooklands Museum 01932 857381 Emergency Service Day line up of display vehicles & live demonstration 8-12 May Rhoda McGaw Theatre. Woking 020 8890 6826 Bugsy featuring Malone. 17-19 May Behind the

much more for all the family

ooks, 10-1pm.

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020 8409 4400 Dawn Chorus re-enactors, 13 May Attic tours see walk,12-13 May Spring Foraging Walks need to book, 26 May Spring butterflies & bugs guided walk need to book. 27 May Sketching workshop, need to book, Every Tue & Thurs Pushbabies fitness for new mums to get back into shape in a

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19 May Compton Village Green raising funds for CHASE hospice 01483 415390 Village Jubilee care for children & teenagers wide Fete, visitors & stall holders are range of plants plus teas, coffees encouraged to wear 1950's dress home made cakes & jewellerv & with prizes for the best efforts. There will be stalls & sideshows 12 May Bourne Hall Museum including bbg, tea tent, beer & Epsom 020 8394 1734 Florence pimms bars, ice creams, bric a brac books bottle tombola coconut shy May Banstead Village children's races, dog races, punch & indy bouncy castles, plants, grand Market Indoor market with stalls prize draw, 50's car display & more, selling Italian deli, silver jewellery, designer clothes, clothes, homemade

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13 May Semaphore Tower Cobham 07894 660999 Open Day 19-20 May Blue Ancho 3 May The Dittons Fair Giggs Showground Blindley Heath Hill Green Traditional fun family Heavy Horse, Dog & County Show event side shows pig racing, football tombola, refreshments, see the working heavy horse demonstrating their skills, weaving craft & charity stalls & a tea tent through hazards in exciting time serving homemade cakes. Arena trials. There will also be a Mare vents to include rugby & karate & Foal class, a Showing day displays, plus dotty dog show & where the horses get dressed up dog gymkhana, 1.30-4pm, FREE in all their finery, Companion dog www.thedittonsfair.co.uk show with pedigree and novelty 13 May The Green Brockham classes, gundog displays, agility Surrey 0844 243 6107 Teas on the demonstration & 'have a go Green plus cakes, NCT. ions' plus dem 16-17 May Loseley Park Guildford 01483 454213 May Fair helping to

beekeeping, blacksmithing & trig & walking stick making, fairground raise money for children's charity & drav rides, shops & foodstalls & Action Medical Research with grand parade of horses, under 16's over 70 stalls selling home & & parking FREE, for more info www.sesha.org.uk ewellery, gifts & food to suit all 20 May Rose Theatre 0871 230 1552 Mozart's Clarinet

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Fun dog show for all types of dogs 20 20 29 26 May St Martin of Tours & owners, classes include Super staffies. Best rescue dog, agility Church St Epsom Jubilee Fair a display, fastest recall & fun agility plus refreshments & stalls on offer. 20 May Knowle Grange Shere 01483 202108 Open Garden, entrance FREE children.

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demonstrations of woodland craft 20 May Sadlers Rise 01372 such as charcoal making & lots 461869 Towpath Trundle fun, more family friendly sponsored walk 27 May Happy Valley & Farthing along the Thames between Molesey Downs Coulsdon 020 8726 6900 & Walton Bridge, a 4 or 8 mile route Sleepy Dormice meet at the Farthing It is pushchair friendly & dogs are Downs car park at 2pm to find out welcome on leads, entry under 5's FREE, to register 01372 461869 or more about the life of the elusive dormouse. Find out how to spot their signs, how they live & more email events@pah.org.uk 21-26 May Richmond Theatre

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Helping Children Get Safe 4 Summer

Remember the important adult. If your child is with a friend one of them may be able messages of staying safe in and around the water, including the to get help if the other gets into 'SAFE' code: trouble in the water.

S: Snot the dangers. Whenever E: Emergency. Children children are near water they should never jump into water should take extra care. They to rescue someone. A drowning should look to see if the water person may be very strong and is affected by currents or tides pull them under the water as or if there are rocks, piers, well. Instead they should ring groynes or breakwaters that 999 or 112 and shout for help may affect swimming. Children For more information on the should also learn to look at what the general conditions are Get Safe 4 Summer campaign like in and out of the water visit A: Advice Children should www.getsafe4summer.org always try and choose a place Check out website for programmes at your local to swim where there are lifeguards and always take pool for instance Tonbridge notice of safety information Swimming Pool and Larkfield that may include warning or Leisure Centre are running a Get Safe 4 Summer one day safety signs course F: Friends. If children are Tonbridge Swimming Pool

going near water they should always go with a friend if they Larkfield Leisure Centre on cannot be accompanied an

		returning to his pile of leaves,
YOUR CHILD AMAZING AI WE JUST HE PROVE IT.	LREADY. LP THEM	Isaac spots another apple, and an idea forms in his head This touching story is all about Isaac learning that it's better to have
school tuition brings out the best in all students by:	aths & English REE ASSESSMENT OOK NOW!	friends and help others, than to be alone.
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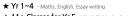
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The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Welleslev

apple to eat, the tree is too far

from his paddock for him to

The donkey tries to talk to

the little hedgehog and make

friends, but Isaac has never

had any and doesn't know what

to do. So he stays quiet. But

ever reach his favourite fruit.

Carrots are one of the nation's favourite vegetables and it's Isaac is a solitary hedgehog. He easy to see why. Not only can never speaks to anyone and he you roast them for Sunday likes it that way. He eats alone, lunch grate them into a sleeps alone, lives quietly alone sandwich or salad, bake them and goes about his life perfectly in a wonderful carrot cake or content with having no friends blend them into a warming to talk to. One day, an apple soup, but did you know that falls from a tree and lands on carrots also make great musical his back. Isaac tries to shake it instruments?! off, but the apple has stuck fast to his spines

Once a few holes have been made, a carrot is transformed into a carrot whistle, much like Poor Isaac panics - what will he the recorder you used to play do? He has no friends to help at school. Just type the words him and he starts to cry. He is 'carrot whistle' into Google and crying hard when suddenly a you'll see there's already over donkey plucks the apple from sixty million people interested Isaac's back. The donkey is in turning the humble carrot overjoyed that at last he has an

> Young Scientists' Challenging Day Year 5 pupils from 24 different fierce competition in the hi-tech East Kent primary schools Science quiz after lunch and enjoyed an exciting and then pupils and guests were thought-provoking day at St treated to the St Lawrence Lawrence College for this College Science Department's year's "Thanet Primary explosive "Chemical Magic Schools' Science and Show". The day finished with Engineering Challenge" held the presentation of prizes, with on Thursday 15th March. only three points separating the The event was sponsored by top three teams. Third place EDF Energy as part of Nationa went to Ramsgate Holy Trinity Science and Engineering Week. second place to Swalecliffe The teams all participated in Community Primary School a series of challenges during and the overall winners were the morning, which included St Lawrence College Junior a colourful pH Chemistry task, a Biology enzyme race and a Design Technology competition to build and fire

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so exciting to see so many

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The Headmaster of St

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Ballet or

Nearly half of UK parents keep tabs on teens via Facebook

Is this a new kind of parental 28 per cent of UK parents suspect their teens are illegally relationship, or is it spying? downloading music - compared Parents are keeping tabs with Spain (45 per cent), Czech on their teens by accessing Republic (35 per cent) France their Facebook accounts (30 per cent). Australia and without their consent AVG New Zealand (27 per cent). Technologies' latest Digital United States (19 per cent). Diaries study reveals UK teens could face up to ten years in jail for illegal Digital Coming of Age, the downloads as a result of Britain fifth instalment of AVG's signing the disputed Anti-Digital Diaries study, features Countering Trade Agreement (ACTA) bill responses to questions to 4,400 parents with 14-17 year olds in One fifth of UK parents 11 countries. It found that only suspect their teens of accessing pornography on their PC -in 30 per cent of UK parents are likely to be concerned about comparison to over a quarter of how their teen's interaction Spanish parents with social media sites could affect their future job prospects This was the lowest figure (excluding the Czech Republic) of all the countries surveyed. Other key findings from Digital Coming of Age parents include: ·UK parents are most likely to suspect teens of 'sexting' nearly one quarter (23 per cent) of UK parents suspect their kids of sexting, compared with their European counterparts in

·One fifth of UK parents have seen explicit or abusive messages on their offspring's social networks -compared with over one quarter of Australian and New Zealand Parents 'friending' teens on Facebook -over half of UK with United States (72 per Germany (9 per cent), France (10 per cent), Italy (11 per cent) and Czech Republic (13 per



in each containing significant moments for character and plot PARENTS NEWS development. Call fergus The series of 12 short films 020 8337 6337 for each play are designed to fergus@parents-news.co.uk

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future job prospects, compared

with Spain (65 per cent), Italy

per cent), France (45 per cent)

Australia (42 per cent), Canada

(38 per cent), New Zealand (37

per cent), Japan (33 per cent)

and Czech Republic (29 per

UK parents most satisfied

(59%) with how schools

are teaching their teens to

internet, compared with Spain

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Olympic Park gets gold for ethical wood sourcing

Soil Association Woodmark environmental footprint and announced certification for supporting sustainable forest ethical wood sourcing at 19 management around the world different sites around the was a big part of that. We Olvmpic Park following a hope that other large scale ground breaking, collaborative developments can be inspired project. Sites include the by the scale of what we have achieved and that ethical wood conic Velodrome and track, sourcing will become the norm the Aquatics Centre and all the bridges, fences and benches. for future Olympic sites and The project involved over construction projects globally." 12,500 cubic metres of timber Beck Woodrow, Woodmark - from European construction timber to Tropical hardwoods project manager, said: - and is a world first that involved adapting existing "Managing the certification standards to suit a demanding process for such an iconic site was a positive and fulfilling and complex site. experience. It's great to know

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) worked with

these buildings, and all the Soil Association Woodmark supporting infrastructure. will to achieve certification to be enjoyed and appreciated by Forest Stewardship Council Olympic Park visitors and the (FSC) and Programme for local community for years to the Endorsement of Forest come. Certification (PEFC) standards "The sheer scale of the project

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

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





was impressive, the largest







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

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

themselves working in. Try out some of their nursing methods and decide if you would have iked to take her medicine

Learn about the battles and harsh weather conditions which caused so many soldiers to be wounded or to fall ill and need the care of Florence and her team

Cost per child £4

ation is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, EWELL, Surrey, KT17 1UF, Tel 020 8394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/BourneHallMuseumClub.html

Bedtime Stories The ability to speak another anguage is one of those skills Classic Nursery Tales, Tales from Around the World by Graham Percy, pb £5.99 each. A wonderful series of classic tales retold especially to be read aloud to a vounger audience. The 10-minute Bedtime Stories series make it simple and fun to choose stories to read aloud to children at night and as each book is divided up into 10-minute bite-sized chapters. the books are ideal for parents and children to enjoy reading together. Reading aloud to children before bed has endless benefits for future development. Recent studies have shown that bedtime stories can help promote healthy sleep patterns. mprove motor skills and that after The Games take place memory, and increase closeness primary school students. It with parents. Catching your doesn't use a format or a children early with bedtime course that everyone has to stories also helps to reinforce follow because that can seem reading as a pleasurable uninspiring for children. activity, and gives them a head and what really counts is to start at school

Each book in the 10-minute

Bedtime Stories collection

10 – Minute

most out of life. before the age of 11 is the most significant factor in developing the ability to learn languages. One of several language organisations for Primary aged children, Le Club Francais stands out with its experience in teaching. Established for over 15 years in Ashford. Canterbury, Herne Bay, Faversham, Tenterden and the surrounding villages it only uses teachers who are qualified, experienced and bi-lingual and able to device curriculum specific for jeach group of

enthusiasm, and lead them that is as useful in the world towards a lifelong love of of work as it is for getting the language learning. Research is vast, and shows There are classes outside of again and again that exposure to second language learning

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

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The Horse Trust

May 2012

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

themed, family fun day, Entry to the event is only £1 per adult or £2 for the event programme which permits entry for the whole family This inaugural event is a

ioint fundraiser with Hounds for Heroes, who provide specially trained assistance dogs for disabled military and emergency service men and women. The event will have a strong military focus with

a Spitfire flyover and support from the RAF, Army, Navy and the Marines. There will be a licensed bar

To celebrate this amazing

Spitfire Fly Past at 15.10

by Thames Valley Police

Mounted Section; the Light

Cavalry: Stokenchurch Dog

Rescue, who will be running

a Fun Dog Show with entries

and Waggiest Tail and a visit

Racing, Pony Rides, Falconry

Course, Farm Animals, Farrier

demonstrations, Face Painting

To enter the dog show, which

starts at 11.30 am, turn up at

11.00 and make your way to

the sign-up station and enter

Award presentations for the

championship dogs will be in

your pooch into the classes of

from Wycombe Wanderers

FC mascot Bodger. Other

activities include Ferret

Display, Army Assault

and much, much more.

vour choice.

in categories such as Best

Fancy Dress, Best Rescued

event we have a spectacular

pm and special appearances

food, activities for the whole family, shopping opportunities and of course lots of animals! Susan Lewis, Marketing Manager of The Horse Trust explains, "It is a huge community event, the first that has ever been held at our magnificent horse sanctuary, and we would be delighted to July 23rd-27th, 9.30-3.30 welcome you and your family."









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6-12yrs, FREE.

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