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the articles, be interested by  
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and use the advertisers. Any  
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**The Queen's Hall Theatre**

**Cranbrook School**

The UK's largest Youth Drama  
Festival is coming to **Queen's  
Hall Theatre**, Cranbrook  
School, **Tues Nov 13th &  
Weds Nov 14th**  
*The Shakespeare Schools  
Festival* works in partnership  
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help 700 schools from across  
the UK to stage abridged  
Shakespeare productions in  
their local professional theatre.  
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Shakespeare

7.30pm. Adults £8 Concessions  
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House School, Oakley School,  
Clarendon School, Cranbrook  
School, Homewood School, The  
Skinners' School.  
Tickets:

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lovers are invited  
to celebrate  
an evening's  
entertainment  
"For the first time in  
their lives every one  
of these pupils has  
faced a challenge  
without running  
away. The change in  
them individually,  
and collectively, has  
been astounding." -  
participating teacher,  
2011  
- participating  
teacher, 2011  
"What a fantastic  
organisation... it was  
truly inspiring to  
see local children  
engaging with  
Shakespeare and  
clearly benefiting  
from the experience"  
- Parent of  
participating student.



November 2012

**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**

Starring **Laila Morse**  
and **Sid Sloane** with  
**Neil Fingleton** the  
*tallest man in Europe!*

**Friday 7th December  
2012 to Sunday 6th  
January 2013**

**Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield  
Halls, Croydon**

There's a GIANT of a  
pantomime in store at **Fairfield  
Halls' Ashcroft Theatre** this  
year packed with Fe Fi Fo Fun!  
Laila Morse, known to  
millions as Mo Harris in BBC  
TV's award-winning series  
*EastEnders* heads the cast of  
**Jack and the Beanstalk**  
starring as the Fairy with  
children's favourite,  
*CBeebies* presenter  
Sid Sloane in the role of hero Jack,  
from **Friday 7th  
December to Sunday 6th  
January**.

The superb cast also  
features the tallest man in  
Europe and **Guinness**  
World record holder Neil  
Fingleton, who at 7ft 7.56  
inches tall plays the mighty  
Giant, Quinn Patrick returns  
with a wardrobe of fantastic  
costumes as the outrageous



**Gemma Sutton** steps from the  
West End production of *Legally  
Blonde* to play the beautiful  
Princess.

With great dancing, music  
and songs, comedy, audience  
participation, beautiful  
costumes and sets, amazing  
special effects, and not  
forgetting Daisy the break-  
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and the Beanstalk** promises to  
be the biggest, best and most  
spectacular pantomime of all,  
guaranteeing a magical treat for  
all the family!

Tickets for Jack and the  
Beanstalk are available from the  
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**020 8688 9291**  
or online at  
**www.fairfield.co.uk**  
All tickets for performances  
from **Friday 7th to  
Friday 14th December**  
are £16.50.  
Performances  
thereafter are priced  
£27.50, £24 & £19.50  
Adults, and £23.50,  
£20.50, £19.50  
Children & Senior Citizens.  
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Concessions  
available for Groups, Schools,  
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users to record movies, delete  
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menus. RRP £45.99

**Claymotion Studio:**  
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£39.99, Claymotion Studio  
3.0 Deluxe is now both fun  
and educational for students.  
Creating stop-motion animation  
not only encourages the  
development of story-telling,  
it also provides an opportunity  
for kids to use the PC as a  
movie productions tool. By  
combining the power of your  
PC and stop-motion animation,  
users can bring figures, objects  
or drawings to life.  
**Honestech Claymotion Studio  
3.0 Deluxe** can create output  
in WMV, MPEG1, MPEG2  
and high-definition MPEG  
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camcorder). The storyboard  
allows users to view the  
frames in sequence for easy  
editing, and users can add  
onscreen text, subtitles,  
sound effects, voice, and  
background music.

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device such as iPhone and  
iPad. The video also can  
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and Facebook directly from  
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option. RRP £39.99



**Toys for under £5  
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gel pens, A5 paper, guide.  
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farm animals. Puzzles have  
different numbers of pieces to  
encourage the development of  
matching and sorting skills.  
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pieces.

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**Blowing the Whistle on the  
General Dental Council.**

Orthodontics has one of the worst scientific records of all medical treatment. Little is  
known about the cause or cure of crooked teeth, but despite this, orthodontists use "Train  
Tracks" and surgery to straighten them. Unfortunately these have been found to damage the  
enamel and roots of the teeth, flattening the face, fattening the eyes with big noses.  
Methods are based on trial and error and there is little evidence to show that the long-  
term results are beneficial. Patients nearly always lose between four and eight  
permanent teeth but are often not warned of this in advance. Worse still the teeth go  
crooked again unless the patient wears a brace for the rest of their life.

The General Dental Council does not dispute that certain alternatives can provide better  
results, but are permitting orthodontists to break the law by not telling patients about  
more natural methods that can avoid almost all extractions and surgery as well as  
providing straight teeth.

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Directed by Bill Alexander



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### Big Farm John Deere 6210R

The tractor is large and impressive, with great detailing. My son has played with it all the time it is well built to allow a child of five to use it as a robust toy and has not broken yet!



Overall this is a great toy that will keep tractor fans amused for hours. Suitable for ages 3+ - [www.tomy.co.uk](http://www.tomy.co.uk)

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### Guinness World Records™ 2013 Edition

**The Perfect Gift for the Inquisitive Mind**  
New *Augmented Reality* – See Records Come to Life in Stunning 3D  
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Unrivaled for decades as the perfect gift, with over a million people unwrapping a copy on Christmas Day last year, *Guinness World Records* returns with a brand new 2013 edition that will excite and inspire readers of all ages. The new edition is packed full of features that will turn the most reluctant reader into a book lover.

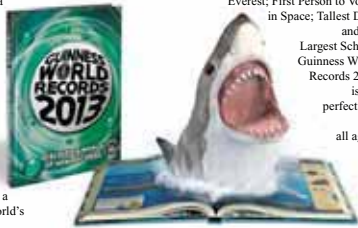
Largest Shark will leap out of the page, the Shortest Man will stroll across the open book - this exclusive feature has to be seen to be believed.

The 2013 edition also sees the introduction of another exciting feature: **'Infographics'**. Running down every page of the book is a strip of illustrated stats, facts, and trivia, designed to engage the reader in a friendly way. See at a glance how record holders compare. Discover the biggest killer - the Largest Snake or the Most Dangerous Road? Who'd win

in a race – the Fastest Man or the Fastest Sheep? Who's smaller – the Shortest Woman or the Heaviest Newborn Baby?

In addition to the new features are the fascinating superlatives that you have come to expect from *Guinness World Records*; over 3,000 new and updated records with never-before seen photography. Categories that cover the whole spectrum of this spectacular planet, including the First Robot Policeman; Longest Fall Survived in an Elevator;

Most Conquests of Mount Everest; First Person to Vomit in Space; Tallest Dog; and the Largest School. *Guinness World Records 2013* is the perfect gift for all ages!



This year, the content is literally exploding off the pages thanks to a new *'Augmented Reality'* (AR) feature. When you see the AR logo in the book simply point your mobile device (Apple or Android) at the page and the record will come to life in a full 3D animation. The world's

### Dubble Trubble

Daniel Galvin Jr, an expert hair colourist and Ambassador of the *Princess Trust*, has launched an organic product line, *'Dubble Trubble'*, a collection of five pH balanced hair and body washes and detangling mist, all utilising organic botanical extracts. *Prince Charles* approached Daniel personally to create an affordable organic product line for the masses, which *Dubble Trubble* is costing £2.99 per item. This brilliant range is packed with 5 fruity 2in1 Shampoo & Body Washes, including wonderful Cherry Bomb and Bananaberry fragrances and a Cool Cucumber Detangling Spray. The whole range is hypo-allergen.

*Waggle Tag* exclusively at *Morrisons* nationwide, the sales of the products will help raise 5p from every product sold will be donated to The *Prince's Trust* with the aim of securing a massive £25,000 for the fantastic charity! Head down to your local *Morrisons*.



.... two venues four Christmas productions with something suitable for everyone.

At the *Secombe Theatre* return of *Polka Dot Pantomimes* bring their fantastic production of **THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ**. Join Dorothy and her friends, Scarecrow, Tin Man and, of course, Cowardly Lion as they battle with good and evil, and a particularly nasty witch in order to find a brain, a heart, courage and a home. With Munchkins, monkeys and magic this wonderful story is the perfect festive treat for audiences of all ages. This production is a pantomime and is not based on musical, stage or film versions of the story.

Performances are from **Tuesday 18 - Monday 24 December**. Tickets are £13 standard £11 child Family Ticket of Four £44 (2 adults 2 children) Schools £8 (19th & 20th Dec only) Schools offer 1 free ticket for every 10 booked Group of 20+ £11 per ticket. Suitable for age 6-106.

The *Rat Pack* return with their show *Rat Pack at Christmas* in what is still the hottest party around. Wonderful memories of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis in a totally live production that continues to be successful worldwide. Every song is an absolute classic - Come Fly with Me, Volare, Under My Skin, Mr Bojangles, Lady is A Tramp, Mack The Knife plus many more of your favourites and endless hanky panky and banter.

Performances are on **Friday 28 and Saturday 29 December** at 8pm with tickets £20

### Sutton Theatres.....

November 2012

*Polka Dot Pantomimes* bring two wonderful productions to the *Charles Crier Studio Theatre* for the younger audience members to enjoy.

**THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER**  
The delightful story of *The Elves and the Shoemaker* is brought to life as we go on an adventure to find true happiness and friendship in this sparkly Christmas story

Also at the *Charles Crier Studio Theatre* the ever popular show for tiny audience members returns **ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS**. Daisy the doll, Belle the ballerina and a lovely cuddly bear come to life to help

Father Christmas deliver some presents for a very special guest! It's Christmas Eve and all through the house, nothing is stirring except... the toys on their magical quest. This special interactive show is designed with our younger audience members in mind so they can experience first-hand the wonder of live theatre. Both productions run from **Saturday 8 December until Christmas Eve**. Tickets for *The Elves and The Shoemaker* are £10 standard, £8 for children with a schools rate £7.50 (selected performances only) with 1 free school ticket free for every 10 booked and is suitable for 5-8 year olds. Tickets for *All I Want for Christmas* are £7.50 standard and £5 for children and the show is suitable for 0-5 year olds. Show times vary see website [www.suttontheatres.co.uk](http://www.suttontheatres.co.uk) or call the Box Office on **020 8770 6990**

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RAT PACK

AT CHRISTMAS

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### Waggle Tagz

With this magical Tagz studio, decorate and personalise printed images, then transform them into cool 3D, motion and morphing images!

Pop on a strap and tag your books, bags, pencil case or anything special! *Waggle Tagz* make great ID cards and invitations or can be used on special gifts.

Decorate and personalise cool 3D pictures with *Waggle Tagz* studio. Simply choose a card and add stickers or a message. Then laminate it and tag a pencil case, bag or bedroom door. *Waggle Tagz* also make great ID cards, invitations and gift labels.



Perfect for kids aged six and up this fun craft kit includes: *Waggle Tagz* workstation Printed cards Lenses (2 sizes) Holders for small cards *Tagz* Sticker sheet Instructions

My daughter had great fun decorate and personalise printed images, then transform them into 3D motion images with the transforming lenses. Ideal to tag her books, bags, pencil case

Age 6 and above. *Waggle Tagz* - for stockists call John Adams on

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### Out & About

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

**10-11 Nov-Michelam Priory-**  
Hailsham-East Sussex-  
**01323 844030.**

-*Christmas Fair* with stalls, Santa's grotto, children's activities, Christmas decorations & music. **24-25 Nov A Tudor Christmas** with food demonstrations, decorations, archery, children's activities & traditional Tudor entertainment, suitable for all the family.

**23-25 Nov-Corn Exchange-**  
Church Street-Brighton-  
**0870 060 6632**  
**MADE12**, Brighton's Design & Craft Fair perfect opportunity to purchase original & often quirky work for Christmas gifts, entrance under 13s FREE.

**1 Dec-6 Jan-Windsor Castle**  
**0175 386 8286**

A Victorian family Christmas visitors will see how Queen Victoria & Prince Albert celebrated Christmas at Windsor with their young family.



**SACK IT TO 'EM....**

**WITH THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS MUST-HAVE TOYS**

Pre-schoolers:

- Britains Big Farm: John Deere 6190R RC Tractor - **£49.99**
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- Little Charley Bear: Ready, Teddy Go! **£29.99**
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Girls:

- Tiny Tears (Classic) - **£19.99**
- Girls World: Gabriella Styling Doll - **£19.99**
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- Winx: Deluxe Dolls - **£19.99**

Boys:

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**Come enjoy the fun!**

**Thursday 15th November 3-7pm**  
The BIG Switch-On

**Saturday 1st December 11-5pm**  
Festive Fun

**Saturday 24th November 11-5pm**  
Festive Fun

**Saturday 8th December 11-5pm**  
Croydon Christmas Beat

**Thursday 13th December 4-6pm**  
Light Night

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**Every Mon Lloyd Park** 020 8726 6000 Health walk circular through Lloyd Park & Shirley on mainly flat terrain, ideal for beginners. 2 miles last approx 1hr, meet 11am **FREE** & same walk on potentially hilly terrain, 3-miles ideal for advanced walkers, 2pm, **FREE**. **Every Tue** Park run, **FREE** weekly timed 5k run, need to register first.

**Every Mon Parchmore Community Centre** 53-55 Parchmore Road 020 8726 6000 x88965 Circuit for those new to exercise, returning after illness & the more mature exerciser.

**Every Tues Coudon Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. **Every Sat** Storytime, 2 1/2yrs. **Every Tues Ashburn Library** 02087266900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **Every Thurs** Wiggle & Jiggle for toddlers. **Every Mon** Chatterbooks drop in sessions, 8-11yrs. **Every Sat** Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers. **Every Wed** Social club for older people for a chat & a cup of tea. **Every Thurs** term time only storytime for under 7's, **FREE**.

**Every Tues Purley Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime

for babies & toddlers & Wiggle & Jiggle, toddlers over 18mths. **Every Fri** Storytime 2 1/2yrs. **Every Sat** Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers, **FREE**.

**Every Tues Centrale Shopping Centre** Croydon [www.centrale.co.uk](http://www.centrale.co.uk) In the Early Learning Centre playtime sessions for children, all ages with all kinds of arts & crafts from making face masks, cards, painting, colouring or just play, **FREE**, 10-12pm, 020 8866 7535.

**Every Tues Thornton Heath Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, **FREE**. **Every Tues** Careers, training advice sessions, 2-4.30pm, **FREE**. & Computer training courses for beginners to experts.

**Every Tues De Staffords Leisure Centre** Caterham 01883 344355 Family Swim.

**Every Tues Riddledown Circular Walk** 020 8726 6000 x64952 Health walk, 2-3miles, 11am at **Every Wed Sandstead Library** 02087266900 Bookstart rhymetime, babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+yrs, Storytime 2 1/2+yrs. Fortnightly Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children, **FREE**.

**Every Wed Unifairn Church 1** The Flyover 020 8726 6000 x88965 Zumba Latin inspired dance music & rhythms, all abilities.

**Every Wed & Sat Millennium Arena** Battersea Park 020 8871 7542 Drop in tennis sessions, 5-8-9-15yrs.

**Every Thurs Norbury Park and Norwood Grove** 020 8726 6900 A circular walk through Norbury Park & Norwood Grove, 2-3 miles, meet at Norbury Train Station, 1.30pm, **FREE**. 21 Aug Butterfly Walk, 2hrs around the park to learn about these insects, 07968 832508.

**Every Thurs Selsdon Baptist Church** Addington Road 020 8726

6000 x88965 Circuits Low intensity for mature exercisers. **Every Thurs South Norwood Leisure Centre** 164 Portland Road 020 8726 6000 x88965 Aquatic sessions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri of every month Bergundy & Black Café** St Martins Walk Dorking Bumps & Babies is for mums with bumps & both parents or carers of non mobile babies, meet others for tea or coffee & get your baby socialising. [www.nct.org.uk/](http://www.nct.org.uk/)

**Every Fri Selsdon Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+. **Every Tues** Storytime for pre-school children. **Every Sat Rock & Rhyme** for pre-schoolers. 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the month Arty Crafty, 4-8yrs plus parents & siblings. **Every Sat afternoon** teenage reading group. Last Thurs of month adult reading group.

**Every Fri Waddon Ponds & Wandale Park** 020 8656 5947 Circular walk through Waddon Ponds & Wandale Park, 2-3 miles, meet outside Lidl, 11am, **FREE**.

**Every Fri Thornton Heath Leisure Centre** 89-110 High Street 020 8726 6000 x88965 Aquatic pay as you go sessions. **Every Thurs Croydon Sports College** Croydon High School 020 8726 6000 x88965 Circuits Low intensity for mature exercisers.

**Every Sat The Green Dragon** 58-60 High Street Croydon 020 8667 0684 Storytime for 3-7yrs, drop in 2hr session with stories, puppets, arts activities & songs, **FREE**.

**Every Sat Electric Theatre** Onslow Street Guildford 01483 44789 Little Sparks in the Café Bar with music, games, songs, stories & puppets & Sparkles Dance drop in classes for 5-9yrs. **Every Mon &**

for 2 1/2+yrs. **Every Sat Rock & Rhyme** for babies & toddlers. Monthly story & craft workshops, 5-10yrs.

**Every Fri New Addington Library** 020 8253 1023 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers & Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+. **FREE**.

**Every Fri Norbury Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime. **Every Thurs** Wiggle & Jiggle. **Almonite Sat** Rock & Rhyme followed by Storytime. Last Fri of each month Chatter Books reading group for 8-12yrs, **FREE**.

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**Tues after school** The Man in the Moon Weekly drama workshops, 6-14yrs. **Every Wed** All Star Choir, 8-14yrs.

**Every Sat morn Norman Park** Hayes Lane Bromley Kent 020 8460 5291 Soccer School, 4-6,7-9 & 10+yrs.

**Every weekend in Nov Poledon Lacey** Dorking 01372 452048 Sneak Peak House Tours. 9 Nov Garsone 01372 461869 Christmas Craft & Gift Fair selling a wide range of Christmas craft gifts plus homemade cake & food stalls, 10-3.30pm.

9 Nov Brooklands Museum 01932 857381 Sponsored Firewalk event raising funds & awareness for the Surrey Care Trust, to sign up visit [www.surreycaretrust.co.uk/firewalk/](http://www.surreycaretrust.co.uk/firewalk/) or Tel: 01483 412751.

10 Nov Concert Hall Fairfield 020 8688 9291 Arthur Davidson Family Concert, animal magic featuring Peter and the Wolf. 18 Nov Spirit of the Dance. 19 Nov Sleeping Beauty, Russian State Ballet. 20 Nov Swan Lake ballet. 25 Nov LDN Wrestling for all the family.

10 Nov Elmbridge Museum 01932 843573 Blackout, finding out how Elmbridge residents whiled away the hours during the Blitz of WWII with family arts & craft activities, puzzles & tricks.

10 Nov Guildford Cathedral 01483 547870 Winter Market & Fair, **FREE** entry, 11-4pm.

10 Nov Sandown Park Racecourse 01372 470047 Blue Square Bet Gentlemen's Day.

10 Nov Horseshoe Community Pre-School Banstead 07814 791528 Christmas Bazaar with homemade cakes & refreshments, stalls selling new products as well as handcrafted gifts, teddy tombola & the Glamour Girl makeover stall & lots more. For children there

will be a range of fun activities to include face painting, bouncy castle & craft activities, **FREE** entry.

10 Nov Epson Playhouse Ashley Avenue 01372 742555 Charles Dickens, Mr Micawber. 17 Nov Buddy Holly – A Legend Reborn.

10 Nov Bourne Hall Ewell Village 020 8393 9571 Christmas Fayre lots of stalls with jewellery, gifts & crafts, baby moments, stocking fillers & much more plus raffles & tombolas as well as face painting & entertainment for the children. Father Christmas will be on hand with presents. All proceeds to Shooting Star Chase, entry children **FREE**.

10 Nov Leatherhead Theatre 01372 365141 The Magic of the Beatles show celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their very first hit. 21-24 Nov Oliver the musical.

11 Nov Kempton Park Racecourse 020 7269 9006 Heathrow Aircraft Enthusiasts Fair, collectors fair offering thousands of aircraft related collectable items to include books, models, kits, magazines, DVD's & lots more. Tel: 01372 725063.

11 Nov Dorking Halls 01306 881717 Swan Lake performed by the Russian State Ballet.

11 Nov Clandon Park 01483 224842 Join the housekeeper on a tour of the servants spaces, NT members **FREE**. 2 Dec Christmas Regency Ball with food tastings, games & period dressing up for all the family.

13 Nov South Norwood Country Park 020 8726 6900 History of South Norwood Country Park leisurely stroll through the park learning about the sites varied history.

15-18 Nov Loseley House Guildford 01483 304 440 Christmas Fair bringing together talented makers

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16 Nov Hillcroft Primary School, Hillcroft on the Hill, Christmas Market stalls crafts, handmade gifts such as jewellery, toiletries & more plus refreshments on offer, 7.30pm.

17 Nov Rural Life Centre Farnham 01252 795571 Christmas Craft Fair with many unusual gifts for sale, the museum itself will be closed but refreshments will be available, **FREE** entry, 11-3pm.

17 Nov North Holmwood Village Hall Dorking 0844 243 6107 NCT Nearly New Sale with clothes, toys, equipment of r babies & toddlers & maternity wear. To register as seller email [DorkingNNS@nct.org.uk](mailto:DorkingNNS@nct.org.uk).

18 Nov Happy Valley 07775 828411 Copping learn the ancient form of woodland management.

18 Nov Queen's Park Queens Park Road Caterham Santa Run to raise funds for St Catherine's Hospice, everyone who takes part gets their very own Santa outfit with a beard & children under 6 receive a Santa hat. You can complete it at any speed you choose with a hop, skip, run jog or walk, registration 9.30-10.20am. Tel: 01293 447364 or [www.stch.org.uk](http://www.stch.org.uk).

18 Nov United Church of Egham High Street 01784 733670 Egham Performers' Platform presenting

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**FREE** entry, Tel: 01883 330 380. 1 Dec Gattopark 01737 649066 [www.gattopark.com](http://www.gattopark.com) Family Christmas Decoration Making, an afternoon of creating Christmas wreaths & other decorations from natural materials. 2 Dec Santa's Grotto enjoy a golf buggy ride to Santa, explore the grounds following a trail of clues & then return to make a Christmas crown.

1 Dec-13 Jan Hampton Court Palace to include 4857777 Ice skating for all ages & abilities

2 Dec Haling Grove 020 8726 6900 Get into the festive spirit & join the Friends of Haling Grove from 2-4pm in the park for carols & mince pies, email [friends@haling-grove.org.uk](mailto:friends@haling-grove.org.uk)

2 Dec Whyteleafe Recreation Ground Hillbury Road Pre-Christmas Energizer fast paced 1-2hr walk starting at 11am in preparation for the season of indulgence.

2 Dec Imber Court East Molesey Christmas Gift & Craft Fair with lots of fun for all the family, **FREE** admission & parking, 10-4pm.

2 Dec Ripley Christmas Fair 100 stalls selling everything from jewellery to festive foods, in the High Street with Father Christmas, carol singing entertainment plus fairground lights culminating with the switching of the Ripley Christmas lights, fun for all the family, 12-4pm, **FREE** entry.

2-24 Dec Arnhem Gallery Fairfield 020 8688 9291 The Night Before Christmas includes a visit to Santa's grotto & a gift for every child, families 2+yrs.

1 Dec St Mark's Church Hall Purley Indoor Car Boot Sale with a wide variety of stalls, tables must be booked in advance.

1 Dec The Arc Caterham 0845 055 6457 Arts & Craft Fair with lots of hand-made crafts & gifts plus a children's soft play area & playground on site plus children's face painting, nail art & **FREE** children's messy art stall under 10's,

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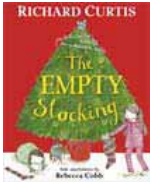
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### The Snowman

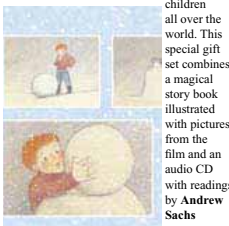
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Among the attractions at the *Christmas on the Home Front* weekend on **17 and 18 November** will be 'make do and mend' lessons, in which former teacher **Judi Knight** will show visitors how to preserve and re-style clothes from the era. She will also demonstrate war-time cookery,

using genuine 1940s recipes issued by the *Ministry of Food*, one of which uses liquid paraffin instead of fat for a sponge cake!

Judi said: "We'll also be having a bit of a knees-up around the piano and would love visitors to join in the 1940s songs."

The weekend's activities will centre on *Lenham Cottages*, former railway workers' homes rescued from the path of the



Channel Tunnel in 1999 and rebuilt at **Kent Life**. One of the cottages has been converted to recreate life in the Second World War, with sticky tape on the windows to reduce bomb blast damage, a bathtub with water ration line and a mangle to do the washing. An *Anderson Shelter* has been built in the garden, to show visitors how families sheltered from bombing raids.

A one-day ticket for the *Christmas on the Home Front* event costs £7 for adults, £6 for concessions, £5 for children aged 3 to 15. Under-threes go free. **From 5 November to 31 January 2013**, normal admission prices to **Kent Life** are £5 adults, £4 concessions and £3 children. **Kent Life** members visit for free. Seasonal variations and closures apply during December and January.

For more information visit [www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk) or call **01622 763936**.

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