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Victoria and Albert Museum

May, this year posing intriguing questions about the best ways to live, encouraging visitors to push boundaries and think differently, and to contemplate alternative ways of living and the future of our environment.  
**In Spin (Saturday 25 May)**, *Apples & Snakes*' interactive performances for children aged five and over, rappers, poets and storytellers BREIS, John Hegley and Sally Pomme Clayton will send the audience spiralling into a poetic revolution.  
**Hook, Line and Singer:** A Family Sing-along with **Cerys Matthews** comes to **Southbank Centre on Saturday 25 May**. Former front-woman of Welsh rock band *Catania*, Cerys Matthews, believes that everyone can sing and that they should stop feeling shy about it. She has spent her whole life collecting songs wherever she goes, from Wales to Nashville, and her new book of traditional family songs gathers the ones we all grew up with along with favourites from around the world. (**Hook, Line and Singer:** A Sing-along Book: Childhood Songs for Long Car Journeys and Rainy Days, by Cerys Matthews, is published by *Particular Books* on 6th June 2013)



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Victoria and Albert Museum  
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The Wight Riviera Cycling Weekend is the perfect cycling break for active families!

The event on the Isle of Wight from May 18-19th, features a variety of rides, distances and choices to suit everyone from real enthusiasts to fun riders and family members, with the highlight of the weekend being an exciting and unique closed road loop on the roads of West Wight!  
The weekend is built around the **Big Wight Mountain Bike Marathon on Saturday 18th May**, and the **Wight Riviera Sportive on Sunday 19th May**, and covers the best of the Island's quiet roads and trails, and spectacular views. Ride options range from as little as 15 miles up to huge 100 miles, and there is even a free 4 mile *Beach to Beach* ride on quiet flat tracks; perfect for younger children and leisurely cycling!  
**The Wight Riviera Sportive** starts with a spectacular 25km closed road loop, which can be taken on as a standalone ride or lead onto one of the three longer routes, while the **Big Wight MTB Marathon** takes you on a tour of the Island's finest off-road riding and most beautiful countryside!  
**The Isle of Wight** is rich with attractions and spectacular countryside, making it an ideal weekend for cyclists with either non-cycling or casual cycling families or partners. And **Red Funnel Ferries** have 20% off ferry crossings for the event weekend; just use the promo code **WRIV2** at [www.redfunnel.co.uk](http://www.redfunnel.co.uk)  
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What's On

Hollywood star officially opens expanded **Walpole Orthodontics**

Hollywood star and former patient of one of the UK's leading orthodontists, **Tom Holland**, officially welcomed **Walpole** to its new *Thames Ditton* home on 27 February at a reception for more than 40 dental professionals.  
Tom, who was treated by **Dr Sharon Orton-Gibbs**, was introduced by his comedian father, **Dominic Holland** and highlighted the difference a perfect smile can make, from landing a leading Hollywood role, to giving a teenager the confidence to smile.  
**Walpole** Practice Co-Owner **Chris Gibbs** said: "Doubling the number of the treatment rooms from two to four allows us to manage the growing demand for Specialist Orthodontist care we are seeing through referrals from dental professionals and direct. "Our official opening coincides with our new patient education campaign which highlights the benefits of early treatment for some children. We would like to see children between the ages of 8 and 9 to advise their parents when best to get going with treatment and achieve the transformational impact the perfect smile has on lives."  
**Walpole** encourages people who may be considering treatment to pop in to the practice and speak with one of the team who will be able show them round and answer any questions they have. It was established more than 40 years ago and is an exclusively private specialist orthodontist practice run by **Dr Sharon Orton-Gibbs**, one of only 260 consultant-level orthodontists in the UK. It combines excellent patient care with the most advanced orthodontic knowledge and experience to achieve best possible jaw alignment and the perfect smile for children and adults.



Thanks Mum!  
When I was younger I didn't care much about my smile.  
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Here at **Walpole** we understand the importance of a beautiful smile, particularly when you're young. The best time to take your child to see a Specialist Orthodontist is between the ages of 8 and 9, and because there's no need to wait for a referral, you can ensure they have a head start on that winning smile. Giving them the confidence to smile as teenagers and beyond.

Call us on **020 8390 1839**  
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## Out & About

### Music and Dance Classes for Pre-schoolers

You don't have to look far to discover that today there is proliferation of classes available for pre-school children and that parents are well aware that their child's education starts long before school age. Activity classes for such things as swimming, football and yoga abound as

do those for the more arts based endeavours like music, dance and drama. So if you are looking to choose a franchise in order to join in this lucrative and rewarding market, how should you make that choice? The first criterion must be that you have an affinity with the core subject. So if music and

dance is what does it for you and you have an interest in the physical and intellectual development of children, then a **Music and Dance Academy** franchise will tick at least the first two boxes for you. But what else matters?

Owning a franchise is about running a business and as we all know it is the customer who is the most important part of any business. For this reason **MAD Academy** puts a lot of energy into making sure their classes are under constant development to maintain their modern, funky and free spirited appeal. This development process is also focused on the **OFSTED** early learning goals in music, movement and listening skills, so parents know there's more to it than just a bit of fun.

Support is another key issue for anyone starting up a business in a new area. **MAD Academy** has eight years' experience in getting new franchisees up and running. They want you to succeed which is why their team of head office professionals are always there to give help and advice in a timely and effective manner.

Find out more about **MAD Academy** at [www.madacademy.com](http://www.madacademy.com)



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### Lil' Jockeys Ltd.....

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horse doesn't just rock, but can be ridden just like a real horse, **Lil' Jockeys Ride-On** animals do exactly that!

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If you want a stress free party with a difference for your son or daughter's birthday, then let the **Lil' Jockeys'** team work their magic.

One happy parent quoted "I wanted to thank you for the **Lil' Jockey** session you ran for my daughters 5 birthday party. All the kids had such a fantastic time on your vast selection of horses, unicorns and zoo animals. I don't think there was a single minute where the animals weren't being ridden during the whole 2 hours. All the other parents mentioned they thought it was a great idea and would be considering it for their parties and fetes in the future. We will be back again for some more."

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### Fun is Free at the Rural Life Centre!

**Rural Life Centre**, Tilford, near Farnham on **Thursdays April 4th & 11th** during the Easter holidays. Exciting fun at this countryside museum. Accompanied children only. Pay for admission then all the things to do are FREE.

There will be period toys to play with, a working pole lathe and a **Home Guard Warden** with his stirrup pump or maybe follow the **WWII** trail. Best of all, for the very young, the museum's dolls house will be open for you to go inside. There are some special events too. On **Easter Saturday March 30th** there is a **Steam Toy Rally**. On **Easter Sunday and Monday an Easter Chick Hunt** around the Museum plus a decorated egg and Easter bonnet competition. A light railway operates every Sunday and **May 4th** welcomes a Model Railway Exhibition. [www.rural-life.org.uk](http://www.rural-life.org.uk) 01252795571



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### Free Easter family fun at The National Gallery!



Families with children aged 5 to 11 can join a practical workshop: using light, colour and imagination. Create your own 3D shoebox stage set inspired by Gallery paintings **Drama Box 7,8,9 and 14 April**, 11am-1pm, repeated 2-4pm. Under-5s can talk, play, sing and create with *The Marquise de Seignelay* and *Two of her Sons* **8 April**, 10.30am-12 noon, or have fun *Drawing Stories* **9 April**, 10.30-11am. Families of all ages can go on a 'walk and talk' through the Gallery exploring the theme of gardens **7 April**, 12.30-1.30pm. Every day you can discover more about the paintings with family trails (£1-2), audio tours Children free with paying adult and activity toolkits (free). Explore with *Marvellous Blooms* (£1) and *Katie's National Gallery Adventure* (£2) trails available at Gallery Information Desks, or from [www.nationalgallery.org.uk/families](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/families).

Add some action to your visit with the *Active Looking Toolkit for Families*, or create your own drawing or written work with our *Keys to Creativity* pack. Both can be borrowed from the **Getty Information Desk** free of charge.

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No-one could be more surprised than I was, to find I actually enjoyed my lesson on the golf range! I am one of those folk who found the joke "a good walk spoils" funny, but **Jon Woodroffe** at **World of Golf** has changed all that.

This newly refurbished driving range offers **Free Golf Beginners Lessons** - saving you £60! My golf pro Jon is fanatical that good foundations create not only better players but ones that enjoy playing more and therefore become enthusiastic golfers. He has patience and exuberance with novices so that you don't feel embarrassed by missing golf ball, hitting 2 inches, or even if you try to bend the club by hitting the automated power tees with all your force! I'm sure that after a course you really will be hitting the ball with confidence.

A team of six teaching **PGA Qualified** Instructors and three master professionals are available for coaching all levels and ages with a choice of individual or group lessons. Plus, innovative golf training facilities, such as a video coaching studio will help real golfers analyse and improve their swing.

### World of Golf

The range has 60 revamped covered and heated bays located over two tiers, each with new automated power tees, as well as new fairway and light-rough effect outfield. To give golfers the most realistic experience possible, **World of Golf New Malden** has invested in innovative new target greens.

This is also a great destination for a family outing with an 18-hole adventure golf course, called *Jurassic Encounter* which includes giant dinosaurs, green lakes and dark caves.

A **Platinum Club** for VIP members, an *American Golf* superstore, and a *Costa Coffee* round off this comprehensive **World of Golf**. Located just off the A3 in New Malden, between Wimbledon and Kingston-on-Thames.

For more information visit [www.worldofgolf.co.uk](http://www.worldofgolf.co.uk)

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the grip to the full swing, using a variety of clubs. Learning the basics of golf rules and etiquette as well as the different techniques in completing a course. The opportunity to meet other golfers and gain the full benefit of learning in a small group. Free loan of a 7 iron. - If you have your own clubs feel free to bring these with you, all you will need is a 7 iron.

Cost of range balls not included - attendees will be expected to pay for these - prices start from as little as £4.20 dependent on the range you attend.



## Ever wanted to run your own business?



### ...but felt unsure how to get started?

**MAD Academy** has been providing music and dance classes for pre-school children since 2004. However, there are some key locations where children do not currently have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of our high energy, yet educational classes.

Consequently, we are looking for enthusiastic business minded people to join our team of franchisees to help us close the gaps. Experience with children and a love of music and dance would be an advantage but a desire to build a flexible business based on term time working, is more important.

For a no obligation chat and a presentation on what's involved, come along to our next Open Day on:

**28th April 2013 in Maidstone**

For details email [franchise@madacademy.com](mailto:franchise@madacademy.com) or call **Laura** on 07732 322540 or 0118 926 1384

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