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Christmas Out & About

Sutton Theatres....

Polka Dot Pantomimes return with their fantastic production of **Beauty and The Beast**. Join Beauty on her adventure as she agrees to stay in the Beast's Castle in order to save her Father, and find out how Beauty and her Beast find true love as he becomes her very own Prince Charming.
Wed 18 – Tues 24 December
 Tickets £14.50 standard, £12.50 children
 Schools rate £9.50 with a schools offer of 1 free ticket per every 10 booked (selected performances only).
 Family Ticket: £50 for a family ticket of 4 (2 adults 2 children) Groups of 20+ £12.50
Polka Dot Pantomimes will be bringing two wonderful productions to the **Charles Crier Studio Theatre** for our younger audience members **Friday 6 – Tues 24 December** *The Snow Angel* will be

arriving in Carshalton in a magical adventure for 0-5 year olds. With songs they can join in with, music and actions they know and a tale of wonderment we will wait and see if it really will snow at Christmas time Tickets are £8.50 standard and £6.50 for children.
 For slightly older children age 5-8 you can see what really happens **When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney**. This delightful production, based on the famous song, is a wonderful adventure story when we see if the children get Santa out of their Chimney.
Sat 7 – Tues 24 December. Tickets £11 standard, £9.50 for children with a schools rate £9 with 1 free school ticket for every 10 booked (selected performances only).
www.suttontheatres.co.uk
 Box Office 020 8770 6990



GET ready for some fee-fi-fo-fun at The Marlowe Theatre this Christmas!

(there's even a breakdancing pantomime cow!).
Jack And The Beanstalk, starring Mister Maker (Phil Gallagher), from **CBeebies**, and Samantha Womack, best known as Ronnie Mitchell from **EastEnders**.
 Phil plays Billy, while Samantha is Fairy Sugarnap. They are joined by two **Marlowe** favourites making a welcome return: Ben Roddy as Dame Trot, and Lloyd Hollett as Dr Fleshereep.
 The show features everything you love about **Marlowe Theatre** pantomimes: family comedy, audience participation, song and dance numbers, stunning sets and breathtaking special effects

November 2013
Dick Whittington

This winter **Blue Genie Entertainment** are planning a Christmas spectacular at the **Hazlett Theatre**, with the lavish professional pantomime **'DICK WHITTINGTON'**.
6th Dec – 5th January 2014. The show features a host of top quality professional performers including 'Top CBBC Presenter' Carrie Burrell playing Alice Fitzwarren, heart-throb and runner up to Lee Mead in the hit show **'Any Dream will do'** Keith Jack as Dick Whittington and back by popular demand and one of last years hilarious ugly sisters local funny man Jimmy Busters lles.
01622 758611
www.maldstonepanto.co.uk



Director **Rob Forknall** said: "It's going to be great fun for all the family. **'Dick Whittington'** is the most traditional pantomime of them all it has something for everyone...". **Blue Genie Entertainment** are spending tens of thousands of pounds to ensure **'Dick Whittington'** will be a spectacular family production, bringing together a top cast, amazing costumes, fantastic dance routines, plenty of popular songs.

November 2013
Tingle Creek Christmas Festival

Saturday 7th December
 The Tingle Creek Christmas Festival is a festive jump racing tradition, attracting the sport's leading horses and jockeys to **Sandown Park**.
The Saturday, Tingle Creek Chase Day, is the pinnacle of their jump season, featuring the **Grade 1 Tingle Creek Chase**, which is named after one of the most famous horses of the 1970's.

The charismatic **Tingle Creek** loved **Sandown Park**, winning numerous times there and in total he won 23 races over a stellar career. The sight of him taking a fence at full-stretch was really something to behold as he was a spectacular jumper, often trailblazing from the front. The race now named in his honour has been won by numerous champions over the years including the legendary **Kauto Star**, **Desert Orchid** and **Moscow Flyer** and last year's star **Sprinter Sacre**.

As well as the feature races of the day, the **Grade 1 Tingle Creek Chase** and the **Henry VIII Novices Steeple Chase**, there is plenty of entertainment to keep everyone amused. Join in the fun and enjoy the off course pantomime which this year is **Cinderella**. Four shows will take place during the day in the **Esher Hall** and it's free

of charge for race-goers to watch!

There will also be a **William Hill Winter Festival Preview Panel** with key racing personalities providing their insights into the **King George VI Steeple Chase**; the feature race taking place at **Kempton Boxing Day**.

Children's entertainment will be plentiful on the Saturday with complimentary Carousel rides; the opportunity to meet Father Christmas where all young visitors will be given a gift, and festive carol singing after racing with the **New London Singers**. Don't forget children under 18 enjoy free entry (accompanied by an adult).

Traditional Victorian carriages will greet visitors to **Sandown Park** from the train station to transport them up to the racecourse to join in the festive fun and be welcomed by the cast of **Cinderella** and be serenaded on arrival with Christmas carols.

Accompanied children under 18 go free so be sure to put the date in the family diary and book in advance for great adult ticket savings!
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www.sandown.co.uk

PETER PAN

STEVE McFADDEN AS CAPTAIN HOOK
Ascroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls, Croydon

Fri 6th Dec to Sun 5th Jan
 Take the second star to the right and straight on till morning! It's off to Neverland for this year's Christmas spectacular **PETER PAN**. Croydon's favourite Dame, the hilarious **QUINN PATRICK**, returns as Mrs. Smee along with **KELLY CHINERY** and **NATHANIEL MORRISON**, who will be remembered for their acclaimed performances as the genies in **Aladdin** (2011), as **Big Chief** and **Maxi Ha Ha**. **DAVID RIBI** plays the title role of Peter Pan with **ELIZABETH CARTER** as Wendy.

Follow Peter Pan, and the Darling children, Wendy, John and Michael, on their exciting adventure as they meet The Lost Boys and battle with the villainous Captain Hook and his motley crew. Packed with swashbuckling fun, great music and dancing, stunning sets, fantastic flying, not forgetting audience participation and a hungry crocodile, **PETER PAN** promises a magical treat for all the family.

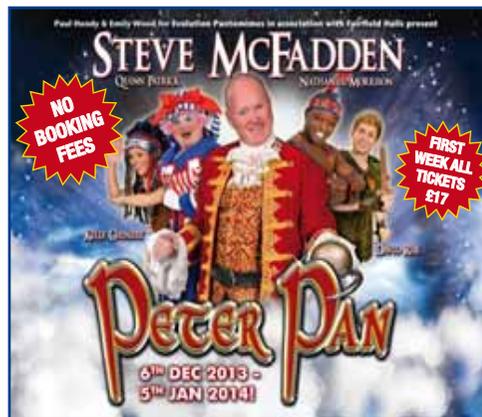
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NEW VICTORIA THEATRE, WOKING

Cinderella comes alive in Woking **Fri 6 Dec Sun 5 Jan**.

BAFTA award-winning **Justin Fletcher** will be starring as the lovable Buttons. The presenter and actor known for his impressive range of characters in programmes such as **Something Special**, **Gigglebiz** and **Justin's House** is adored by children and parents alike and is sure to bring fun and laughter for the whole family!

Zoe Salmon joins as the beautiful **Cinderella**. The former lawyer is best known presenting children's BBC television show **Blue Peter** and has starred on the hit ITV **Dancing on Ice** – proving she's no stranger to glitzy costumes similar to sparkly numbers in Panto!

As Prince Charming's aide **Dandini** is one of the top comedians in the UK today, **Hal Cruttenden**, Hal has appeared on **Live at the Apollo**, **Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow**, **The Royal Variety Performance** and **Lei's Dance for Comic Relief** so will have no problem providing the laughs!

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Roboz Set to Invade Christmas Stockings This Year

There is no denying that kids love to collect things and this year they're set to go robot crazy with the latest collectible crew from the cosmos. **ROBOZ** are a series of collectible character figures and priced at just RRP £2.49 each they make the perfect stocking filler. From the worldly leader *Sparky* to the techno genius *Foo Fung* and the evil *Botz*, each of these durable, hard wearing characters has a unique back story and comes with a collector card showcasing vital statistics including ROBOZ skills, Top Speed and IQ.



www.roboz.co.uk

Fabulous Stocking Fillers Under £10 from Tyrrell Katz

Tyrrell Katz are known for their gorgeous collection of functional yet fun children's products. If you're looking for the perfect stocking filler this year then check out their range which is available to buy online www.tyrrellkatz.co.uk.

Funky Pencil Case and with ten designs including Knights, Princess, Pirates, Ballet, Farmyard and the new Secret Garden design. Made from durable ripstop fabric with a colourful contrast coloured lining, the pencil cases are printed on both sides and retail for £5.95.

Children Notebook. Available in three designs, Horse Riding, Princess and London, each book contains 60 sheets of

paper. For added cuteness each note book features a stand up magnetic character that closes flat to help keep the book closed, these retail for £5.95.

Tyrrell Katz's fully lined Wash Bags are the perfect travel accessory. Whether it's a sleep over with friends, or a summer holiday your child will feel really grown up with their own wash bag. Wash bags retail for £8.95 and are available in five designs, the new Secret Garden, London, Princess, Ballet and Horse Riding.

Tyrrell Katz Drinking Bottle to take to school. The drinking bottles are BPA free with a leak proof child friendly lid. You can even pop them in the freezer, ideal for really hot

days when your child might be taking a packed lunch to school. There are nine funky designs to choose from including Working Wheels, Farmyard, Pirates, Ballet, Princess and the new Secret Garden, and cost £9.95.

Disney- licensed kids' games unveiled by **Esevium**

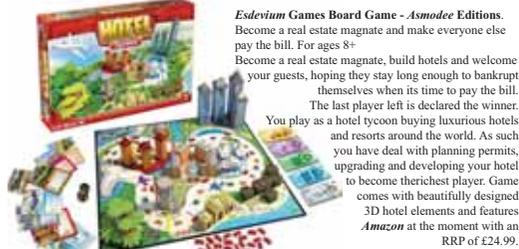
Jake and the Never Land Pirates, Disney Princess and Doc McStuffins titles to launch in time for Christmas 2013.

Disney Princess - **Dazzling Princess Game** Age 4+ Players 2-4 RRP £19.99

Celebrate your favourite **Disney Princesses** as you get ready for the ball in this fantasy filled dress-up game! Draw a card and guess the Princess, then use the special jewel card reader to reveal the answer. With every correct guess, add sparkling gems to your bracelet, ring and tiara!

Jake and the Never Land Pirates - Who Shook Hook? Game Age 4+ Players 2-4 RRP £19.99 Captain Hook is snoozing in his hammock, surrounded by all the treasure he's nabbed from Jake and the Pirate crew. Use the sword, fishing pole, tweezers or shovel to pluck a piece of treasure! But steady as she goes - you need to grab the loot without sending Hook tumbling

Hotel Tycoon Board Game



Esevium Games Board Game - Asmodee Editions. Become a real estate magnate and make everyone else pay the bill. For ages 8+

Become a real estate magnate, build hotels and welcome your guests, hoping they stay long enough to bankrupt themselves when its time to pay the bill. The last player left is declared the winner. You play as a hotel tycoon buying luxurious hotels and resorts around the world. As such you have deal with planning permits, upgrading and developing your hotel to become therichest player. Game comes with beautifully designed 3D hotel elements and features **Amazon** at the moment with an RRP of £24.99.

Montezuma's the British chocolate

Montezuma's the British chocolate makers are very proud to reveal their 2013 Christmas range. Beautifully designed pale blue packaging with reindeers & Christmas themed motifs, a fabulous range consists of an impressive twenty two products. Starting with stocking fillers all the way up to an exquisite hamper Bite size chocolate snowmen, snowballs, these chocolate balls come in dark chocolate filled with chilli and lime truffle centre and milk chocolate bursting with peanut butter heavenliness, beware though these chocolate treats should come with a warning, "not likely to last

until Christmas" as they are so delicious even the strongest of will powers is likely to crumble and eat before the 25th so make sure you buy a good stock! No Christmas would be complete without a chocolate advent calendar bursting with an impressive

240g of chocolate. **Montezuma's** Brighton, Chichester, Winchester, Kingston and Spitalfields www.montezumas.co.uk, **John Lewis, Debenhams & moonpig.com**



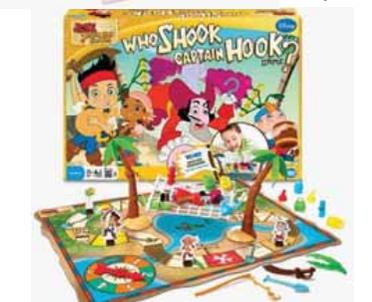
Disney



into the water. Collect the most treasure to win!

Doc McStuffins - **Sharing is Caring Dominoes Game** Age 3+ Players 2+ RRP £14.99

"Sharing is caring" twist on the classic game of dominoes! Connect colourful pictures of Lambie, Stuffy, Hallie and more with Colourful, jumbo domino tiles. Pull dominoes from Doc's bag or ask other players to share with you when you need a little help!



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intu Bromley's ground-breaking Christmas decorations

intu Bromley is believed to be the first shopping centre in the UK to integrate a charity's logo throughout its Christmas display and in the press raise funds for **Make-A-Wish**, which grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions.

Maria Cooper, intu Bromley Marketing Manager, says: "We are so excited to give Bromley we will be revealing in full this November. They will even be able to donate money to **Make-A-Wish** through an interactive 'wish pool', a fun experience that we are confident will raise funds for a fantastic charity." "The Christmas decorations will be revealed in their full

glory in November, when we will also be offering shoppers the chance of winning a family trip to *Lapland!*"

Many months in the making, the stunning Christmas display features more than 49,000 LED bulbs, 3,000 baubles and 1,900 jewels. All processes and energy used to create the display have been offset so the carbon footprint of the whole project is zero.

To find out more about **intu Bromley's** Christmas plans, www.intu.co.uk/bromley like www.facebook.com/intubromley and follow [@intubromley](https://twitter.com/intubromley) on Twitter



Out & About

Every Wed Heaven at **Nuffield 19 High Street** www.heavennuffield.com. Smiley Faces music group for babies & toddlers **Every Sat during term time** **The River & Rowing Museum** Mills Meadows Henley on Thames 01491 415600 Artways Art Club, 5 week sessions, 11-15yrs. **Every Wed during term time** Taylor Tug's under 5's Club.

24 Nov Standen East Grinstead 01342 323029 Stir up Sunday make your own Christmas pudding with demonstrations. **Every weekend until 23 Dec** See the house decorated for a family Christmas 1920's style. **29 Nov Glydebourne** Lewes East Sussex 01273 815000 Hansel & Gretel with family friendly introduction at 5.15pm. **30 Nov L'elisir d'amore** a family performance plus family friendly activities throughout the day **FREE** to ticket holders. **29 Nov-1 Dec Portsmouth Historic Dockyard** 02392 728060 A True Victorian Christmas, visitors will be magically transported into a bygone era of Dickensian style snow streets, with seasonal carols, Father Christmas and lots of stalls fun for all **Daily from 30 Nov Bateman's** Burwash 01435 882302 An Edwardian

Christmas enjoy the sights, sounds & scents of a candlelit Edwardian Christmas. **Daily from 30 Nov** Christmas garden trail, don't miss the elves **Daily from 30 Nov Alfriston Clergy House** Polegate See

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Out & About

Thrilling Bubble-tastic Festive Season London Palladium

Lunchbox Theatrical Productions Thrilling Bubbletastic Festive Season at London's iconic **Palladium Theatre** **Louis Pearl The Amazing Bubbleman** 12 Dec 2013 - 4 Jan 2014

Louis Pearl The Amazing Bubbleman has been astounding audiences around the world for decades now with the art, magic, science and fun of bubbles. This Christmas, he brings a snow storm of bubbles to London's most famous theatre - in a fittingly spectacular conclusion to his 2012/2013 *World Tour* - as he performs in the West End at the **London Palladium**.

He has performed to more than one million people, including royalty and celebrities, in hundreds of cities across the USA, as well as in Switzerland, France, Japan, Dubai, Australia and New Zealand. He is a favourite at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where he has enjoyed six years of sell-out success and was this year voted "Pick of the Fringe".

As well as exploring the dynamics of bubbles, his wondrous 75 minute show combines breath-taking art, a diversity of music, non-stop comedy, ingenious sets and lighting, plenty of audience participation and enough

spellbinding bubble tricks to keep every child and adult mesmerised. With infectious enthusiasm, **The Amazing Bubble Man** explains the fascinating dynamics of bubbles, bringing science to life and into the realm of fun. From square bubbles, layers of bubbles inside bubbles, fog-filled bubbles, trampoline bubbles, UFO bubbles and even people inside bubbles, **The Amazing Bubble Man** guarantees shrieks of laughter and gasps of amazement from all ages.

Louis Pearl says of his show, "The kid in everybody gets excited. The audience connects with what's happening onstage at a pre-verbal place. There's so much joy."

Louis Pearl has teamed with leading international entertainment producer **James Cundall of Lunchbox Theatrical Productions**, and one of the UK's top artistic directors, **Tony Mercer** of the award-winning **Imperial Ice Stars**, to create this brand new show, specially staged and choreographed for a 2012/13 worldwide tour.

www.lunchbox-productions.com/portfolio/louis-pearl-the-amazing-bubble-man/

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www.elsieandfleur.co.uk has a unique selection of products for youngsters that have been created with love by artisan crafters and makers based in the Westcountry. **Elsie & Fleur** was born out of a desire for people to be able to buy items that are often unique but don't carry a hefty price tag. All the products are being sold to support micro businesses, run by kitchen table entrepreneurs and mumpreneurs, the economic lifeblood of Great Britain. Its aim is to offer people the chance to buy unusual, handmade, yet affordable, items from the comfort of their own homes. The company has a price ceiling on products of no more than £40 per item. The crafty website also offers a gift-wrap service using Christmas wrapping paper featuring designs by Westcountry illustrator, Angie Spurgeon.



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Activity bag for boys (includes a drawing pad and eight crayons, also available in another design for girls) H21.5cm x W17.5cm x D2.5cm (handle length 20.5cm). £9

Imagine the whole family getting together on Christmas Day and after lunch wanting to all sit down together and watch TV. Trouble is, granddad is hard of hearing and wants the TV turned up loud enough for him to be able to hear it. This is annoying for everyone else who finds the TV too loud and a what should be a happy family time might turn into arguments.

These are stylish, hi-Tech wireless headphones especially designed for the hard of hearing - the wearer can listen to the TV at a comfortable volume (even adjust each ear separately for volume and tone) but everyone else in the room can have the TV on at "normal" levels.

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No.3 London Dry Gin

No.3 is owned by **Berry Brothers & Rudd**, Britain's oldest wine and spirit merchants (established in 1698) and the Wine & Spirit Merchants by Appointment to both *HM The Queen* and *The Prince of Wales*. It was created with the aid of the holder of the only PhD in gin flavour - and has been crafted to be the 'taste as gin should' and to be the perfect gin for a G&T or Martini. With an ABV of 46%, it has a heavy 'punch' of juniper and just five other botanicals present (the flavourings which all gins contain) - which is in stark contrast to many other gins which can have ten or more. £35.00/70cl. Waitrose, Sainsbury's.



The Glenrothes 'Select Reserve' Malt Whisky

Amongst malt whisky distillers, **The Glenrothes** stands out - from the shape of its bottle (with a hand-written signature from the master distiller), a longer-than-usual distillation process, its dedication to bottling not by age, but by 'vintage'. This 'vintage' approach, means **The Glenrothes** master distiller will only bottle whisky when

it has sufficiently matured and reached the peak of its perfection - just like a fine wine. This is in contrast to the vast majority of whiskies which are always bottled at set times - at 8 years, 15 years, 20 years, etc.

The Glenrothes Select Reserve malt whisky is a

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WE WISH YOU A KNOT-FREE CHRISTMAS...

If lugging Christmas shopping around, wrapping kids presents and lifting the turkey in and out of the oven becomes a pain in the neck, you're not alone and you may discover you welcome a quick *Nodging* under the mistletoe this Christmas...

A recent survey by **Back Nodger** reveals that a staggering 97% of people in the UK have knots in their shoulders, necks and backs... And what better time to relax than this Christmas in front of a relaxing log fire? (ok,

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Back Nodger is available to buy from www.Boots.com for £29.99. For more info, see www.backnodger.com



A gift for him that's a cut above the rest - Fiskars

If you're struggling for Christmas gift ideas for the men in your life, **Fiskars** may be able to help with their new **Cuts+More Scissors** - quite possibly the world's most versatile scissors! They feature multiple tools in one,

and turn into a handy knife and there's even a bottle opener. If granddad loves his gardening and dad his DIY or if Uncle Bill just likes to have the latest gadgets on the market, then add **Cuts+More** to your shopping list. At £18.99 a pair they're a snip! **Fiskars** high quality blades are renowned the world over and as well as multi-purpose scissors, **Cuts+More** feature a wire

and twine cutter, rope notch, awl tip and bottle opener. They separate and the titanium-coated blade can also be used as a knife. They are dishwasher safe and include an innovative cover with a built-in tape cutter for opening boxes and a ceramic scissors sharpener to keep the blades performing at their best. From B&Q and independent home and garden stores

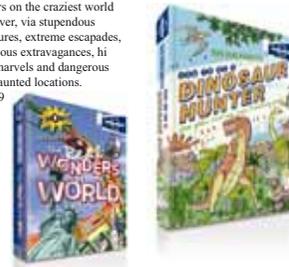


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The perfect gifts for curious kids

The Real Wonders of the World and **How to be a Dinosaur Hunter** are two brand new titles in *Lonely Planet's Not for Parents* children's series. Perfect Christmas gifts for kids aged 8-12 who are curious about the world both past and present; the books take a fun and fact packed look at modern wonders and prehistoric giants.

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