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Clutch Bag in Black Large Mock Croc Leather

The clutches come in so many different colours and finishes they are just great! The perfect clutch for evenings out or use inside one of our large totes. This versatile bag works well with casual or evening clothes, you will find it hard to decide which colour to buy.....start your collection today!

Riding Boot in Black Large Mock Croc Leather

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This boot is their version of the riding boot with three quarter inside zip. This is all about the finish, the overly large mock

measures approximately 6cm/ 2.5" Leather sole Slip on Generous fit European sizing £160.00 GBP

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Mini Bags for scooters



Meet the **Polar Explorer** at his Base Camp to hear tales of his icy adventures and make your own explorer's equipment from recycled materials. You can also join in our fun **Winter Wetland Show** to discover more about the science behind our coldest season. Under ice and mounds of snow, even in the coldest

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Santa and his huskies are back

WWT London Wetland Centre Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 Dec

NEW! **Polar Explorer** and his tales of adventure
 NEW! **Wetland Winter Show**
 NEW! **Cranberry Fest**
 Get into the festive mood at **WWT London Wetland Centre's** wonderful winter weekend! Children will be thrilled to hop aboard for a husky sleigh ride, visit Santa in his magical grotto and enjoy a unique Wetlands Winter Show.

Take a sleigh ride with the huggable huskies; they're lovely to look at but also working animals, so younger children can experience the excitement of a husky sleigh ride. Or perhaps you'd like a family photo taken with one of these cuddly dogs as a special seasonal souvenir? Then head over to the northern pine forest; Father Christmas will be ready to welcome families in his cosy grotto among the trees.

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winters there's life in the wetlands. Buried in mud or freezing solid, animals are surviving in amazing ways. Take part in exciting experiments in this show for the whole family to explore the science of winter. What do cranes – the elegant wetland bird - and cranberries have in common? Find out at **Cranberry Fest**. Make cranberry Christmas decorations (extra charge), follow the cranberry trail and enjoy treats in the restaurants.

Here at Britain's favourite nature reserve you can enjoy the Christmas celebrations among beautiful surroundings. Take a stroll among the lakes, meadows and ponds of this wonderful winter oasis. By enjoying a festive weekend there you're also contributing towards their vital conservation work in the UK and around the world.

- Normal admission prices to **WWT London Wetland Centre** apply
- In the event of rain the Father Christmas queue will be moved indoors. The **Wetland Winter Show**, **Polar Explorer** and **Father Christmas** are all indoors.
- Husky sleigh rides are free with admission (children 8 or younger, with weight restrictions)

- Visit to Santa is £5 per child (cash only) including goody bag
- Visit to **Polar Explorer** is £3 per child, including gift; timed shows throughout the day
- **Wetland Winter Show** is free with admission: 12.30 and 14.30
- For full details and updates please check **www.wwt.org.uk/london**

WWT London Wetland Centre is a 105 acre wetland visitor centre in Barnes, southwest London, an international award-winning visitor attraction and a Site of *Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)*. It is home to a wide range of wildlife species including birds, water voles, bats and amphibians. Facilities include six wildlife hides, Water's Edge Café, Observatory, a gift shop and free car park. The Centre also has adventure play areas for children.

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Christmas Out & About

Know an aspiring Bassist, Drummer, Guitarist or Singer?

Does someone in your family love rock music and want both expert tuition and to play in a band every week? **British School of Rock** combines 45 minutes serious tuition - with no more than four musicians per teacher - and 15 minutes of rocking with a band each week.

The brainchild of **Stagecoach** co-founder and drummer

Christmas Wonderland Weekends

The **Rural Life Centre's** Christmas wonderland weekends are filling up fast - make sure the children in your life don't miss out. CHRISTMAS will be all present and correct when the **Rural Life Centre** unwraps its ever-popular and eagerly anticipated Santa Specials. And there, showing the boys and girls what a gift of a good time it is will be Father Christmas, the man who makes young dreams come true, and who has the power to work wonders with wish-lists. Taking place at the Tilford-based museum of country life on the weekends of **Saturday and Sunday, December 7- 8, and Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15**, the **Santa Specials** have grown in quality and popularity to the point where advance booking has become essential.

David Sprigg, *British School of Rock* opened its first two schools in September, at *St Peter's Catholic School* in Guildford, and *Tiffin Girls' School* in Kingston. "I was delighted that just six weeks after launch we had waiting lists for drummers and guitarists" says David "and we are expanding in January. There is nothing to beat the buzz of playing in a band each week;

combining that with quality tuition and tiny class numbers means that our students progress quickly - and enjoy every minute of the class". **British School of Rock** welcomes students aged 8 to 18, with separate classes for beginners to advanced. Visit **www.britishschoolofrock.co.uk**
01483 905220
 or text **ROCK to 66777**.

It's a magical world where even a cold winter's day is full of warmth, and where believing matters more than anything. Santa Special tickets, at £11 for children and £7 for adults, are available on **01252 795571** by using a booking form at **www.rural-life.org.uk** or in person at the museum. Visitors are allocated a time slot to reduce the queuing, but once a booking has been made, it cannot be cancelled or changed. A mince pie and a drink are included in the price, and visitors can also enjoy lunches and snacks at the on-site cafe. The museum itself will be closed during these festive weekends. The **Rural Life Centre** is midway between Frensham and Tilford on the Reeds Road, three miles south of Farnham.

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WWT London Wetland Centre

Come and enjoy WWT this winter and take part in Craneberry Fest

Kindly brought to you by Ocean Spray, Craneberry Fest is your chance to discover more about the link between our favourite wetland fruit, the cranberry, and a well-loved wetland bird, the crane. Make cranberry crafts, follow the cranberry trail and taste delicious treats in our restaurant. And on December 7 and 8 visit Santa in his magical grotto, enjoy a husky sleigh ride and hear adventurous tales from our Polar explorer.

How berry exciting!

Find the full list of festive events at **www.wwt.org.uk/london**
 WWT London Wetland Centre, Queen Elizabeth's Walk, Barnes, London, SW13 9WT. t 020 8409 4400 e info.london@wwt.org.uk

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Christmas Gifts

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How to get YouView
A YouView box is available free as part of a broadband subscription from BT or TalkTalk (activation / installation fees may apply). It is also available to buy from all major retailers and many independent electrical stores including John Lewis, Currys, Argos, Amazon, Richer Sounds and Euronics. RRP £249

How to set up YouView
To set up a YouView set-top box you need to connect it to your TV via a HDMI cable or SCART lead, to your TV aerial and to your broadband router via an Ethernet cable. A minimum broadband speed of 3Mb/s and an unlimited data allowance is recommended. When ordering from BT or TalkTalk, broadband speed is checked and the data allowance for on demand programmes is unlimited.

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Out and about

Daily Bateman's Burwash 01435 882302

An Edwardian Christmas enjoy the sights, sounds & scents of a candlelit Edwardian Christmas. Daily Christmas garden trail, Father Christmas has gone missing, follow the trail around the garden looking for the clues & collect a surprise when you have finished the trail & don't miss the elves workshop in the garden.

Daily Alfriston Clergy House Polegate 01323 870001 See Christmas through the ages in the seasonally decorated house.

Every Wed Heaven at Nutfield www.heaven-nutfield.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.

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.

From 30 Nov Spinnaker Tower Portsmouth 02392 857520 Families will be challenged to explore the tower & follow the reindeer trail for a chance to win a prize.

7,8,14,15,21 & 22 Dec Standen East Grinstead 01342 323029

Father Christmas is at his woodland workshop, toast a marshmallow on the fire & enjoy some warming hot chocolate & see what gift he has for you in his sack. Every weekend until 22 Dec Christmas at Standen explore the gardens illuminated with thousands of lights creating a magic wonderland & see the house decorated for the family Christmas 1920's style.

7,15 Dec Sheffield Park Garden Nr Haywards Heath East Sussex 0825 790231 Edible decorations create your own edible gingerbread tree decoration to take home with you, activity for families. 14 Dec-5 Jan Festive trail food themed quiz, stroll around the garden & look out for boards that will provide the answers to questions about festive foods from around the world. 26,31 Dec Guided walk.

8 Dec Birling Gap & Seven Sisters Eastbourne 01323 423197 Christmas craft fair join in the fun with a Santa's grotto, plus face painting, mulled wine & mince pies.

14 Dec Brighton Centre Kings Road Brighton 01273 202881 The War of the Worlds www.thewaroftheworlds.com/tickets

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Christmas Gifts

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great entertainment they want to watch. Activating a card couldn't be easier. Visit www.blinkbox.com/redeem and follow instructions.

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STEVE MCFADDEN NO BOOKING FEES FIRST WEEK ALL TICKETS £17 Peter Pan 6th Dec 2013 - 5th Jan 2014

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Joe's Tea Co.... an independent organic tea company based in London, has just unveiled Joe's collection of Christmas gifts, including the Christmas Chai Rooibos tea, which was hugely successful last Christmas. The tea itself includes chai blended with organic and caffeine free rooibos and other festive flavours which is the perfect stocking filler this Christmas for all the family. All of Joe's Tea blends are available in store and online. www.joesteacompany.com



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Blowing the Whistle on GDC Scam. Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal scam to withhold information from the public about new methods which can avoid almost all extractions and even major jaw surgery. Some Orthodontists mislead patients, saying that extractions can be avoided although the traditional methods they use leave too little room, risking severe damage to the face. It is wise to explore the internet yourself, many sites make great claims and show beautiful faces but very few show good results before and after treatment. Even the media is scared of disclosing this scandal.

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Calendar

Daily South Norwood Recreation Ground Cr Green Road Croydon 020-8760 5707 Fitness Trails for adults & children of all fitness levels to get fit & keep fit. Positioned at each exercise station are signs showing the exercise to be undertaken with the suggested number of repetitions.

Ongoing Lightwater Country Park 01276 479852 Meditation classes, FREE, donations welcome but not expected, Tel:01276 479744. www.meditationuk.co.uk

Ongoing Dupax Hill Outdoor Gym Each item has clear instruction for its use over 123. Recently re-opened **Kidplay Cafe** 282-284 Lower Addiscombe Road Croydon Sotfield & cafe, under 5's.

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. hr, meet 1am FREE & same walk on potentially hillier terrain, 3+ miles ideal for advanced

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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 Mon De Staffords Leisure Centre Caterham 01883 344355 Family Swim.

Every Tues Riddlesdown Circular Walk 020 8726 6000 x64952 Health walk, 2-3 miles, run, H1mad Broad Green Library, Hamsey Green, FREE.

Every Wed Sanderstead Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart rhymetime, babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+yers, Storytime 2 ½ yrs. Forthightly Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children.

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

Every Wed during term time Sydenham Tennis Club Lawrie Park Road Sydenham 020 8778 4217 Tennis drop in sessions for 8-11yrs.

Every Wed & Sat Millennium Arena Battersea Park 020 8871 7542 Drop in tennis sessions, 5.8-9-15yrs.

Every Thurs Caterham Hill Library www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, 10am FREE.

Every Fri Northbury 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. 31 Aug Butterfly Walk, 2 hrs 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 Croydon Sports College Croydon High School 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.

1st Fri of every month Bergandy & Black Café St Martins Walk Dorking Bumps & Babies is for mums with bumps & all parents or carers of non mobile babies, meet others for tea or coffee & get your baby socialising, www.net.org.uk/branches/dorking/events/bumps-and-babies & under 11's Roller Disco sessions, 4.30-5.45pm & Families & under 16's Roller Disco sessions with full skate & safety equipment provided, doors open 6.15pm, Tel: 07970 266790.

Every Fri term time Youth Centre Bromley Parish Church

Every Fri Redhill Library www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, 10am FREE.

Every Fri Warlingham Library www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Storytime, FREE.

Every Fri Bradmore Green Library Old Coulston 020 8726 6000 x40952 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. Every Mon Storytime 2 ½yrs & Chatterbooks reading group for 8-10yrs. Forthightly Rock & Rhyme, FREE.

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

Every Sat sara Norman Park Hayes Lane Bromley Kent 020 8460 5291 Soccer School, 4.6-7.9 & 10+yrs.

Unit 24 Dec Bocketts Farm Leatherhead 01483 445 085 Father Christmas in his magical hay barn workshop, each child will meet Santa & receive a gift, tickets can be purchased before to avoid queuing. There will also be an ale Christmas trees, wreaths, gifts, sledges & lots more. www.bockettsfarm.co.uk

4 Dec Winkwells Arboretum Wednesday Walk seasonal guided walk around the Arboretum, FREE.

14 Dec 5 Jan Winter Wonders Trail discover the spirit of the Season. 26 Dec Boxing Day Walk, 26-30 Dec Wild Learning have fun & explore the woods with a school holiday adventure club, 5-12yrs.

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Christmas Adventure with songs, stories, a meet & greet with Santa plus a FREE gift, 2-8yrs.

6 Dec Ewell Village Yale Ewell with late night shopping plus there will be carols, a tree & all the traditional Christmas trappings.

6 Dec Concert Hall Fairfield 020 8688 9291 Voice in a Million, 9 Dec A Christmas Carol, 20 Dec London Mozart Players, Christmas Concert, audience participation of Christmas classics, concluding with a screening of Raymond Briggs' classic story The Snowman.

6-24 Dec Epsom Playhouse Ashley Avenue 01372 742555 Santa Claus & the Christmas Adventure 2-yrs.

7 Dec Seasonal Sparkle Christmas concert 13 Dec 5 Jan Peter Pan.

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7 Dec Oxted Community Centre 07824 770511 Christmas Gingerbread House workshops.

7 Dec Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church Upper Grosvenor Road Tunbridge Wells 01732 362820 What's that Noise? - a concert for children, an interactive story which will involve all the children in the audience playing percussion instruments, under 2's FREE.

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7 Dec 5 Jan RHS Gardens Wisley 01252 795571 Santa Specials ride on the railway to visit the gnomes workshop, see the animals & watch the model trains.

7.8.14.15.21 Dec 22 Dec Brooklands Museum 01932 857381 Santa on the VC10 for children under 5 entry is FREE plus charge for visiting Santa, pre-booking advised.

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14.15 Dec Hampton Court Palace Hampton Court 0871 230 2200 Florinania at Christmas with lots of activities to include arts & crafts, weaving making, brass bands & carol singing in the courtyards. 17.18.21 Dec Carol Singing.

14 Dec 5 Jan Claremont Landscape Gardens 01372 467806 Christmas Trail for all the family. 14-15 Dec Visit Father Christmas in his thatched cottage & receive an age appropriate gift, 6mths-10yrs.

15 Dec Frimley Lodge Park Sturt Road Frimley Green 07774 754141 Jingle Jig festive fancy dress 5K run to the tune of 1000 jingle bells, after the race all finishers will receive a medal & FREE festive cheer at Pistachios on the park. www.imelejo.co.uk

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10yrs. 18 Jan 9 Mar Butterflies in the Glasshouse, 18.19 Jan children can help create a giant butterfly willow sculpture.

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5 Dec Painshill Park Portsmouth Road, Cobham 01932 868113 Crystal Grotto Festival Walk.

5 Dec St Nicholas School Layton Drive Mersham 01483 44000 Christmas Bazaar with lots of stalls, entertainment, hot food, carol singing, fireworks plus the turning on of the Christmas Tree lights.

5-7 Dec Mill Studio Millbrook 01483 4400 00 The Happy Prince musical show. 15-29 Dec The Night Before Christmas, 3-7yrs. 30 Dec 4 Jan Teddy Time Christmas bring your own teddy, 4-7yrs. 23 Jan A Christmas Carol.

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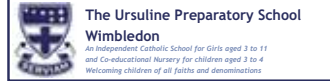
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