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Christmas Gifts Vancliffe Dean

measures approximately 6cm/

2.5" Leather sole Slip on Generous fit European sizing £160.00 GBP

Clutch Bag in Black Large Mock Croc Leather



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

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This boot is their version of the riding boot with three quarter inside zip. This is all about the

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ageing, rosacea and other skin disorders. The products start from £12.99 up to £29.99 and are available online at



December 2013

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! Craneberry 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.

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

WWT Wetland Centre

Kindly brought to you by Ocean Spray,

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

Yau Yau

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

Find the full list of festive events at wwt.org.uk/london

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 Craneberry Fest Make cranberry Christmas decorations (extra charge). follow the craneberry 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

Normal admission prices to WWT Landan 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)

Come and enjoy WWT this winter

and take part in Craneberry Fest

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

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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

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Christmas Wonderland Weekends

The Rural Life Centre's Mums and dads, and grannies Christmas wonderland and grandads will find the place weekends are filling up fast just as enchanting with a ride through the woods on the Old - make sure the children in your life don't miss out Kiln Light Railway, a visit to CHRISTMAS will be all the gnomes' toy workshop and present and correct when the a chance to see a variety of Rural Life Centre unwraps animals at close hand Other attractions will include a its ever-popular and eagerly model railway display, seasonal anticipated Santa Specials. And there, showing the boys music from a pianola and the and girls what a gift of a traditional playground. good time it is will be Father And of course, there's the main attraction of the day; stepping Christmas the man who makes young dreams come true, and inside the grotto to see Father Christmas, to chat with him who has the power to work wonders with wish-lists. and then - the most exciting Taking place at the Tilfordof all - to receive a present. based museum of country life Each child will be welcomed on the weekends of Saturday and name-checked by Mother and Sunday, December 7-8 Christmas If you think Christmas is far and Saturday and Sunday. December 14-15, the Santa too commercialised, get along Specials have grown in quality to the Rural Life Centre this and popularity to the point December and restore your where advance booking has faith in this wonderful time of become essential the year.

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





Christmas Gifts

YouView is a subscription-free television service which seamlessly combines live and catch-up television. The service offers over 70 free to air channels and radio stations via a TV aerial and also connects to any broadband service to bring catch-up and on demand programmes directly to your

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 Furanics 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

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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 Ioe's Tea blends are available in store and online.



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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 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, 11-15vrs, 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 7,8,14,15,21 & 22 Dec Standen East Grinstead 323029 Father Christmas

in his woodland workshop. toast a marshmallow on the fire & enjoy some warming hot chocolate & see what gift he has for you in his sack. Christmas at Standen explore the gardens illuminated with thousands of lights creating a magic wonderland & see the house decorated for a family

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

Christmas 1920's style.

8 Dec Birling Gap & Seven Sisters Eastbourne 01323 423197 Christmas craft fair ioin 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/

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Blowing the Whistle on GDC Scam.

Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal scam to Orthodofinists and the General Dential Council are operating an integra scam to withhold information from the public about new methods which can avoid allmost all extractions and even major jaw surgery. This is being done partly to protect traditional methods and partly to preserve the high incomes of orthodomitist and surgeons. Research suggests that this British development is being ignored in the UK while spreading rapidly abroad. As a result hundred of children and young adults have extractions and jaw surgery, unaware they may be unnecessary

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.

There is another way.

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

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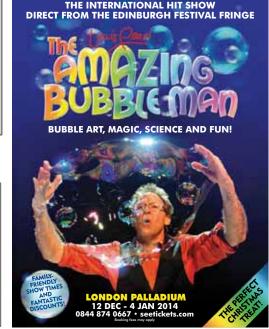
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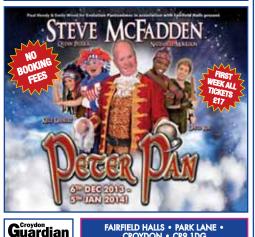
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Ongoing Lightwater Country Park 01276 479582 Meditation classes FREE donations welcome not expected, Tel:01276 479744, www.meditationuk.co.uk

Each item has clear Gvm instruction for its use over 12's.

Recently re-opened Kidplay Cafe 282-284 Lower Addiscombe Road Croydon Softplay & café, under 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

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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 Blenheim Children & Family Centre Bromley 01689 879145 Tues Wed & Fri morn toddlers activities.

Every Mon term time The Assembly Rooms West Wickham Kiddi Cardio toddler fitness 2-5yrs, www.kiddicardio.com

Every Tues Coulsdon Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. Every Thurs Storytime, 2 ½+yrs. Ever Sat Storytime, under 7's, FREE. Every Tues Ashburton Library

for older people for a chat & a cup

of tea. Every Thurs term time only

Every Tues Purley Library 020

for babies & toddlers & Wiggle &

Jiggle, toddlers over 18mths. Every

Storytime 2 1/4+yrs Fye

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Wed Social club

4217 Tennis drop in sessions for Every Wed & Sat Millennium Arena Battersea Park 020 8871 7542 Drop in tennis sessions, 5-8.9-

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2-4.30pm, FREE & Computer

training courses for beginners to

Centre Caterham 01883 344355

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ery 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 Aquacise

sessions.

& 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/branches/dorking/events/ bumps-and-babies. 3rd Mon of month Nappuccino a natter

about nappies as an alternative to disposables very Fri Caterham Valley Library kidstuff Rhymetime, FREE, Ever Storytime, FREE

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Every Fri Selsdon Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle 18mths+. Every Tues Storytime for pre-school children Every Sa Rock & Rhyme for pre-schoolers Tues of the month Arty Crafty, 4 8vrs plus parents & siblings, Every rnoon teenage reading group. Last Thurs of month adulreading group.

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Wandle Park 020 8656 5947 Circular walk through Waddor Ponds & Wandle Park, 2-3 miles, meet outside Lidl, 11am, FREE. Fri Thornton Heath Leisure Centre 89-110 High Street 020 8726 6000 x88965 Aquaciso

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

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Dec Battersea Arts Centre Old Town Hall London SW11 020 7223 2223 The Good Neighbour magical interactive show for families, 6-11yrs, children are encouraged to explore & take part so energetic adventurers don's have to sit still 5 Dec Painshill Park Portsmouth Road, Cobham 01932 868113

Crystal Grotto Festive Walk Dec St Nicholas School Tayntone Drive Merstham 01483 440000 Christmas Bazaar with lots of stalls entertainment hot food carol singing, fireworks plus the uring on of the Christmas Tre

lights. 7 Dec Mill Studio Millbrook 01483 4400 00 The Happy Prince musical show, 15-29 Dec The Nigh Before Christmas 3-7vrs 30 De Jan Teddy Time Christmas bring vour own teddy.4-7vrs. 23 Jan A Christmas Carol.

5-24 Dec Arnhem Gallery Fairfield



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with late night shopping plus there will be carols, a tree & all the traditional Christmas trappings ec Concert Hall Fairfield 020 8688 9291 Voice in a Million 9 Dec A Christmas Carol. 20 De London Mozart Players Christmas Concert, audience participation of Christmas classics, concluding with a screening of Raymond Briggs

classic story The Snowman. 6-24 Dec Ensom Playhouse Ashley Avenue 01372 742555 Santa Clau & the Christmas Adventure 2+yrs c Seasonal Sparkle Christmas concert . 13 Dec-5 Jan Peter Pan. Dec-5 Jan Ashcroft Theatre Fairfield Croydon 020 8688 9291 Peter Pan. 10-Jan Cinderella the play 14-15 Jan Shakespeare 4 Kidz

Macbeth. 7 Dec Gatton Park 01737 649066 www.gattor Santa's Grotto enjoy a golf buggy ride to Santa in his grotto, explore the grounds following a trail of clues & then return to Gattton Hall to make a Christmas decoration 1 Dec Christmas Craft a glue & glitter extravaganza making Christmas decorations, 4-7yrs.

Dec Oxted Community Centre 07824 770151 Christmas Gingerbread House workshops Dec Bagshot High Street 07890 864074 Christmas Village Day, closed to traffic & there will be stalls offering seasonal goods & more fairground rides entertainment Santa's Grotto plus seasonal musithroughout the day, 1-6pm.

Fancourt Hall Cunliffe Road Stoneleigh 020 8397 3123 Christmas Extravaganza, with real Christmas trees on sale, a variety of stalls including homemade card decorations, toys, jewellery & cakes plus well known traders such as Pampered Chef. Phoenix cards & Body shop, 9-3pm.

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7.8.14.15 Dec Polesden Lacev 01372 452048 We Three Kings Christmas Festivities, discove visited Polesden, plus sleigh rides. Father Christmas & more.

Santa Fir Christmas Tree Farm Guildford Road Guildford 01483 271770 Santas Arrival on a horse & carriage & visit Santa in his grotto. 7,8,14-15 Dec Rural Life Centre

Farnham 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 Brooklands Museum 01932 857381 Santa on the VC10 for children under 5 entry is FREE plus charge for visiting Santa, pre-booking advised. 7.8.14.15.21 & 22 Dec Ouebec House Westerham 01732 868381

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8 Dec Virginia Water The Great

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10-14 Dec Rourne Hall Museum Epsom 020 8394 1734 Gift Market with a host of stalls selling silver iewellery. Christmas decorations & wreaths, baby/childrenclothes/bags, iam/ preserves, home made fudge nted candles & much more, 10-5pn, FREE entry. Mention Parents News for FREE entry to the raffle 14 Dec A Victorian Christmas

11,12,14-18 Jan All Saints Church Hall Onslow Gardens Sanderstead 07864 698429 Aladdin traditional nantomime

Dec Christmas Goose Fair Guildford Street Chertsey Selection of British handmade craft & community stalls, childrens rides, entertainers & more, 10-3pm, www.chertsychamber.com

14 Dec Swan Shopping Centre Entrance Christmas is in the Air hear & support local schools, Woodlands School, Trinity Primary, St Peter's Catholic School & Therfield School jazz band, 10-1pm, FREE.

14.15 Dec Hampton Court Palace Hampton Court 0871 230 2200 Florimania at Christmas with lots of activities to include arts & crafts. wreath making, brass bands & carol singing in the courtwards 17 18 21 c Carol Singing.

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Dec Hatchlands Park East Clandon 01483 222482 Visit the animals in the courtyard & meet Father Christmas, 1-3pm. 15 Dec Enjoy Christmas carols & reading in the Music Room with a visit from Father Christmas, 3-4pm.

17 20 Dec St Luke's Church 194 Ramsden Rd Battersea Bach to Baby Christmas family Concert Meet the Trumpets, children FREE

19 Dec Brittania Theatre Dickens World Chatham 01634 890421 Wild West Christmas Party & a special tribute appearance from Dolly Parton

20 Dec Dartford Farmers Market 07775 736116 Selling a variety of local produce including meat. bread, fruit & vegetables & much

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-23 Dec The Medicine Garder Downside Road Cobham 01932 589536 Santa's grotto.

21 Dec-5 Jan RHS Gardens Wisley Wisley 01483 225329 Enchanted Trail festive family adventure through Wisley's enchanted winter time garden as a riot of stories & songs are waiting to be found in the magical landscape, suitable 4-

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

01883 724852 Ali Baba & his Forty Thieves 11 12 14-18 Ian All Saints Church Hall Onslow Gardens Sanderstead

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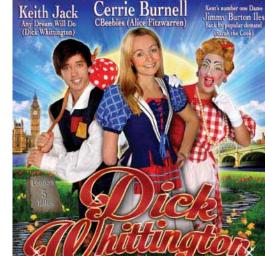
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Daily The Oueen's Galler Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7301 Activity bags for families Using the bags find out which animals the adventurers shared the Antartic with and what to protec themselves from the cold

Ongoing Royal Air Force Museum Grahame Park Way Hendon 020 8205 2266 Airfix exhibition with some of Airfix's most popular models from the 50,60s & 70's Royal Mews Ongoing Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7302 Family groups may explore a range of self directed activities

from the art trolley, 5-11vrs. Ongoing Royal Academy of Arts 020 7300 8000 www.royalacademy org.uk New policy all children under 12vrs of age will have FREE

entry to all exhibitions. Ongoing National Maritim Museum Greenwich 020 8312 6565 Nelson, Navy, Nation a new

nermanent gallery Ongoing Churchill War Rooms Clive Steps King Charles Street 020 7930 6961 Undercover, Life in Churchill's Bunker.

Throughout Dec Wortfield Shonning Centre 020 7580 0707 his Elves in their grotte the whole family can enjoy the all digital, 5D personalised Christmas animated story that tells the tale of Elbow the Elf & how he save Christmas with the help of all the children in the grotto. Each child's name & nicture will feature in Pixar quality film as the 5D experience bursts into life with the added dimensions of wind, lights & magical elf dust. 35p to the charity Save The Children.

Every Sun Hildreth Street Market Balham SW12 Street Market with fresh food traders sourced from all over London.

Every Mon & Thurs Holy Trinit Church Brook Green 07710 023743 Singing & Songwriting sessions for 6-11 & 11-14vrs Every 2nd Sat of month National

Geographic Store 83-97 Regent treet 020 7025 6960 Animal Man Nick Spellman for all ages. Every Sat Venn Street Market

Clapham Common 020 7622 8259 Offering fine foods & fresh produce plus a variety of handmade crafts will be available throughout Dec with gifts & cards for all the family as well as Christmas trees & floral decorations Christmas trees FREE, Until 19 Feb Afro Supa Church Lauriston Road Hackney

Every weekend Tate Modern Bankside 020 7887 8008 Open Studio play & create with ideas & materials from artworks in the collection displays for all ages Daily Family resources with paper based activities for families all ages, FREE. Daily Children's Multimedia Guide keeps children entertained & animates art works through music, video clips &entertaining games, 5+vrs, Daily Under 5's Zone a new play space for families FREE Ev Start Sessions with games, map making & clue matching, 5+vrs

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weekend market has 50 stalls antiques with a few contemporary craft stalls, FREE entry, www. clocktowermarket.co.uk very weekend Tate Britain

Millbank London 020 7887 8888 Liminal invites visitors ages, FREE. Every weekend children to imagine & create stalls selling a variety of goods. collages & lots more FREE Every nd Children's Multimedia Guide fun & interactive a sensory Christmas at Kensington Palace. experience for all the family Resources provides questions &

activities which encourage children Until 12 Jan Phoenix Theatre FREE, Daily Family Trails, under 5's FREE Every weekend Peter Harrison Planetarium 020 8858 4422

We Are Aliens planetarium show 5+yrs, Sky Tonight Live, 5+yrs, Meet the Neighbours, 5+vrs, Sola System, Galaxy, Universe, 5+yrs, Space Safari with live music & rhyme, under 7's. y weekend & school hole

London Transport Museum Covent Garden 020 7379 6344 The Family Station choose some FREE activities to do as you explore the museum, families all ages, Ongoing Family Station All Year Round activities for families 3-12vrs

Jewish Festival o Hanukkah The Festival of Lights Celebrated each year by the lighting of a giant menorah in Trafalga Square & an additional light is li

Park 020 7722 3333 Fun activities throughout the day in Animal Adventure the new children's zoo under 11's. Until 24 Dec Children can meet Santa plus festive activities 1532 Erth's Dinosaur Zoo brings to include gingerbread decorating. the majestic pre-historic creatures meet the Zoo's reindeers daily keeper talk & find out why Santa's them before, up close & personal. reindeer must all be girls, lend a Until 15 Feb National Portrait hand at the daily Keeper's Little Gallery St Martin's Place 020 Helpers sessions where children 7312 2463 Storytelling for families can prepare treats & presents for a take part in an art activity 3+vrs the Zoo's animal plus storytelling FREE Until 28 with Mother Christmas, under drawing workshop, FREE, 10's. Daily Rainforest Life Exhibit, experience the sights sounds, Rink 0870 4000 601 Ice skating smells of the rainforest & come under the soaring buildings of face to face with amazing rainforest Canada Square. species including monkeys sloth, armadillo, tamandua plus there's Exchange Square 020 7505 4068 special Night Life area, where

vou'll discover bats, rats & other 2-7.9-15.17-23.27-30 Dec Theatre creatures that dwell in the dark. Until 22 Dec Museum of 020 8292 9222 The Night Before Childhood Bethnal Green 020 Christmas family show 5+yrs. 8983 5200 Sensory storytelling inspired by well loved animal tales, under 5's, FREE. Until 22 Dec Art festive fun, up to 7yrs, babies under Smarts, workshop with paper based 6months, FREE. arts & crafts, all ages & abilities,

Until 5 Jan Leicester Square Theatre 08448 733433 Stick Man. Live on Stage action packed show full of puppetry, songs, live music & funky moves, families 3+vrs. Jan Artsdepot 5 Nether Street 020 8369 5454 The Tiger 4-12 Jan Excel Exhibition Centre Who Came To Tea family show.

Hero exhibition, FREE.

Until 5 Jan Hackney Empire Theatre 117 Wilton Street 020 8985 2424 Puss in Boots. Until 5 Jan London Eve 0870 5000600 Eyeskate open air skating Dec-5 Jan Peter Pan Goes Wrong for all levels

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5 Dec All Hallows by the Tower Byward Street 020 7481 2928 Christmas Carol Service in aid of the Sick Children's Trust & will include a host of celebrity

Dec Trafalgar Square Annual tree lighting ceremony. Carol singing around the world

groups singing to raise money for

Dec British Museum Great

Russell Street 020 7323 8000

Camden Youth Concert Band.

FREE. 8 Dec Greeks Alive

animation workshop, over 7's. Unti

14 Dec Passport to the Afterlife

workshop follow a trail around the

Egyptian galleries solving clues

about the ancient Egyptian Book of

the Dead, 7+yrs, FREE. Until 18

themed activities inspired by the

exhibition followed by an overnight

stay, 8-15yrs. Until 21 Dec Olympic

Champions workshop become an

ancient Greek Olympian using a

green screen & then use comic book

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Dec Victoria & Albert Museum

Cromwell Road 020 7942 2000

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children can use the devices safely.

including information on parental

locks & how creativity can be

stimulated 11-12 Dec The Art

of Arabic Calligraphy workshop.

Station: Christmas & New Year,

children can take materials from the

imagination station to design their

on display around the museum,

3+vrs. FREE, drop in, 28 Dec

New Year treasure hunt around the

museum to discover the story of

own treasure, inspired by objects

m Digital Kids, Christmas &

8 Dec-5 Jan The Imagination

Workshop over 7's.

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a family show with live orchestra

01479 861 272 London Santa Rur 6K festive charity run to raise funds for Disability Snowsport UK, open to all ages but under 8's should run with an adult.

7 Dec St Barnabas Hall Dulwich Village Craft & Design Fair 10-5.30pm.

7 Dec Southwark Cathedral 020 7367 6724. Christmas Market, FREE entry

Hill 0844 482 7799 The Spanish Oneen listen as she talks about he native homeland & her life in her new cold English Court, Daily Fit for a King exhibition learn about the personalities power & physica size of England's kings, from the Tudors & the notorious Henry VIII to today's royal family. 27-31 Dec Norman Christmas with music stories & songs.

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Dec Barbican Theatre 0845 120 7550 Choir of King's College Cambridge, A Ceremony of Carols. 21 Dec The Gruffalo. 22-Dec Gromit's Musical Marvels & animation 22-23 Dec Make your very own Christmas Gromit workshop, 21 Jan-2 Feb London International Mime Festival

7 Dec Great Christmas Pudding Race Covent Garden 0870 780 5001 Entertainment starts at 11.15 & the first race will take place at 12.10. Teams of six friends or colleagues take on the challenge each year all in aid of Cancer Research, www.xmaspuddingrace.

org.uk
7 Dec Battersea Park Santa Run

ec Southwark Cathedral 020

7-8 Dec Tower of London Tower

7-8 Dec National Army Museum 020 7730 0717 www.national army-museum.ac.uk Christma is Cancelled festive family event a twist on Christmas Past. with games, carol singing as celebrants work to keep Christmas festive against the New Model Army who is determined to stop it. FREE Every Sat afternoon A Soldier's Life workshop learn about the life of a soldier, FREE. Daily Victorian Soldier Action Zone with quizzes games & hands on activities to help our learn about life as a Victoria soldier, FREE, Daily The World's Army, Empire, Commonwealt & Dominion Soldiers 1914-45 Action Zone family interactive zone FREE Daily Kids Zone nteractive learning & play space for under 10's a soft play area for babies plus arts & crafts, dressing-

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toys & lots more.

8699 1872 Horniman Christmas Fair festive event for all the family with festive including mulled win & a visit to Santa's Grotto, FREE entry. Every Tues until 17 Dec & every Fri until 13 Dec Busy Bees. sessions with stories, songs & simple arts & crafts, families, under 5's FREE Every Sat until 1s Dec Hands on Family workshops. families, 3+yrs, FREE. Ever until 14 Dec Art Makers have fun with different art techniques to create something fabulous to take home, families 3+yrs. Ever Discovery for All. 3+vrs. FREE of Stories storytelling sessions. families, 3+yrs, FREE. Every Sa until 21 Dec Horniman Farmers Market, FREE entry. Until 1 Mar'14 The Art of Harmony exhibition showcases Western classical musical instruments on loan from the V & A.

7.14.21 Dec Covent Garden Live Reindeer petting providing the chance to hand feed Santa's helpers, 12-4pm. Dec-5 Ian Stratford Circus

Theatre Square, Stratford 0844 357 2625 Mr & Mrs Moon interactive show for 2-5yrs. 1 Dec-5 Jan We're Going on a Bea Hunt suitable for anyone who would benefit from a more relaxed atmosphere, audience members will be FREE to make noise & come & go if they need to

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10 Dec Old Spitalfields Market Brushfield Street 0787 254 8450 5K Santa Dash starting off from Old Spitalfields Market around the 5K circular route then back to the finishing line for a celebratory Christmas drink & nibbles.

10-29 Dec The Albany Douglas Way Deptford 020 8692 4446 One Snowy Night, full of songs to sing along to furry friends to meet & blankets to be tucked up in

10 Dec-11 Jan Bloomsbury Theatre Gordon Street 020 7388 8822. Snow Play for families 5,22 Dec Comedy Club 4 Kids presents The Santa Claus Science experiment. Father Christma has stopped believing in himself can his elves, some scientists & comedians change his mind?

1 Dec-1 Feb Duchess Theatre Catherine Street 0844 4124659 The Wind of the Willows with dance, song, music & puppetry tickets www.roh.org.uk, Tel: 020 7304 4000

12 Dec Christmas Lights - Oxford Street Switch on of lights, 6pm 13-16 Dec Alexandra Palace & Park 020 8365 2121 The Little Mermaid on Ice. 12 Dec-4 Jan London Palladium

020 7494 5020 The Amazing Bubbleman bubble art, magic, science & fun. 13 Dec O2 Arena London 0844

856 0202 The War of the Worlds www.thewaroftheworlds.com tickets.

4 Dec Benjamin Franklin Hous 36 Craven Street 020 7839 2008 Children's Christmas Party with crafts & treats deck the halls with a Christmas wreath to make & take home 5-11vrs

4 Dec The Foundling Museum 40 Brunswick Source 020 7841 3600 Christmas Crackers family workshor

14 Dec Cadogan Hall 5 Sloane Terrace 020 7621 2800 Crash Bang Wallop, Christmas Special with music by Tchnikovsky Vivaldi among others plus a visit from Father Christmas. There will be plenty of opportunities to try an instrument & met the musicians in the fover before the show as well as festive arts & crafts, 3-6vrs 16.17.19.20 Dec & 6 Jan Song

Academy Fulham & Hammersmit 07710 023743 Christmas Workshop

The public is invited to join in the fun & sing along with famous faces from top West End shows at this unique event organised by the Society of London Theatre, which will take place outside the Leicester Square TKTS booth in the heart of London's Theatreland, 4-5pm FREE Seasonal refreshments will also be on offer.

20 Dec All Saints Church West Dulwich Bach to Baby, Christmas family Concert Meet the Trumpets entrance FREE for children, www. hachtohaby.com. 20-23,27-31 Dec Imperial War

Museum 020 7416 5439 A Wartime Christmas exhibition find out what London was like for children during the 2nd World War in this fun & instructive craft activity, families all ages, FREE. Until 14 Ian Horrible Histories Spies family exhibition. Families will be able to make their way throughout the exhibition encountering themes such as Ruthless Resistance Cracking Codes Great Gadgets & will discover techniques used by the most cunning spies including how to make invisible ink, crack codes & use fake feet.

20 Dec-6 Jan The View from the Shard 0844 499 7111 'Kids on FREE 'offer enable 2 children, 4-15vrs per paying adult to enter FREE of charge. As you travel through the attraction the story of London is brought to life through evocative multimedia displays & state of the art technology, www. theview from the shard com

Dec London Coliseum St Martin's Lane 0871 9110200 Nutcracker performed by English National Ballet

2-4 Jan Wembley Arena 0844 581 1400 Peter Pan mix of theatre illusion, circus. Block buster movie rock spectacular rolled into one with 50 dancers, stuntmen, acrobats, magicians plus Staces Solomon starring as Tinkerbell,

www.perterpan.is/en 18-19 Jan HMS Belfast Tooley Street 020 7940 6320 020 7403 0719(f) History in Your Hands discover hidden stories & explore the fascinating lives of the men

who lived & worked on board 9.16.30 Jan Natural History Museum Cromwell Road 020 7942 5000 Specimen Preparation Area in action, FREE. 10 Jan Dino Snores 7-11vrs 15 Dec Hands-on Nature Ocean Life handle real specimens make your own 3D starfish & take part in rock star challenges, drop in family activity for all age FREE. 15 Dec Hands-on Nature,

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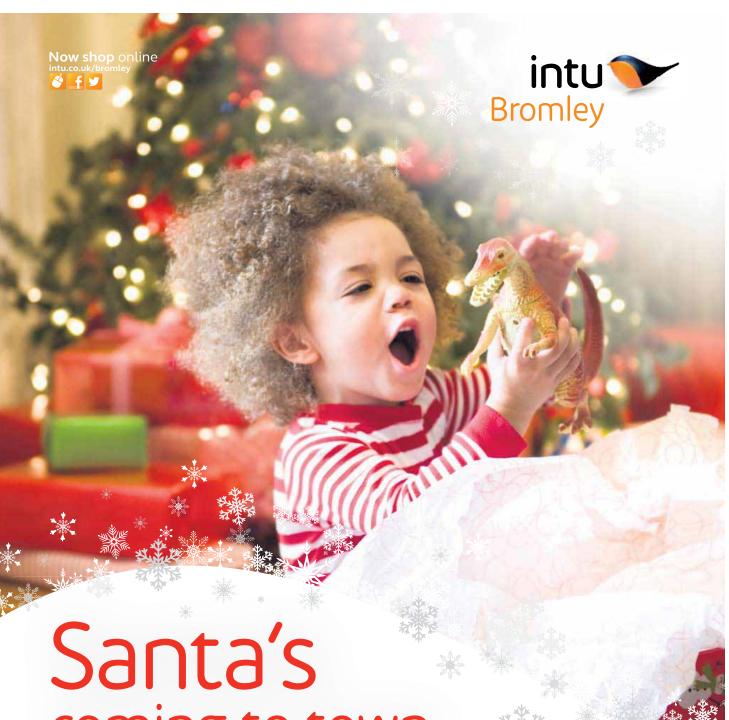


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