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Located in Battersea Park in the heart of London, right next to the River Thames, the zoo offers a perfect blend of animal adventures and playground fun.

At certain times of the year, children can help the keepers

feed the farm animals in the Barley Mow Farm, including pigs, donkeys, chickens and rabbits. Miniature Shetland pony Bianca is always a big hit with children while Kune Kune nigs Pipole and Wipole just love to get attention.



amazing range of animals, emu, chipmunks, bearded dragons, lizards, capuchin monkeys, lemur tamarins ferrets. narrots snakes mice coati and ring tailed lemur

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They can meet resident wallabies Skye, Boomer and on the meerkats in the secret There are special activity

days for children throughout the year, such as Hedgehog Adventures, BIAZA Big Bug Ronanza Week Rentile Days Meerkat Days, Monkey Days and Halloween Fun Days.

The fun-packed adventure playground, with its tractors, diggers water play sand nit rides and life-sized fire engine Birthday parties and school groups are welcome and animal adoptions

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Blowing the Whistle on

Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal seam to Orthodoritists from the General Dential Council are operating an integral scalm 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 orthodomists 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 unnecessar

GDC Scam.

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.

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If you are looking for ways to keep the children entertained while school is out for the holidays, look no further! The Sports Village, located in Rose Hill Park, is a reputable and established sports facility with more than 20 years' experience coaching children and running holiday programmes. Our coaches and camp leaders are fully-qualified, CRB-checked and completely professional.

Our next Camps will run during Easter Holiday (April 7th - 18th) and Summer Holiday (July 21st - Aug 29th) St He

We are running Teddy Tennis sessions for three and four year olds, as well as half- and full-day camps for children aged five and over. These camps include tennis and multi-sports, such as hockey, basketball, netball, football, dance, cricket and more! Our fantastic indoor facilities allow camps to run regardless of the weather

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For more information and an application form, please contact The Sports Village,



020 8641 6611 E-mail: info@thesportsvillage.org.uk THE SPORTS VILLAGE, Rose Hill Park, Rose Hill, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3HH

www.thesportsvillage.org.uk

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The Sutton Life Centre...

...is a unique, state of the art educational and community facility in South London promoting good citizenship, personal safety and the shaped icy treats. environment. The centre houses a modern public library a 10 metre outdoor climbing wall with bookings available for individuals or groups, and a number of hireable spaces including a cutting-edge media lab equipped with 12 Apple Macs: an outdoor sports pitch to hire; and a selection of "Our penguins are very rooms and events spaces which playful, and love treats like this can be hired out for meetings and birthday parties.

www.suttonlifecentre.org slc@sutton.gov.uk

Visit website



Sea Life

The ever popular colony of Gentoo Penguins are leading the Easter celebrations this year at the SEA LIFE Londor Aguarium, where twice daily they will be receiving a colourful selection of egg-Guests who visit the penguins specially created Antarctic themed home at feeding time will see the dedicated team of aquarists place the brightly coloured 'eggs' in the enclosure, each one stuffed full of the penguins' favourite food of sprats and herring.

that they can chase and peck at," commented Lucy Buckley, Senior Displays Supervisor at the aquarium. "For guests it's really fun to watch and it's excellent enrichment for the penguins, so a happy situation for everyone!" There are three floors of other animals to explore including magnificent sharks, piranha. rare giant Green Sea turtles, tropical fish, rays, crabs and jellyfish, plus VIP experiences like the up close and personal Turtle Feeding and Snorkelling

Mon 14th - 21st April feeding times, check website: www.visitsealife.com/london plan-your-visit/feeding-times.

with Sharks

Following a critically acclaimed tour in 2013 Rubbish is presented at Southbank Centre this Easter (11 - 23 April). Rubbish is an original blend of puppetry and comedy produced by Theatre-Rites, one of the UK's most celebrated children's theatre companies. This imaginative family show encourages both children and accompanying adults to reflect on the importance of recycling and to engage with the magical potential of discarded materials.

Four inquisitive excavators, fullyequipped with protective gear, rummage and scavenge through bins brimming with unloved rubbish. Out of each bag an animated figure will be wondrously created. These lively characters are entirely assembled from discarded objects showing audiences the skills and processes used by puppeteers to marvelously give life to inanimate materials

The performance imagines a world where at the touch of a puppeteer's hand, the contents of a bin bag can come alive

Out & About

SOUTHBANK CENTRE ANNOUNCES SMASH-HIT FAMILY SHOW RUBBISH

before your eyes. A duckling formed from old tea utensils that have lost their shine, a bin-bag boy, and a crotchety shoemaker crafted from old leather and the tools of his long lost trade; all valuable scraps from Rubbish's magical junkyard are re-invented and re-born onstage. Inspired by a culture which encourages us to constantly upgrade, update and disregard. Rubbish will show waste materials in a new light to children and adults alike,

celebrating all those unloved objects left behind. Fri 11 - Monday 21 April 14, 12pm & 3pm daily (no performance on 13 April) Purcell Room at Southbank Centre Tickets £12 adults £6 children For ages 5 + Ticket office:

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mother. Try the Discovery Trolley to find out how these cute characters develop from eggs. In the Easter art sessions vou can also create vour own duckling-themed craft. Make a duckling puzzle or try your hand at egg painting.

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Nick Holt 07812 632238 or nickandsarahholt@hotmail.com. See our website at www.typingscool.co.uk for more information

Join the team for pond dipping to find the fascinating creatures that live in the water here. Spring is a wonderful time to visit WWT London Wetland Centre as new life is bursting out all around and plants and flowers are coming into bloom. Follow the Spring Trail to discover for yourself the babies, bugs and buds that are springing to life; there's a prize for everyone who completes it. The Easter activities take place from Saturday 5 April - Monday 21 April. After one of the mildest and

wettest winters on record, days are getting longer, buds are bursting into bloom and new life is stirring. Watch baby ducklings, cygnets and goslings take their first steps, see frogs

emerge from hibernation. see the sky light up with birds migrating back to their summer breeding grounds. There's no better way to soak up the sights and sounds of new life than at London Wetland Centre, with close-up wildlife experiences, walks and talks. Just being close to water and seeing the wildlife that clusters around it is an unforgettable experience.

WWT London Wetland Centre is a 105 acre wetland visitor centre in Barnes. southwest London, an At The Rare Breeds they are 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

wonders of wetland wildlife

and a great way to have a taste

www.wwt.org.uk/london

020 8409 4400.

of the wild without having to

get your feet muddy (unless

you want to!)

getting very excited about the arrival of the first lambs, which are due from the middle of March. By the time the school holiday's start they will have plenty of babies for you all to voles, bats and amphibians see and more lambs due to be Facilities include six wildlife born throughout April and the hides. Water's Edge Café. Easter break....you may even Observatory, a gift shop and be lucky enough to see a lamb free car park. The Centre also being born! has adventure play areas for children. Wetland Centres are Saturday 5th April marks the easy, safe places to enjoy the

start of the infamous pig racing season....new seasons racers are a cross between Tamworth and Gloucester Old Spot. chosen especially for their sneed and agility they hone. Don't miss this, it's great fun and you could even be picked to run with the pigs!! On Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th their very own Easter Bunny will be there to help the kids with the chocolate hunt all around the farm

.what a great adventure

And over the Easter weekend the Easter Bunny returns to help the kids with the choccy hunt, we also the fantastic Easter Show Bella's Most Magical Adventure...the kids will be enthralled as Bella goes on an exciting inter-active adventure...who knows what will happen.....you just have to be here!

All this and the usual fun of

Easter Holidays and Lambing

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the farm, including Meet the Animals (and maybe feeding lambs) and Creepy Crawlies, Falconry displays, trailer rides and exciting outdoor and indoor play areas. (Some activities are subject to weather conditions). Plus the beautiful woodland walks, possibly through the bluebells up to the Secret Lakewhy not take a picnic or you can eat yummy food at very reasonable prices in The Granary restaurant

> www.rarebreeds.org.uk 01233 861493



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Out & About

Two Great Shows Coming up at Fairfield Halls for all the Family!

Alice in Wonderland Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 April: Mon 7pm, Tues & Weds 2pm & 5pm Alice shares her magical adventures with you in this very special Faster treat starring legendary magician Paul Daniels as the King of Hearts Debbie McGee as the White Rabbit and ventriloquist

Steve Hewlett, from Britain Got Talent, as Tweedle Dum & Tweedle Dee With a fabulous live band, hilarious comedy, mind blowing magic, spectacular sets and costumes and a West End calibre cast, Alice in Wonder-land is packed with fun! Mon: Adults £15 Seniors £10. Children £9. Tue

Aliens Love

Underpants

& Wed: Adults £18, Seniors £12. Children £10. Aliens Love Undernam Thursday 1 & Friday 2 May: Thur 1.30pm & 4.30pm, Fri 10.30am & 4.30nm. Brought to you all the way from outer space this zany and hilarious tale, based on the best-selling children's book by

Claire Freedman & Ben Cort is wonderfully brought to life on stage for the very first time. This fantastically fresh and funny production has stunning effects, original music and lots of aliens of course! £12.50, Family ticket £46, Groups of 10± £10 each plus buy 10 tickets and receive the 11th free Tickets are available from the Fairfield Halls Box Office 020 8688 9291 www fairfield co.uk A booking fee of

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Daily Tides Leisure Centre Deal health visitor plus a toy library will

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New Tonbridge Swimming Pool Lower Castle Field 01732 367449 Kickstart a brand new all inclusive membership with unlimited access which offers a wide range of activities for under 10's. Every Tue & Thurs term time only parent & child fun swim. Ongoing Run off your Feet

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more.

very Mon St Matthew's Church Hall Rochester 01634 843666 www.heritageopendays.org.uk Baby Sensory classes for babies up to 16mths, activities to include bells, balls, bubbles, light shows & more, Tel: 07813 632552.

very Mon Walderslade Hook Meadow Library Chatham 01634 861531 Baby bounce & rhyme time, 18mths & under, FREE, Every Wed Storytime fun sessions for preschool children that include stories & rhymes

Every Mon Gillingham Library 01634 337340 Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children with stories & rhymes, FREE. Every Fri Baby bounce & rhyme time, FREE

Every Mon & Fri Rochester Library Eastgate 01634 337411

Baby bounce & rhyme time with finger & nursery rhymes, 18mths & under FREE, Every Sat Por in and Play sessions for parents & children 10 30-11am FREE 46 Fr of month Advice & support – Health & lifestyle advice, drop-in, no need to book.

Every Tues Queens Road Baptist Church Victoria Gardens 01843 602792 Raindrops, parent & toddler group, termtime. Every Thurs 1st Parenting meet with other 1st time parents. Every Fri during term time Friday Club.

Grosvenor Park Every Tues 07990 973313 Buggy Workout, exercise for mother & baby power walking around the park utilising the benches & steps available 10.30-11.30am.

Every Tues Chatham Library Gun Wharf Dock Road 01634 337799 Storytime for pre-schoolers, FREE. shake & boogie fun packed activity session. Every Tues Hoo Library Rochester

01634 250640 Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children with stories & rhymes, FREE. Every Tues Rainham Library Rainham 01634 337799 Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children that include stories & rhymes. Every

Thurs Baby bounce & rhyme time

18mths or under, FREE **Every Tues Fairview Community** Primary School 01634 376270 Parents & toddlers club term time only 10-11.30am, Every Thurs Baby bounce & rhyme time, parents & carers can enjoy knee bouncing finger rhymes & nursery rhymes 18mths & under term time only 01634 337340.

Every Tues Walderslade Village

Toddler shake & boogie activity session that offers rhymes, songs movement for pre-schoolers. Musical instruments, scarves & parachutes are often included. Even Storytime fun sessions for preschool children that include stories & rhymes. ry Tues Hundred of Hoo

Swimming Pool Rochester 01634 401989 Beaver Swimming Club. Every Tues Southborough Lbrary 01892 529808 Storytime, 2.15 2.45pm, FREE.

Every Tues Hempstead Library 01634 361544 Baby bounce & rhyme time for parents & carers 18mths & under Every Fr Storytime fun interactive sessions for pre-schoolers, FREE. 1st & 3st of month Medway Health Walks chance to improve fitness levels, all

Every Wed Dunorlan Park 07990

973313 Buggy Workout, exercise for mother & baby, power walking around the park utilising the benches & steps available, 10.30-11.30am. Every Wed St Saviours Centre Canterbury Road Folkestone 01303 244610 Fabulous Fare Market with locally sourced fresh fruit & veg, meat, fish & dairy, preserves & jams & lots more. Also on offer recipe tasting, take away meals, tapas & ready salads, natural home & body products, book/magazine exchange

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Midweed & weekends Kinosmead Leisure Centre Canterbury 01227 769818 Funtime sessions available

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School & Community Library Rochester 01634 338728 Teatime Storytime after school storytime for

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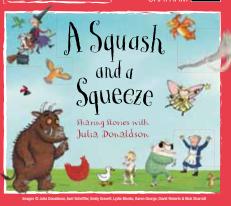
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30 Mar Hon Farm Paddock Wood 01622 872068 Special Mosther's Day Lunch event in Shires Inn limited places (located in the Family Park) 5-21 Apr Faster Fun with a host of new features in an all new indoor soft play area, new animal farm & bird of prev Zone, & for Easter holidays there will b Easter stalls, children's rides, Easter egg hunts indoor entertainment sho 4D cinema, bouncy castles & much

more. 30 Mar Sissinghurst Castle Garden Cranbrook 01580 710700 Mothers Day lunches available plus enjoy a walk around the garden. 12 3 Apr Book Fair with old & new books available in a wide range of subjects. 5-21 Apr follow Alice through the looking glass & into wonderland & join in the giant fun & games with giant chess to play, 18-21 Apr Alice inspired Easter egg trail to win a Cadbury Egghead, find the white rabbit, 25 Apr Head Gardener Walk. 27 Apr Bluebell &

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Apr The High Rocks High Rocks Lane Tunbridge Wells The Sound of Musicals a singalong party of a

Apr Beaney Art Museum & Library Canterbury 01227 378100 Create a museum in a matchbox using collage materials, FREE, drop in activity. 18 Apr Jumping Beaneys Faster Foo Hunt

Country Park Gravesend 01474 823800 Open Day with chance

writing, poetry, music & mini dramas, drop-in sessions. 5-21 Apr Knole Park House & Gardens Sevenoaks 01732

462100 Faster animals house trail activities. 5-6 Apr Archaeology Exhibition, meet the archaeologists FREE kids activities, 5-21 ster Holiday Activity Trail, follow the clues, answer the questions & complete the trail to receive a prize. Trail sheets from the visitor centre. 20 Apr Faster Bunny Hunt Apr Scotney Castle

Lamberhurst 01892 893819. Compass challenge, can you & your family find your way with a map & compass? 18-21 Apr Easter egg trails see if you can find the hidden egg baskets in the garden.

Apr Wildwood Trust Herne Bay 01227 712111 Grubby Gang children will have the chance to explore the woodlands learn new skills, develop their creativity & discover nature activities to include minibeast hunts, den making, woodland games, bug hotels, conker games & competitions, mud faces, mud pies, bird boxes & feeders &

much more, 7-11yrs. 5-20 Apr Hall Place Beyley 01322 621238 Easter Garden Trail a fun trail that leads you through the gardens with a small prize at the end. 7-11 Apr Holiday Activity Angelica Sprocket's Pockets find out what she keeps in them, includes a fun story & craft activity, adults

5-21 Apr Museum of Kent Life Sandling 01622 763936 Spring into Easter meet the haby lambs & wiener piglets, plus the young calves & Easter chicks have a go at bottle feeding the new born lambs, hop on a tractor for a ride around the grounds, paint a pot in the art studio & have a cuddle with other furry

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not in the art studio & have a cuddle with other fury farmyard friends 5-21 Apr Canterbury Roman Museum Butchery Lane 01227

785575 Roman creativity days work with practicing artists & educators with mosaic & iewellery making. fresco painting, pottery, creative

look around & on top of Knole's renowned collectionof paintings silver, furniture & textiles for cute Easter animals trail papers are FREE, 3-6yrs. 7,14 Apr Family Monday with outdoor crafts & nature walks, FREE. 10,12,13,17,19,20 guided spring walks through the deer park, FREE, 19 Apr Easter trail in the courtyards & park with a chocolate prize for everyone who finds the clue

5-21 Apr Johtham Mote Sevenoaks **PARENTS NEWS** On-line

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01732 810378 Easter holiday activities including trail, games & crafts for families plus on 19 Apr a fun Easter trail around the garden & win a Cadbury chocolate Egghead. Apr Ramsgate Blitz Walks www.summerof40.webeden.co.uk A guided walk around the heaviest bombed seaside town in the UK, relive the dark days of WW2 & hear stories of ordinary people on the front line.

pr East Kent Railway Tenterder 01304 832042 Travel for a Pound & have a great day out. 20-21 Apr Easter family fun

Capstone Farm Country Park Gillingham 01634 338191 Elm Court Farmers with more than 40 stalls. ,10,13 Apr Spotlites Kings

Theatre Chatham 01634 829468 Oz & the Space Pirates interactive theatre for 5-12vrs 15 17 19 Ap The Wizard of Oz 8-9 Apr Dover Museum Market

Square 01304 201066 Easter Themed Hats-Family Day make an Easter Bunny Hat or an Animal Mask & try Easter colouring & quiz sheets, FREE. 11 Apr. Whitstable Museum &

Art Gallery 01227 276998 Egg decorating workshop for children, FREE need to book.

12 Apr Seabrook Church Scabrook Hythe 07745105166 Spring Craft Fair with crafts made by locally talented craftsmen & women.

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Apr Goodnestone Park from the Easter Bunny. Gardens Wingham Nr Canterbury 19 Apr Alexander Centre Preston 01795 227071 St Faversham 3 Apr St Mary's Hall Whitstable Faversham Hat Festival with hat 01227 772605 Ovster & Pearl themed stalls & activities include a vintage Fair with a mixture of vintage children's area. clothing & accessories kitchenalia

puzzle & be rewarded with an Egg

19 Apr Faversham Town Centre 01795 417426 Best of Faversham Market

Westerham 01732 868381 Easter Egg Trail around the garden to earn your Easter Egg. Every Sun Mrs Mrs Wolfe's 18th century recines including potato pudding & lemon drops. Every Wed Guided tours

20 Apr Brockhill Country Park 08458 247600 Easter Sunday Activity Trail follow the clues. answer the questions & complete the trail to receive a prize 27 Open Day with self guided trail, children's crafts, stream dipping, explore the forest school area & lot more, FREE activities.

20 Apr Dover Transport Museum 01304 201711 Easter Egg Hunt for families, 26-27 Apr 1940s Wartime Weekend event music & dancing. 20 Apr Belmont House Throwley. Faversham 01795 890202 Easte Bunny hunt an afternoon of games

18-21 Apr Emmetts Garden Idle Hill Sevenoaks 01732 868381 20 Apr Aylesford Priory Aylesford 07876 685853 Farmers Market Easter egg trail for children. 23,30 9 30-1 30nm

20-21 Apr Mount Ephraim Herne Hill 01227 754796 Easter Egg Trail find hand made wooden eggs hidden throughout the gardens & get some tasty chocolate treats 20-21 Apr Dover Castle & The

Secret Wartime Tunnels 01304 211067 St George's Day Festival enjoy medieval crafts & cooker see the skill-at-arms horse show & watch the battle between St George & the dragon, plus puppet shows and lots more for all the family. 21 Apr St Peters Church

Dornam Avenue Aylesham www. avsleshamcarnival.co.uk Easter Egg 25 Apr Folkestone ArtMart

01303 247458 A specialist event held in the precinct between W.H. Smith & Debenhams with a wide range of art, craft & artisan foods. 25-26 Apr The Marlowe Theatre Canterbury 01227 862254 Science Museum Live presents The Energy Show, 7+vrs.

27 Apr Trosley Country Park Meopham 01322 865995 Open Day to include a mystery trail, café special offers, join the education rangers to take part in campfire cooking or join one of the bushcraft events, FREE activities.

7 Apr Less Cliff Hall The Less Folkestone 01303 244706 La Boheme

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the park beds are full of new life and it seems the animals have quickly followed suit Two healthy cygnets born to the resident Black Swan couple Tilly and The Hun, as well as new piglets on the farm, baby guinea pigs and rabbits, lambs and kids due any day and a flurry of nesting activity in the Humboldt penguin colony. The happy Humboldts have been spied gathering up nesting material and pairing up in their arks so it won't be long before the penguin team will have lots to report on our Penguin Antics web and Facebook

In the run up to Easter everything hots up at the park. More warm days bring new faces to visit and the animals become more active, pairing up or showing off new young. The Easter holidays are fast approaching and Mother's Day is also on the horizon so keep an eye on the Birdworld website and 'like' the Facebook page as they offer a voucher entitling all Mums to free entry to Birdworld on Sunday 30th March when visiting with the family. Surprise 'two for one' vouchers will also be popping up online soon, just in time for the Easter!

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Recently Bromley High School enjoyed a fabulous Senior School production of Edward Scissorhands. The production involved over 100 girls acting, singing, dancing and supported throughout by live music from The Scissor Band. This show was outstanding, not just in the quality of the drama and music. the professional nature of the production and the outstanding performances, but also in the

Edward is a 'misfit', an unfinished automaton created by his inventor father. The chattering housewives in town cannot understand him and certainly do not understand the family that takes him in. They cannot see why they would accept his differences and celebrate what he is able to achieve. His adoptive mother and father take Edward into their home to live with them and their family and protect and encourage him, accepting him for what he is. They plan exciting initiatives for him to use his fabulous talents and see

the story

through the scissor hands to the boy inside. Their children struggle to understand him but eventually accept Edward for who he is, developing a deep affection for the boy who does

The ending is not a happy one unfortunately but does ask us to consider how we treat those who do not fit the mould and perhaps encourages us to look at those around us differently. parents not to look at data tables, but at the pupils who leave the school. It is their personal development, their determination to succeed, and their attitude to life which are indicators of the success of a school. I would welcome you to come and meet our girls at any time, and look forward to meeting you." Louise Simpson, Head

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protect 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.

Ongoing Imperial War Museum Lambeth Road 020 7416 5439 A Family in Wartime exhibition Alice Allpress & their ten children & what life in London was like during the war. A Family in Wartime is brought to life through interactive exhibits, photographs, recorded interviews with the family, archive film footage & more, FREE

Ongoing Royal Mews Buckinghan Palace 020 7766 7302 Family groups may explore a range of self directed activities from the art trolley 5-11yrs

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 Churchill War Rooms

Clive Steps King Charles Stree 020 7930 6961 Undercover Life in Churchill's Bunker, learn what life & conditions were like underground & experience the authenticity & emotional resonance of walking through the corridors where Churchill made history.

Every Sun National Gallery www.nationalgallery.org.uk 020 7747 2885 Family workshops for families bringing paintings alive & Every weekend Tate Modern listening to a themed story on the Bankside SE1 020 7887 8008

Every Sun Hildreth Street Market Balliam SW12 Street Market with fresh food traders sourced from all

Every Mon & Thurs Holy Trinity Brook Green 023743 Singing & Songwriting sessions for 6-11 & 11-14yrs.

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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

will be available Every Sat Blue Elephant Theatre Camberwell 020 7701 0100 Young People's Theatre workshops, various age groups 7-18vrs, FREE to join. Tue & Thurs South London

Gallery 65 Peckham Road 020 7703 6120 The Shop of Possibilities for children & families living on five neighbouring estates. Pelican. Southampton Way, Elmington, Wyndham & Comber & Sceaux Gardens are invited to play at after school & weekend workshops in this recently renovated former retail outlet on the Sceaux Gardens housing estate.

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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+yrs. Daily Under 5's Zone a Every 2nd Sat of month National new play space for families FREE weekend Start Sessions

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Every weekend Greenwich Clocktower Market Greenwich High Road Quirky weekend market has 50 stalls specialising in vintage, retro & antiques with a few contemporary craft stalls, FREE www.clocktowermarket.

Every weekend Tate Britain Millbank London 020 7887 8888 Liminal invites visitors into a physical, material & social experience of sculpture through uch, interaction & collaboration all ages, FREE. Every weekend Art Trolley sessions encourages children to imagine & create collages & lots more, FREE. Every V Children's Multimedia Guide fun & interactive a sensory experience for all the family to enjoy 5+yrs Daily Family Resources provides questions & activities which encourage children & families to explore art works FREE Daily Family Trails, under 5's, FREE.

Every weekend & school hols London Transport Museum 39 Wallington Street Covent Garden 020 7379 6344 The Family Station choose some FREE activities to do as you explore the museum.

le offer a morning minibus service to boys who live in ichmond, Isleworth, St Margaret's, Twickenham, Kingston and

"The pupils' success in academic work and the wider curriculum strongly fulfils the school's aim to provide all its pupils with the knowledge, understanding and skills to enable them to do their best in everything they

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The Mall School, 185 Hampton Road, Twickenham, TW2 5NQ 020 8614 1082 admissions@themallschool.org.uk www.themallschool.org.uk

families all ages Ongoing Family for families 3-12vrs

Until 9 Apr Royal Opera House Covent Garden 020 7304 4000 The Royal Ballet, The Sleeping Beauty. Until 19 Apr. Unicorn Theatre for Children 147 Tooley Street 7645 0560 The Velveteen Rabbit 4+yrs, there will also be a number of additional activities taking place in the foyer, 5 Apr a 'sock bunny workshop & 19 Apr a special Easter

Until 21 Apr National Maritime Museum Greenwich 020 8312 6565 Turner & the Sea, major exhibition.

1-6 Apr The Space 269 West Ferry Road 020 7515 7799 The Red Balloon

2-12 Apr Barbican Theatre Silk Street 020 7638 8891 <u>www.lso.</u> co.uk Lest We Forget dance inspired y the centenary of the Great War 3 Apr Oueen's Theatre Billet Lane

ex 01708 443333 Baby Sensory baby development classes birth-13 months. 5 Apr Nicholi the Clown fun filled show with comedy magic & lots of audience participation, 2 7vrs. 5 Apr The Jolly Postman Story interactive storytelling workshops fun & games popular children's story, 5-7yrs. 7-11 Apr Easter holiday workshops, create a play in a week, have fun, play drama games & create your very own play in a week, 7-10yrs. 15-17 Apr Milly & the Minotaur a magical tale of courage, hope & discovery, 6-11yrs. 21 Apr Dinosaur Zoo 3+vrs. Eve

until 26 Apr Jesters Dram Club fun, drop in, 7-11yrs, need to book. 3-6 Apr Old Truman Brewery Spitalfields 020 7375 0441 The London Coffee Festival featuring gourmet coffee, speciality tea artisan food demonstrations live music & lots more.

3-11 Apr Science Museum Exhibition Rd 0870 870 4868 The Energy Show 7+yrs. Daily Take control in 360 degrees flight simulators or fly with the Red Arrows in their sensational 3D motion effects theatre. Every weekend Ica Cool Adventure families, under 7's, FREE. Every Weekend Spaced Out, families, 5+yrs, FREE. Every Weekend A Cockroach Tour of the museum visitors take on the form of cockroaches dressing up in realistic costumes, FREE. Every Weekend explore hundreds of real natural history specimens, discover evidence along the way using microscopes the computer database & other scientific instruments, science educators are there to

help you with your investigations, Apr-14 Sept Natural History Museum Cromwell Road 020 7942 5000 Sensational Butterflies family friendly exhibition allows you to wonder through a tropica enclosure, discovering the science behind these delicate creatures & their amazing life cycles as they evolve from crawling caterpillar into beautiful butterflies Daily Who Do You Think You Really Are state of the art interactive film FREE v Family Explorer backpacks filled with explorer's tools, drawing materials & fun activities to help children make exciting discoverie in the galleries, under 7's FREE. aily Investigate Centre explore hundreds of real natural history specimens, from a shark's jaw t a meteorite as old as Earth in their hands-on science centre, families

7+vrs FREE 4-9 Apr Arts Depot 5 Nether Street North Finchley 020 8369 5454 Charlie & Lola's Extremely New Play mix of puppets live action &

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Way Wembley 0844 815 0815 Cheebies Live! The Big Band 5-18 Apr Museum of Childhood Bethnal Green 020 8983 5200 Word Explosion interactive session on poetry, FREE drop in all ages. r-2 Nov Daydreams & Diaries, the story of Jacqueline Wilson one of Britain's best loved children's authors exhibition. 7-11,14-18 Ap Create Your Own Picture Book

5+vrs. 9 Apr Wearing Words workshop children can transform their words into a hat a pair of boots & Rhythme workshop 5+vrs 19 Apr Easter Egg-Tivities with various drop in activities, including bunny themed stories, an Easter bunny hunt, games & art, FREE drop in all ages. 26 Apr St George's Day celebrations with live music & dance, storytelling traditional games & arts & crafts activities FRFF

drop in all ages. 5-21 Apr Old Royal Naval College Foundation House 2 Cutty Sark Gardens Greenwich 020 8269 4799 Impossible Creatures:Easter Trail, discover some of the animals & monsters hiding in the paintings. objects & buildings of the ORNC with an Easter trail full of games. spotting & activities, 5+vrs

Apr-25 May Peacock Theatre Portugal Street off Kingsway 0870 737 0337 My First Ballet: Coppelia Apr Jerwood Hall LSO St

Lukes 161 Old Street 020 7382 2566 Camden Music Spring Festival some of Camden's most talented pupils aged 8-18yrs perform a wide range of music. Apr Victoria & Albert Museu

Cromwell Road 020 7942 2000 Easter Activities Pocket Henry V performance followed by an interactive talkback session with the cast, 8+yrs. 12-13 Apr The Imagination Station children are invited to collect materials from the station desk to help design & create the enchanted wood from espeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, 3+yrs. 12-13,18-21,26-27 Apr Digital Kids create an play using iPads FREE drop in under 18's. 14-19 Apr Shakespeare, the Puppet Show 22-25 Apr Por up performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream with theatre company Shakespeare 4 Kidz, FREE drop in suitable for all the family. Daily Back Packs families can nick up an activity back pack filled with jigsaws, stories & games to explore the collection, 4-11vrs Activity Cart hands on art fun for children to create a Samuri helmet a silver goblet or an elephant mask to take home. FREE, drop in plus Agent Animal bag a sensory activity bag that has been developed for under 5's containing an audio map & fabric cubes, FREE.

7-20 Apr London Dungeon www Cutioner who will be meeting & greeting visitors to the live action attraction & demonstrating his highly tuned skills on thousands o eggs, using a variety of tools, axes, to hand. The fun continues with a special 'Bad Eggs' Easter Trail.

Apr Isis Education Centre Hyde Park 020 7036 8056 Easter holidays Nature Explorers children's club, Meadow Detectives. 9-10 Apr Discovery Day, Spring Flowers, FREE drop in. Explorers children's Spring Babies club. 16-17 Apr Discovery Day, Spring Babies, FREE, drop in.

8-9 Apr The British Library 96 Fuston Road 020 7412 7111 All About Alice hunt the White Rabbit. create a curious upside down, inside out wonderland, play strange, silly or sensible games & much more, FREE drop in 6+yrs.

-11 Apr Geffrye Museun Kingsland Rd 020 7739 9893 Easter holiday activities Spring Has Sprung create seasonal masks. make mini gardens & take part in a garden treasure hunt, 5-16vrs. Nursery Rhyme Time Springtime Fun explore springtime in homes and gardens through stories songs & craft activities 2-5vr

11-21 Apr Southbank Centre Belvedere Road 0844 8750073 Puppeteers show children of 5+yrs & adults how to create magic with the contents of a bin bag. giving new life to discarded item whilst engaging with the ideas of

recycling.

12 Apr Chappell of Bond Street 152-160 Wardour Street 020 7432 4400 Learn to play a musical wide variety of instruments to try

April 2014 London Calendar

12 Apr All Saints Church Hall Bercta Road New Eltham 020 8859 0599 NSPCC Craft Fair with stalls selling homemade cakes, raffle, books, bric-a-brac & lots more,

12 Apr All Flutes Plus 60-61 Warren Street 020 7388 8438 Learn to play a musical instrument taster lessons as part of National Learn to Play Day, FREE.

12 Apr Wanstead Library Churchill Room London Flamingo Fairs Mother's Day & Easter Fairs with a wide range of goods, with arts & crafts, vintage goods, skincare knitting supplies, toys, jewellery & lots more entrance FRFF

12-21 Apr HMS Belfast 020 7940 6320 Sailor Tales drop in interactive storytelling sessions suitable for young children & early teens

13 Apr The Virgin Money London Marathon Greenwich Park 020 7902 0199 14-17 Apr Chickenshed Theatre

Company 020 8292 9222 Easter workshops, www.chickenshed.org.uk Tales Big Day Out - A mini festival, children take part in a interactive workshop & watch a fun performance of Tales from the Shed, FREE craft & face painting 14-21 Apr Sea Life London Aquarium 0871 663 1678 www. sealife.co.uk/london Easter Egg-Citement the colony of Gentoo Penguins are leading the Easter celebrations where twice daily they will be receiving a colourful selection of egg-shaped icy treats. Penguins are very playful& love treats & it is really fun to watch. There are also three floors of other animals to explore including magnificent sharks, piranha, rare

15-17 Apr Leicester Square Theatre 08448 733433 Marty MacDonald's Farm, 3-7vrs. 16 Apr The Painted Hall Old Royal Naval College Greenwich 020 8269 4799 Impossible Creatures:Crafts.

giant Green Sea turtles, tropical

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Observatory Greenwich 8858 4422 Longitude Punk'd will celebrate the creations of wacky inventors, star gazing scientists & explorers of the 18th century. 20-21 Apr Fulham Palace

Museum Bishops Avenue 020 7736 3233 Easter Trail search around the museum & garden for clues that will lead you to a chocolate prize. 23-24 Apr Creepy Crawlies Hunt in the garden, see how many minibeasts you can find.

Apr Greenwich Park Mini Marathon 7-16vrs to raise funds for Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice first 250 joining receive a Frankie & Benny's Kids Eat FREE voucher 020 8319 9230

www.communityhospice.org.uk 29 Mar Horniman Museum Forest Hill 020 8699 1872 Art Makers, Cress Creations, families 3+yrs, adults FREE. 30 Mar Community Music Day FREE Every Tues 11 & 18 Apr Busy Bees under 5's stories & songs or simple art & craft FREE Every Sat except 19 Apr Hands on family workshops with different museum objects each week, FREE, families, 3+yrs & Art Makers with different art techniques to create something fabulous to take home, adults FREE, 3+yrs. Every Sun except 20 Apr A World of Stories with stories from around the world, families, 5+yrs, FREE. For All explore & handle objects from around the world, from shark's teeth to an African thumb piano, all ages, FREE.

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01435 882302 Spring bird spotter trail, with a Cadbury Egg 26 Apr Bluebell & wildflower walk 5-21 Apr Sheffield Park and Garden Nr Haywards Heath East 0825 790231 Easter holiday family activities 18-21 Apr Complete trail to claim your Cadbury's Egghead 5-21 Apr Bodiam Castle Robertsbridge 01580 830196 Easter, law & outlaws, Easter fun,

Apr Bateman's Burwash

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Polegate 01323 870001 Faster bunny hunt search for the bunnies hidden around the garden. Daily See Christmas through the ages in the seasonally decorated house 18-21 Apr Nymans Garden

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