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Sea Life

The ever popular colony of *Gentoo Penguins* are leading the Easter celebrations this year at the *SEA LIFE London Aquarium*, where twice daily they will be receiving a colourful selection of egg-shaped icy treats. 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. "Our penguins are very playful, and love treats like this 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 with Sharks.

Mon 14th – 21st April feeding times, check website:
www.visitsealife.com/london/
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SOUTHBANK CENTRE ANNOUNCES SMASH-HIT FAMILY SHOW RUBBISH

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, fully-equipped 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

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.
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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. This is being done partly to protect traditional methods and partly to preserve the high incomes of orthodontists and surgeons. Research suggests that this British development is being ignored in the UK while spreading rapidly abroad. As a result hundreds 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.

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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

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www.wwt.org.uk/london
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Easter Holidays and Lambing

At **The Rare Breeds** they are 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 see and more lambs due to be born throughout April and the Easter break....you may even be lucky enough to see a lamb being born!

Saturday 5th April marks the start of the infamous pig racing season....new seasons racers are a cross between Tamworth and Gloucester Old Spot, chosen especially for their speed and agility...they hope. Don't miss this, it's a 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 choicy 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 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 Lake*why not take a picnic or you can eat yummy food at our reasonable prices in *The Granary* restaurant

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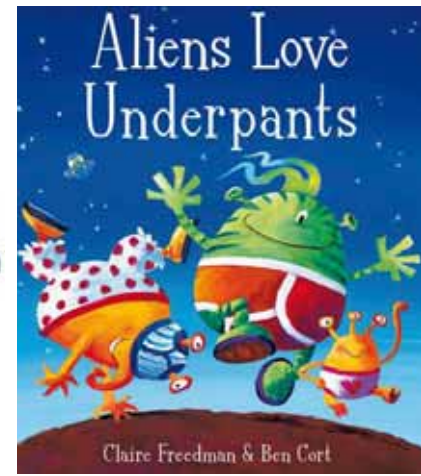
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Birdworld's gardens are now bursting with new growth, the hibernating tortoises have awoken, birds are shaking their feathers in the sun and the farm is a hive of activity. The first warmth and longer daylight hours have encouraged an explosion of blooms. From crocus to willow

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** pages.

In the run up to Easter everything gets 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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Edward Scissorhands, thought-provoking production at Bromley High School

Recently **Bromley High 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 thought-provoking nature of 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 not fit in.

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.



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London Calendar

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Ongoing Royal Navy Museum Portsmouth 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 12yrs of age will have FREE entry to all exhibitions.

Ongoing Churchill War Rooms Clive Steps King Charles Street 020 7330 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.

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Every Sat Venm 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 amberwell 020 7701 0100 Young People's Theatre workshops, various age groups 7-18yrs, FREE to join.

Every Sat 2-4pm & after school on Tue & Thurs South London Gallery 65 Peckham Road 020 7703 6120 The Shop of Possibilities for children & families living in five neighbouring estates, Pelican, Southampton Way, Elmington, Wyndham & Comber, & Secaux Gardens are invited to play at after school & weekend workshops in this recently renovated former retail outlet on the Secaux Gardens housing estate.

Every weekend Tate Modern Bankside SE1 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-yrs.

Daily Under 5's Zone A new play space for families, FREE.

Every weekend Start Sessions with games, map making & clue matching, 5-yrs, FREE.

Every weekend Temple Station 020 7222 1234 Harry Potter Locations Tour, 2 1/2 hrs.

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 entry, www.clicktowermarket.co.uk

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Until 1 Apr Royal Opera House Covent Garden 020 7304 4000 The Royal Ballet, The Sleeping Beauty.

Until 19 Apr Unicorn Theatre for Children 147 Tooty Street 020 7645 0560 The Velveteen Rabbit 4yrs, 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 Workshop.

Until 21 Apr National Maritime Museum Greenwich 020 8312 6565 Turner & the Sea, marine 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 www.bto.co.uk Let We Forget dance inspired by the century of the Great War

3 Apr Queen's Theatre Billet Lane Essex 01700 443333 Baby Sensory baby development classes birth-13 months, 5 Apr Nicholli the Clown fun filled show with comedy, magic & lots of audience participation, 2-7yrs.

5 Apr The Jolly Postman Story interactive storytelling workshops for 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.

12-17 Apr Milly & the Minotaur a magical tale of courage, hope & discovery, 6-11yrs.

21 Apr Dinosaur Zoo 3+yrs.

Every Sat until 26 Apr Jesters Drum Club fun drop in, 7-11yrs, need to book.

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animated version of a Shakespeare play using iPads, FREE drop in under 18's.

14-19 Apr Shakespeare, the Puppet Show 22-23 Apr Pop up performance of Tales from the Shed, FREE craft & paint painting

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music, all ages.

5 Apr Laban Creekside 020 8691 8600 Children's Creative Dance classes mixed bill from toddlers to teenagers, 11-12 Apr Crossing the Creek weekend of dance & movement, a packed programme of performances, workshops & activities for all ages.

27 Apr U Dance 2014 (London Regional Platform) a celebration of youth dance from across the capital.

5-6 Apr Wembley Arena Empire Way Wembley 0844 815 0815 Cheebies Live! The Big Band

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

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

12 Apr Wanstead Library Churchill Room London Planning 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 FREE.

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 Music London Marathon Greenwich Park 020 7902 0199

14-17 Apr Chickenshead Theatre Company 020 8292 9222 Easter holiday workshops, 14-18yrs, www.chickenshead.org.uk

26 Apr Tales Big Day Out - A mini festival, children take part in an interactive workshop & watch a performance of Tales from the Shed, FREE craft & paint painting

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create your own imaginary monster from a range of craft materials, FREE, donations welcome, all ages, drop in workshop.

16 Apr The Broadway Theatre Carlford SE6 020 8690 0002 Pop Factor, The Concert Live & interactive complete with a cast of top professional performers.

From Easter The Royal Observatory Greenwich 020 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, 2-24 Apr Creepy Crawlies Hunt in the garden, see how many minibeasts you can find.

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

26 Apr www.communityhospice.org.uk

29 Mar Horismun Museum Forest Hill 020 8699 1872 Art Makers, Cress Creations, families 3-yrs, adults FREE, 30 Mar Community Music Day, FREE.

Every Tues except 8.15 Apr & every Fri except 11 & 18 Apr Baby Bees under 5's drop in for all ages or on 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.

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Out and About

New Easter LegoLand Windsor 01753 621621 Pirates Landing gets a major re-vamp to become New Pirates Shores Castaway Camp a new pirate adventure play area

14.15 Apr Stauden East Grinstead 01342 323029 Guided bluebell walks, early morning ranger led walk

5-21 Apr Easter eggstravaganza family fun with trails, make & take crafts & outdoor activities, 18-21 Apr Cadbury's Easter egg trail.

8 Apr Bateman's Warburton 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 Rotherbridge 01580 830196 Easter, law & outlaws, Easter Egg, including archery.

8 Apr Royal Naval Museum 02392 73 7562 Natty Knots weave a knotty nautical pattern 10 Apr HMS Alliance party cakes help by decorating a special cake.

15 Apr Alliance rust busters & mini monsters make your own shiny trail model & take part in games & trails.

17 Apr Chocolate egg subs make your own chocolate egg submarine.

18-21 Apr Busy Boats submarine egg hunt, follow the busy boats around the museum to find the chocolate egg, all above activities

FREE with a valid museum ticket.

12-21 Apr Birling Gap & Seven Sisters Eastbourne 01323 423197 Spring trail find the spring creatives hiding at Belle Tout & gain a Cadbury Egghead treat.

26 Apr Nature's medicine chest make remedies from seasonal plants

12-21 Apr Afriston Clergy House Polegate 01323 870001 Easter 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 Handcross Haywards Heath West Sussex 01444 400321 Easter Egg trail a collection of coloured eggs

18-21 Apr Monk's House Rodmell Lewes 01273 474760 Cadbury Easter trail & earn a tasty prize.

18 Apr Garden Tour

20 Apr British Wildlife Centre Lingfield 01342 834658 Easter Trail search for eggs hidden amongst the animals hunt them all down & win a small chocolate treat. During the trail visitors will see over 40 species of wildlife to include Scottish wildcats, red squirrels owls & lots more, a great day out for all ages & families. Trail FREE to participate.

27 Apr Devil's Dyke West Sussex 01273 857712 Saddlescombe Farm Open Day with tours, demonstrations, lambing & more.

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