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Out & About



Battersea Park Children's Zoo

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 pigs *Piggle* and *Wiggle* just love to get attention.

Children can get up close to an amazing range of animals, emu, chipmunks, bearded dragons, lizards, capuchin monkeys, lemur, tamarins, ferrets, parrots, snakes, mice, coati and ring tailed lemur. They can meet resident wallabies *Skye*, *Boomer* and *Junio*, laugh at the antics of emus *Ant* and *Dec*, and spy on the meerkats in the secret lookout tunnel.

There are special activity days for children throughout the year, such as *Hedgehog Adventures*, *BLAZ Big Bug Bonanza Week*, *Reptile Days*, *Meerkat Days*, *Monkey Days* and *Halloween Fun Days*.

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

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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 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 rooms and events spaces which can be hired out for meetings and birthday parties.

Visit website:
 www.suttonlifecentre.org
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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 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/
 plan-your-visit/feeding-times.
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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 crochety 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.
Rubbish
 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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 www.southbankcentre.co.uk
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Blowing the Whistle on GDC Scam.

Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal scam to withhold information from the public about new methods which can avoid almost all extractions and even major jaw surgery. 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.

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)

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.

We also run camps over Half-Terms

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

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London Wetland Centre

Everyone loves an egg at Easter, especially when they develop into fluffy ducklings! Meet the family of farmyard ducks throughout the Easter holidays, the downy ducklings are everybody's favourite as they waddle about after their

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

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 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. Wetland Centres are easy, safe places to enjoy the wonders of wetland wildlife and a great way to have a taste of the wild without having to get your feet muddy (unless you want to!)



www.wwt.org.uk/london
020 8409 4400.

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 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 **Creevy 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 Rarebreeds* restaurant.

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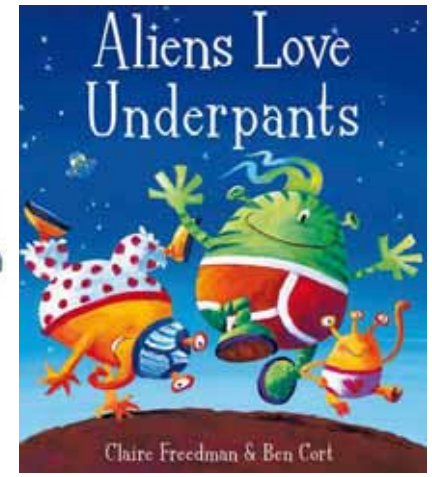
for all the Family!

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 Easter treat starring legendary magician **Paul Daniels** as the King of Hearts, **Debbie McGee** as the White Rabbit and ventriloquist

Steve Hewlett, from *Britain's 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 Wonderland* is packed with fun! Mon: Adults £15, Seniors £10, Children £9. Tue

& Wed: Adults £18, Seniors £12, Children £10.
Aliens Love Underpants Thursday 1 & Friday 2 May: Thur 1.30pm & 4.30pm, Fri 10.30am & 4.30pm. 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
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Aug 26th - 29th: 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily. Cost £145
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Nick Holt 07812 632238 or nickandsarahholt@hotmail.com.
See our website at www.typingschool.co.uk for more information

Wheelchair Rugby is coming
21ST February - 7th & 28th March - 4th April 6-8pm

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY TASTER SESSIONS



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Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby, the London Wheelchair Rugby Club & the Weir Archer Academy are bringing this incredible sport to South London, Surrey and Hampshire. Sessions are open to any potential players with a physical impairment aged 16 or over - beginner or pro, male or female! Volunteers also very welcome! Rugby Chairs & Coaching provided. Please register by contacting **Paul Arnold** the GBWR Regional Development Officer on T: 07872 646227 E: paul.arnold@gbwr.org.uk



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Daily Rainbow Leisure Centre East Street 01372 727277 Toddlers World, under 5's.

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

Ongoing Dupass Hill Outdoor Gym Each item has clear instruction for its use over 12".

Recently re-opened Kidplay Cafe 282-284 Lower Addiscombe Road Croydon Softplay & café, under 5's.

Every Sun Edenbridge Leisure Centre Stangrove Park 01732 865665 Under 16's & families roller disco.

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 walkers, 2pm, FREE. Every Sat Park run, FREE weekly timed 5k run, need to register first.

Every Mon Parchmore Community Centre 735-55 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 Farnham Library

www.bookstart.org.uk Baby Bounce 'n' Rhyme, FREE.

Every Tues Coudson Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. Every Thurs Storytime, 18mths-5yrs. Storytime 2 ½ - 7yrs. Fortnightly Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children, FREE.

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

Every Wed & Sat Millennium Arena Battersea Park 020 8871 7542 Drop in tennis sessions, 5-8.9-15yrs.

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

Every Fri Storytime, 2.15pm, FREE.

Every Thurs Norbury Park and Norwood Grove 020 8726 6900 A circular walk through Norbury Park & Norwood Grove, 2-3 miles, meet at Norbury Train Station, 3.30pm, FREE. 21 Apr Butterfly playtime sessions for children, all ages with all kinds of arts & crafts from making face masks, cards, painting, colouring or just play, FREE. 10-12pm, Tel: 020 8686 7555.

Every Tues Thornton Heath Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, FREE. Every Tues Careers, training & learning advice sessions, 2-4.30pm, FREE & Computer training courses for beginners to experts.

Every Tues De Staffords Leisure Centre Caterham 01883 344355 Family Swim.

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x64952 Health walk, 2-3miles, meet 11am at 'Good Companions' pub, Harnsey Green, FREE.

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meet others for tea or coffee & get your baby socialising, www.ncet.org.uk/branches/dorking/events/bumps-and-babies. 3rd Mon of every month Nappuccino a matter about nappies as an alternative to disposable nappies.

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5 Apr Claygate Village Hall Church Road Claygate MuzZam market nearly new sale, www.mum2mummarket.co.uk/surrey

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Sat Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers. Monthly story & craft workshops, 5-10yrs.

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Bar with music, games, songs, stories & puppets & Sparkles Dance drop in classes for 5-9yrs.

Every Mon & Tues after school The Man in the Moon Weekly Drama Workshop, 6-14yrs. Every Wed All Star Chatter, 5-14yrs.

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

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3-5 Apr Youme Arnaud Theatre Millbrook Guildford 01483 440000 Wuthering Heights

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

4-5 Apr G Live London Road Church Road Claygate MuzZam market nearly new sale, www.mum2mummarket.co.uk/surrey

5 Apr Forest School Centre Pinewood Scout Camp 020 8726 6000 Croydon Forest School Centre Launch Event, Open Day

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12 Apr Bourne Hall Museum 020 8394 1734 Antiques and Vintage Fair, Tel: 07780 11953.

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13 Apr Chartwell Westerham 01732 868381 Sunday lunchtime jazz. 18-21 Apr Easter trail with trails & activities through the natural playground while the wider estate includes woodland with looped trails, natural play areas & swings.

14-17 Apr Painshill Park Portsmouth Road, Cobham 01932 868113 Wild Easter Camp with bushwhacking, bivouac building & mud sculptures, 8-13yrs. 27 Apr Bird Song Walk, 12-yrs.

16 Apr Ashcroft Theatre Fairfield Croydon 020 8688 9291 The Jungle Book. 17 Apr Sing-a-long-a

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19 Apr Rural Life Centre Farnham 01252 795571 Steam toy Rally with hundreds of miniature steam engines on show, demonstrate your own working model & come in FREE. 20-21 Apr Hunt the chicks around the museum plus Easter bonnet competition on Easter Monday

19-21 Apr Quebec House Westerham 01732 868381 Easter Egg Trail around the garden to earn your Easter Egg. Every Sun Mrs Wolfe's recipes recreate some of Mrs Wolfe's 18th century recipes including potato pudding & lemon drops. Every Wed Guided tours, FREE

20 Apr Wandle Park 020 8726 6000 X64952 Wandle Wander along the river Wandle, meet 10a.m. in Wandle Park, 5 miles or 2 miles if getting the train back from Hackbridge station.

21 Apr St Martha's-on-the-Hill Church Chidway 01483 567072 Easter Fun Walk with children's activities to include face painting, treasure hunt & bouncy castle, FREE plus refreshments, 10.30-4.30pm, children's activities 2.30-4.30pm.

26 Apr RSPCA Millbrook Animal Centre Guildford Road Cobham www.rspca-millbrook.org.uk Car Boot Sale with proceeds going directly to animal welfare, 9 am set up.

26 Apr Littleheath Woods 020 8726 6900 Spring Flowers leisurely 1 ½ hr walk, meet at 10a.m. by the junction of Queenhill & Littleheath Roads, FREE.

27 Apr Merrist Wood College Holly Lane Worplesden 01483 884000 Fleecy Flocks Lambing Day a great day out for the whole family with lamb cuddling, tractor rides, countryside crafts, chattraw demonstrations, plant sale, children's activities & lots more.

27 Apr Happy Valley & Farning Downs Coudson 020 8726 6900 Springtime Photo Safari bring your camera & capture the beauty of the Downs, learn simple tips on how to take better photos with your digital camera, Tel: 07775 824811, pre-booking is essential.

29 Apr Surrey History Centre 130 Goldsworth Road 01483 518737 An introduction to family history workshop, session covers all the basics, with tips for navigating the major family history websites & more.

30 Apr -5 May RHS Gardens Wisley Wisley 01483 225229 Contemporary Craft & Design Fair

12 May Hayes Village Hall Hayes Street Hayes Bromley 07534 447988 Gingham Goose Craft Market a high quality monthly craft & food market with a tea room serving homemade cakes, soups & savouries with different stall holders every time.

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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 Hum*, as well as new piglets on the farm, baby guinea pigs and rabbits, lambs 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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April 2014

Edward Scissorhands, thought-provoking production at Bromley High School

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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



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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Daily The Queen's Gallery Buckingham Palace London 020 7766 7301 Become an explorer & discover the exhibition with activity bags for families. Using the bags find out which animals the adventurers shared the Antarctic with and what early explorers wore to protect themselves from the cold.

Ongoing Royal Air Force Museum Grange Park Way Hendon 020 8205 2266 Airfix exhibition with some of Africa's most popular models from the 50,60s & 70s.

Ongoing Imperial War Museum Lambeth Road 020 7416 5439 A Family in Wartime exhibition explores the lives of William & 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 Navy Buckingham 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 12yrs of age will have FREE entry to all exhibitions.

Ongoing Churchill War Rooms Clive Steps King Charles Street 020 7790 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 & listening to a themed story on the

magic carpet, plus FREE family activities.

Every Sun Highdreh Street Market Balham SW12 Street Market with fresh food traders surround from all over London.

Every Mon & Thurs Holy Trinity Church Brook Green 07710 023743 Singing & Songwriting sessions for 6-11 & 11-14yrs.

Every 2nd Sat of month National Geographic Store 83-97 Regent Street 020 7025 6960 Animal Man comes face to face with slithering snakes, slimy insects & smelly snakes. Meet a wide variety of animals to include owls, lizards, tortoises, armadillos, meerkats & lots more, hands on activities are led by AnimalMan Nick Spelman 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 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, & Secauc Gardens are invited to play at after school & weekend workshops in this recently renovated former retail outlet on the Secauc 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, 5yrs. Daily Under 5's Zone a new play space for families, FREE.

Every weekend Start Sessions with games, map making & clue matching, 5-9yrs. FREE.

Every weekend Temple Station 020 7222 1234 Harry Potter Locations Tour, 2-6yrs.

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.clocktowermarket.co.uk

Every weekend Tate Britain Millbank London 020 7887 8888 Liminal invites visitors into a physical, material & social experience of sculpture through touch, interaction & collaboration, all ages, FREE. Every weekend Art Trolley sessions encourages children to imagine & create collages & lots more, FREE. Every Weekend Children's Multimedia Guide fun & interactive a sensory experience for all the family to enjoy, 5yrs.

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 **Woolwich Transport Museum** 39 Wellington Street 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, 3-12yrs.

Until 9 Apr Royal Opera House Covent Garden 020 7304 4000 The Royal Ballet, The Sleeping Beauty.

Until 19 Apr Unicorn Theatre for Children 47 Towley 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 event.

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 8991 www.inspired.co.uk Let's We Forget dance inspired by the centenary of the Great War.

3 Apr Queen's Theatre Billet Lane Essex 01700 44333 Baby Sensory baby development classes birth-13 months, 5 Apr Nicholi the Clown fun filled show with comedy, magic & lots of audience participation, 2-7yrs. 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. 17 Apr Milly & the Minstrel a magical tale of courage, hope & discovery, 6-11yrs.

21 Apr Dinosaur Zoo 3yrs. Every Sat until 26 Apr Jesters Drum Club fun, drop in, 7-11yrs, need to book.

3-6 Apr Old Truman Brewery Spitalfields London 020 5041 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 7-15yrs. Daily Take control in 360 degrees flight simulators or fly with the Red Arrows in their sensational 3D motion effects theatre. Every weekend Joy Cool Adventure fun, and 7-9yrs. FREE. Every Weekend Space Out, families, 5yrs. 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, FREE.

3 Apr-14 Sept Natural History Museum Cromwell Road 020 7942 5000 Sensational Butterflies family friendly exhibition allows you to get up close to a tropical enclosure, discovering the science behind these delicate creatures & their amazing life cycles as they evolve from crawling caterpillars into beautiful butterflies. Daily Who Do You Think You Really Are? See state of the art interactive film, FREE. Daily Family Explorer backpacks filled with explorer's tools, drawing materials & fun activities to help children make exciting discoveries in the galleries, under 7's. FREE. Daily Investigate Centre explore hundreds of real natural history specimens, from a shark's jaw to a meteorite as old as Earth in their hands-on science centre, families 7yrs, FREE.

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

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12 Apr Wanstead Library Churchill Road London Flamingo Fairs Market'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 7002 0199

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

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

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

14.15 Apr Stanning East Grinstead 01342 328029 Guided bluebell walks, early morning ranger led walk

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

4-22 Apr Bateman's Manor 01435 882302 Spring bird spotter trail, with a Cadbury Egg 26 Apr Bluebell & wildflower walk.

5-21 Apr Sheffeld 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 fun, including archery.

8 Apr Royal Naval Museum 02392 73 7562 Narty 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.

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