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Out & About

Excitement builds for biggest ever Royal Windsor Horse Show

The UK's biggest outdoor horse show introduces new format and layout, and for the first time ever opens its doors to the public for free.

The British summer country show season kicks off this year with a brand new look **Royal Windsor Horse Show**, Berkshire which takes place on 14-18 May 2014. Already the UK's largest

outdoor horse show, **Royal Windsor** is reintroducing **International Dressage and Show Jumping** to its schedule after a four year absence and has increased prize money to over quarter of a million pounds. What's more, on the first day – which will be known as **'Windsor Wednesday'** – the showground will throw open its gates to all visitors completely free of charge.

Now in its 71st year, the prestigious five-day event held in the spectacular grounds of **Windsor Castle**, celebrates all things equestrian and hosts international competitors in four equine disciplines: Show Jumping, Dressage, Driving and Endurance. The Royal Family hold great affection for the event – HM The Queen is **Patron of the Show** and has attended every single year

since it began in 1943 and she often has a number of horses and ponies competing at the show. Other members of the Royal Family, including HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and HRH The Princess Royal, have actually taken part in the show's competitions. **Show Director, Simon Brooks-Ward** said: "With over 3,500 competitors, **Royal Windsor Horse Show** has established itself as the biggest national outdoor horse event in the UK. The international competitions, with their attractive prize money, have given the show a huge boost and as a result we expect to attract some top international riders this year. In particular, we hope that some of Britain's best riders will be making an appearance." Another highlight of **Royal Windsor** are the showing classes, featuring over 30 different types or breeds of horses ranging from miniature Shetland ponies to heavyweight cobs. It is regarded by the equine industry as one of the most important horse shows in the country. As well as the 130 equestrian competitions that take place during the five-day extravaganza, there will be a feast of rural activities for all ages to get involved in such as a display of ancient artefacts from Mongolia including an

original Yurt, an old fashioned finfair, the **Land Rover Ultrafeed** – a purpose built 4x4 course which tests the vehicles to their limit and, of course, the beautiful grounds of the castle to enjoy – the only time of the year that the castle grounds are open to the public. There are over 200 shops in the Shopping Village, selling a range of goods that cannot be found on the high street, with special sectors including Jewellery and Fashion, Country Lifestyle & Living, Food Heaven and Horses & Riders. Between competitions there will be classic displays including **The Musical Ride from The Household Cavalry** and **The King's Troop Musical Drive** – the only occasion where they perform together – as well as the **DAKS Pony Club Mounted Games**, the **Shetland Pony National**, the **Bahrain Arab Horse Display**. Young riders from the local area will be taking each other on in the **University Jumping Challenge and Interschools Jumping Championships**. **Royal Windsor Horse Show** is a fantastic value-for-money day out and free admission is offered to all visitors on Wednesday 14 May. Children also go free Thursday and Friday. For schedule & tickets www.rwhs.co.uk



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Hello Editor

My daughter brings home **Parents News** in her book bags. I always find great things to do with the kids and activities I hadn't previously heard of - thank you. I work for a wonderful children's charity Dreams Come True www.dreamscometrue.uk.com The charity realises the dreams of very sick and terminally ill children. As part of our fundraising activities we organise an annual event - **Dream Tea**. We're not asking people to host elaborate afternoon teas (though they can if they want to!) but to

simply turn one of their many cups of tea a day into a special moment, by adding friends, colleagues, cake and biscuits – and doing a bit of fundraising. Here are some fundraising ideas for Pre-school & primary aged-children
•Make it a dress up or MUFTI day Edonation per child – theme **Dreams Come True** colours purple and orange
•Double up with a **'Getting to know you'** parents social (good for nursery environment)
•Turn your **Dream Tea** into a **Teddy Bears' Tea Party**/picnic
•Invite parents to send in donations for a bake sale and auction off any showstopper cakes

•Run a lucky cupcake competition. Pop stars on the undermenth of cupcakes. Stars mean prizes!
•Get creative, encourage children to design their own bunting / posters or invitations to decorate the venue
•Get cooking, the children could bake a large cake to decorate and share together. Everyone could donate XXp for guess the weight
•Have a school bake off. Children invited to bake a cake at home to bring into school. Cakes sold off at the end of the day for a Edonation. Have a theme... cake of your dreams or inspired by your favourite book!
Kind regards.....Niki



Out & About

London Pet Show

Ben Fogle, Steve Backshall and **Chris Packham** join a cast of 450 animals at **Earls Court One** for biggest ever **London Pet Show**
The biggest ever London Pet Show, sponsored by **MyPetonline.co.uk**, which takes place at **Earls Court One** on 17 and 18 May. Animal lover and adventurer **Ben Fogle** presents the first **SuperDogs Live**, an exciting showcase of doggy talent. Pet owners across the UK are being encouraged to enter their dogs into the competition now www.londondogshow.co.uk for the chance to appear on stage at the **London Pet Show**. Categories include **Strictly Doggy Dancing**, **Most Heroic**

Hound and Most Talented Dog. **Steve Backshall**, star of some of the UK's most exciting wildlife shows, will be bringing some of the world's weirdest animals in a thrilling display in the show's **Super Theatre**. **Springwatch** and **Autumnwatch** presenter **Chris Packham** will be sharing tips and ways to keep your dog, cat or rabbit free from fleas and ticks in **Pet Health Centre** with Show sponsors **MyPetonline.co.uk**. **The London Pet Show** features hundreds of dog and cat breeds of all shapes and sizes, cute furries, plus plenty of advice from experts on how to keep your pet in tip top condition – whether you own a collie or a corn snake.

The London Pet Show will be divided into different zones - **Discover Dogs**, **Discover Cats**, **Discover Small Furies**, **Discover Animals** and **Discover Aquatics** – each with its own feature area with demonstrations, talks, activities plus advice from leading animal experts and top UK animal charities. Tickets are on sale at www.londondogshow.co.uk or by phone on **0844 873 7332** and cost £17 for adults, £12 for children. Under fives go free. Family tickets and concessions for seniors are also available.



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.



Biggest Ever Royal Windsor Horse Show

Free admission to all visitors **'Windsor Wednesday'** 14 May. Children also go **free of charge** on Thursday and Friday. Thursday 15 May admission for adults is just £16 and on Friday 16 May it is £19. For weekend visitors showground entry will be £25 for adults and £10 for children on both days. There are discounts for group bookings and family value tickets of two adults and three children for £60 are available on either Saturday or Sunday.

For a full schedule or to purchase tickets go to www.rwhs.co.uk



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Nick Holt 07812 632238 or nickandsarahholt@hotmail.com.

See our website at www.typingscool.co.uk for more information

THE WABBIT KING a new puppet musical by Chris Chambers

The *Wabbit King* is a moving and intellectually piece of musical theatre for all ages and tackles major areas of the primary *PSHE* curriculum. Five actors and numerous puppets bring the wonderful world of *Wabbits* to life, using narrative and song to deliver an important message about bullying in an entertaining way. The book, music and lyrics are written by **Chris Chambers** and it is produced by **Another Way Theatre** in collaboration with **The Arc Arts Centre**, Caterham. The show is directed by **Glyn Williams** with puppets lovingly designed and created by **Jill "Wiggy" Wilson**.

THE WABBIT KING.
Performance dates
The Arc Arts Centre, 39
Weston Drive CR3 5XY as part of the Caterham Festival
Sundays 18, & 25 May, 8, 15 & 22 June 11am & 2pm
Saturdays 24 May, 7 & 21 June 3 & 6pm
Box Office: **01883 330380**
www.anotherwaytheatre.co.uk/book-tickets1
www.the-arc-caterham.co.uk
Tickets: £10/£8
£30 Family Ticket

The Fairfield Halls, Arnhem Gallery, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 1DG
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The Barn Theatre, 25 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0AA
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www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

Christ Church, Brighton Road (Between 861-863), Purley Surrey CR8 2BN
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Book tickets now at the following venues:
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Further details of dates & times between 18th May and 28th June and to book online visit www.anotherwaytheatre.co.uk

May 2014 THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO.. AT THE RAF MUSEUM!

11th May: 1000 - 5.30pm
£7 Adults/£5 Children
In a special one-day event, *'Model Futures'* celebrates the art of science fiction model making in film and television with talks and presentations by industry insiders.

Since the early days of silent films, model effects - or 'miniatures' - have played an important role in creating screen illusion. With the use of models film-makers can create scenes - or even entire worlds - that would otherwise be impossible to capture on film.

British film-makers have proved particularly inventive in developing the art of miniatures, allowing the UK to become a world leader in the production of science fiction and fantasy films - notable successes including 2001: A Space Odyssey, and the Star Wars, James Bond and Superman franchises. Television too has provided a showcase for model making skill, in series such as *Dr Who* and *Blake's 7*, and

most famously in the many programmes devised by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson - among them *Thunderbirds*, *UFO* and *Space: 1999*.
Alan Shubbrook, Model-Maker: 1200pm
Model maker *Thunderbirds*, *Captain Scarlet*, *Joe 90*, *The Secret Service*, *UFO*. Alan will be providing an exclusive presentation of his own collection of backstage photos from his days working on the shows.

Mat Irvine, Special Effects Designer: 1.30pm
Dr Who and *Blake's 7*; through *Horizon* and *QED* and onto award-winning dramas *Edge of Darkness* and *The Singing Detective*

Mike Trim, Special Effects Designer: 3pm
Thunderbirds, and its successors *Captain Scarlet* and *The Mysterons*, *Joe 90*, *The Secret Service* and *UFO*

Royal Air Force Museum
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7-22 June 2014
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01483 519287

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view demonstrations, explore and buy original artwork, enter a free prize draw, view taster exhibitions and take part in creative workshops. Studios are located throughout Surrey and around its borders. A Taster Exhibition will take place at the **Lewis Elton Gallery, University of Surrey, 6th-29th May 2014**

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LET ASCOT TAKE CARE OF THE FAMILY

A family day out at **Ascot Racecourse** has something for everyone, from the spectacular racing action to free entertainment for children of all ages. As one of the most child-friendly racecourses in the UK, Ascot leads the way in giving its young visitors plenty to see and do during a day's racing, including educational activities and fun outdoor entertainment.

Racing at **Ascot** takes place all year round, but the highlight family days include **King George Family Sunday** on 27th July, **Dubai Duty Free Sherqar Cup** on 9th August and **Christmas Weekend** racing on 19th-20th December.

Under 18's go free
Family days and children's activities have become more and more a part of the **Ascot** experience over the years fuelled by the 'kids go free' policy adopted by the racecourse across all meetings at the Berkshire track, including all five days of **Royal Ascot** in June. In the Royal Enclosure, children aged 10-16 years may attend free of charge with a badge holder on Friday and Saturday only.

Ascot's Colts & Fillies Club
An example of just how successful the racecourse has been in attracting the younger racegoer. Set up in 2002 with the aim of making horse racing more accessible to a younger audience, the club has gone from strength to strength and now boasts in excess of 17,000 members. TV celebrities **Ant and Dec** patron the club. The club is free to join to children aged 16 and under and gives members a host of benefits including a metal badge, a

pair of binoculars, a dedicated members viewing area around the parade ring, behind the scenes tours and much, much more. **The Colts and Fillies Club** has its own racehorse (*Miss Inga Sock*). Trips are run across the country to visit it in training and watch it run.

For more details of the Ascot Colts and Fillies club go to www.coltsandfillies.co.uk/club.html

Star Card
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Out & About

Animal Encounters

Saturday 24 May - Sunday 1 June
Did you know that hidden at **WWT London Wetland Centre** there are flying pink elephants? It's easy to spot the ducks which live at the Centre, but the wetland reserve is teeming with other life which is sometimes a bit more difficult to spot unless you know where to look.

During **Animal Encounters** the team at **London Wetland Centre** will be showing you a different animal every day, so go and see some of the exquisite but mysterious moths that inhabit the wetlands; the elephant hawk moth is a beautiful pink colour - a real giant next to the elegant ermine moth. Or join them to discover more about the dragons they have there... Dragonflies are fantastic flyers but their lives begin underwater as fearsome predators. It is rumored that the monster in *Alien* was based on a



dragonfly nymph; go along and discover why. As well as seeing some of the hidden creatures of the wildlife reserve up close each day, why not sign up for one of the 'safari' sessions throughout the day? They'll be holding bug hunts, reptile rambles, duckling walks and pond dipping. And follow the nature trail to discover what's around; look out for frogs and newts, butterflies and orchids.

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

You vs. The World

A new interactive game helps parents teach life lessons to kids. A new game programme is released across the UK this month which allows parents to face their children how to face life's challenges; from alcohol and drugs to bullying and health issues, through a series of fun computer games.

You vs. The World priced just £4.99, offers a complete parent and kid package, whereby the parent has access to a dashboard to set up and monitor the games, whilst the child can have fun playing them. With comic book graphics and fun characters that will resonate with youngsters, including protagonist Rob who guides them through each game and asks questions to test their awareness of particular issues, the game encourages children to think strategically and make positive choices, shaping their views on health and wellbeing. Kids also earn points for playing, keeping them motivated and engaged throughout. A version of the game aimed at schools, designed to fit with the National Curriculum, was launched in 2013 and already accepted into over 300 schools.

SUTTON HOLIDAY CAMPS
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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.

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Daily Larkfield Leisure Centre Aylesford 01622 713225 Soft play zone with 3 stores of interactive play equipment for under 10's with wavy waterfall slide, crawl tubes, ball pool & ball cannons. **NEW** Kickstart a brand new all inclusive membership with unlimited access which offers a wide range of activities for under 10's with swimming, soft play, junior dance mat & target wall sessions, selected holiday programme activities, Saturday Fun Club plus pre-school house & adventure time sessions for 0-5yrs. **NEW** larger Fitness Studio to offer a wider range of classes including Zumba, Pilates, Body pump & circuits.

Daily Fishbourne Roman Palace Chichester 01243 789829 Guided tours, plus café & picnic area.

Daily Maidstone Leisure Centre 0845 1552277 Various times Junior Fitness, 12-15yrs learn how the body works, the benefits of a healthy lifestyle & participate in structured fitness sessions with a qualified fitness instructor. **Selected Sats** Wave Rave Pool Party sessions with inflatable, floats, games & the latest music. Available Birthday Parties for children leave all the planning & tidying up to the Centre.

Daily Wingham Wildlife Park Canterbury 01227 720836 Meet the animals including their hudds on animal enclosures plus children's play area.

Daily Druidstone Park and Woodland Honey Hill Bleam 01227 765168 Meet the friendly animals, follow the trail around the enchanted woodland & discover the sleeping dragon &

other magical creatures or have fun in the adventure play area, a fun day out for all the family. **Daily Tides Leisure Centre** Deal 01304 373399 Indoor tropical lagoon with waves & gusher, fun water features & giant slide Jacuzzi & toddler pool. **Every weekend Family Splash.** **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 Tues & Thurs term time** only parent & child fun swim.

Ongoing Run off your Feet **FREE** running sessions across Kent, women & men of all ages & abilities are putting on their trainers & jogging the streets & parks of Kent all part of a county wide campaign to get people running to feel fitter, healthier & happier. In Kent leaders have been trained to set up local running groups & they are kept to welcome new runners. Get your first running session **FREE** at your local group when you mention Parents News. All groups are led by qualified, enthusiastic friendly leaders. To find your local group visit www.kentrun.org.uk/rungroups. Tel: 07730 870696.

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Ongoing Popenbury Farm www.popenburyfarm.co.uk With friendly farm animals plus goats, donkeys, Kune Kune pigs, chickens, ducks rabbits, guinea pigs plus woodland trails suitable

for all ages. Woodland walks **FREE**, but donations welcome. **2nd Sun of the month Tonbridge Farmers Market** Sovereign Way 07876 685853 Held in Sovereign Way with normally 70 stalls. **Every 2nd Sun of every month Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre** Gillingham 01634 387076 Farmers Market is held in the car park offering a range of local produce including meat & much more.

Every Sun Edenbridge Leisure Centre Stangrove Park 01732 865665 Under 16's & families roller disco. **Every Sun until 7 Sept South Foreland Lighthouse** 01304 202756 Mini bus service available making it an even more accessible day out.

Every Mon Strood Library 01634 335890 Toddler Shake & Boogie activity session that offers rhymes, songs & movement for pre-school children. **FREE.** **Every Tues Teatime Storytime** after school, 3-8yrs, term time only. **Every Fri** Homework club with friendly staff on hand to help you with all your homework questions, 3.30-5pm.

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

Every Mon Walderslade Hook Meadow Library Chatham 01634 861531 Baby bounce & rhyme time, 18mths & under. **FREE.** **Every Wed** Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children

that includes 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 St Andrews Church Hall Broadstairs 01843 863490 Little Ted's Parent & Toddler group, term time only. **Ongoing on Mons Cuxton Library** Rochester Baby massage courses for babies 8wks & not yet crawling. **FREE.** to book Tel: 01634 711391. 1st & 3rd Thurs of the month Children's activities, Health visitor drop in clinic, meet your local health visitor plus a toy library will also be available after the session, 9.30-11am. Tel: 01634 336209.

Every Mon-Wed The Angel Centre Tonbridge 01732 359966 Kickstart members Pre-school rhyme, songs & movement for 3-5yrs. **Every Wed** Fri dance mat & target wall fitness. **Every Mon & Fri Rochester Library** Eastgate 01634 337411 Baby bounce & rhyme time with finger & nursery rhymes, 18mths & under. **FREE.** **Every Sat** Pop in and Play sessions for parents & children, 10.30-11am. **FREE.** 4th Fri 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. **Every Tues Grosvenor Park** 07990 973133 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.** **Every Thurs** until 31 Mar Toddler shake & boogie fun packed activity session.

Every Tues Ho 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 Library Chatham 01634 686467 Toddler shake & boogie activity session that offers rhymes, songs & movement for pre-schoolers. Musical instruments, scarves & parachutes are often included. **Every Fri** Storytime fun sessions for pre-school children that include stories & rhymes. **Every Tues Hundred of Ho Swimming Pool** Rochester 01634 401989 Beaver Swimming Club. **Every Tues Southborough Library** 01892 529808 Storytime, 2.15-2.45pm. **FREE.**

Every Thurs during term time Margate Baptist Church 4 Cecil Sq 01843 290869 Little Fishes Toddler group for parents & carers to meet & socialise with food, games & fun, 10-11.30am.

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Other features too!



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2 May Tenterden Market Square Market selling fruit & veg, pastries, bread, local fish & lots more. **2 May Tenterden High Street** Every Fri morn market 8-12pm. **2-6 May** Tenterden Garden Tour 01304 241806 Meet inside the Zion Baptist Church 10am for 10.15 am start, just turn up & join in, approx. 60 mins walk. **FREE.** Tea & coffee available at the church after the walk. **2-9 May Chartwell** Westerham 01732 868381 Garden tour & cream tea. **24 May-1 June** Family fun & frolics, 50 things activities & trail in the woodland. **3 May Godmersham Park** 01227 730923 Country Fair & farmers market plus children's & family entertainment plus there will be a bar, bbq & light refreshments for more info email gamekeeper@godmersham.com

3 May Scotney Castle Lambhurst 01892 893819. Have a go at Longbow. **24-26 May** 50 Things launch party how many of the 50 Things can you do in a day? **27 May-1 June** Den holiday adventures find your way to Wilderness Camp to construct your own den. **3-4 May Hever Castle** Kent 01227 712111 Grubby Gang activities to include minibeast hunts, den making, woodland games, bug hotels, nature crafts, digging for worms, scavenger hunts, mud faces, mud pies, conkers games & competitions, tug of war, clay pots & much more, 7-11yrs. **4 Apr The High Rocks** High Rocks Lane Tonbridge Wells The Sound of Musicals a singalong party of a show. **4 May Elm Court Farmers Market** Capstone Road Gillingham 07876 68853 Farmers Market with more than 45 stalls

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May 2014

Peter Rabbit Animation: Easter Egg Hunt (£4.99)
Can Peter Rabbit, Benjamin Bunny and Lily Bottaal find Jemima's egg before Mr Tod and sneaky Samuel Whiskers have it on toast for tea?
With beautiful spring-time scenes from the fantastic new animation, this fun and fresh story is simply told for very young children. Featuring favourite characters including Jemima the very silly duck, introducing dastardly Samuel

Whiskers and starring, of course, Peter Rabbit and his lovable bunny friends!
Peter Rabbit Animation: My Mum (£4.99)
Peter Rabbit wants to make his mum her favourite strawberry pie as a Mother's Day gift. But the best strawberries grow in Mr Tod's garden. Will Peter and friends Lily and Benjamin be able to gather enough before that sneaky fox puts them in a pie of his own?

With artwork from the fantastic new animation, this exciting story is simply told for very young children. Featuring favourite characters, including the villainous Mr Tod and of course Peter Rabbit and his lovable bunny friends

Peter Rabbit Animation: Peter Saves the Day (£4.99)
Stealing Old Brown's glasses is really NOT a good idea, but silly Squirrel Nutkin just can't resist! Luckily his good friends Peter Rabbit, Benjamin and Lily are around to help him find them before the angry owl tracks him down. It's a matter of remembering where he's been and retracing his steps and some of his footsteps are PURPLE...

Peter Rabbit and his friends have just hit the screen on **Cheebies**. With his taste for radishes and his thirst for adventure, everyone will want to join Peter's gang.

Be one of the first with this great value adventure storybook. So much more than a story - study the map, enjoy the adventure, complete Peter's special skill challenge and fill in your very own certificate!

Peter Rabbit Animation: Let's Go!
Sticker Story Book (£3.99)
Publication: 1st May 2014
Go exploring with Peter Rabbit, Benjamin Bunny and Lily Bottaal. This fantastic sticker book is full of people and places from their world - from inside Peter's burrow, through the woods to a party at Hilltop Farm, via Squirrel Camp, Mr McGregor's garden and even Mr Tod's lair. Add stickers to the scenes to make trails, play games, imagine adventures and save Peter and his friends from some seriously sticky situations.

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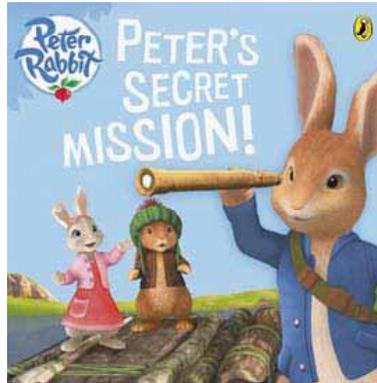
Peter Rabbit Animation: Football Fever (£4.99)
Everyone has gone football crazy! It's rabbits versus squirrels. But surely squirrels can't play football, can they...? Peter Rabbit and his

friends have hit the screen on **Cheebies** and everybody wants to join Peter Rabbit's club! So much more than a story - study the map, enjoy the adventure, complete Peter's special skill challenge and fill in your very own certificate!

Peter Rabbit Animation: Peter's Secret Mission (£4.99)
Publication: 1st May 2014
Grumpy Old Brown has stolen

Peter's journal, left to him by his dad. Peter, Lily and Benjamin and their squirrel friends set off on a TOP SECRET mission to Owl Island to get it back.

But when Nutkin is in danger Peter must make a choice: will he save his precious journal or his special friend?



Events at the Museum of London archaeological archive

Archaeological detectives
27 May, 11am-12.30pm & 2-3.30pm
Discover what's beneath London's iconic buildings with a family tour and hands-on activities. Age 5+
3+ PER CHILD Accompanying adults free
Book in advance on 020 7001 9844

Mapping London: City Sounds
29 May, 11am - 1pm & 2-4pm
Dig down to London's foundations and create a soundscape for the giant map made throughout half term. Age 5+
FREE

Dig with Mort!
30 May, 11am - 12pm & 2-4pm
Join Mort the Mouse for songs and digging. Find your own mystery objects in our huge indoor dig! Age 2-5 years
FREE

May Day on the docks
3 May, 11am - 4pm
Celebrate May Day with free family events. Create a paper flower bouquet, build a Jack in the Green, hear traditional spring folktales, and join in the May Day procession.
FREE

Music and movement
20 May, 17 Jun
Join us for our monthly music and movement session then come and play in Mudlarks afterwards!
FREE Places are limited. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

May half term
24 May - 1 Jun
Discover more about the city we live in from London's many languages to the way the river shapes our lives. Help create a giant map of the capital for our Mapping London project.
FREE

Stay afloat
28 Jun, 11.30am - 12.30pm & 2-3pm
Build and test a boat that can float inspired by the boats in our museum.
FREE

Mini Mudlarks babies group
Mondays during term-time, 12.45-1.45pm
Learn, play, explore and have fun together. Age 6 months - walking
FREE but book in advance on 020 7001 9844

Little Mudlarks toddlers group
Mondays during term-time, 10-11am & 11am - 12pm
Learn, play, explore and have fun together. Age walking - 5 years
FREE but book in advance by calling 020 7001 9844 or book online

Under 5s storyline
Thursdays during term time, 3-3.30pm
Join us for a fun and interactive story, told using puppets, museum objects and music.
FREE



May half term: The city we live in
24 May - 1 Jun
Uncover the stories behind London's buildings and streets. This week of events showing a different side of London will kick off with a special family festival weekend.
FREE

Musical Buildings
26 May 11-11.45am, 12-12.45pm & 2-2.45pm
A musical session for toddlers and their parents and carers. Under 5s
FREE Tickets allocated on arrival.

Behind the doors
26 May 12.30-2pm, 2.30-4pm
What do you really see on your journeys across London? Make a picture at our art drop-in. Age 5+
FREE

Mapping London: Landmarks
26 May 11am - 1pm & 2-4pm
Kick off our map project by helping add London's landmarks. Age 5+
FREE

What street is this?
27 May 1-1.20pm, 2-2.20pm & 3-3.20pm
Learn the stories behind London's street names with our curators. Age 6+
FREE

Becoming London
28 & 29 May, 1-1.30pm, 2-2.30pm, 3-3.30pm
People turn into buildings and London becomes the stage in a playful drama workshop. 5+
FREE

Stained glass
29 & 30 May, 12.30-2pm, 2.30-4pm
Make a colourful creation inspired by London's stained glass in this art drop-in. Age 5+
FREE

Storyline
30 May, 3-3.30pm
Join us in our galleries for a fun and interactive story, told using puppets, museum objects and music.
FREE

Urban Origami
30 May, 12.30-1.30pm, 2-3pm & 3.30-4.30pm
Design and print your own 3D card model using iPads and inspiration from London's famous skyline in this digital family workshop. Age 5+
33 PER CHILD Accompanying adults free
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What's hiding in the park?
31 May & Sun 1 Jun, 12.30-2pm & 2.30-4pm
Find out why London's parks are located where they are in this art drop-in. Age 5+
FREE

Stuck in traffic
31 May & Sun 1 Jun, 1-1.30pm, 2-2.30pm, 3-3.30pm
A highspeed fact finding storytelling experience about how we move around. Age 5+
FREE

Animated animals
15 Jun, 12.30-1.30pm, 2-3pm & 3.30-4.30pm
Bring the animals in our galleries to life with digital technology.
FREE Tickets allocated on arrival.

London jam
27 Jun 12.30-2pm, 2.30-4pm
Mix the flavours of London in this art drop-in. Age 5+
FREE



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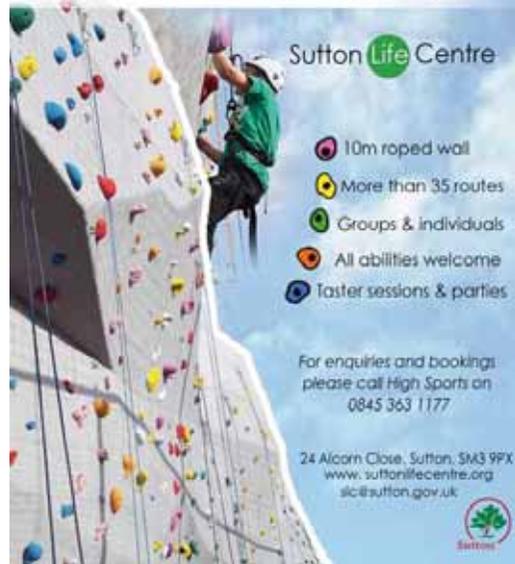
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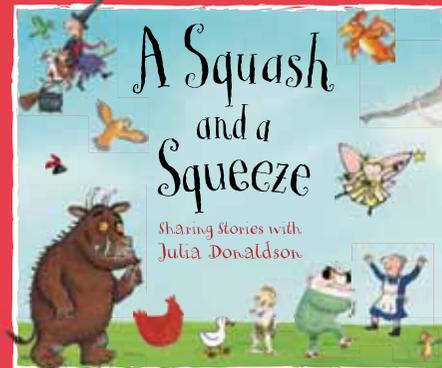
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Daily The Queen's Gallery Buckingham Palace London 020 7766 7301 Become an explorer & discover the exhibition with activity bags for families. Using the bugs find out which animals the adventurers shared the Antarctic with and what early explorers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

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

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 Academy of Arts 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 7930 6961 Undercover, what 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 bringing paintings alive & listening to a themed story on the magic carpet, plus FREE family trail.

Every Sun Hildreth Street Market Balham SW12 Fresh food traders sourced 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 amphibians & smelly skunks! 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 Venk 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 Campbellwell 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 7760 6120 The Shop of Possibilities for children & families living in five neighbouring estates, Pelican, Southampton Way, Elmington, Wyndham & Comber, & Secaucus Gardens are invited to play at after school & weekend workshops in this recently renovated former retail outlet on the Secaucus Gardens housing estate.

Every weekend Tate Modern Bankside 020 7887 8008 Open Studio play & create with ideas & materials from artworks in the collection displays for all ages. **5yrs**, Daily Under 5's Zone a new play space for families, FREE.

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Until 18 May Udderbelly Festival Southbank Gandini Juggling: Smashed a sensational mix of skills & theatricality, www.gandinijuggling.com 30 May 6-9 A Simple Space Acrobatic performance by seven performers who stack themselves into towers, spin themselves into human skipping ropes somersault & tumble on the spot & much more, Tel: 0844 545 8282, www.udderbelly.co.uk

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23, 29, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 31 May Chickens! Theatre Company Chase Side Southgate 020 8292 9222 Tales from the Shed interactive theatre shows for young children up to 7yrs, with different shows each week. **24 May** Tales Big Day Out entertaining day for all the family, children may take part in a great interactive workshop & watch a performance, 0-7yrs, babies under 6mths, FREE.

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