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## Out & About

### Fireman Sam Returns to Kent Life Heritage Farm Park

Children's favourite **Fireman Sam** makes a welcome return to **Kent Life Heritage Farm Park**, near Maidstone, on **Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June**. Such is the enduring popularity of **Fireman Sam** that **Kent Life** has invited him back after the children enjoyed meeting him at the award-winning attraction last year.



He will be appearing at intervals throughout each day meeting his young fans. **Kent Life** expects lots of interest in the visit, so booking your **Kent Life** tickets online in advance is recommended to make sure you don't miss out.

You can even see a vintage 1800s **Merryweather Fire Engine**, one of 20,000 artefacts held in **Kent Life's** historic collection. The fire engine came originally from **Cobham**

**Hall** where it was privately owned and operated on the estate as there was no public fire brigade at the time. It was pulled by horses and teams of men operated the pump by hand. **Kent Life** is a wonderful treat for children, whatever the weather. They can go wild in the outdoor adventure play area or soft indoor play barn, as well as enjoy donkey and tractor rides, water zorbing, face painting, dressing up, painting a pot and much more.

**Kent Life** is also a real working farm, so there are plenty of animals to see including pigs, sheep, ducks, goats, ponies and alpacas. Young visitors can even snuggle up to the smaller farmyard friends in **Cuddle Corner**.

Admission to **Kent Life** is £9.25 adults, £8.25 concessions and £7.25 for children (three-15 years). Under-threes and **Kent Life** members go free. **Kent Life** is open daily from 10am to 5pm (last admission 4pm). For more details and to book visit [www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk) or call 01622 763936

### Get paddling on a family white-water challenge

Banish boredom this summer and treat the kids to some high-adrenaline action in France. Described as 'the ultimate family white-water canoeing adventure' by **Family Adventure Holidays**, **01273-803030** [www.familyadventureholidays.com](http://www.familyadventureholidays.com) a new break features a thrilling two-day canoe descent of the spectacular **Ardeche gorge**.

For families with children aged eight years and over, the seven-night **Ardeche Adventure** promises a truly exhilarating time. No experience is necessary, with highly-qualified and experienced English-speaking instructors ensuring everyone's safety at all times.

Canoes tackle a total of 22 rapids and the famous natural stone **Pont D'Arc** bridge on the Ardeche river as they descend through the magnificent limestone gorge which rises up to 1,000ft in places. A night is spent under canvas at a bivouac site deep in the heart of the gorge where families enjoy a sociable barbecue together in the evening and a hearty breakfast of pancakes next morning before tackling the second day's challenging canoeing.

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### The Bowler Hat

An all-new pop-up theatre in **Paternoster Square**, EC4M 7DY for the duration of the Festival, featuring an eclectic mix of children's theatre, stand-up comedy, circus, cabaret, live poetry and much more. Children's theatre in the **Bowler Hat** - all tickets £6.50 **Little Angel Theatre** presents **'Dogs Don't Do Ballet'** - The sublime and the ridiculous combine in this hilarious story of a small dog with a big personality and even bigger dreams (23 - 27 June) **Peut-être Theatre** presents **'The Tin Soldier'** - A newly-minted tin soldier stands on a single leg, having been the last one cast from an old tin tin. Nearby he spies a paper ballerina, also standing on one leg and the soldier falls in love (7 - 11 July) **James Campbell** is a stand-up comedian for children, who proves that comedy for kids is much more than toilet humour (3 July) **Storybook World Cup Football** is centre stage in the **Bowler Hat** as the City's three community libraries - **Shoe Lane Library, Barbican Children's Library** and the newly opened **Artisan Library** - unite with the Festival and present league football clubs to represent Saturday morning storytelling.

Holidays are available from **July 19 to September 13** and include all professionally-instructed activities and self-catering accommodation in mobile homes on a three-star campsite set among vineyards in the low mountains of the **Cervene**, near **Lablachere**. Tents, equipment and food are provided on the bivouac night. The price for adults and children is £438 for seven nights (based on a family of four sharing a mobile home), dropping to £398 for the last week **beginning September 6**. Travel is not included. Families may arrange own transport or combine the activity week with a longer stay in France.

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### My Normandy Adventure

**Le Memorial De Caen** 70 years story of **World War II** through the end of the cold War 1944-2014. It's a must for a school trip. Featuring an underground bunker which was the headquarters of Lieutenant-General Richter in 1944, who played a crucial role in the first weeks of the **Battle of Normandy**. An audio guide illustrates the events. [www.memorial-caen.fr](http://www.memorial-caen.fr)

**Centre Juno Beach Courseulles-sur-Mer** Situated on the beach where the Canadians actually landed in June 1944. Tours of **Juno Park**, remnants of the Atlantic Wall and bunkers (on the beach) are taken by young Canadian guide giving them an authentic atmosphere to the accounts of the battle. A new 12 minute film **They Walk with You** is the most poignant film I saw on my trip. Look out for the inventive use of corks instead of rubber tyres on the bicycle! [www.juno-beach.org](http://www.juno-beach.org)

**Memorial De Montormel** Situated one hour's drive from the landing beaches, watch on a large model and film the final battle in Normandy. The archive footage, photos, and eyewitness accounts all help to put the final phase into perspective. Then the doors

**Musee Du Debarquement Utah Beach** This museum pays tribute to all the American troops who risked and sacrificed their lives for freedom. In ten chronological sequences, it covers the German Occupation, the forces that were present on the eve of D-Day. Their new treasure is an authentic **Martin B-26G Marauder**. They have a comprehensive programme of talks by people who witnessed the Landings, 'forties concerts, book signings, etc. Panoramic views out to the beach which thanks to those young troops you can now enjoy in freedom. [www.utah-beach.com](http://www.utah-beach.com)

**Cinema Circulaire Arromanches 360** New film **Normandy's 100 days**. Simultaneously projected 360° onto nine screens, this 19 minute film tells the story of the 100 day Normandy Campaign. The film has previously unseen footage from Canadian, American, German, British and French archive sources, paying tribute to the soldiers of all nations. The cinema overlooking the village of Arromanches, it is just 5 min walk down the hill, with great restaurants and a small museum. A beautiful sandy beach, a merry-go-round and looking out to sea you can still see the remains of the artificial port, or **'Mulberry Harbour'**! [www.arromanches360.com/en](http://www.arromanches360.com/en)



open with a panoramic view of the actual combat zone, now beautiful countryside it's hard to envisage the devastation that occurred. [www.memorial-montormel.org](http://www.memorial-montormel.org)

**Accommodation La Bergerie** Only an hour from the landing beaches at **Sainte Opportune**, Sylvie and Frédéric will give you the warmest welcome ever, both of them speak perfect English. They offer gites (self-catering), chambre

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**Residence Le Chant des Oiseaux** **Pierre & Vacances** has a range of apartments across Normandy that is ideal for families. On the coast and within 30 minutes' drive of the **Pegasus Museum** is the **Residence Le Chant des Oiseaux** in Courseulles-sur-Mer, overlooking the Juno landing area. Prices in June (D-Day itself is sold out) start from £457 for a 7 nights in a 1 bedroom apartment sleeping 4. These are clean spacious apartments with the ability to hire linen, heated indoor swimming pool and children playground. For more information visit [www.pierreetvacances.co.uk](http://www.pierreetvacances.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.**  
 Take a second opinion now. Nine years old may be too late.  
**ORTHOTROPICS**  
 The alternative to orthodontics with extractions and surgery.  
 Orthodontics usually requires the extraction of 4 to 8 sound teeth although this is frequently denied.  
 Easily was treated by natural methods. No extractions. No "Train Tracks". No retainers.  
 Research shows Orthotropics can get much better results than "Train Tracks".  
 Professor John Mew, Tunbridge Wells 01892 526406 and personal 01435 862045  
 Email: [john.mew@virgin.net](mailto:john.mew@virgin.net)

**SUTTON HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
 THE SPORTS VILLAGE  
 If you are looking for ways to keep the children entertained whilst 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 - August 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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 THE SPORTS VILLAGE, Rose Hill Park, Rose Hill, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3HH  
[www.thesportsvillage.org.uk](http://www.thesportsvillage.org.uk)

**Hillcroft The National Residential College for Women**  
**Summer Sizzlers Courses at Hillcroft, summer 2014**  
 Hillcroft was awarded a grade 2, good college by Ofsted in 2014 and has been supporting women returners to education through a unique blend of intensive residential learning since 1920, enabling learners to gain the skills they require to improve their employment prospects, increase basic skills, engage with IT, progress onto university and develop pathways to a brighter future. We have lots of short weekend courses starting Friday evening to Sunday and courses which run during the week. Courses are FREE for those on means tested benefits including accommodation, childcare, and travel. (There is a £20 enrolment fee for most courses) Call Admissions for eligibility and for more information on **020 8399 2688**.  
**Starting Points** Returning to learning but not sure what to study? Discover your pathway on this skills taster. 9<sup>th</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Monday to Wednesday)  
**Information Communication Technology**  
**Spreadsheets Software Level 2** 6<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (This course runs over 2 consecutive weekends)  
**Beginners IT** 27<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Weekend)  
**Website Software Level 1** 30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Monday to Friday)  
**Improving Productivity Using ICT Level 2** 11<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Runs over 2 consecutive weekends)  
**English and maths**  
**Creative Reading, Writing and Speaking 2** 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Monday to Friday)  
**Maths - Measurement and Data** 16<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Monday to Friday)  
**Creative Reading, Writing and Speaking 3** 30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Monday to Friday)  
**English for Rusty Students** 11<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Weekend)  
**Make the Most of Time and Money** 18<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Weekend)  
**Careers and Enterprise**  
**Start-up & Stilettoes: Using Social Media** 6<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Weekend)  
**Introduction to Careers in Beauty, Spas, Hair and Nails** 16<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Monday to Friday)  
**Introduction to Accounting** 20<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 (Weekend)  
**Introduction to the Security Services** 4<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Weekend)  
**Introduction to Careers in Fashion, Crafts and Retail** 7<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Monday to Friday)  
**AAT Access Level 1** 21<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 (This course runs Monday to Thursday over 2 consecutive weeks)  
**ESOL: English for speakers of other Languages**  
**ESOL: Employment and Job-seeking** 6<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Weekend)  
**ESOL: Communication Skills** 27<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Weekend)  
**ESOL: Emails and Formal Letters** 11<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Weekend)  
**ESOL: Summer School** 24<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 (Thursday to Thursday)  
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**Digital Arts**  
**Introduction to Digital Filmmaking** 13<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (Weekend)  
**Digital Filmmaking: Documentary** 7<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Monday to Friday)  
**Personal Development**  
**Introduction to Confidence Building** 20<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 (Weekend)  
**Managing Stress through Mindfulness & Meditation** 4<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Weekend)  
**Developing Self-esteem and Confidence** 11<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Weekend)  
 If your goal is University join one of our Access to HE programmes in Business, Health and Human Sciences or Humanities and Social Sciences.  
 We also run courses on Dyslexia / Dyspraxia strategies

# Out & About

## GROW...

...London, a new contemporary garden fair, will burst into bloom for the first time on **Hampstead Heath, 20-22 June**. A fresh, innovative approach to gardening arrives in London this summer when **GROW London** launches its first show on Hampstead Heath. A destination event where design lovers are as inspired and stimulated as passionate plants-people, **GROW London** is an exciting sourcebook of all that's best in the world of contemporary gardens. Around 100 national and international exhibitors have been handpicked by **GROW London** to showcase an unrivalled selection of garden products, from contemporary and classic garden furniture and the finest handmade tools, to chic accessories and unusual plants from some of the UK's finest nurseries. The interior of the 5000 square metre air-conditioned marquee will be beautifully designed by Shane Connolly, famed for his decoration of Westminster Abbey for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, while outside, architect Rodrick James will be presenting a futuristic oak building which will be surrounded by a stunning pop-up garden.

The three-day show offers a varied programme of free talks, demonstrations and workshops packed with ideas on how to transform your outside

[www.growlondon.com](http://www.growlondon.com)



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**Daily throughout June** **Bodiam Castle** Robertsbridge 01580 830196 Uncovering Bodiam's secret history. **15 June** Father's Day BBQ.

**New** **Legoland Windsor** 01753 621621 Pirates Landing gets a major re-vamp to become New Pirates Shores featuring Castaway Camp a new pirate adventure play area with more than 100 brand new Lego modes & themed features on the Pirate Falls Treasure Quest log flume ride, plus a new themed restaurant plus lots more on offer.

**Every Wed** **Heaven at Nutfield** 19 High Street [www.heaven-nutfield.com](http://www.heaven-nutfield.com). Smiley Faces music group for babies & toddlers for up to 2yrs & 2-4yrs, there is also a playroom for under 5's, a café & a crèche.

**Every Sat during term time** **The River & Rowley Museum** Mills Meadows Henley on Thames 01491 415600 Artways Art Club, 5 week sessions, 11-15yrs. **Every Wed** during term time Taylor Tug's under 5's Club.

**1 June** **Royal Naval Submarine Museum** 02392 545034 Lighting the Way a shadow puppet play watch the incredible story of the secret

midget x-raft submarines at D-Day & then make your own shadow puppet, FREE with a valid museum ticket.

**7-8 June** **Standen** East Grinstead 01342 323029 NGS Open Day with guided tour. **21 June** Midsummer Eve garden tour.

**7,28 June** **Bateman's** Burwash 01435 882302 Summer garden tours & tea. **15 June** Father's Day tea. **20 June** Paint the garden with artist & tutor Julie King.

**10 June** **Devil's Dyke** West Sussex 01273 857712 Wolstonbury orchid safari looking for up to 10 species of orchid.

# Museum of Childhood

**WHAT'S ON AT THE V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD IN JUNE**  
[www.vam.ac.uk/moc](http://www.vam.ac.uk/moc)  
DAYDREAMS AND DIARIES – THE STORY OF **JACQUELINE WILSON**  
**5 APRIL – 21 NOVEMBER**  
This exhibition explores the life and work of one of Britain's best loved children's authors.

**Dame Jacqueline Wilson** has written nearly 100 books and over 30 million copies sold in the UK alone. The exhibition features original notebooks and extracts from some of her favourite books including *The Story of Tracy Beaker*, *The Illustrated Mum* and *Hetty Feather* as well as artwork by illustrator **Nick Sharratt** with whom she has worked for over 20 years. **Free.**

**NEW DISPLAY TOY STORIES**  
**7 JUNE – 14 DECEMBER**

A display of 20 portrait photographs taken by Italian photographer **Gabriele Galimberti** exploring the role and function of toys in the lives of children around the globe. The portraits reflect the impact of the children's backgrounds and families on their choice of toys and highlight the universality of play. **Free.**  
**DISPLAY THE GREAT DIARY PROJECT**  
**17 MAY – 12 OCTOBER**

Documents from the **Great Diary Project** archive at the Bishopsgate Institute, this

display offers insights into the lives of children and teenagers at particular moments in history. On public display for the first time and dating from 1813 to 1996, they include Godfrey Williams' boarding school journal, begun in 1881; the writings of a Girl Scout from the 1930s; and 12-year-old Bill Kirkman's account of VE Day. The diaries reveal changes in the experience of childhood over time and are a valuable record of social history. **Free.**

**DISPLAY HAND ME OVER HAND ME DOWNS**  
**24 MAY 2014 – 31 AUGUST**

Artist **Annabel Stockman's** photographic project will be displayed alongside the clothing and possessions of an adopted child. The project began after Stockman and her husband adopted their two children. The photographs document the clothes, toys, keep sakes and good luck charms that their children, as well as 65 other adopted children, brought with them to begin their new lives in the UK. Their possessions reflect the culture and traditions of their previous homes, the relationships they had with their carers, and the fears or hopes of those carers. **Free.**

For advance booking, email [mocbookings@vam.ac.uk](mailto:mocbookings@vam.ac.uk) or call **020 8983 5205**



**Book tickets now at the following venues:**  
**ARC ARTS CENTRE, CATERHAM** (01883 330 380)  
**FAIRFIELD HALLS, CROYDON** (0208 688 9291)  
**BARN THEATRE, OXTEAD** (01959 561811)  
**CHRISTCHURCH, PURLEY** (01883 330 380)  
**DUGDALE CENTRE, ENFIELD** (0208 807 6680)

Further details of dates & times between 18th May and 28th June and to book online visit [www.anotherwaytheatre.co.uk](http://www.anotherwaytheatre.co.uk)

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## THE LONGEST DAY CHALLENGE

*How far can you cycle in 24 hours?*

This is the challenge from a group of regulars at the **Chequers Inn Pub** at Laddingford, near Maidstone, who hope to raise more than £16,000 for Pembury-based charity **Pepenburg** through a team cycling challenge called **The Longest Day**. They seek teams to take part in this 24 hour team cycle challenge which will take place, appropriately, on the **Summer Solstice June 21**. The starting point will be **The Chequers Inn**, Laddingford, but there is no fixed destination. However, there will be several different challenges and teams can choose their own goal.

The challenges are:  
- Furthest distance as the crowd flies  
- Furthest distance in road miles  
- Longest loop in road miles  
- For those who want to turn up, do the event and get back to the start

Most unusual destination  
Most unusual location en route  
Anyone could win this. Assuming you participate, a good picture of somewhere unusual could bag you top spot

Most countries visited  
Photographic evidence of every country visited is expected if you are mad enough to go for this one.

For the toughest riders it will be about endurance and distance. For some the biggest kudos will come from cycling the longest distance challenge. Others may want to consider the most unusual destination or the unusual location challenges. Photographic evidence of each team's location must be provided within 24 hours of finishing the event.

Each team must have four members and the event is limited to 40 teams. Entrance costs £25 per person.

**The Chequers** have their own team of 20 plus cycling enthusiasts, the **Chequers Racers** who are organising the challenge. This new event to support **Pepenburg** with the aim of raising £16,438 – the amount of money needed per day to keep running the services for people with learning and other disabilities. To enter a team or find out more information see: [www.longestday24hr.co.uk/home.html](http://www.longestday24hr.co.uk/home.html)

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**SATURDAY 12 JULY**  
**12-5PM**  
Wandsworth

June 2014

## WWT London Wetland Centre

**Mondays in June 2.9,16,23,30**  
**Pond dipping** for adults 12.00-12.45 and 3.00-3.45

Why should children have all the fun messing about in ponds? This is a chance for adult visitors to **WWT London Wetland Centre** to roll up their sleeves and enjoy a spot of pond dipping. Come on a **Pond Safari** to hunt for the many different kinds of insects and other small animals that live in fresh waters. You may find anything from a diving beetle to a caddisfly larvae and the team will be on hand to tell you about the creatures' behaviours and habitats. No previous knowledge is required, the sessions are just for fun; for people who want to know a bit more about the mysterious animals that live at the bottom of a pond. Meet in the **Pond Zone**. No need to book – it's a drop-in session so just turn up!

**Saturday 7 June**  
**Members' Walk** 1pm  
Wet woodland walk. Join the warden for a 30 minute walk into the wet woodlands, an area not usually open to the public. Wet woodlands are an increasingly rare habitat and yet they're a vital ecosystem for some species. On this walk you may hear the explosive song of a Cetti's warbler, see beautiful marsh marigolds and

extremely popular and places fill up very quickly, so book early. £5pp + admission. Booking essential: call **020 8409 4400**.  
**Sat 28 and Sunday 29 June**  
**Dragonfly Weekend**  
11am and 2pm both days  
**WWT London Wetland Centre** is home to 22 species of Odonata - dragonflies and damselflies - including the rare Hairy dragonfly which first bred here in 2010. They breed around the shallow ponds and pools, and their voracious larvae develop underwater. Summer is a great time for dragonfly spotting as they'll be hunting smaller flying insects across the reserve. Throughout the day they will look at specific technique, composition and equipment for close-up photography. Subjects may include flowers, butterflies, minibeasts and abstract nature. This session is suitable for users of SLR and compact cameras. The content will be tailored to the needs of course attendees, and with limited numbers there will be plenty of time for 1-2-1 tuition. This workshop is led by photographer and author **Iain Green**. Iain's wildlife photography workshops at **London Wetland Centre** are

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# Out & About

## 'All Star Cast From an All Star Studio'

**Pip Ahoy!** airs on **Channel 5's Milkshake** starting on 12th June 2014. **Pip Ahoy!** follows the adventures of an eager happy-go-lucky young pup called Pip and his best friend Alba the kitten around the colourful and enchanting seaside resort of Salty Cove. Aimed at pre-school children from the age of two, Pip Ahoy! will bring fun and laughter into every home with a mixture of the extraordinary and the familiar. The series has been produced by **CHF Entertainment's** hugely talented creative team under the leadership of multi award-winners **Jean Flynn** and **Ben Turner** and features **Sir David Jason** as the voice of Pip's caring uncle, Skipper. *X Factor* finalist, singer and reality TV star, **Stacey Solomon**, has also recorded the theme song and is the voice of the pink flamingo, Fuchsia.

For more information about Pip Ahoy! visit [www.chfentertainment.com/site/shows/pip-overview](http://www.chfentertainment.com/site/shows/pip-overview)  
**www.parents-news.co.uk**  
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discovering more about sedges. **Booking essential.** £2. Starting at entrance to **Wildside**  
**Friday 20 June**  
**Nature in close-up:** an introduction to macro photography 10am – 4pm  
Discover the wonderful world of the smaller residents of the **WWT London Wetland Centre** nature reserve: often overlooked, but with great photographic and artistic potential. The workshop begins with a short introduction, after which the day will be a largely practical session photographing outside, creating beautiful images. Through the day they will look at specific technique, composition and equipment for close-up photography. Subjects may include flowers, butterflies, minibeasts and abstract nature. This session is suitable for users of SLR and compact cameras. The content will be tailored to the needs of course attendees, and with limited numbers there will be plenty of time for 1-2-1 tuition. This workshop is led by photographer and author **Iain Green**. Iain's wildlife photography workshops at **London Wetland Centre** are

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**LEAF's Open Farm Sunday** 8th June 2014  
'Celebrate British Farming and Food'



**Open Farm Sunday**  
[www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org)  
**UK farmers produce 52% of all food consumed in the UK (Defra)**

**UK farmers grow 23% of all fruit and vegetables consumed in the UK (Defra)**

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**UK farmers supply 62% of cereals consumed in the UK (Defra)**  
**UK farmers supply 83% of the dairy produce and bird's eggs consumed in the UK (Defra)**

**How Many Animals? (Defra)**  
103 million table fowl  
47 million laying hens  
32 million sheep & lambs  
4.5 million pigs  
1.8 million dairy cattle and calves  
1.7 million beef cattle  
Livestock numbers, UK, Defra

**What Do We Grow? (Defra)**  
1.9m hectares of wheat  
1m hectares of barley  
756k hectares of oilseeds  
158k hectares of maize  
122k hectares of oats  
149k hectares of potatoes  
123k hectares of vegetables (grown outdoors)  
24k hectares of orchard fruit  
9k hectares of soft fruit & wine grapes  
Area of arable and horticultural crops, UK, Defra

Find out more about British food and farming at an **Open Farm Sunday** event.  
Hundreds of farms will be opening on **8th June**. Find your nearest farm at:  
[www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org)

# Calendar

**Daily Lower Morden Garden Centre** 020 8337 7781 Soft Play, under 5's.

**Daily Sutton Ecology Centre** Carshalton 02087705820/Playworld fantasy play area, 2-10yrs.

**Daily Rainbow Leisure Centre** East 020 372 72727 Toddlers Under 5's.

**Daily New Gardens, Ken Palace** 020 8847 0946 Daily Walking Tours of seasonal highlights, FREE. Every Sat Tropical Nurtury Tours, need to book. Every Sat Hands on Session Blowing in the wind stories of seed dispersal, FREE, no need to book. 21 June **GN & Cake tasting.**

**New Kingston Museum and Heritage Centre** Wheatsfield Way Kingston 020 8547 5006 Remembering Kingston at War exhibition. 7 June 'At the going down of the sun - remembering Kingston's Great War fallen' Graeme Hodge lunch time lecture, FREE. 10 June 'For King and Country' conscientious Objector & Anti-War Activist', Ben Copsey, lunch time lecture, FREE.

**Every Mon Seconbe Theatre** Chiswick Road Sutton 020 8770 6990 Zumba fitness. Every Tues Line Dancing. Every Wed Ballroom Dance, under 8's to adults.

**Every Mon Hampton Library** 020 8734 3347 Storytime session, under 5's, FREE. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month Chatterbooks reading group, 8-9yrs, 4pm, FREE.

**Every Mon Kingston Children's Library** Wheatfield Way Kingston 020 8547 6438 Rhyme & storytime sessions for babies, toddlers & under 5's. Every Thurs Stories & crafts for under 5's.

**Every Mon Surbiton Library** Ewell Road Surbiton 020 8547 6444 Storytime for under 5's, FREE.

**Every Tues Rhyme & storytime for babies & toddlers** FREE. Every **Mon Tudor Drive Library** 020 8547 6456 Storytime for under 5's, FREE. Every Tues Rhymetime for under 5's followed by stay & play.

**Every Tues Central Shopping Centre** Croydon [www.central.co.uk](http://www.central.co.uk) Early Learning Centre playtime sessions, all ages with all kinds of arts & crafts from making face masks, cards, painting, colouring or just play, FREE, 10-12pm, 020 8666 7535.

**Every Tues afternoon Raynes Park Library** Story times for under 5's. Every Thurs month Simple Yoga & Meditation Group.

**Every Wed until 20 May & every Wed until 21 May Ridgway Widdoway** [www.merton.nhs.uk/activeplus](http://www.merton.nhs.uk/activeplus) After School horse riding.

**Twitter: @parentsnewsuk**

**Every Tues-Fri Dickerage Adventure Playground** Dickerage Lane, Kingston 020-8942 1707 Parent & Toddler Play sessions.

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**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month Richmond Library** 020 8734 3358 Storytime session, under 5's, FREE. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month Chatterbooks reading group, 8-9yrs, FREE.

**Every Tues Hampton Wick Library** 020 8734 3358 Storytime session, under 5's, FREE. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month Chatterbooks reading group, 8-9yrs, FREE.

**Every Tues Ham Library** 020 8734 3354 Storytime session, under 5's, FREE. 1<sup>st</sup> Fri of each month Tiny Teddies sessions baby bounce & rhyme, FREE.

**Every Wed Watermans Brentford** 020 8232 1010. Every Sat Drama Zone 5-8 & 9-14yrs. Every Sat Mon Family Cinema, 1 adult FREE with one paying child.

**Every Wed Castellan Library** 020 8734 3350 Storytime session, under 5's, FREE. One Sat a month

Tiny Teddies baby bounce & rhyme sessions, FREE.

**Every Wed Hampton Hill Library** 020 8734 3320 Storytime session, under 5's, FREE. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of every month Tiny Teddies sessions baby bounce & rhyme, FREE.

**Every Wed Tolworth Library** 37-39 The Broadway 020 8547 6470 Rhyme & storytime for under 5's with simple crafts, FREE.

**Every Wed mon Sutton Arena Leisure Centre** Middleton Road Carshalton 020 8770 4088 Women's Recreation Mornings sport & social single fee, 9-12pm. Daily Playworld fantasy play area, 2-10yrs.

**Every Wed until 16 July Wimbledon Park** Revelstoke Road Merton [www.merton.gov.uk/activeplus](http://www.merton.gov.uk/activeplus) Sewing Club.

**Every Wed & Sun East Sheen Library** 020 8734 3337 Storytime under 5's, FREE. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month Chatterbooks reading group, 8-9yrs, 4.30pm, FREE. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of the month Tiny Teddies sessions baby bounce & rhyme, FREE.

**Every Fri Bradmore Green Library** Old Coulsdon 020 8726 6000 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. Every Mon Storytime 2 ½yrs & Chatterbooks reading group for 8-11yrs. Fortnightly Every Sat Rhymetime, FREE.

**Every Fri Selsdon Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+. Every Tues Storytime for pre-school children. Every Sat Rock & Rhyme for pre-schoolers. 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the month Arty Crafty, 4-8yrs plus parents & siblings. Every Sat afternoon taster reading group. Last Thurs of month adult reading group.

**Every Fri Waddon Ponds & Wandale Park** 020 8656 5947 Great air walk through Waddon Ponds & Wandale Park, 2-3 miles, meet outside, Ltd, 11am, FREE.

**Every Fri Thornton Heath Leisure Centre** 89-110 High Street 020 8726 6000 x88965 Aqaacise pay as you go sessions.

**Every Fri morn Running Club** 07936 240937 A mixed group consisting mainly, but not restricted to mothers with children in school, meet at 9.00am in the Pembroke Lodge car park for a run of between 3 & 4 miles. Social group of runners with no pressure on ability, new runners more than welcome. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of the month **Norbiton Children's Centre Kings Oak Primary** Dickering Lane 020 8949 6005 Who Let the duds out play session for under 5's, 10-12.30pm.

**Every first Sat of the month Kingston Library** Wheatfield Way Kingston 020 8547 6438 Chatterbooks a reading club for children 7-9yrs with a parent or carer, need to contact library to be placed on a waiting list, FREE.

**Every Sat Electric Theatre** Onslow Street Guildford 01483 4400 00 The Tiger & the Moustache with storytelling, theatre, live music, dance & laughter. 7 June Theo's Crazy Circus show for all the family 3+yrs, 12-13 June Suffragette. 14 June The Henry VIII Show children's show with puppets perfect for all those studying the Tudors plus after the show there is a questions & answer session, 27-29 June The Time Machine. 5-7 June G Live London Road Guildford 0844 7701 797 Science Museum Live. The Energy Show family theatre for curious minds. 15 June Robot Wars Live Show. 5-26 June Claremont Landscape Gardens 01372 467806 Teddy Bears Picnic & Storytelling, bring along a teddy. 8 June Have a Go Archery Day. 15 June Father's Day The Surrey Classic Vehicle Club will be displaying the vintage cars by the lake from 10.30am.

**6-18 June Holy Trinity Church** 224 The Broadway Wimbledon Family concert with Bach to Baby, children FREE. [www.bachtobaby.com](http://www.bachtobaby.com)

**6-20 June Cobham Brica-a-Brac** Farnham Stacey Heart Church Downside Ridge Road Cobham 01932 269566 Antique & flea market, entrance FREE.

**7 June Horley Carnival** A23 Recreation Ground 01293 784965 The carnival procession will be starting from the Victoria Road car park & making its way into Massetts Road & then Russell's Crescent & onto Victoria Road & into the Recreation Ground where will be lots of entertainment with children's fairground rides, bands playing, dance demonstrations & lots of things to see & eat.

**7 June Barn Theatre** 020 81883 724852 Let us Entertain You Too with local choirs, theatre & dance schools & a magician. 13 June Nicholas Nickleby.

**7 June The Great Cockrow Railway** Chertsey 01932 565706 Charity Day fund day for all their children up to 5yrs. Every Mon Stay & Play 0-18mths.

**1 June Gatton Park** 01737 649066 [www.gattonpark.com](http://www.gattonpark.com) Gardens & Park open.

**1 June Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice** Farnham, Surrey Plant Sale, 10-1pm, entrance FREE, all proceeds to hospice.

items & other good quality products plus lots more, entrance FREE.

**7 June Dorking Halls** 01306 881717 The Armed Man & the Gallant Knight chorale pageant based on the story of St George & the Dragon.

**7-9 June BHHS Gardens** Wisley 01483 252329 Real Ale & Cider Weekend, Tel: 0845 209000.

**15 June Fathers Day Challenge** Dad great day out for all the family. There will be a survival skills challenge, construct a mini raft, make a camouflage crown & build dens. 21-27 June National Insect Week have you found a mysterious insect in your garden, bring it along for the Entomologists to identify. See insect predators in action under a microscope learn to make a trap to find out what lives in your garden & test yourself on whether insects are pests or gardeners friends. 28-29 June Arts Fest there will be a carnival atmosphere with live music, theatre performances, literary talks & book signing, craft demonstrations, art workshops & lots more.

**7-8 June White Lion Walk Shopping Centre** Guildford 01403 783400 Centre launching their very own special FIFA World Cup Soupsale offering shoppers the opportunity to win a host of prizes. Shoppers spending £10 or more at any of the stores within White Lion Walk are able to pick up a special scratch card which feature the name of one of the teams competing in the World Cup, shoppers fill out their details & pop it in the post box to win a variety of prizes.

**8 June Reeds Rugby Field** Hersham The Peterson's Fund for Children Dog Show plus food & entertainment, 12-3.30pm, FREE, entrance, [www.petersonsfundforchildren.org](http://www.petersonsfundforchildren.org)

**10 June Concert Hall** Fairfield 020 8688 9291 The Classical roadshow presents Dreamtime Tales for 7-9 year olds. An Evening with the stars of Strictly Come Dancing. 15 June Carnaby Street, The Concert. 19 June Sutton Music Service KS2 Instrumental Festival. 30 June June Sing U Sing Summer Song Festival night filled with young people from Croydon & surrounding boroughs.

**10 June King's Wood Sandreast** 020 8726 6000 Toddler Walk meet at 0.30am by the woodland entrance off Orchard Road for 1-12.

**10 June Kings Wood** 020 8726 6000 Toddler Walk forest school inspired woodland ramble at toddler speed, 1 ½-2hr.

**10-12 June Putney Arts Theatre** Ravensna Road 020 8788 6935 James & the Giant Peach

**11 June-16 Aug Polka Theatre** 240 The Broadway Wimbledon 020 8543 4888 Moominsummad Madness with puppetry, laughter & live original music, 4-8yrs.

**13 June Shooting Star House** 01932 823100 Open Day see how support helps make a difference to babies, children, young people & their families, take a self guided tour around the hospice following the suggested route with the support of a Shooting Star House tour guide booklet.

**13 June The Leatherhead Theatre** 01372 365141 The Little Mermaid the ballet.

**14 June RSPCA Millbrook Animal Centre** 0300 123 0740 RSPCA Car Boot Sale all proceeds to animal welfare.

**14 June Camberley Theatre** 01276 707600 Abanbania

**14 June Elmbridge Museum** 01932 845373 Tudor-tastic Puppets art & craft family fun find out about life in Tudor times & then make your own puppet of King Henry VIII or one of his wives to take home with you. [Twitter: @parentnewsuk](http://twitter.com/parentnewsuk)

**14 June Inye Village Fete** Near Chertsey 01932 872057 With fun & games for all children's games, fairground rides, balloons & fun, entertainer, punch & judy, lots of stalls, tombolas, raffles, Pimms & beer, teas, cakes & ice cream plus arena events for include birds, of Prey, Morris dancers & local bands. Entrance under 16's FREE

**14 June Richards Lodge Shopping Centre** Lake Road Wimbledon MumZumZumMarketBaby & children's nearby new sale with refreshments & FREE entertainment for children. [www.mumzumzummarket.co.uk](http://www.mumzumzummarket.co.uk)

**14 June Hutchinson's Bank** 020 8726 6900 Longer walk to search for the not so common small blue butterfly & marvel at the orchards, meet at 11am at the junction of Featherbed Lane & Fairleigh Crescent.

**14-15 June Ham House** & Gardens Richmond 020 8940 1950 Open Garden Squares Weekend

**15 June Painshill Park** Portsmouth Road, Cobham 01932 888113 Fathers Day FREE to fathers when accompanied by their children. 24 June Music in the Grotto pupils for the Yehudi Menuhin School perform a range of music from baroque to the present day in the magical crystal Grotto, adults only.

**15 June Polesden Lacey** Dorking 01372 452048 Father's Day Beer Festival. 21-28 June Pop up Shakespeare performed in various settings around the grounds.

**15 June Fashills Club & Resort** Stonehill Road, Ottersham 01932 704451 George's Marvellous Medicine

**15 June Birdworld** Farnham 01420 22140 Annual Father's Day Paper Plane competition with survival skills challenge, construct a mini raft, make a camouflage crown & build dens.

**15 June Rose Theatre** 0844 8255615 James & the Giant Peach

**15 June Shakespear Slam** 1 hour, 8 plays, 32 characters, 41 deaths & a little audience participation. 20 June Dyrast School presents 70 pupils in dance & drama. 22 June Much Ado About Nothing family production.

**Every Mon Rhyme Time** bring little ones to the Swallow Bakery for a FREE morning of rhyming, singing & laughter.

**15 June Selsdon Wood Nature Reserve** Old Farleigh Road Selsdon 020 8726 6900 Walk in search of wild flowers in the woods & fields. 1 ½ hr walk, meet 11am in Selsdon Wood car park.

**16-21 June Ashcroft Theatre** Fairfield Croydon 020 8688 9291 Live the globe, farmers market, live Entertainment & family fun, 0.30-5.30pm, entrance FREE. [www.wimbledonguild.co.uk](http://www.wimbledonguild.co.uk)

**Carnival** 07758 120128 Large Carnival weekend with arena acts, Bottoms family fun fair, large car boot sale plus many other stalls. Entrance FREE & Arena Acts FREE.

**21.22.28-29 June Reigate Fort** Tales from the Surrey Hills Open Air Theatre stories of highwaymen, smugglers, airmen, soldiers & lovers for all ages, tickets 07974 017524. [www.gattoncommunitytheatre.co.uk/tickets](http://www.gattoncommunitytheatre.co.uk/tickets)

**22 June Devilsden Wood & Happy Valley** 020 8684 4000 Octid & Summer Wild flower Fairy leisurely ramble in search of orchids & other colourful wild flowers, a 2 mile walk over 1 ½ hrs.

**24-28 June Charles Crier** 020 8770 4950 Goodnight Mister Tom, the musical. Every Wed Spiral Youth Theatre for 13-19yrs members learn a variety of activities such as drama, dance & singing, musical theatre composition, set design & costume making culminating in two productions per year & Every Thurs Minis & Juniors 5-7yrs.

**28-29 June Rural Life Centre** Farnham 01252 795571 Romany Days a family event with a taste of Romany life, look inside a wagon, enjoy the music & dancing. Until 9 July War Comes to Tilford & Frensham an exhibition examining how the opening of hostilities in 1914 affected the rural landscape.

**29 June Box Hill** 01372 226644 Flowers & Butterflies walk with NT ranger. [Twitter: @parentsnewsuk](http://twitter.com/parentsnewsuk)

**July-Aug 2014 Summer Courses**  
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# Education

This summer opt for a family holiday that will inspire your child and bring knowledge gained in the classroom to life. Travel broadens the mind and the educational benefit of foreign travel for children is immense. They learn to interact with new cultures and society, adapt to a different language, experience new climates, food and how to spend new currencies. The Tourist Board has a selection of ideas combining traditional subjects with destinations

**LANGUAGES**  
Where? Leutasch Valley; Mosern, Ober Weidach and Reindlau  
Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Where



## Family Holidays - Bringing the classroom to life

better to learn a language than by taking a holiday in the country itself? The Austrian Tyrol self-guided hotel-to-hotel walking tour, by *Inntravel*, is perfect for families. Children can utilise their German skills by helping with the navigation through reading signposts, asking people for directions and most importantly ordering an Apfelstrudel and Grosses Bier (for their parents!) after a hard day in the mountains.

**Inntravel**  
01653 617009  
www.inntravel.co.uk

has 7 night's accommodation on half board at three hotels, with prices starting from £2554 (5-12yrs) or from £2744 (13-

15yrs) sharing a family room or from £2914 for a family of four in two twin rooms. Price includes luggage transfers between the hotels and walking notes. Departures **18 July to 26 August 2014**. Flights not included.

**easyJet.com**  
fly twice weekly to Innsbruck during for £35 one-way.  
**www.olympiaregionsefeld.com**

**HISTORY**  
Where? Oetztl  
Since the remarkable discovery of the Ice Man, or *Otzi* as he is affectionately known, over 20 years ago, the fascination has continued into what life was like over 5000 years ago. So what was it like in *Otzi's* day? He was alive during the time of the Early Bronze Age when the discovery of copper changed the simple agricultural and cattle breeding of Europe and to put it into perspective he had already been

dead about 600 years before the Pyramids were built in Egypt or before Stonehenge. Research continues to throw up new information. Visit Umhausen in the Otztal and take the children back in time on a visit to the Otzi Village, an open-air archaeological park where they can see and experience the way of life when *Otzi* was alive. Family ticket costs €17, for 2 adults and 2 children over 6 yrs

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**www.oetzi.com**  
Where?  
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wind and weather, have a go at bread baking or for a real buzz visit the Bee Garden. Over at *Ellmi's Magic World* on the Hartkaiser in Ellmau embark on a mystical journey following in the footsteps of the sorcerer's apprentice Ellmi. Take the funicular railway up to 1555m and enjoy amazing views whilst the children have fun with swings, trampoline, carousel, climbing castle and much more. In Scheffau the *KaiserWelt Scheffau* has tree cabins, climbing walls, zip wires and swings. Families holidaying in the Wilder Kaiser region will never be short of things to do with horse riding, cycling or swimming nearby in the picturesque Hintersee lake above Scheffau.

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**www.wilderkaiser.info**  
**www.visittirol.co.uk**

## The B-type Battle Bus

Remembering the brave bus drivers, mechanics and transport workers of the First World War

**www.ltmuseum.co.uk**  
To mark the centenary of the First World War, *London Transport Museum* is restoring one of the country's last surviving B-type buses, No. B2737, into working condition and its wartime livery. The restored bus will serve as a tribute to the brave bus drivers, mechanics and transport workers who contributed to the war effort a century ago.

When war broke out in 1914, London's B-type buses and staff were quickly commandeered for the war effort. Fitted with protective boarding and khaki paint, the 'Battle Buses' transported troops to and from the front line and were even used as ambulances and mobile pigeon lofts. Nearly 1,200 *London General Omnibus Company* vehicles went on war service, most to France and Belgium, with some travelling as far as Egypt. B2737 has been restored thanks to support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the *London Transport Museum* Friends and donations from the general public. The restored bus will be unveiled for the first time on **12 June** on the *Covent Garden Piazza* when it will appear in its red London livery. Throughout the summer it will be at a number of events across London including bus garage open days and at the *Regent Street Bus Cavalcade* on **22 June**. In September, B2737 will be converted from its red London livery into a wartime 'Battle Bus'. It will appear at the *Museum's Depot Open Weekend* in Acton, West London on **13 and 14 September**  
**www.buzzbnk.org/ltm-battlebus**

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## Natural History Museum scientists report the latest finds

*Night Safari: Back from the Field*

**Monday 9 June 2014**  
For those with a scientific curiosity, the *Natural History Museum* is providing the chance to hear first-hand reports of discoveries unearthed during recent fieldwork from a group of its scientists. A unique alternative to the tired pub meet, the evening presentation, *Back from the Field*, is part of the museum's *Night Safari* with *MasterCard* series of events, which introduce guests to a multitude of weird and wonderful creatures from across the globe. Once the Museum doors have closed for the day, guests will have the chance to unwind over a drink in the iconic Central Hall before hearing from three Museum scientists who

have recently returned from scientific expeditions. Guests will learn about their methods, hear new findings and discover why their work is so valuable to science. It's a chance to experience the mysterious air of the museum after dark, taking in the galleries and inspiring architecture while roaming the galleries at night. To book tickets to *Night Safari: Back from the Field* **www.nhm.ac.uk/night-safari**  
Date: **Monday 9 June 2014**  
Time: 19.00-22.00, doors open at 18.30  
Admission: adults £28, members £25  
Not suitable for children under 16.  
Tickets must be booked online. Visitor enquiries:  
**020 7942 5000**  
Nearest tube: South Kensington  
**www.nhm.ac.uk/night-safari**

Summer holiday touch typing courses at New Malden Library for 8-16s  
**July 14th - 17th:** 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily. Cost £145  
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**Aug 26th - 29th:** 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily. Cost £145  
Beginners and improvers welcome. 10% sibling and bring a friend discounts available. OFSTED registered, payment by child care vouchers accepted. For more information contact  
**Nick Holt 07812 632238** or **nickandSarahholt@hotmail.com**.  
See our website at **www.typingscool.co.uk** for more information

## SCHOOL TALK

**14 June - St Michael's School,** Viewfield Road, Southfields **Summer Fete, Hollywood meets Bollywood** with giant slides, bouncy castle, Asian food stall ANZAC bbq, plant stall, raffle, traditional side stall games, live entertainment including Bollywood dance workshop, 12-4pm.

**5 July- Hillcross Primary School,** Ashridge Way, Morden **Summer Fair Lights, Camera, Action** theme with archery, body zorb, inflatable rodeo, bbq, international food, beer tent & stalls, 1-5pm  
**020 8542 6936.**

**World Cup Summer Carnival**  
**St Faith's School**  
Alma Road  
**Saturday 28th June**  
2:00 - 5:00 pm  
Lots of fun, food and drinks 47ft obstacle course  
Inflatable slid Striker  
Bouncy castle Police car  
Face painting Tuck shop  
Cake sale Pocket money  
Tombola Raffle Lots of different stalls

# Education

## Surrey Autism Charity Celebrating 20 Years

Members of *interAKtive* will be celebrating 20 years of the autism charity with a **Gala Dinner Dance at Surrey Downs Golf Club** on Friday **20th June**. The fundraising event will feature live music from *RAAS Jazz* of the *Royal Alexander and Albert School* plus a grand charity raffle and auction.

**Phil Tuffnell**, former England Cricketer has donated signed father & son cricket bats for the charity auction to help raise funds. **Stephen Wiltshire MBE**, the autistic artist that draws and paints detailed cityscapes has donated a print of his 'View from the Shard' and *Centre Parcs* has donated a fantastic holiday prize for the auction.

The grand charity raffle includes prizes for a 2 night break at the *London Hilton* on Park Lane, *View from the Shard* for 2 plus dinner at *Marco Pierre White's* restaurant and Afternoon Tea for 2 at *Nuffield Priory Hotel*. *interAKtive* is an independent parent led charity with around 150 member families, all of whom have a child (or

more than one child) who is on the autism spectrum, or a child with a similar communication difficulty. The charity organises trips and outings for the children and a tremendously popular playscheme during the Easter and summer holidays as well as organising conferences.

All proceeds from the event will go to *interAKtive*. For tickets, information and any charitable donations please call **Alison Dickson** 077739 68133 or via **www.interAKtive.org.uk**



## The Literacy Lounge

*The Literacy Lounge*, founded by **Anne Goodhall** in 2008 is a tutorial school for individual and small group studies. After considerable success, it expanded with centres in Chessington and Surbiton. 2014 also extends the 11+ **Simulation Tests**, putting candidates at ease. The Summer Break is the perfect time for children to enjoy themselves. Creative arts and skills-based activities are offered weekly, throughout the Summer from **28th July until 29th August**. Do you need safe, fun activities for your children?

*The Literacy Lounge's* team of dedicated professionals have organised Summer activities to give your children a break from routines and rotas, providing fun for all, whilst affording peace of mind for busy parents. Activities available include; *Cooking for Children, Cooking 4 College*, painting, craft, drawing, composition, photography, dreamy drama, computing, board-games and lots of fun. *Literacy Lounge* staff are DBS (CRB) checked.  
**www.literacylounge.co.uk**  
**020 8397 8262**  
**summer@literacylounge.co.uk**

## The Mall School Independent day school for boys aged 4-13 years.

### Open Morning

Thursday 12th June, 2014

9am - 12 noon

Please email **admin@themallschool.org.uk** to book a place. Children cannot be accommodated on this occasion.

The Mall School, 185 Hampton Road, Twickenham, TW2 5NQ  
T: 020 8614 1082  
**www.themallschool.org.uk**



### THE LITERACY LOUNGE

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Contact Mrs. Anne Goodhall B.H.(Hons.), P.G.C.E.  
MOB: 07443 496 724      TEL: 020 8397 8262  
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## Do you love reading? Would you like to make a difference?

Beanstalk is a charity that trains volunteers to help children aged 6-11 to become confident and literate. You need to have time to visit a school for two half-days a week and commit to stay for at least one year. Being a Reading Helper is a rewarding, enjoyable experience and can make a real difference to a child's life. If you are able to offer this commitment we would love to hear from you.

**For more information, contact the Inner London Branch :**  
**020 7730 8259 or 0845 450 0331**  
Email: [innerlondon@beanstalkcharity.org.uk](mailto:innerlondon@beanstalkcharity.org.uk)

# London Calendar

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**Daily Science Museum** Exhibition Rd 0870 870 4868 Take control in 360 degrees flight simulators or fly with the Red Arrows in their sensational 3D motion effect theatre. **Every weekend** Explore hundreds of real natural history specimens, discover evidence along the way using microscopes, the computer database, and other scientific instruments, science educators are there to help you with your investigations. **FREE.**

**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 were to protect themselves from the cold.

**Daily Victoria & Albert Museum** Cromwell Road 020 7942 2000 Back Packs families can pick up an activity back pack filled with jigsaws, stories & games to explore the collection, 4-11yrs. Activity Cart hands on art fun for children to create a Samurai 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 and fabric cubes. FREE.**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Ongoing Royal Air Force Museum** Cranham 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 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 Mews Buckingham Palace** 020 7766 7302 Family groups may explore a range of self directed activities from the art trolley, 5-11yrs. **FREE.**

**Ongoing Royal Academy of Arts** 020 7300 8000 [www.royalacademy.org.uk](http://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, 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](http://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 trail.

**Every Sun Wildreth Street Market** Balham SW12 1234 Harry Potter Locations Tour, 2 1/2 hrs.

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**Every Tue 2-4pm & after school on Sat & 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, & Seacox Gardens are invited to play at after school & weekend workshops in this recently renovated former retail outlet on the Seacox 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.**

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**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 7-9yrs. **FREE.**

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**Ground Fulham Palace Road** 020 3375 3970 Moscow State Circus **7 June River Thames Greenwich Venture Cup** 9am start from Tower Bridge

**11 June-5 July Foyles Bookshop** Charing Cross Road Grand Opening Festival. **11 June** Michael Palin opens the new Travel department, tickets **FREE.**

**12 June** Jarvis Cocker opens the new music department. **FREE.**

**13 June** Hairy Mantiel formally reopens the new shop, un ticketed. **14 June** Where's Spot a storytelling session games, dancing meet the lovable puppy, **FREE.**

**15 June** Malorie Blackman opens the new Children's & YA departments. **FREE.**

**16 June** Storytelling Tea party with Malorie Blackman, Anthony Brown & Michael Rosen family event, **FREE** including cake & a soft drink. **15 June** Mark Kermode opens the new film & drama departments. **FREE.**

**17 June** Another England film screening. **FREE.**

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## Lil' Jockey Children's Parties

Are you looking for something 'different' for that birthday surprise? **Lil' Jockey** parties are unique, non-stop fun and very popular for children of all ages. With so many self-powered ride-on animals to choose from you can make that birthday party a day to remember. They can provide several party themes which include *Cowboy, Jockey* and *Physically*. The animals work by juggling to move your body forward you must stand up and then sit down. You can also turn the head and steer the animal like a bike. The operation is extremely easy and children as young as 3 years old have no trouble moving around at their leisure. **Every Lil' Jockey** birthday party is tailor made to suit your requirements.

The basic party consists of 2 party co-ordinators and 6 small and/or medium animals of your choice for 2 hours of fun filled entertainment for your children. Also included are organised fun party games, exciting animal races with winner prizes, certificates, rosettes, treats and much more. The basic party price with 6 animals of your choice is £120 plus £10 for any additional animal you require. You will have a mixture of small, medium and large animals as long as your venue or hall can accommodate them. If you require further information regarding the parties contact

**01843 583454**  
**07536 058849**  
[www.lil-jockeys.co.uk](http://www.lil-jockeys.co.uk)



## Old Barn Pony Parties



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