

Christmas Out & About

With Christmas fast

approaching and penguins

very much in the limelight in

Lewis. Birdworld is proud to

and offer you the chance to

meet the stars of the show in

The story begins with Sid

loved-up African penguin

couple, who laid two eggs

this year and incubated them

that one of the embryos had

Alice was called in, and the

egg was taken to the park's

incubation room, where on

the care and upbringing of

other title for the chick than

All this time, Sid and Nancy

parent's names - Joey!

event of seeing the haby

and Nancy, Birdworld's most

time for Christmas.

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Birdworld African penguin

remained in Penguin Reach watching on as other penguins laid eggs and reared chicks, no the wake of the latest seasonal doubt wondering if their baby offering from retail giant John had survived - so it was with delight that on 21st October tell its own happy nenguin tale staff moved Joey out of the rearing room and into Penguin come to the park for FREE to Beach where he met Sid and Nancy for the first time! Joey now lives with his true parents but still remembers his foster mum and dad, and

nesters them whenever they are

favourite with visitors. You can see Sid, Nancy and Joey at Birdworld, or even help at mealtimes with the fabulous feeding experience! Or if you can't get to the park why not adopt one of the family or order one of our cuddly penguins online?

nearby. He has become a firm

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Blowing the Whistle on GDC Scam.

Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal seam to ornaboditists from the General Definal Council are operating as integral sclaim to withhold information from the public about new methods which can avoid almost all extractions and even majorly jaw surgery. This is being done partly to protect traditional methods and partly to preserve the high incomes of orthodomists and surgeons. Research suggests that this British development is being ignored in the UK while spreading rapidly abroad. As a result hundreds of children and young adults have extractions and jaw surgery, unaware they may be unnecessar

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

Ormodonfics usually requires the extraction of 4 to 8 offhough this is frequently denie



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Wonderland & meet

December 2014

Meet Santa with his reindeer - including baby Rudolph - and take a husky sleigh ride

WWT London Wetland Centre Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December

Get into the festive mood at WWT London Wetland Centre's wonderful winter weekend! Children will be thrilled to hop aboard for a husky sleigh ride, visit Santa in his magical grotto and meet the reindeer, including baby Rudolph.

Head over to the northern pine forest: Father Christmas will be ready to welcome families in his cosy grotto among the trees. You can also meet the family of reindeer, including a six month old baby, and discover more about these delightful animals from the North.

Take a sleigh ride with the huggable huskies: they're

children can experience the excitement of a husky sleigh ride. Or perhaps you'd like a family photo taken with one of these cuddly dogs as a special seasonal souvenir If you want to hear icy tales

of adventure join our Polar Explorer, Anthony Arctic for some Frantic Antarctic Antics at his Base Camp.

Show tickets are £2 per child (cash only, just turn up. Adults free); shows at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.00pm.

Here at Britain's favourite nature reserve you can enjoy the Christmas celebrations among beautiful surroundings Take a stroll among the lakes, meadows and ponds of this wonderful winter oasis and then relay over Christmas lunch in the Water's Edge

Plus, on Sunday only Fullers Shire Horse dray rides from 12.00-3pm. See these magnificent animals in action and hop aboard for a ride. By enjoying a festive weekend there, you're also contributing work in the UK and around the

lovely to look at but also working animals, so younger prices to WWT London Wetland Centre apply Visit to Santa is £5

per child (cash only) including goody bag Santa tickets cannot be pre-booked; just turn up but

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please bear in mind the queue can be lengthy In the event of rain

the Father Christmas queue will be moved indoors Husky sleigh rides are free with admission (children 8 or younger, with

weight restrictions) There is no charge to see the reindeer (11am to 4pm) Anthony Arctic's

Frantic Antarctic Antics tickets are £2 per child (cash only, just turn up. Adults free); shows at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.00pm. For full details and updates please check www.wwt.org.uk/london

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and the Time Lords returns!

Join the adventure through time and space in Spotlites professional interactive play for children 'Sleeping Beauty & the Time Lords'. The play written in Spotlites' unique interactive style where children come onstage throughout. tells the story of the beautiful princess, Aurora. Despised by a jealous Cyberwitch, she is plunged into a hundred year cryogenic sleep. A prophesy tells that one day, a Time Lord will appear and wake the Princess but the evil Cyberwitch has other ideas

Sleeping Beauty

Spotlites specialises in theatre for young people and their interactive shows are a unique experience for children aged 5-12. This production, opening on 7th December at Spotlites @ Kings Theatre, High Street, Chatham, will offer children the chance to defeat the evil Cyberwitch with real sonic screwdrivers and disable Exterminators with the Doctor

This unique production opens on Sunday 7th December.

You can book your tickets or 01634 829468 or choose your own seats online at

www.spotlites.co.uk





Christmas Gifts

Linkee gets a smart new facelift in time for Christmas 2014

new questions, new look, new Celebrity surprises. A handful celebrity contributors, same shouty-outy game-play -Linkee, the cheeky trivia party game which liberated thousands of UK families from a Yuletide-yawnfest last Christmas is back for 2014's festivities with a more sophisticated look and new sexy features:

All new questions. 357 brandspanking new Linkee to solve, a third of which have been crowd-sourced from Linkee fans during the past year... making it a bang-up-to-date mix of the current, the topical, the tricky and the downright

of Linkees in the box were created and donated by a topsecret pool of famous faces from the world of music, TV, radio, film, comedy and charity Look out for the famous authors on those cards New design. A full-on facelift has made Linkee 2 look even sexier than before, despite being a year older. Linkee always looked pretty good! Fancy pads and coloured pencils. The pads have got a splash of colour and logos. while the coloured pencils each have a name on them that link together. Can you work it out before the game starts?



Selfie Brush

The hottest social media tool for your selfies! Wet brush is a the number one selling detangling brush in the US and now it doubles up as a phone case The side of the brush has a handy slot for your iphone Available from www.sallyexpress.com





Look no further than ZSL Landon Zoo for a wild present this Christmas



With just three months till Christmas the countdown is in full swing and the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) has a selection of tempting treats sure to satisfy any festive wish list.



one of ZSL Landon Zoo's

mischievous monkeys? Or

having a sleepover in the heart

of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo? Then

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With beautiful hand-painted.

designers And Mary for the

girls, cute animal alphabet

t-shirts for the boys and

is covered this Christmas.

animal themed jewellery from

mugs for the little ones, trendy

even cushions with awesome

animals on them to take home

and treasure, the whole family

inspiration.

foam animal mask, to really bring the stories magical memories this Christmas with a VIP Meet the Animals With encounter, or go one special

Grrrr-eat gifts for all the family Fancy getting up close with

further and arrange for them to be a ZSL 'Keeper for a Day'. And if they've been really good this year how about booking an overnight stay in ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's beautiful Lookout Lodge, adopting them their very own tiger, or enabling them to enjoy yearround entry to both Zoos with a special gift membership.

With cuddly toys and clothes, stunning home-ware and quirky gifts galore, ZSL is fully stocked and ready to be the one-stop shop for Christmas. Money raised from the sale of gifts supports ZSL's conservation work around the world and with prices starting at £4.95 there's something to suit every

Gifts are available from ZSI London in the Zoo and will be arriving on the website



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offers launching online and instore ZSL is ready for Santa's helpers to fill their baskets.

www.zsl.org



ADOPT A DARTMOOR PONY

To help fund its vital work to preserve the traditional Dartmoor pony on Dartmoor

the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust offers "A Dartmoor Pony Adoption Gift Pack", suitable for anyone, of any age, who loves horses and ponies, but for whom buying a real one is simply not an option.

By buying an Adoption, you will be funding the DPHT's work to feed, care for and find homes for these ponies and to give them a basic education so tha they are more suitable for domestic and conservation grazing homes than coming straight off the Moor as wild, untouched animals. The charity's aim is to ensure the continuation of the native Dartmoor pony gene pool and to preserve the iconic pony on the Moor, for future generations to

The cost is just £20 per year for UK residents: £25 for those who live abroad

The Adoption Pack includes a beautiful line drawing and an adoption certificate and you'll also receive updates on the

ADOPT A PONY FOR development and progress of the pony you have chosen over CHRISTMAS! the following year.

Ponies George, Charlie, Smartie and Rolo look forward to meeting you and to becoming part of your family! They live at the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust Centre, at Parke, Boyev Tracev in Devon.

Visitors are welcome on Sunday afternoons, to groom and handle the ponies and find out all about them, follow their interesting lives, discover their true value and how important they are to the Dartmoor landscape.

These characters have a vital role to play in demonstrating just how good Dartmoor ponies are as family pets and for riding, driving and conservation grazing: they are fundamental to the DPHT's innovative education programme for young people who have a range of disabilities and/or challenging behaviour. Some of the incredible achievements

they have had with students have happened through their work with these loving, gentle, patient but tough

The **DPHT** Adoption Scheme raises money to pay as part of its vork to ensure that the traditional type of Dartmoor pony does not disappear Single-coloured with long manes and tails. Dartmoo ponies still run wild and free on Dartmoor, but their numbers are in serious decline

If you are interested in adopting a Dartmoor Heritage Pony

www.dpht.co.uk 01626 833234

December 2014

15ml Vanilla Syrup

Garnish: Raspberry,

Hedgerow Romance

15ml Vanilla Syrup

1 Egg White

4 Blackhorrice

3 Raspberries & 3 Blackberries

Method: Shake all ingredients

with ice strain into a rocks

glass filled with fresh ice

Blackberry, lemon twist

Gin; 25ml Lemon Juice

50ml Greenall's Wild Berry

Method: Short shake with ice

pour into one half of Boston

shaker, discard the ice, dry

shake to further emulsify

Pour into a cocktail glass

Garnish: Blackberry

Here a great gift for mums and dads The Original London Dry Gin is distilled with eight unique botanicals to give a classic London Dry Gin with rich juniper notes, balanced with mature citrus and spice. Greenall's is available at most good supermarkets and wine stores, price £15.49. The Greenall's Gift Box is

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Christmas cocktail Wild About You

50ml Greenall's Wild Berry Gin: 25ml Lemon Juice On the Berry-Side



Wild Berry Gin 20ml Lemon Juice 20ml Elderflower Cordial 4 Raspberries Top with a dash of soda water Method: Shake all ingredients apart from soda water, strain in to a hi-hall filled with ice top up ice, add a dash of soda water Garnish

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explorers and adventurers to use GPS navigation tools in hostile weather environments, these thermal lightweight stretch fabric gloves have a conductive fleece forefinger and thumb for smartphone or tablet use as well as a silicone print palm for extra grip. They can also be used as a base laver beneath ski gloves.

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3's FREE, www.kentlife.org.uk

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Broadstairs Charity Christmas

19 Dec Canterbury Heritage

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Museum Broadstairs 01843

871133 Busy Bs Sewing Group,

Victorian period costumes &

Merry Christmas

&

everyday clothing help on hand

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Jan South Foreland

Concert

Dec Holy Trinity Church

Daily Larkfield Leisure Centre Aylesford 01622713225 Soft play zone with 3 storeys 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 bounce & adventure time sessions for 0-Surs NEW Jarger Fitness Studio to offer a wider rang of classes including Zumba, Pilates, Body pump & circuits. Daily Fishhourne Roman

Palace Chichester 01243 789829 Guided tours, plus café & picnic

Maidstone Leisure Centre 0845 1552277 Various times Junior Fitness, 12-15vrs 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 inflatables, 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 hands on animal encounters plus children's play area.

Daily Druidstone Park and Woodland Honey Hill Blean 01227 765168 Meet the friendly animals, follow the trail around the enchanted woodland & discover the sleeping dragon & other magical creatures or have fim in the adventure play area, a fun day out for all the family.

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Daily throughout Dec Emmetts Garden Idle Hill Sevenoaks 01732 868381 Elf Trail & letters to Santa, follow the trail, www. nationaltrust.org.uk

New Tonbridge Swimmin 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 keen to welcome new runners. Ge 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.kentsport. org/rungroups, 07730 870696.

Ongoing Run off your Feet 07730 870696 Running Group, first session FREE at your local group when mentioning Parents News.

Ongoing Pepenbury Farm www.pepenbury.info 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.

ongoing on Mons Cuxtor Library Rochester 01634 336209 Baby massage courses for babies 8wks & not vet 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 tov library will also be available after the session, 9.30-11am, Tel:

questions, 3.30-5pm. 01634 336209 KINGSWOOD CHRISTMAS

> 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 include stories & rhymes.

01634 337340 Storytime fun time FREE

Hall Broadstairs 01843 863480 Little Ted's Parent & Toddler group, term time only.

bounce. Every Sat morn fun club mat & target wall fitness.

ighout Dec Margate Tudor Christmas Fair Christmas carol concert, Trees of Love, Farmers Market, Make 'n' Paint activities. A Beauty & the Beast show much more, www. visitthanet.co.uk

Sissinghurst 01580 710700 Festive foliage workshops & festive markets. www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

Sun of the month Tonbridge Farmers Market Sovereign Way 07876 685853 Held in Sovereign Way with normally 70 stalls www.tonbridgefarmersmarket. co.uk Sun of the month

Chislehurst Farmers Market 07775 736116 The market is held in a new location of Hornbook House Car park, High Street, produce includes seasonal fruit & vegetables, chocolates bread, meat preserves & much more FREE entry.

Farmers Market Aylesford 07876 685853 Farmers Market with more than 30 stalls, www. aylesfordfarmersmarket.co.uk

very 2nd Sun of every month Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre Gillingham 387076 Farmers Market is held in the car park offering a range of local produce including meat &

01304 201145 Centre Roller Disco, www.atlantisentertainment.co.uk Every Sun EdenbridgeLeisure Centre Stangrove Park 01732 865665 Under 16's & families

roller disco.

Every Mon Strood Library 01634 335890 Toddler Shake & Boogie activity session that offers rhymes, songs & movement for pre-school children. FREE 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

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

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

Every Mon St Andrews Church

Ion-Wed The Angel Centre Tonbridge 01732 359966 Kickstart members Pre-school 5-10vrs, Every Wed & Fri dance

very 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, Fri of month Advice & suppor - Health & lifestyle advice, dropin, no need to book.

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

Grosvenor Park 07990 973313 Buggy Workout, evercise 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 preschoolers FREE Every Thurs until 31 Mar Toddler shake & boogie fun packed activity session.

Every Tues Hoo Library 01634 250640 Storytime fun sessions for preschool children with stories & rhymes, FREE.

ry Tues Rainham Library Rainham 01634 337799 Storytime fun sessions for preschool children that include stories & rhymes. Every Thurs Baby bounce & rhyme time. 18mths or under, FREE

Tues Fairview Every Sun Dover Leisure 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.

ry 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

Rochester 01634 338727 Every Tues Hundred of Hoo Homework club with friendly Swimming Pool Rochester & knowledgeable staff on hand 01634 401989 Reaver Swimming to help EREE Every Sat Craft Club for under 8's, FREE. Club. Southborough

Every Fri Hempstead Library Lbrary 01892 529808 Gillingham 01634 361544 Storytime, 2.15-2.45pm, FREE. Homework club with friendly Tues Hempstead Library staff on hand to help with all your 01634 361544 Baby bounce & homework questions rhyme time for parents & carers. Every Fri Lordswood Library 18mths & under, Every Fri Storytime fun interactive sessions for pre-schoolers. FREE, 1st &

Teatime Storytime after schoo storytelling, 3-8yrs & Toddler Sat of month Medway Health shake & boogie. Walks chance to improve fitness Every Fri Wigmore Library 01634 235576 Toddler shake & levels, all ages. boogie activity session that offers

Every Wed Dunorlan Park 07990 973313 Buggy Workout, rhymes, songs & movemen exercise for mother & baby pre-schoolers. Musica power walking around the park instruments, scarves & parachutes utilising the benches & steps are often included. available, 10.30-11.30am. **Every Wed St Saviours Centre**

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flowers & lots more.

Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest Goudhurst 01580 879820 Beginners Health Walk, lasting approx 30mins-1hr & will cover between 1-4km Every Er morn Moderate Health Walks, 1-1 1/2 hrs between 4 & 6km. Every Fri morn Green Gyn session volunteers can spend a satisfying session working in the National Pinetum helping to improve the world's best conifer

01843 871133 Scalextric Digital Racing Club.

Kingsmead Leisure Centre Canterbury 01227 769818 Funtime sessions available in the pool Strood

Library 01634 718161 Baby bounce & rhyme time, 18 mths, Homework club with friendly & knowledgeable staff on hand, FREE.Every Tues Teatime Storytime afterschool 3-8yrs 2nd Tues of month Advice & support Health & lifestyle advice, drop in, no need to book. Every Thurs White Oak

Leisure Centre Swanley 01322 662188 Under 16's Roller Disco **Every Thurs Thomas Aveling**

School & Community Library Rochester 01634 338728 Teatime Storytime after school storytime for 3 Every Thurs Luton Library

Chatham 01634 406923 Storytime fun sessions that include stories & rhyme Every Sat Pop in & Play for parents & children, 10-12pm. Every Thurs Pembury Library 01892 822278 Storytimes 2 30

3pm, term time only, FREE.

maidstone.gov.uk First

activities, under 5's.

the month Musical Merry-Go-

Round with singing & storytelling

Every Fri Grain Library

01634 862096

height 1.4m. Margate Rantist Church 4 Cecil So. 01843 290869 Little Fishes Toddler group for parents & carers to meet & socialise with food, games & fun, 10-11,30am. Every Sat Dickens House 01843 Thurs of every mont

Maidstone Museum & Bentif Art Gallery 01622 602838 Museum Lates an evening of entertainment from poetry readings & live music to film screenings & interesting talks. through Faversham. FREE entry, www.museum.

castle/events

Christmas Market With hypry & unique gift ideas plus stocking fillers & lots more plus a visit from Santa, www.visitmedwav.

Until 20 Dec Quex Park Birchington Kent 01843 595143 Christmas at Quex Park with Christmas craft fair with over 70 stalls selling a wide variety of goods, children can enjoy the indoor play centre a disco & lots of games plus a visit from Santa & lots more. Until 21 Dec Faversham Town

Centre 07726 526137 Winter

01892 870681 Christmas Magic

www.parents-news.co.uk This infomation plus much more online



its first ever pop up store for

Christmas with demonstrations

of experiments, robots, remote

control & gadgets will take place

Intil 4 Jan Tunbridge Wells Ice

Rink Set in the amphitheatre

daily

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Calendar

collection, FREE. Tel: 01424 with relaxed Xmas shopping plus Father Christmas will be visiting, 446395. Daily Go Ape take to the trees & experience a course www.hevercastle.co.uk of rope bridges, tarzan swings Shopping Centre 0844 847 & zip slides up to 35 feet above the forest floor, 10+yrs, minimum 1744 The Science Museum opens

Medway Little Theatre Rochester 07939 921041 Youth Company for 12-18vrs & children's workshop 7

871133 Broadstairs History Walk

very Sat Morn Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre Faversham 01795 534542 Guided Town walks, 90 minute guided stroll Every weekend Broadstairs

Harbour 07847 473615 Market, weather permitting.

Every weekend in Dec Dover

Castle & The Secret Wartime Tunnels 01304211067 Medieval Christmas eniov music, dance & storytelling around the roaring open fire, www.english-heritage. org.uk/daysout/properties/dover-Dec Rochester

wonderland in the busy streets of Faversham with carol singing. face painting with refreshments to include mulled wine, hot soups plus Santa in his grotto Market locations are held at The Alexander Centre, 14,20,21 Dec & Market Place & Court Street. 1,14,21 Dec, more information www.Faverham.org.
Until 24 Dec Hever Castle Kent

of Calverley Grounds with rink side traditional wooden chalets selling local & seasonal produce, Christmas treats & much more, www. tunbridgewellsatchristmas.

Lintil 1 Feb Hornby Visitor Centre Margate 01483 233500 Airfix D-Day Experience exhibition features a huge interactive diorama & displays setting out some of the key stories from the Day of Days, www.hornby.com/ visitorcentre Lullingstone

Country Park Dartford 01322 865995 Themed walk followed by a traditional Christmas lunch, School hol: 0 Dec-4 Jan Activity Trail follow the clues, answer the questions & complete the trail to receive a prize, trail sheets available from the visitor centre, no need to book, www. visitkent.co.uk/attractions/ lullingstone-country-park. Dec Orchard Theatre

Dartford 01322 220000 That'll Be The Day Christmas Show 12 Dec-3 Jan Peter Pan, 20 Dec the Magic of Christmas. 5 Jan Dreamboats & Miniskirts. 20-24 Ian Swan Lake the ballet Jan Disney Sing-a-Long-A Jan Sing-a-Long-Frozen. 25 a Sound of Music. 27-31 Jan Calamity Jane

Dec Knole Park House & Gardens Sevenoaks 01732 462100 Christmas workshops Wreaths. 5 Dec Swags. 7 Dec Carols in the Great Hall with 20-21 Dec Family storytelling & Christmas crafting, hear Christmas stories with a hot chocolate, then make Christmas crafts to take home, for families. ry Thurs, Sat & Sun Guided walks in the deer park suitable for little legs, www.nationaltrust. org.uk.

Dec Pentagon Shopping Centre Chatham High Street Christmas Shopping events, Motorised Reindeer. Bruce Airhead 18 Dec Choira -thon 20 Dec Magic Carnet www.medway.gov.uk Dec Rochester Dickensian

Christmas Festival A weekend of traditional Victorian Christmas festivities, street entertainment, songs, dance & classic readings & more, www.visitmedway.org. Country Experience

bus tour accompanied with a costumed actor who will show you where Dickens wrote his novel & took inspiration for his books, plus Christmas Carols, mulled wine & mince pies, www. visitmedway.org -23 Dec Leeds Castle 01622

765400 Christmas Market. 26 Dec-4 Jan The Winter Trail, www.leeds-castle.com. Dec Ramsgate Blitz Walks

www.summerof40.webeden. co.uk A guided walk around the heaviest bombed seaside town in the UK, relive the dark days of WW, hear stories of ordinary people on the front line & visit the places connected with those

6.7.13.14 DEC Chartwell Westerham 01732 868381 Christmas at Chartwell see selected rooms in the home of Winston Churchill decorated for a 1930s Christmas & make festive crafts 6-7 Dec Father Christmas with a craft activity & gift from Santa, 20-21 De Christmas talk & concert

7.13-14.20-21 Dec Shorne

Woods Country Park Gravesend 01474 823800 Santa's Grotto self led trail around the woods & solve the clues to find Santa then meet meet him in his woodland grotto, all children will receive a present from Santa, under 12's, 03000 417272. School he Dec-4 Ian Activity Trail follow the clues, answer the questions & complete to receive a prize. trail sheets available from the visitor centre, no need to book

www.visitkent.co.uk/attractions/ shorne-woods-country-park. 7 13 14 21 23 24 28 Dec 3 11 .17.25Jan Spotlites Theatre Productions Kings Theatre, 338 High Street, Chatham Sleeping Beauty and the Time Lords interactive play for 5-12s. 0 Dec. 24Jan Puss in Boots

interactive play for 2-6s; 27 Dec Magic Porridge interactive play for 2-6s. 4 Jan, 14 Feb The Enormous Turnip interactive play for 2-6s; 22.23.24.27. Dec Drama Workshops 2014 for 5 - 12s Star Wards; Dr Who; The Maze Runner: Frozen: Jurassic World; Matilda & Billy Ellliot Musicals, 01634 829468 www.spotlites.co.uk

office@spotlites.co.uk

10 Dec Memorial Hall St Peter's Margate 01843 864162 St Peter's Old Boys Christmas Show.

11 Dec-4 Jan Central Theatre Chatham 01634 338338 Aladdin the pantomime.

Dec Chatham Historic Dockyard Chatham 01634 823845 Ferie Evenings winter ghost walks, lasts 1 1/2 hrs,

12.13.19.20 Dec Ightham Mote Sevenoaks 01732 810378 Carols in the courtyard with mulled wine followed by carols. Daily until 1 Jan Christmas past & present see rooms in the house decorated for a medieval. Victorian & 1950's Christmas learn how to make Christmas decorations, craft activities, trail for children plus Father Christmas., www. nationaltrust.org.uk. Dec Ramsgate Christmas

Events Handmade Arts & Christmas Fair Christmas cracker variety show & St Laurence Christmas Fair, www. visitthanet.co.uk 14 Dec Kent Life Maidstone

01622 763936 Farm Nativity

family preparing for Christmas in

the 1940s cottage, make wartime

decorations with the Blitz

victims in the rest centre, gather

around the piano for carols & a

experience the living nativity with the farmyard animals, take part in traditional Christmas Happy New Year carol singing plus all children are encouraged to dress up & be part of the nativity. Until 21 Dec Christmas on the Home Front -WWII Experience, talk to the

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Penguin Children's Christmas Gift Guide 2014

Pre-School & Picture Books 0 6 Years The Spectacular Tale of Peter

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Cobb. the powerhouse behind

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Top tips to boost young children's Christmas excitement

child's school nativity is a great It's getting close to Christmas so postbags across the country are stuffed full of and confidence and their hopeful letters to Santa. first experience on stage is Mark O'Donnell the new headmaster of St Martin's and child. Ampleforth, the prep school at Ampleforth College, has Church Service over 200 excited children eagerly awaiting a fun-filled we have lots of traditional festive season and has provided church services around the some tips on how to manage children's excitement in a way which puts the true meaning back into the holiday season. Mark says: "For parents,

School-made creations - Here at St. Martin 3 we have a 20ft Christmas tree with all the decorations made by the children at the school. It's a great way to keep the children entertained and get them involved in some creative

Story Time - Reading an extract from a child's favourite book can be attention, as can reading a children can keep vounger

www.ampleforth.org.uk

way to encourage creativity memorable for both the parent

- Being a Benedictine school, festive season, but also a big focus on working the earth and being part of nature which is reflected in our Gardening Club where the children are able to collect holly and pine cones to make Christmas wreaths.

Christmas crafting.

one way to keep a youngster's child's version of Luke chapter 2. the nativity story. Also, older children occupied by playing board games or other activities

there's great diversity in nativity plays and this is true

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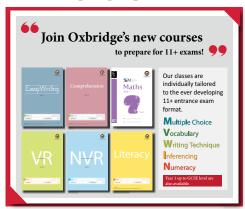
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Until 21 Dec Alfriston Clergy House Polegate www.submarine-museum. 01323 870001 See the house decorated for Christmas throughout the ages, with medieval & Victorian Ice Rink Brighton Ice seasonal foliage.

Until 23 Dec Bateman's Castle Burwash 01435 882302 A 01580 830196 Christmas at Kipling family Christmas the Castle with Christmas see the atmospheric home of traditions old & new with Rudvard Kinling decorated a Father Christmas castle for Christmas & try a grotto, making mumming special children's Christmas masks & wassailing. trail leading to an elves' 6,7,13,14,20-23 workshop, 26 Dec Boxing Day breakfast & walk. 1 Jar New Year's Day breakfast & walk

all day long whilst you get the chance to shop, children toys, gadgets & goodies.

Until 4 Jan Royal Naval Biggles & Chums - First World War watercolours exhibition, FREE, Until

Until 18 Jan Royal Pavilion Skating.

co.uk.

6 713 14 20-22 Dec Bodiam Robertsbridge Christmas lunches.

11 Dec Royal Naval Submarine Museum 023 92 545034 Christmas Carol Until 31 Dec Bluewater Concert with members of Shopping Mall Dartford Portsmouth Cathedral Choir,

24 Dec Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower 023 9250 5600 Meet Santa

Marines Musuen

Portsmouth 023 9281 9381 Get Me Out of Here:Survival 30 Mar Horrible Science in the Arctic test your arctic of Submarines exhibition survival skills in winter themed artic activities. Dec Christmas Gala Concert tickets 023 9281 9385

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Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7302 Family groups may explore a range of self directed activities from the art trolley, 5-11yrs. Ongoing Science Musuem

Imax Theatre 0870 870 4868 Mysteries of the Unseen World, daily screenings, 8+yrs. Royal Academy of

Arts 020 7300 8000 www. royalacademy.org.uk New policy all children under 12vrs of age will have FREE entry to all exhibitions.

ery Sun National Gallery 020 7747 2885 Family workshops for families bringing paintings alive & listening to a themed story on the magic carpet, plus FREE family trail, www.nationalgallery.org.uk

ery Sun Hildreth Street

Market Balham SW12 Street Market with fresh food traders sourced from all over London. National Geographic Store 83-97 Regent Street 020 7025 6960 Animal Man comes face to face with slithering snakes, slimy insects & 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 Spellman for all ages

very Sat Venn Street Market, Clapham Common 020 7622 8259 Offering fine foods & fresh produce plus a variety of handmade crafts will be available throughout Dec with gifts & cards for all the family as well as Christmas trees & floral decorations. Christmas trees will be available.

very Sat Blue Elenhant Theatre Camberwell 020 7701 0100 Young People's Theatre workshops, various age groups 7-18vrs, FREE to join.

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

Every weekend Rich Mix Bethnal Green 020 7613 7498 Kids' Cine Time family films. weekend Temple Station 020 7222 1234 Harry Potter Locations Tour. 2 1/2 hrs.

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

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

& activities which encourage

children & families to explore

art works. FREE Daily Family

Trails, under 5's, FREE. ntil 23 Dec Peter Harrison Planetarium 020 8858 4422 Christmas Stars themed show, 5+vrs Throughout Dec Dark Universe show 5+vrs 27-31 Dec Sky tonight Live, 5+yrs Every Tues in Dec & Jan Space Safari under 7's, Every Thur, in Dec and Jan Solar System. Galaxy Universe show 5+vrs Every Mon. Wed & Fri in Dec. & Jan Meet the Neighbours interactive show, 5+yrs, www. rmg.co.uk.

Until 24 Dec Canary Wharf Christmas Market Buzzing with stalls offering seasonal food & drink plus original handcrafts & unique gifts. Choose from personalised Christmas decorations, hot chestnuts, handmade soap, wooden toys, mulled wine & lots more, www. canarywharf com

Until 24 Dec Jubilee Park Canary Wharf Santa's Grotto plus children's festive activities. Children are invited to make their own sweet treats using icing sugar sprinkles & sweeties at the Cookie & Cupcake Decorating workshop plus lots more, FREE, www. canarywharf.com. Until 31 Dec HMS Relfast

Tooley Street London 020 7940 6320 020 7403 0719(f) D-Day Family Trail bringing visitors through the ship while pointing out interesting facts that relate to D-Day 10-11 Jan Cracking Codes decipher secret messages. family activity, intercept messages, map hazards on the sea chart & make up your own secret code, all ages, FREE with entrance fee Ongoing HMS Belfast Private Tours with exclusive behind the barrier access, discover some of the quirky sailors' stories of living & working on board including the time a reindeer joined the crew! Ongoing Gun Turret Experiencewww.iwm.org.uk

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natural history specimens, from

a shark's jaw to a meteorite as

old as Earth in their hands-on

backpacks filled

Museum

Road

Designer Outlet, plus Xmas Market traditional rides plus every skater will receive a FREE hot chocolate, www. iceskatingatwembleypark.co.uk Intil 4 Jan Royal Air Force Museum Grahame Park Way Hendon London 020 8205 2266 Biggles & Chums- First World War watercolours & works on paper exhibition. Ongoing Airfix exhibition with some of Airfix's most popular models from the 50 60s & 70's

Until 4 Jan Hackney Empire 117 Wilton Street London 020 8985 2424 Mother Goose, www.hackneyempire.co.uk Intil 4 Jan Imperial War Museum Lambeth Road 020

7416 5439 Horrible Histories

exhibition families can make their way through the exhibition, encountering themes such as Ruthless Resistance, Cracking Codes Great Gadgets, Savage Sabotage & Clever Camouflage plus how to make invisible ink, crack codes & use fake feet. Until 4 Jan A Family in Wartime exhibition FREE entrance Until 4 Ian Secret War exhibition FREE entrance 4 11 18 25 Jan Object handling session, families can explore objects from the collections & how they connect with iconic objects on display, families all ages FRFF 4 11 18 25 Jan Creative Response, get creative, make a drawing, take a photograph, write a postcard & share your ideas with the museum, families, all ages, FREE 24-25 Ian Holocaust Memorial Day discussion & replica object handling session a useful starting point for families who wish to learn about the Holocaust, 11+yrs. Every Sun Object Conservations family object handling sessions & Creative Response make a creative response to themes held within the new atrium & Terraced Galleries. Ongoing 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, Until 8 Mar Truth & Memory: British Art of the first World War art exhibition www iwm.org.uk

Until 4 Jan Science Museum Exhibition Rd London 0870 870 4868 3D Printing the future exhibition for all ages, FREE Daily Interactive experience Flyzone Studio a new experience that transports visitors using the latest in green screen technology. Children, adults & families are able to come along & dress up as pilots or astronauts & then take away photographs of themselves flying through the air or exploring Space, all Adventure families, under 7's. FREE Every Weekend Spaced Out. families. 5+vrs. FREE

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the museum visitors This infomation plus much more online take on the form of cockroaches dressing un in realistic costumes FREE Every Weekend explore hundreds of real natural history PARCHES NEWS-8 00 specimens, discover evidence along the way using microscopes, the computer database & other scientific science instruments. educators are there to help you with your investigations, FREE. Engineer Your Future exhibition 11+yrs, FREE. www. sciencemuseum.org.uk Intil 4 Jan Natural

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020 8858 7755 Jack & the Carol concert with Emilia & Beanstalk pantomime, www.

greenwichtheatre.org.uk Jan Royal Opera House Covent Garden London 020 7304 4000 The Wind in the Willows brought to life through song, music, dance & puppetry for all the family,5+yrs, www.

roh.org.uk Feb Canary Wharf Ice Rink Canada Square Park 0870 4000 601 This year the rink will be bigger & better than ever before suitable for families.

www.canarywharf.com. 5.8-12 Dec Chelsea Physic Garden London 020 7352 5646 Festive shopping days. 2.9.16 Dec & 13.20.27 Jar Oueen's House Greenwich 020 8858 4422 Play Tuesdays, under 5's. 6.13,20,27 Dec & 10,11,7,24 & 31 Jan Discover

the sea safely & create a bath toy

to take home, all ages, FREE

2-31 Dec Hackney's Victoria

Winterville celebrating East

London's cultural collectives :

family events, theatre, music &

food Kid's Ouarter travelling

arts circus House of Fairy

Tales Santa's Grotto, Robin

Hood pantomime, horse drawn

carriages, ice rink, roller disco,

fairground rides a big wheel &

lots more. There will also be

world street food & Christmas

courts, www.winterville.co.uk

markets, indoor pub & food

4 Dec St Mary Abbots Church

Tower Hamlets

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science centre, families 7+yrs, FREE. Daily Nature Through Saturdays meet a character the Lens with close-ups of from the past & take part in insects & extraordinary time an exciting performance that lanse nhotography FREE will bring maritime history to www.nhm.ac.uk/whats-on. life, 6+yrs, FREE. 7,14,21,28 Daily David Attenborough Dec & 11,18,25 Jan Discover Life on Camera enjoy some Sundays explore your personal of the best loved clips from connections to the sea, all ages, his landmark television series FREE, School hols 22,23,27www.nhm.ac.uk/ 30 Dec & 2 Jan The lighthouse whats-on Daily Wildscanes keeper hear stories & make a experience what it's like to be parcel to take with you, all ages, an animal on the African plain, FREE 22 23 27-30 Dec & 2 swimming through the ocean & Jan Bath-toy buoys be inspired in the Arctic & Antarctic circles by the colourful buoys that FREE, www.nhm.ac.uk/whatshelped sailors navigate around

Park

Until 4 Jan Museum of London 150 London Wall London 020 7001 9844 A Bear Called Paddington all ages, FREE. Until 4 Ian Paddington's picnic a family-friendly activity space, up to 11 vrs. FREE.

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il-4 Jan Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens Ice Skate 600sqm rink, with a First Christmas Tree Maze made from real trees. There will be street entertainers, urban skater trick teams, an extended street market of London's top pop up eateries, plus shopping at the Artisan Craft market traditional rides & much more www.iceskatevauxhall.co.uk.

Until 11 Jan Greenwich

Theatre Crooms Hill London Kensington High Street Charity Freddie Fox reading, raising funds for the international charity Hope & Homes for Children, www.hopeandhomes. org, Tel:01722 790111

Dec Laban Creekside London 020 8691 8600 BA3 Musical Theatre Show, FREE, advance booking needed, www. trinitylaban.ac.uk/whatson Dec Victoria & Albert

Tues & Wed until 17 Museum Cromwell Road 020 Dec Busy Bees sessions for 7942 2000 www.vam.ac.uk under 5's with crafts, creative Making it. Careers in Art & play stories, & songs, FREE, Design young people find out every Sat Art Makers have fun more about working in the with different art techniques creative industries, & discuss to create something fabulous career options, FREE, drop to take home, for families in 16-24vrs 7 Dec Digital 3+yrs Every Sat Farmers Kids have fun creating your Market FREE entry 24 Jan own digital art with help from The Big Garden Birdwatch take experts, drop in, families part in the biggest birdwatch 5+yrs, FREE. 27 Dec Pop-Up happening across the UK, join nerformances children join a in activities all about garden dance performance & interactive birds including helping to count workshop surrounding the different birds in the Gardens world of The Nutcracker & finding out about birdsong& ballet, FREE, drop in for all making puppets, FREE, www. the family. 27 Dec Imagination horniman.ac.uk Station materials from desk to create designs inspired by London Zoo Regent's Park the magical & surreal world London 020 7722 3333 Meet of turn of the century FREE, Santa in his grotto & enjoy a drop in, families 3+vrs. Every fun packed day with Christmas Sun Drop in Design on selected themed activities, www.zsl.org. days, participants can create a Dec Museum of Childhood 3D sculpture with wire inspired Bethnal Green 020 8983 5200 by the museum's collections. Snowflakes interactive reading FREE, drop in, 5+yrs. Daily

Back Packs families filled with

jigsaws, stories & games to

explore the collection, 4-11vrs.

Activity Cart hands on art fun

for children to create a Samuri

helmet, a silver goblet or an

elephant mask to take home.

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5-7 Dec Cutty Sark King

William Walk Greenwich

020 8858 3445 Family fun

weekend, create a Christmas

harbour scene with ships & a

shimmering sea to turn into

a card or hang up at home,

all ages. 29-30 Dec Create a

bouncy fluffy sheep made with

wool just like the cargo Cutty

Sark used to carry all the way

with children on the autistic spectrum, FREE. Until 5 July It's My Party display explores children's birthday parties from the perspective of both children & adults FREE Dec Parasol Unit 14 Wharf Road Islington 020 7490 7775 Family workshop families will experiment with drawing & mark making techniques developing letterforms & words into a concertina book, need to

book, 5-15vrs.

of book followed by a book

signing, 3+vrs, Daily Back-

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past, 3+yrs, activities

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with classic festive songs

for families, tickets www.

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festive treats & lots more,

FREE, 13 Dec Hands on

Family workshops themed

sessions for families, 3+yrs,

FREE 13 Dec Art Makers create

a pretty Romanian Christmas

Star to take home, adults FREE,

families, 3+yrs. 14 Dec A World

of Stories, families, 5+yrs,

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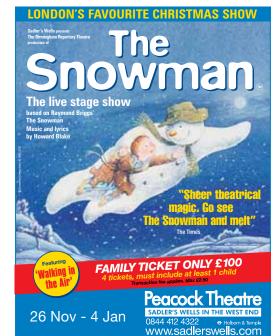
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