

Free Holiday Science Roadshow in Downham Market and Thetford

TO: Primary and Secondary Head teachers in the Downham Market and Thetford areas

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Primary and Secondary Heads of Science in the Downham market and Thetford areas.

Purpose: Help kids with their science by recommending that their parents go to the CHaOS Science Roadshow

The Cambridge Hands-On Science (CHaOS) Roadshow is a free fun science event full of hands-on experiments aimed particularly, but not by any means exclusively, at school years 5-8. We have 15-20 experiments, each staffed by an enthusiastic student volunteer from the University of Cambridge. Our aim is to make science relevant and fun, and our experiments have mostly not been seen before by children as they are not on the National Curriculum.

There is free entry to all at our events, thanks to sponsorship from the likes of Glaxo-Smithkline, Microsoft Research, the Institute of Physics and the Biochemical Society.

CHaOS has almost a decade of experience, regularly visiting schools and large public festivals. This year's Roadshow will cover Kent and East Anglia for a fortnight. Our website <http://www.chaossience.org.uk/> has some photos from our previous events.

We would really like schools to help us get children to know about the events by mentioning us in end of term letters to parents.

Email Sophie on asc40@cam.ac.uk to request flyers or posters for your school (although these will be sent to many local schools anyway), or if you think you can help advertise the event in some other way.

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Downham Market – **Town Hall** – 26th July 2005, 12-5pm

Thetford – **Carnegie Rooms**, Cage Lane - 27th July 2005

Press Release for East Anglia, June 2005

For immediate release

Cambridge Hands-On Science (CHaOS)

<http://www.chaossience.org.uk/>

For more information about publicity, please contact CHaOS (contact@chaossience.org.uk or 07929 141927).

CHaOS IS COMING TO EAST ANGLIA!

Prepare to be wowed when thirty Cambridge University students descend on towns across East Anglia this summer to present a free, fun, family science roadshow for ages five to fifteen.

The CHaOS Science Roadshow will be bringing exciting hands-on experiments to festivals and town halls in East Anglia this July. Armed with rockets, 100 kiwi fruit, and a skeleton named Boris, they promise their own unique brand of fun science. By getting sticky with slime, blowing mysterious bubbles, building bridges galore and much more, the group not only explain some of science's intriguing puzzles but also encourage you to answer many for yourself.

One of the organisers, Sophie Candfield, explained:

“There is so much more to science than white coats and laboratories. We want to show that science is fun and relevant. The CHaOS Science Roadshow provides a unique opportunity to get your hands on exciting science with lively and friendly students.”

The roadshow route:

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| Tuesday 26 th July: | Downham Market
FREE! Open to the general public from midday until 5pm
In Downham Market Town Hall |
| Wednesday 27 th July: | Thetford
FREE! Open to the general public from midday until 5pm
In the Carnegie Rooms on Cage Lane |
| Thursday 28 th July: | Harlow
FREE! Open to the general public from TBA until TBA
In GlaxoSmithKline New Frontiers Leisure Club on Paringdon Rd |
| Saturday 30 th July: | Heckington Show
FREE to all visitors at the Show |
| Sunday 31 st July: | Heckington Show
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Please note: all under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Cambridge Hands-On Science (CHaOS) have almost a decade of experience in organising public science events. They have previously visited venues across the UK, from Scotland to East Anglia, including the Glasgow Science Centre and the Stroud Fringe Festival. If last year's events were anything to go by, the 2005 roadshow will be a big hit with visitors: a survey indicated that almost

all visitors enjoyed the events, and over 90% said they would come again. Some visitors commented:

“Excellent, educational and fun!”
“Fantastic!”
“Ideal for 4, 9 and 37 year olds!”
“Please come back again!”
“Very good demonstrators – good with children!”
“Very glad we came!”

The group’s President, Mudit Matanhelia, says:

“By conveying our enthusiasm for science, we help children to see the area as exciting and dynamic, rather than as ‘just another school subject’.”

The CHaOS website has more details about CHaOS and what they do: www.chaossience.org.uk.

Photos

Print quality versions of these photos are available online at
<http://www.chaossience.org.uk/press-release>.

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Notes for Editors

Cambridge Hands-On Science (CHaOS) is a non-profit student-run society at the University of

Cambridge, whose principal aim is to inspire children, and their parents, with some of our own enthusiasm for science. The roadshow allows us to visit larger regional festivals, as well as towns which, unlike Cambridge, have few science events.

The 2005 CHaOS East Anglia Roadshow is kindly supported by: the University of Cambridge, Glaxo Smith Kline, the Institute of Physics, EinsteinTM Year, the Biochemical Society, Microsoft Research and Thetford Keystone Development Trust.

Our roadshow is also visiting Kent in July 2005. For more details, see our Kent press release at

<http://www.chaossience.org.uk/press-release>

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