



## NEWSLETTER FOR SCHOOLS

Welcome to this month's edition of the TEACHER'S GUIDE Newsletter for schools, with information about events and educational activities and the latest news from our Educational Suppliers. Visit the website to keep up to date with all the 'Latest News' and 'What's On' for events and Summer Holiday activities.

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## YORKSHIRE

### NATIONAL COAL MINING MUSEUM FOR ENGLAND

Caphouse Colliery, Overton, Wakefield WF4 4RH

#### Summer Fun at the National Coal Mining Museum

From Monday 21 July until Friday 29 August, the National Coal Mining Museum is the perfect place to keep the children busy and there will be plenty to do whatever the weather. There'll be a different theme for every week of the holidays to keep the kids entertained all summer long with a variety of free art and craft activities.

During the first week of the summer holidays local artist Emma Spencer will be creating modern mining banners. The second week of the holidays there is a chance to decorate your home with Victorian-style arts and crafts.

As the summer holidays reaches the half way mark we are getting to grips with nature at the Museum by painting plant pots to take home and sow seeds in. Having enjoyed getting green fingers, it's time to do some Rock Art! Find out about rocks and stones, and then decorate one. The summer ends in style with the Museum's annual coal cart races. Build a powered coal cart from food trays and balloons and race them!

You can also enjoy the summer fresh air by following the nature trail, or having fun in the adventure playground. Children love the chance to accompany an ex-miner on an underground tour, where they don a hard hat and lamp and travel 140 metres down one of Britain's oldest working mines. They can also visit the stables and meet the last ever working pit ponies, now enjoying their retirement along with Colonel the Shire horse.

There is so much to do for free at the National Coal Mining Museum this summer, so make sure you pay a visit! **Contact the Education Officer for more details on 01924 848806 Email: [info@ncm.org.uk](mailto:info@ncm.org.uk) [www.ncm.org.uk](http://www.ncm.org.uk)**

### NEWBY HALL & GARDENS

The Estate Office, Newby Hall & Gardens, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG45AE

#### Discover Sculpture at Newby Hall & Gardens June - September 2008

Explore and ponder the fascinating shapes and forms in the Contemporary Sculpture Park at Newby Hall. Discover over 60 sculptures from new and famous sculptors in a woodland setting made from wood, bronze, glass, concrete, wire and other metals. Get the children inspired to design and create their own sculpture back in the classroom. Self led trail - normal group admission applies.

Join the Zimbabwean Sculpture experience and take part in the creation of an African sculpture under the guidance of two experts from Zimbabwe, who will talk about their country and what inspires their work. 11am - 5pm, 1 hour workshops booking essential, normal group admission applies.

**School Group Booking & Information pack**  
**Tel: 01423 322 583 [www.newbyhall.com](http://www.newbyhall.com)**





## THAMES & CHILTERN

### COGGES MANOR FARM MUSEUM

Church Lane, Witney, Oxon OX28 3LA

Take a step back in time when you come to Cogges. We are a working farm and Manor House, set in the late 19th century. Explore the farmyard and original Cotswold buildings and learn about life in days gone by.

#### Sessions include:

The Victorian Kitchen, Boot Boys and Scullery Maids  
The Old Fashioned Laundry, Upstairs Downstairs

**The Year of Food and Farming** - try one of these sessions to increase your understanding of where our food comes from: Hand Milking, Butter Making, Victorian /Tudor Garden.

Teachers' Information Pack available. New activity sheets and other outdoor/science based sessions are in development. For details on all our educational activities and themed weekends contact **01993 772602**

Email: [sonja.roberts@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sonja.roberts@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

[www.cogges.org](http://www.cogges.org)

### OXFORD CASTLE – UNLOCKED

44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford OX1 1AY

If you thought Oxford was just about elegant spires and world-class academia then think again! Oxford Castle Unlocked reveals Oxford's less well known history, one that is rich with tales of great escapes, betrayal and even romance - all within the walls of the ancient castle and prison.

In addition to the tour schools can take part in a cross-curricular workshop linked to the National Curriculum. Benefits for pre-booked groups include priority discounted admission, coach drop-off point, cloakroom, AV and ICT facilities, lunch space and free Teachers' Pack.

#### Workshops include:

**King of the Castle:** discover Castle life across the ages through your senses.

**Clues from the Past:** hands on session exploring how we know about the past.

**Victorian Child Prisoners:** experience the prison regime first hand.

**Eye Spy:** create artwork using texture, shape, colour and imagination.

**Business Studies and Leisure & Tourism:** marketing, customer service, and more.

## Forthcoming Events

### 26th – 27th July– Knight School – 10am-4pm

Knight School – activities include: an armour zone - try on a variety of armours, chainmail, breastplates, helmets, gauntlets and more, a swordfighting zone – your own swordfighting lesson, a fighting knight show where a squire helps a knight into a full suit of armour and then demonstrate some hand to hand combat with swords and poleaxes and a mini warriors show where children are invited in to join a medieval English army that will battle against the French! £5 all day pass

**For more information about our education programme and other events visit**

[www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk](http://www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk)

Tel: 01865 260668

Email: [education@oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk](mailto:education@oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk)

### THE MUSEUM OF READING

Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1QH

#### Professional development for Teachers

'Handling the past - fun with archaeology'.

An exciting opportunity for secondary school teachers to join staff from the Museum of Reading and Reading University's Department of Archaeology at a free event at the Museum of Reading. The event will include:

- The opportunity to meet lecturers from the Archaeology Department and staff from the Museum with a wide range of interests and expertise (including the Early Stone Age, Roman, and Anglo-Saxon/Viking periods).
- A hands-on introduction to archaeological artefacts (including stone tools, coinage, and pottery), and artefact research and interpretation.
- A take-away practical archaeology teaching exercise linked with the Silchester Town Life project's on-line finds database.
- A discussion of the value and benefits of an archaeological degree and how research on objects in the Museum's collection can support this.

**Tuesday 30th September 2008 - 1630-1830 FREE**

**Booking essential please contact Rebecca James on 0118 939 9800 or [rebecca.james@reading.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.james@reading.gov.uk) to book a place.** Regular events held throughout the year for teachers, see our website for details.  
[www.readingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.readingmuseum.org.uk)





## LONDON

### THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG

#### EXHIBITIONS:

##### **Hadrian: Empire & Conflict, 24 July - 26 October**

This major exhibition explores the life, loves and legacy of Rome's most enigmatic emperor, Hadrian (A.D. 117-138). Objects from over 28 museums worldwide and finds from recent excavations are shown together for the first time to reassess his legacy, which remains strikingly relevant today.

**The American Scene: Prints from Hopper to Pollock, until 7 September 2008.** Featuring around 150 outstanding prints by 74 leading American artists including Edward Hopper and Jackson Pollock.

**China Landscape: Kew at the British Museum, until 27 October 2008.** The west lawn on the forecourt of the British Museum has been transformed into a landscape featuring flora of western China with elements of a traditional scholar's garden. Admission free.

**Events: Hadrian and his world, Wednesdays from 30 July until 27 August; Saturdays from 2 August until 30 August 2008.** Help build a replica of Hadrian's villa at Tivoli and make your own Vindolanda tablet. Meet Roman characters and ask them about their life in the Roman Empire. Admission free, just drop in.

**To book a school group visit please call the Museum's Box Office on 020 7323 8181.**

Email: [boxoffice@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)  
[www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)

### LINCOLNSFIELDS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Bushey Hall Drive, Bushey, Herts WD23 2ES  
(search map area on website under London - on Northern border)

#### What's on offer at the Lincolnsfields Centre?

**Farmyard Funworld** is open daily to the public 10.00am-6.00pm. Visit the Goats, Pigs, Sheep, Rabbits, Rodents and Chickens. Includes outdoor Play Area, Close Encounter Sessions and more!  
Admission price: £2.75

**The 1940's House At The Lincolnsfields Centre**  
10.30am - 4.30pm

Come and explore the rich WW2 history of the Lincolnsfields Centre on the last Sunday of every month with 1940's Special Events, Militaria Museum, Jeep Rides and much more. Admission £3.50 & £2.50 concessions.

**For more information visit our website –**

**[www.lincolnsfields.co.uk](http://www.lincolnsfields.co.uk)** We can also arrange Group bookings for schools. Contact us on 01923 233841 or visit our website [www.schooljourneyinfo.co.uk](http://www.schooljourneyinfo.co.uk)

### TOWER BRIDGE EXHIBITION

Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2UP

#### What The Victorians Did for Us

**From 14th June to 7th September 2008**, Tower Bridge - the showpiece of Victorian engineering - pays tribute to this enterprising age with What the Victorians Did for Us, a special summer exhibition with Fun & Games and a superb Prize Quiz, staged in the high-level Walkways of the Tower Bridge Exhibition. The games begin in the panoramic East Walkway of the bridge, where hopscotch, cup & ball and other deceptively simply Victorian pastimes challenge visitors to test their skills.

The fun continues in the spectacular West Walkway, where lively display panels and interactive elements introduce the great Victorians and their amazing achievements which still influence our lives today. During the month of August, visitors may also meet "Victorian" Professor Historicus, who will be touring the special exhibition to share his personal anecdotes and intriguing insight into what the Victorians did for us.

**For further details please phone 0207 4079191**  
[www.towerbridge.org.uk](http://www.towerbridge.org.uk)





## CUMBRIA / NORTHUMBRIA

### BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN HALL

Market Place, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 7NP

#### Print Workshops

Our "Make Your Mark! Print Workshops" have proved so popular that we have extended the times to offer both a morning and an afternoon session on the first Thursday of the month. **We'd like to remind teachers that we also offer the opportunity to arrange printing sessions at other times to suit you.** Artist and workshop leader Elaine Kenyon can adapt sessions so they are suitable for all levels of age and ability. Participants will have plenty of opportunity to experiment with different techniques and use Tom McGuinness's printing press under supervision. For further information and to register contact:

**Elaine Kenyon at Bishop Auckland Town Hall**

**Tel: 01388 602610**

**E: [bath@durham.gov.uk](mailto:bath@durham.gov.uk)**

**[www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk](http://www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk)**

### ULLSWATER 'STEAMERS'

Glenridding Pier House, Glenridding, Cumbria CA11 0US

#### SOS Save Our Squirrels

Fun packed activities - such as escorted walks, talks and a chance to meet Sammy and SOS Teasel Squirrel - all combined with a cruise!

#### Photography Competition only £1 entry

See our website for full details.

#### 7th August - 10.00am, 1.15pm and 4.00pm

£12.50 per person. Ticket price includes a Sammy Squirrel goody-bag. Meeting at National Park Tourist Information Centre, Glenridding. Please arrive 15 minutes before departure and note a reasonable level of fitness is required. Help us to help them - all profits and the entry fee to the Photography Competition are being donated to the SOS Fund.

Ullswater 'Steamers' now offer exciting education packages for school groups, with sponsored Key Stages, Ecology, Science and Conservation Packages available.

**Tel: 017684 82229**

**E: [enquiries@ullswater-steamers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ullswater-steamers.co.uk)**

**[www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk](http://www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk)**

## NORTH WEST

### MANCHESTER VICTORIA BATHS

Hathersage Road, Chorlton on Medlock M13 0FE

#### FREE PRINT WORKSHOPS

#### Victoria Baths hosts Hot Bed Press

**Sunday 3rd August and Sunday 7th September  
12noon - 4.00pm.**

Visitors will be able to have a go at printmaking, staying for a few hours or just dropping in to see on-going demonstrations. With a press and a print workshop, visitors can learn the basics of relief printing and monoprints from the experts who will be on hand all afternoon. Everyone having a go will be able to walk away with their own original print. They are FREE to all comers.

The workshops are being presented by Hot Bed Press and will be available to all visitors to the Baths, young and old alike, at the Open Days in July and August. There are strong links between the workshops and the current exhibition by Anne Desmet at the Whitworth Art Gallery.

**Tel: 0161 224 2020**

**Email: [info@victoriabaths.org.uk](mailto:info@victoriabaths.org.uk)**

**[www.victoriabaths.org.uk](http://www.victoriabaths.org.uk)**

### WORLD HORSE WELFARE, PENNY FARM

Preston New Road, Blackpool FY4 5JS

#### 30 July: 6pm

#### Lancashire Mounted Police Demonstration

A unique opportunity to see the Lancashire mounted police perform their musical ride and show how they train young horses for operational duties.

Admission is by Ticket only in advance £5 and includes a hot pot supper.

#### Annual Open Day: 6th September 10am – 4pm

Featuring displays and demonstrations including the Kings Troop RHA, Household Cavalry & Pony Club. There are also craft and food stalls, childrens entertainers, donkey rides, refreshments, live music and lots more. Admission is £1 per person.

We are also now taking bookings for school visits during the autumn term.

**For more information call us on 01253 766983**

**E: [PFVisitorOfficer@worldhorsewelfare.org](mailto:PFVisitorOfficer@worldhorsewelfare.org)**

**[www.worldhorsewelfare.org](http://www.worldhorsewelfare.org)**





## EAST ANGLIA

### FIRSTSITE @ THE COACH HOUSE

East Hill House, 76 High Street, Colchester CO1 1UF

firstsite are delighted to announce that it is one of 39 organisations this financial year, across the UK, to have been selected to work with the Paul Hamlyn Foundation through its Open Grants Scheme. The Foundation is currently supporting a year long pilot which intends to inform the development of firstsite's Learning Programme.

### Professional Development for Teachers

The Artist Teacher Scheme (ATS) is a national programme for art and design teachers providing opportunities to develop their artistic practice in relation to contemporary art. firstsite, Colchester Institute School of Art and Design, and the National Society for Education in Art & Design (NSEAD) are partners on the new MA Contemporary Art and Professional Practice which is validated by the University of Essex.

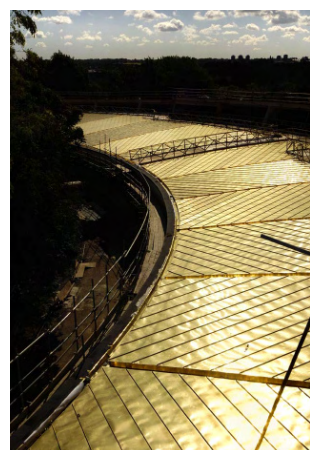
Find out how to apply at [www.firstsite.uk.net](http://www.firstsite.uk.net)

### Teachers' Advisory Groups

firstsite has forged close relationships with teachers, headteachers and heads of department from both the primary and secondary school sector to form dedicated teacher advisory groups. These are a forum for consultation on the development of firstsite's learning programme.

To get involved contact the learning team

[karen@firstsite.uk.net](mailto:karen@firstsite.uk.net)



### ArC 2008

The innovative three year project, Art reflecting Citizenship (ArC), initiated by firstsite, CSN Consultancy and Colchester Consortium, supported by Arts Council East, is now entering its final phase. Seven artists are paired for their residencies with two of the 14 primary schools of Colchester Consortium exploring citizenship through art.

Photo: Douglas Atfield - firstsite : newsite  
Rafael Viñoly Architects, July 2007

Find out the latest on the project at firstsite's new look website [www.firstsite.uk.net](http://www.firstsite.uk.net)

### RINGSFIELD HALL

Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 8JR

### 'Mantle of the Expert' Workshops at Ringsfield Hall

Residential training weekends for beginners and experienced users of Mantle of the Expert with Britain's leading teacher, trainer and educator Luke Abbott; former student of Dorothy Heathcotes, and 'Special Projects Senior Advisor for Mantle of the Expert', with Tim Taylor; 'Norfolk Advanced Skills Teacher for the Development of Mantle of the Expert'.

These specially designed weekends explore all the fundamental skills of drama, planning and teaching, needed to use MoE successfully in the classroom.

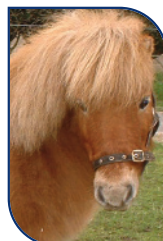
**Sept 26th-28th 2008**

**Nov 28th-30th 2008**

The weekends are divided into 3 levels:

1. Getting Started
2. Consolidating
3. Experienced User

Booking/further details [www.mantleoftheexpert.com](http://www.mantleoftheexpert.com)



\*\*\*New for 2008\*\*\*

### Kids' Club

Starting Saturday 26th July  
for six weeks  
Hall Farm, Snetterton  
10am - 1pm



Learn basic horse care to include mucking out, grooming, plaiting, sick nursing, tacking up, feeding etc.

Numbers are limited so pre-booking essential.  
Minimum age 9 years.

£10 per session

t: 01953 499102

A certificate of achievement will be awarded to everyone who attends all six sessions



**WorldHorseWelfare**  
the new name for the ILPH  
[www.worldhorsewelfare.org](http://www.worldhorsewelfare.org)





## EAST ANGIA (Continued . . )

### WWT WELNEY WETLAND CENTRE

Hundred Foot Bank, Welney, Nr Wisbech, PE14 9TN

#### Wed 23 July – Fri 8 August : Wetland Olympics

Self-guided trail and activities for all the family.

#### Tues 5 August : Wetland Olympics ceremony

Visit the reserve to find the Wetland Olympians followed by an arts and crafts session. 2pm – 4pm. Age 4-11 + parents. Children £4 (£3 WWT Members).

#### Sat 9 August – Sun 31 August : Frogs and Toads Trail

Self-guided trail and activities for all the family.

#### Sat 9 & Sat 23 August : Bats and Barn Owls

Discover the sights and sounds of the reserve by night with a guide. 9.30pm–midnight. £10 (£7 WWT Members).

#### Tues 12 August : Frogs & Toads party

Celebrate the Year of the Frog at this frog-themed party including pond-dipping and arts and crafts. 2pm – 4pm. Age 4-11 + parents. Children £4 (£3 WWT Members).

#### Tues 19 August : Minibeast mayhem

Join the minibeast hunt and make models of your favourite minibeasts in this fun family session. 2-4pm. Age 4-11 + parents. Children £4 (£3 WWT Members).

Get your class closer to nature through our interactive educational programmes designed to meet the needs of the National Curriculum and other syllabuses.

For details of all our events and activities contact:

Tel: 01353 860711 Contact: Sarah Graves

E: sarah.graves@wwt.org.uk www.wwt.org.uk

## EAST MIDLANDS

### BROCKS HILL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Washbrook Lane, off Wigston Road, Oadby LE2 5JJ

**Summer Events & Activities at Brocks Hill** - Are many and varied. Below is a summary/list of some on offer for children of all ages :-

**Tues 22nd July** : Mini-Beast Hunt 11.00am & 2.00pm

**Thursday 24th July** : Pendants & Medallions

**Sun 27th July** : Display of Live Owls 11.00am - 3pm.

**Tuesday 29th July** : Flappy Animal Fun!

**Wednesday 30th July** : Butterfly Kites

**Thursday 31st July** : Sand Pictures

**Egyptian Themed Trail around the Park throughout August.**

**Friday 1st August** : Face Painting 1.00pm to 2.00pm

**Friday 1st August** : Pot a Plant & decorate the Pot.

**Sat 2nd Aug** : Fancy Dress Scarecrow Competition.

**Tuesday 5th August** : Egyptian Themed Crafts.

**Wednesday 6th August** : Mini-model Gardens

**Friday 8th August** : Vegetable Printing Pictures. 2-3pm

**Sunday 10th August** : Botanical Painting. 10.30-3.30pm

**Monday 11th August** : Twycross Zoo Outreach.

Five 30 min sessions beginning at 11am through 2.30pm.

**Weds 13th Aug** : Make a Bat Box 10.30am or 1.30pm

**Friday 15th Aug** : Pottery Vases 1.00pm to 2.00pm

**Friday 15th Aug** : Learn to Weave 2pm or 3pm

**Tuesday 19th Aug** : Make a Bird Box 10.30am-11.30pm

**Tuesday 19th August** : Wood Crafts **Wednesday 20th**

**August** : Pond Dipping. 10.30am, 11.15am and 1.15pm

**Thursday 21st August** : Mini-Raft Challenge **Tuesday**

**26th August** : Paint a Tile. 10.45-11.45am or 1pm-2pm

**Friday 29th August** : Willow Weaving.

For most activities booking is essential and children must be accompanied, but for full details of all the above and many more Tel: 0116 2572888

E: brockshill@oadby-wigston.gov.uk

www.brockshill.co.uk

### CALKE ABBEY & PARK (NATIONAL TRUST)

Ticknall, Derby DE73 7LE

**Thurs 24th, Fri 25th & Wed 30th July**

**Trusty's Treasure Hunt : 11am – 3.30pm**

Explore our secret garden looking for hidden treasure. Especially for under 5s and their adults.

**Wed 23rd & Tues 29th July**

**Family Fun and Games : 11am – 4pm**

Join in some games from the past and present at our family fun day. Garden ticket required.

**Fri 1st and Sat 2nd August**

**Watery Wildlife : 11am – 3.30pm**

Bring the family along for a day of activities including, games, children's crafts, wetland walks and wildlife, all on a watery theme. Vehicle charge applies.

**Wed 6th, Tues 12th & Tues 26th August**

**Calke Alive : 12.30pm – 4pm**

Meet characters from Calke's 19th century past.

For full details of these and all our other summer events

Tel: 01332 863822

www.calkeabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk



## EAST MIDLANDS (Continued . . )

### HARDWICK HALL / HARDWICK PARK CENTRE (NT)

Doe Lea, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S44 5QJ

#### Elizabethan Family Fundays

Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August 2008

11am – 4pm

Join in the fun with Elizabethan themed family crafts and activities throughout the day including embroidery, calligraphy, stone carving, clay tiles, brass rubbings, making pomanders and much more! £4 per child (accompanying adults free).

If you wish you can come along in Elizabethan fancy dress!

For more information please call 01246 851787

[www.hardwickhall@nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.hardwickhall@nationaltrust.org.uk)

### HARTSHOLME COUNTRY PARK

Visitor Centre, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln LN6 0EY

#### Summer Holiday Play Days with Children's Links

Tuesday 29th July : The wonder of Flight 1 – 3pm

Tuesday 05th August : National play day 1 – 3pm

Tuesday 12th August : Dens 1 – 3pm

Tuesday 19th August : Tree spirits 1 – 3pm

Tuesday 26th August : Treasure hunt 1 – 3pm

Tuesday 02nd September : Totem poles 1 – 3pm

#### Hartsholme Country Park Family Fun Day

Sunday 17th August from 12 to 4pm

School Holiday Events : Due to limited spaces available, Booking in advance is essential.

A small charge of £1.90 per child is payable on the day.

Recommended for children aged 5 – 13 yrs.

All children must be accompanied by an adult or carer (16+) with a maximum of 3 children per adult/carers.

Each session will run from the times shown and will begin at the Visitor Centre, Hartsholme Country Park.

For more information and to book please contact:

The Park Rangers Tel: 01522 873577

Email: [hartsholmecp@lincoln.gov.uk](mailto:hartsholmecp@lincoln.gov.uk)

[www.lincoln.gov.uk](http://www.lincoln.gov.uk)

### KEDLESTON HALL (NATIONAL TRUST)

Derby, DE22 5JH

#### Sun 3 & Sun 24 August 2pm : Have a Go with a Bow

Try your hand at archery on the south lawn with Derbyshire Archery Club. £1 for six arrows.

#### Sat 9 & Sun 10 August 10am - 6pm

##### Lace Wars present The Jacobite Rebellion

Travel back in time to 1745. Visit the opposing camps throughout the day and see drills and a skirmish at selected times.

Tel: 01332 842191 (Normal admission charges apply.)

E: [kedlestonhall@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:kedlestonhall@nationaltrust.org.uk).

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kedleston](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kedleston)

### SUDBURY HALL (NATIONAL TRUST)

& The Museum of Childhood

Sudbury, Derbyshire DE6 5HT

#### Your Summer Holidays Sussed at Sudbury

##### Shake Rattle & Roll : Saturdays & Sundays

26/27 July, 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30 August

A variety of fun games and activities (weather permitting)

#### Designs with Delia : Mondays & Tuesdays

28/29 July, 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26 August

A variety of Crafts

##### Crazy Clay

Wednesday 30 July - Make a Trusty Hedgehog

Thursday 31 July - Make a Museum Mouse

#### August : Wednesdays & Thursdays

##### Manic Masks

6th: Make a Monster Mask / 7th: Awesome Alien Masks

##### Creepy Creatures

13th: Lively Ladybirds / 14th: Mini beast Magnets

##### Play Puppets

20th: Dancing Dragons / 21st: Pop-up Puppets

##### Glorious Glitter

27th: Shiny Shakers / 28th: Dazzling Dinosaurs

#### Mini Beast Hunt: Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August & 5

September. At set times during the day from 12 to 4pm.

#### Back to School Bonus : 1st - 4th September

Crafty Creations & A Pick and Mix of Makes

Most activities £1 per child and unless otherwise stated are drop-in sessions from 12 noon to 4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

For details/to check availability please telephone:

01283 585337





## EAST MIDLANDS (Continued . . )

### THE TALES OF ROBIN HOOD

30-38 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham NG1 6GF

Step back in time and experience Medieval England accompanying Nottingham's best loved outlaw, Robin Hood in his quest for good against evil this Summer holidays! Experience the sights, sounds and smells of old Nottingham in our unique adventure cars! Pit yourself against the outlaws with archery competitions...are you fit enough to join Robin's band!? Try out craft stalls and come along and meet our resident weapons expert - swords, helmets, maces and axes are just a few examples of the medieval weaponry you can view, handle and learn about. Feel the weight of the chain mail that knights would have had to wear under their armour whilst handling a horse and weaponry. Have a go at holding a shield and a sword at the same time, how strong do you need to be?

Tel: 0115 9483284 [www.robinhood.uk.com](http://www.robinhood.uk.com)

## WEST MIDLANDS

### BLUE ICE, SOLIHULL RINK

Blue Ice Plaza, Hobs Moat Road, Solihull B92 8JN

#### What We Offer

- \* A cool environment providing outdoor and adventurous experience in the safety of an indoor environment.
- \* Opportunity to appreciate a new environment and develop new skills, whilst burning lots of calories
- \* A chance to have fun at affordable costs

#### What You Can Do

- \* Skate on a session that meets your school needs from fun lessons, disco sessions, day and evening skates.
- \* Feeling hungry? Why not add a meal deal to your group skate, all for just £9.50 per head.

#### School Holiday Skating

Skate for 5 hours between 11:00am and 4:00pm only £4.90 per head (Group booking min 15).

\*Summer holiday Skate: Wednesday 23rd July – Tuesday 2nd September

If you have any special requests please contact us and we will do our best to meet your needs!!

**For further information on sessions and group bookings see [www.solihullrinks.co.uk](http://www.solihullrinks.co.uk)**

### CHURNET VALLEY RAILWAY

Cheddleton Station, Nr Leek, Staffordshire Moorlands

Running Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Summer Holidays. Two trains working every Wednesday in August: See Steam and Diesel together.

**Special Event Saturday/Sunday July 26/27 Country Fayre at Froghall Station**

Educational Days next term can be arranged.

**Contact 01538 360522 to discuss what is available.**

**E: [enquiries@churnetvalleyrailway.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@churnetvalleyrailway.co.uk)**

**[www.churnetvalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.churnetvalleyrailway.co.uk)**

### STRATFORD BUTTERFLY FARM

Swans Nest Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7LS

#### Giant extinct British Beetle discovered on a pavement

An amazing giant insect, classified as being extinct in the UK, was discovered on a pavement in Ashchurch, Gloucestershire last week. The Capricorn Beetle was found by a member of the public and has since been re-homed at the Stratford Butterfly Farm. Experts there are still baffled as to how an extinct British Beetle came to be found on a pavement in the neighbouring county. It is thought that the Beetle was probably brought into the country in imported oak timber.

The Capricorn Beetle will remain at Stratford Butterfly Farm where visitors can marvel at his size and many other strange and fascinating insects.

All throughout the summer holidays we will be having a display about Caterpillars and Pupae with some activities for the children.

**For more information please visit the official website at [www.butterflyfarm.co.uk](http://www.butterflyfarm.co.uk) or telephone on 01789 299288.**

**It would be appreciated if you are able to circulate this newsletter to all relevant staff.**

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## SOUTH EAST

### AVON TYRRELL ACTIVITY CENTRE

Bransgore, Hampshire BH23 8EE

Avon Tyrrell is the activity centre for UK Youth, a national youth work charity which develops and promotes innovative and exciting learning opportunities and programmes for young people.

Set in 65 acres of beautiful grounds in the New Forest, Avon Tyrrell is a well established and unique venue where people of all ages can experience the Great Outdoors. Avon Tyrrell prides itself in offering competitive and high quality accommodation and activities to all groups of people. Activities are exhilarating and fun, both environmental and adventurous, run on site by our fully qualified and experienced team of instructors.

During the summer holidays Action Adventure Fundays are organised on a daily basis for 8 to 15 year olds. They are filling up fast for this year so booking is essential. Full details are on the website.

Over the next few months why not try our camp site? Set mainly within pine trees it is an idyllic location for a peaceful break. From here you can explore the New Forest; the ponies and cattle in Burley, the deer found in the many forest enclosures, and the sandy beaches at Bournemouth and Christchurch.

Are you considering taking your school away during the next school year? Full board accommodation is available all year in the House in shared rooms for groups of between 15 and 110 and a tailor made package can be organised for your stay. Please contact our Customer Services Team who will be please to discuss your requirements. With their wide experience they will be able to sort a package best suited to your group.

For full details of our summer programme or to find out how Avon Tyrrell could best work for you, please visit our website at [www.avontyrrell.org.uk](http://www.avontyrrell.org.uk) for all our latest news and offers. To place a booking or for further information please contact our Customer Services Team on **01425 672347** or email [info@ukyouth.org](mailto:info@ukyouth.org)

Read the latest edition at [www.avontyrrell.blogspot.com](http://www.avontyrrell.blogspot.com) or follow the link from the website.

### THE CANTERBURY TALES

St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2TG

#### **Saturday & Sunday 26th-27th July and Bank Holiday Weekend 23rd & 24th August : Meet Mr Chaucer**

Enjoy thoroughly entertaining and modern adaptations of The Pardoner's and The Miller's Tale presented as open air theatre performances in the churchyard to the rear of The Canterbury Tales. A FREE event with performances at 12 noon, 2pm and 3pm.

#### **Tuesday 5th August: Stained Glass Painting \***

A workshop for the children to make and take home their own stained glass souvenir, from 11am to 4pm.

#### **Tuesday 12th August: Wood Block Printing \***

A workshop for the children to have a go at the earliest form of fifteenth century printing from 11-4pm.

#### **Thursday 14th & 21st August:**

##### **Medieval Medicines & Cures \***

The whole family will love the lively and sometimes 'gruesome' explanations and demonstrations of unusual and common medieval medicines and cures presented by our own expert 'Wise Woman' from 11am to 4.00pm.

#### **Tuesday 19th August: Clay Pots \***

A workshop for the children to have a go at making their very own clay pots from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

\* A FREE event to be staged in the churchyard to the rear of The Canterbury Tales

**Tel: 01227 479227 (Information Line)**

**For details of these and all other events, please visit [www.canterburytales.org.uk](http://www.canterburytales.org.uk)**

### THE SPINNAKER TOWER

Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth PO1 3TT

#### **Spinnaker Tower's 'Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Games' Tournament : 30th July to 31st August 2008**

Win BIG prizes when you visit this summer as the Spinnaker Tower hosts a 'Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games' tournament! Come along and have a go at the Nintendo Wii game 'Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games' for FREE (included in normal Spinnaker Tower admission) between 1pm and 5pm each day and test your skill to win BIG prizes. (Prize competition from 30th July to 26th August.)

**Further information visit [www.spinnakertower.co.uk](http://www.spinnakertower.co.uk)**



## SOUTH EAST (Continued . . .)

### DICKENS WORLD

Leviathan Way, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4LL

#### Oliver Unplugged & The Trial of Fagin

Fagin, the Artful Dodger, Mr. Bumble the beadle and the young Oliver Twist himself . . . just four of the unforgettable characters brought to life in this fresh and exciting stage adaptation of Charles Dickens' much loved story of the workhouse orphan who dared to say "Please Sir, I want some more."

Performing daily throughout the summer exclusively at the Britannia Theatre, Joe Wenborne Productions has lovingly recreated Dickens' world – through his rich and varied characters and the London they knew.

A truly unique production, a Tour de Force by three artists, transforming Oliver and over 20 characters at the speed of light.

Also, introducing the innovative production 'The Trial of Fagin'! For a short time everyday the Dickens World courtyard will become the courtroom where Fagin, the wily old fox, defends his villainous actions calling on Nancy, Dodger, Oliver and even the infamous Bill Sikes as character witnesses. It's up to the jury (the audience) to ask the questions and decide Fagin's ultimate fate.

For young or old, these presentations are a fascinating and delightful way to enjoy one of Dickens' best loved tales.

Public performances of Oliver Unplugged will commence daily at 3pm on Wednesday July 16th and run six days a week Tuesday-Sunday inclusive, thereafter to September 6th. Tickets are included in the price of a standard Dickens World admission ticket or Adults £6 & Children £3 when purchased separately. Visitors will have the opportunity to be photographed with the stars of the show following each performance.

#### Teachers Open Day!

A further note for the diaries – Dickens World is planning to hold a Teachers open day in September for teachers and their families.

Please register your interest with our Education Officer by emailing [education@dickensworld.co.uk](mailto:education@dickensworld.co.uk) or calling 01634 890421.

### SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

Woods Mill, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9SD

Sussex Wildlife Trust is pleased to announce that you can take schools for educational visits to the wonderful heath and woodland habitat and landscape of Ashdown Forest, which was also the setting for Winnie the Pooh! The Trust is working in conjunction with the Ashdown Forest Conservators and the High Weald Unit. Schools are able to guide themselves around the Forest, starting from the education barn at the Ashdown Forest Centre (Wych Cross, Forest Row) with the help of an Explorer pack containing a number of suggested activities. If they are less confident about environmental education, they can pay extra for a Sussex Wildlife Trust schools leader to lead the day.

**For more details go to [www.ashdownforest.org](http://www.ashdownforest.org) or ring 01342 823583. Please note all bookings for visits are made through the Ashdown Forest Centre, not Sussex Wildlife Trust.**

## SOUTH WEST

### WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY

The Railway Station, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5BG

With the school summer holidays upon us, the West Somerset Railway is running it's peak service of 8 trains in each direction from either Bishops Lydeard, near Taunton, or Minehead. The majority of these services are steam hauled and run from between 10.30am and 7.00pm each day between 22nd July and 4th September.

For the month of September there is a slightly reduced service with 6 trains in each direction every day. We hope that schools returning to their studies may find time to visit the longest heritage railway in the country and learn about the railways of a bygone age. October sees us not running on most Mondays and Fridays but every other day. This will be the end of our main season and schools will not be able to arrange a journey until we open up again in March 2009.

Please consider booking early and remember there is additional discount if parties travel on Mondays or Fridays.

**Tel: Samantha on 01643 704996 for further details.**

**Email: [sam@west-somerset-railway.co.uk](mailto:sam@west-somerset-railway.co.uk)  
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### Calling all young storytellers!

Barefoot Books, the award-winning independent children's publisher renowned for its emphasis on stories from traditional cultures across the world, is launching a storytelling competition across the UK and Ireland for children up to age 14.

The aim of the competition is to help youngsters develop their communication, language and performance skills and to enjoy the process. Barefoot's objectives dovetail with those of the government's new £25 million 'Find Your Talent' scheme; with the National Year of Reading; and with the Primary Framework for Literacy. Communication, language and literacy are all skills which are explored and developed through the art of storytelling.

Barefoot has created its Young Storyteller Competition to promote the art of storytelling in a way that is accessible, enjoyable and open to children of different ages and abilities. Using its network of partners across the UK, Barefoot aims to reach children in a variety of ways, offering information and tips for holding storytelling events in schools, libraries, art centres and more! Learn how you can be a part of the storytelling excitement and support creativity for children in your community at [www.barefootbooks.com](http://www.barefootbooks.com)!

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Schools workshops and a free teachers' pack are also available. Contact Katie Fathers:

**Tel: 01904 635755**

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It is a hands-on session which focuses on TAs becoming more confident in supporting children who have been 'left behind' in maths.

For further details please contact....

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### Hand Made Places Launches Freenotes Outdoor Musical Instruments

New for 2008 the playground company Hand Made Places Ltd have launched Freenotes, a range of outdoor percussion instruments that provide the opportunity for children who have never experienced music before to make beautiful rhythm melody – instantly.

Freenotes Outdoor Musical Instruments provide a unique way of interacting through spontaneous creative expression. With many instruments tuned to the Pentatonic Scale, playing music is made fun, as there are no wrong notes! Instrument range includes richly resonating chimes, xylophones, metallophones, tubular bells and tubano drums.

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#### Music therapy

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