

Welcome to this month's TEACHER'S GUIDE Newsletter for Schools and Colleges, with information about events and educational activities and the latest news on educational resources. **Please circulate to all relevant members of staff . . . Thank you.**
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THAMES & CHILTERN

Cogges Manor Farm Museum

Church Lane, Witney, Oxon OX28 3LA

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. Meet the House Maids and the farm workers of Cogges Manor Farm, as you experience the sights, sounds and smells of a Victorian Farm. You will be greeted by costumed staff and be introduced to the site. In pre booked sessions learn about the lives of the cook, dairy maid, gardener, laundry maid, boot boys and scullery maids. Explore the farm, house and gardens, have a go at polishing shoes, beating a rag rug or try the dolly tub.

A typical day visit

10.30: Welcome and orientation
11am: Booked session, hands on experience
12 noon: Exploration of the house
12.30: Lunch
1pm: Exploration of the farm, walled garden & grounds
We are open Tues to Sundays.

Don't forget our fabulous schools out programme running through out the summer holidays

Tuesdays – recycling activities

Wednesdays – baking (pre booked)

Thursdays - Farm Fun

Fridays – family craft

Family activities coming up include:

July 18th Dinosaur day - On Saturday meet The Oxford Geology Trust, learn about dinosaurs and make a dinosaur footprint.

July 19th Dig day and finds surgery - On Sunday Discover the hidden archaeological treasures in the sand box. Children's trails and activities.

July 21st schools out program begins - family friendly

activities running on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
– please contact us for further details.

August 8th and 9th Pig Pampering weekend

August 11th and 12th old fashioned toys and games

August 29th , 30th and 31st a Celebration of Cogges

For further information and more details on all our Educational activities and themed weekends contact:

Tel: 01993 772602

Email: sonja.roberts@oxfordshire.gov.uk

www.cogges.org

The Birmingham Stage Company presents...

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See trailers, reviews and details at
www.birminghamstage.net

THAMES & CHILTERNS (Continued ...)

Leighton Buzzard Railway

Page's Park Station, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 4TN

First World War - Then What?

Among other things, a new railway was built in Bedfordshire to transport sand from the local quarries, using war-surplus materials and equipment. The Leighton Buzzard Railway now carries people and is celebrating its 90th anniversary with new displays telling the story of those dark days.

A special timetable on Wednesdays in June and July is designed to fit in with the school day.

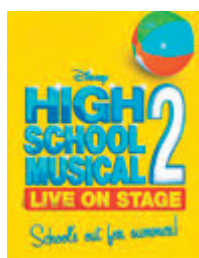
Ask for details from station@lbngrs.org.uk
www.buzzrail.co.uk

New Theatre Oxford

George Street, Oxford OX1 2AG

Information for Teachers : Musicals, opera, dance, children's shows and educational productions offering specific school group discounts:

Scooby Doo & The Pirate Ghost Ship ~ 16th-19th July
£8.50 each plus 1 teacher in 10 goes free.



High School Musical 2 ~ 21st-26th September
£12 plus 1 teacher free in every 10 tickets booked!
(Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 7pm and Friday Early Performance only)

Never Forget - 29th September to 3rd October
£12.50 plus 1 teacher free for every 10 pupils. (Tuesday/Wednesday and Friday early (5pm) performances only)

Other New Theatre, Oxford shows:

Jake and Elwood the Best Blues Brothers Show in the World... Ever! ~ 14th July

Tel: 01865 320772
OxfordGroups@Livenation.co.uk
www.NewTheatreOxford.org.uk

Sulgrave Manor

Sulgrave Manor, Nr Banbury, Oxfordshire OX17 2SD

This summer has never been a better time to visit Sulgrave Manor! Entry prices have been held since 2006 so taking one of our informative and entertaining guided tours of the birthplace of George Washington's ancestors is really good value for money.

Sulgrave Manor is rapidly becoming known as a family friendly destination with a Children's Tour on Saturdays at 1.45 pm. This tour is all about the 11 Washington children who lived and played at the Manor during the 16th century. Follow it up with plenty of trails, quizzes and games to play.

Join a traditional family day on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August and Labor Day on 7th September when children can dress as they did in Tudor times. Celebrated for its textiles, the Manor will be hosting a Stitching Exhibition from August 18th to 31st during normal opening hours.

Open until end of October: Tuesdays-Thursdays from 2pm Weekends from 12 noon. Adults £6.25 Children £3.00 Family £17.50. Garden only £3.00. 01295760205
www.sulgravemanor.org.uk

Oxford Castle

44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford OX1 1AY

Visitors continue to be enthralled by the fascinating stories to be heard inside the historic castle and prison buildings of Oxford Castle - Unlocked. Our school workshops for Foundation Stage through to Year 6 cover Victorians, Art, Local History, Castles and much more.

Archaeology at Oxford Castle: 2 Aug 2009 10 – 4pm

Explore the exciting secrets of Oxford Castle with special tours and displays, recent archaeological finds and the latest discoveries about the Castle mound. FREE.

Oxford Open Doors at the Castle: 12 – 13 Sep 2009

Discover the hidden gems of Oxford Castle with our free taster tours and special events as part of this city wide festival. FREE.

For further details of all aspects of our education programme please call 01865 260668 or email education@oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk
www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk

LONDON

The Lincolnsfields Children's Centre

Bushey Hall Drive, Bushey Herts WD23 2ES
(On North London / Hertfordshire border)

The Forties Experience – Open to the public on the LAST SUNDAY of EVERY MONTH

The project is located at the Lincolnsfields Centre on the site of Bushey Hall – H.Q. of the 8th USAAF Fighter Command during WWII and is housed in some of the remaining Second World War buildings.

Staffed by volunteer period re-enactors and veterans the tour delights with all the sights, sounds and smells of this unique period in Britain's history.

Included in the Experience are:

- 1940's House – Living room, kitchen, bedroom, hall
- Dig for Victory garden with seasonal crops, Anderson shelter & livestock for food!
- London Blitz street scene & Public Shelter
- Militaria Display of costumes weapons, medals & artefacts
- Evacuee's classroom in the Village Hall
- N.A.A.F.I. Cafe – Period refreshments in a period setting. (inc. sampling of war-time recipes.)
- WW2 Vehicle Ride – Weather permitting

Admission is only £3.75 per adult and £2.95 for children & senior citizens.

Francis McLennan, Director of the charity said

"The response since we opened last year has been tremendous and people have continued to pour in to the centre for the regular openings on the last Sunday of every month – many on their second, third or even fourth visit.

We are reminded that the days of "Make Do and Mend" and "Dig for Victory" may yet not have gone and can be valuable lessons for today."

Contact the centre on 01923 233841

**e-mail info@lincolnsfields.co.uk or visit our websites
www.fortiesexperience.co.uk and
www.lincolnsfields.co.uk**

THE TEACHER'S GUIDE 2009

If your school would like to order a complimentary hard copy of The Teacher's Guide 2009, just email your full school name and postal address to:
carole@teachers-guide.co.uk

The London Eye River Cruise

County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7PB

London Eye River Cruise

The London Eye River Cruise conveniently departs from the Waterloo pier, adjacent to the London Eye. Highlights of the 40-minute circular cruise include St Paul's Cathedral, The Houses of Parliament, Tower of London, HMS Belfast, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Tate Modern and the Millennium Bridge. The live commentary, delivered by a London Eye host, provides an excellent educational insight into London's riverside landmarks.

school.groups@londoneye.com

www.londoneye.com/schools

The National Army Museum

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3 4HT

The National Army Museum provides a broad range of free curriculum-linked taught sessions and workshops for all Primary, Secondary, Sixth Form and FE levels. Topics include Florence Nightingale, Remembrance, English Civil Wars, First and Second World Wars. New sessions this year include:

- **Be Prepared!** Scouts and Guides 'doing their bit' on the Home Front. Learn First Aid and build a Morrison Shelter (History KS2)

- **Eyes Front!** Portraits, uniforms, transport and much more – investigate the Museum's Art collection and brush up your art skills. (Art KS1/2)

- *** Haig – "Butcher of the Somme"?** Primary source workshop – can your students come up with a better battle plan? (History GCSE/AS/A2)

- **Changing Nature of War: Afghanistan, 1838-1919.** A workshop using three critical but largely forgotten campaigns to explore changes in leadership, tactics and technology. (History GCSE/AS/A2)

- **Experience of Warfare, 1854 – 1929.** Illustrated talk and handling. (AS/A2)

Free coach parking and a private lunchroom are available for booking. Please see our website for full information.

www.national-army-museum.ac.uk

LONDON (Continued ...)

The Natural History Museum

Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD

Butterfly Jungle

Butterfly house and jungle explorer trail

(Reception, KS1, KS2) Opened 1 May

Monday–Friday during term time, 10.30–17.00

Come on a jungle journey from the dark depths of the forest floor to the heady heights of the tree canopy. In this amazing exhibition you'll experience the magic and beauty of live butterflies as well as other rain forest creatures. Your journey begins with the outdoor explorer's trail. As you climb, crawl, swing and jump your way through the different layers of the rainforest, you'll discover the amazing characters that live here and find out how they have adapted to survive in their jungle home. Tackle their survival challenges yourself in a mixture of fun, physical activities and brain-teasing puzzles. You'll need to follow animal tracks, spot camouflaged insects and escape from carnivorous plants.

Learning themes: Animals and plants, habitats and homes, life cycles, feeding, growing, variation, adaptation, camouflage.

45 minutes, maximum group size 32

£2.50 per pupil. Teachers and helpers free.

1:8 minimum ratio required. Payment must be received at least two weeks before your visit to secure your booking.

Why not enhance your visit to Butterfly Jungle with a free interactive workshop based around insects and butterflies. Activities for Reception and KS1 include Wildlife Garden Explorers, storytelling with puppets: The Hungry Caterpillar and the Frog Prince, and the Busy Bee puppet character. For KS2 they include the Mini Beast Safari, Greenleaf Salad and Big Bug Experience. See our website for more details
www.nhm.ac.uk/education.

Wildlife Garden (All Key Stages)

1 April – 31 October 12.00–17.00

Escape the city and wander through the refreshing habitats of the Wildlife Garden. Explore this lush haven, which is home to thousands of British plant and animal species, demonstrating the potential for wildlife conservation in an inner city. The Wildlife Garden is the perfect hands-on experience for children of all ages.

Themes covered include creepy crawlies, habitats, variation, classification and grouping, plants and animals in the local environment and adaptation.

To book a FREE school visit to the Wildlife Garden, please call our Bookings Office on 020 7942 5555.

The British Museum

Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG

Garden and Cosmos: The Royal Paintings of Jodhpur, Until 23 August 2009, pre-booked only.

A rare chance to see paintings in the royal collection of the Mehrangarh Museum Trust, Jodhpur. Featuring 56 paintings on loan from India, none of which have ever been displayed in Europe.

India Landscape: Kew at the British Museum

Until 27 September 2009, free. Featuring a diverse selection of plants from the Indian subcontinent.

Elsa Peretti: designs for Tiffany & Co., from 1st May

Free. A display of jewellery, accessories and tableware designed by Elsa Peretti for Tiffany & Co since 1974.

Dazzling the enemy: shields from the Pacific

Until 16 August 2009, free. Highlighting the different ways in which Pacific shields are decorated with designs to demoralise opponents.

COMING SOON: Moctezuma: Aztec Ruler

24 September 2009 - 24 January 2010

Contact 020 7323 8181 to book school places now.

BOOKINGS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010

Latest information for schools and teachers listing workshops available from September 2009 and giving advice on booking general visits will shortly be uploaded to the Learning pages of the British Museum web site; alternatively we can mail primary or secondary brochures. For advance bookings please telephone the Box Office team on 020 7323 8181. To join the mailing list for future schools' brochures and events please telephone 020 7323 8510/8850.

www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

LONDON (Continued ...)

Excursions 2010

Tourism South East, 40 Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh Hampshire SE50 5JH

Teachers seeking fresh ideas for days out and short breaks will find details from a huge variety of attractions, destinations and tour operators at Excursions 2010, the UK's premier one-day group travel show at Alexandra Palace, North London on Saturday, 16 January, (10.30am-4pm).

Many of the attractions produce education resource packs and run sessions tying in with the national curriculum, while selected tour operators offer special breaks for schools. Exhibitors include Maritime Greenwich, Cadbury World, Waddesdon Manor and Hever Castle.

Teachers attending from outside London are offered free coach travel with pick-ups from around 20 towns and selected London mainline stations; pre-book from September onwards by calling 0845 226 7542 or via the show website.

The free entry show is organised by Tourism South East and Group Travel Organiser magazine, supported by Visit London and East England Tourism. To pre-register for tickets call 023 8062 5409 or visit www.excursions.org.uk.

Picture: The Astronomy Centre
Royal Observatory
Greenwich

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UCL Competition

Darwin Photo Competition

As part of the Darwin200 celebrations, the Grant Museum of Zoology, in partnership with the Horniman Museum and the Institute of Biology are holding a photographic competition. We invite photographs that are inspired by the Competition's themes of the exploration and investigation of nature. They could be from far off countries or on your doorstep. You could take pictures of animals and plants in your garden or local park, the Horniman Gardens, the Grant Museum, another museum or on your holidays. School students are eligible to enter in the following categories:

Junior Young Person (7-11 years) and Young Person (12-18 years). The winner of each category will receive £75 in vouchers, and there is a grand prize of £200 in vouchers for the 'best in show' across the whole competition.

Deadline for entry is 11th October.
Please visit the competition website for more information: <http://darwinphotocomp.org.uk>

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www.teachers-guide.co.uk

CUMBRIA / NORTHUMBRIA

Bishop Auckland Town Hall

Market Place, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. DL14 7NP

Movie Thursdays

Movies for children and adults every Thursday during the School Summer Holidays (excluding 27th August).

All tickets: £2.50

23rd July, at 3.00pm The Tales of Desperaux Cert: U

30 July, at 3.00pm Inkheart Cert: PG

30 July, at 7.30pm Twilight Cert: 12A

6 August, at 3pm Madagascar II: Escape to Africa Cert U

13 August, at 3.00pm Bedtime Stories Cert PG

20 August, at 3.00pm Secret of Moonacre Cert: U



Quest Seekers - this year's Library Summer Reading Challenge

Available in all County Durham libraries - children take at least 2 books out 3 times over the 6 weeks, and will receive stickers, free gifts, and a chance to win a special prize. Contact your library for details of special events and activities.

At Bishop Auckland Town Hall activities include weekly craft sessions, and an extra-special Quest Seekers Story Telling workshop, with Adam Bushnell, on Monday 17th August. Children can book to attend either of 2 sessions - 10am - 12noon or 1.00 - 3.00pm. Adam will be telling quest stories from around the world. Then you get a chance to create your very own fantasy story. Aimed at ages 8+. Tickets: £1.00 (must be taking part in Quest Seekers Challenge)

Wednesday's, at 10.00am, starting Wednesday 29 July
Darwin200

A series of workshops on the natural world, in the bicentenary of Charles Darwin's birth, and the 150th anniversary of the publication of 'On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection'. Full details to be announced.

For further information about these, and any other of our events please ring the Box Office on 01388 602610
bath@durham.gov.uk

www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk

Ullswater 'Steamers'

Pier House, Glenridding, Cumbria CA11 0US

Schools out for Summer

Two weeks and counting, then its holiday time!! Come and pay us a visit, we have special rates for family passes that are valid all day so you take a picnic, take a stroll or take some shopaholic therapy time out at Pooley Bridge. Watch out for our 'Meet the Skipper' days during the summer all part of our bid to raise money for BBC Children in Need and our very own Sammy Squirrel will be on the loose, we might even try a treasure hunt if he can remember where he buried it !

Sit back and Relax

Our lake guide gives you an insight into this striking location, so take cruise with us and enjoy the dramatic scenery, taking yourself back to a time when glaciers ripped through the valley and leaving us with the landscape that has inspired artists and writers for centuries. We have some of the most famous and spectacular walks in the Lake District all connected by 'Steamers' routes, grab a walkers ticket, forget abroad it's right here on your doorstep.



Cumbrian Fayre Evening Food Cruises

Our food cruises are well underway and we are delighted to be joined this year by Peter Lashley and Stu-di-Doo to entertain our guests, while they enjoy the delectable delights of a Cumbrian buffet on our evening cruises through the summer. Full details are available on our event pages, booking is essential to secure your place on these magical evenings.

Guess who else is back this summer Sammy with his fellow red friends raising money for conservation projects such as Save our Squirrels. A fun day for all ages combining a cruise with activities, talks with proceeds being donated to the cause. Full details are available on our event pages, date Saturday 8th August. Have you entered our photography competition yet?

www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk

EAST ANGLIA

Baylham House Rare Breeds Farm

Mill Lane, Baylham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8LG

Baylham House Rare Breeds Farm was one of first farms in the UK to be awarded the Quality Badge under the Government's Learning Outside the Classroom scheme.

As well as being able to meet and learn about all the farm's cattle, pigs, piglets, poultry, goats, kids and alpacas, children can get some hands-on experience of the countryside, go home with their curiosity stimulated, with an improved knowledge of the world in which they live and a better understanding man's place in and responsibilities towards the environment.

Visit programmes can be arranged to meet the specific needs of the visiting group. Just ring before planning a visit to discuss options and arrange for a reconnaissance visit.



T: 01473 830264

E: teachers@baylham-house-farm.co.uk

W: www.baylham-house-farm.co.uk

Epping Forest Field Centre

Paul's Nursery Rd, High Beach, Loughton IG10 4AF

A nationally accredited field centre based in the heart of Epping Forest. Available for school visits from KS1 to A-level and Higher Education, courses for geography, science and sustainability can be tailored to your requirements.

Open since 1970 the Field Centre has recently been awarded the quality badge for learning outside the classroom; "The quality of guidance and support offered to learners before and during their stay is outstanding... The overall quality of both leadership and management is outstanding" (Chris Warn, former Ofsted inspector).

The centre also runs natural history courses for adults and eco-activities for children and families during the school holidays.

For more details please contact the centre on 0208 5028500

enquiries.ef@field-studies-council.org



Braintree District Museum

Manor Street, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3HW

NEW FOR AUTUMN TERM 2009 – Braintree District Museum is delighted to add a new resource to its popular Victorian schoolday sessions. We are now able to offer Interactive History Workshops to bring the past into your school in a stimulating and accessible way, with direct links to the aims and objectives of the National Curriculum. Each workshop lasts up to 1.5 hours for a maximum of 40 pupils.

For more information please telephone the Visitor Services Team on 01376 325266.

Extreeme Adventure

Weasenham, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE32 2SP

The Extreeme Adventure High Ropes Course has gained Norfolk County Council approval for state school visits, which will allow schools from across the country to undertake the highest and most exciting tree based high ropes course in the country.

Set in the magnificent surroundings of the New Wood, part of the Weasenham Woods, which boast some of the tallest trees in Eastern England and is also the oldest example of Continuous Cover Forestry in the country.

The course offers 20 different elements at 20 and 40 feet, a 3G swing, 1,000ft zip wire and a 80ft fan descender jump.

Pupils will get a great sense of achievement and huge boost to their self esteem on completing the course. It is an innovative platform to teach life long learning skills, such as confidence building, team work and leadership skills.

In the agreement with NCC Extreeme's fully qualified staff will take full responsibility for the pupils whilst on the course. Teachers are welcome to participate if they so wish, but they are not in any way responsible for their pupils.

For further information call 01328 838720 or 07775593477

www.extreemeadventure.co.uk (watch the 5 minute video clip)

enquiries@extreemeadventure.co.uk

EAST ANGLIA (Cont...)

Oliver Cromwell's House

29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4HF

Helmets, recipes and costumes Galore on "Cromwell's Tuesday"

Every Tuesday of the Summer Holiday between 21st July and 25th August At Oliver Cromwell's House Ely
A great opportunity to meet real characters in Oliver Cromwell's House. Discover our medieval kitchen, talk to Elizabeth Cromwell, find out unusual recipes and taste some odd ingredients! Have a go at dressing up, try on the different helmets and find out from the soldier what life was like during the Civil War! Follow the children's trail around the House and see if you dare to enter the 'Haunted Bedroom'

Cost:

Adult £4.40 Concessions £3.95 Child £3.00 (under 6 free) Family ticket £12.75 (2 adults + 3 children under 16)

For more information please contact Oliver Cromwell's House on 01353 662062 or visit our website on www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk

Ringsfield Eco Centre

Paul's Nursery Rd, High Beach, Loughton IG10 4AF

Ringsfield Eco Centre is a local resource for residential school trips and day visits

At a time when the cost of travel is increasing and the environment needs our care, taking your school trip at a site nearer home can be a brilliant solution. Ringsfield is a hidden local resource, tucked away in the heart of the North Suffolk countryside, and offering outdoor educational opportunities. Our 14 acres of beautiful grounds offer a fun, freerange environment with very special staff who combine outdoor expertise with superb interpersonal skills, and experience with children of all ages. You can look at Energy Use, Water, Waste, Change over Time, and/or taste real outdoor living in the forest school activities with camp fires, cooking, den building, team building, environmental art etc. or even take little ones on a Bear Hunt.

W: www.ringsfield-hall.co.uk

E: info@ringsfield-hall.co.uk

T: 01502 713020

Wood Green Animal Shelters

Kings Bush Farm, Godmanchester, Cambs, PE29 2NH

Summer educational fun workshops

During the summer holidays we will be running a number of childrens animal care workshops. There are various workshops individually designed around the care of cats, dogs, small and field animals and tailored specifically for different age groups.

For more information on how to book your place please visit www.woodgreen.org.uk.

World Horse Welfare

Anne Colvin House, Snetterton, Norfolk, NR16 2LR

Sunday July 26th Summer Extravaganza

Demonstrations, Displays, Trade Stands, Pony Express Tractor Trailer Rides, Donkey Rides.

11-3pm £5 Per Car

For any questions or queries please contact Maxine on 01953 499100/07801 880201



PIC: Oliver Cromwell's House

WEST MIDLANDS

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

A brand new programme of CPD courses for teachers starts this September at the Gardens' Study Centre. Run a range of themes including Developing School Grounds for Play, Outdoor Provisions for Early Years, Composting and Creating a Wildlife Area to name but four, the courses will support teachers to develop and make better use of their school grounds, gardens and wildlife areas.

The courses will use the award-winning Growing Schools Garden as a stimulus that was designed by Chris Beardshaw and is used by 15,000 school pupils who visit the Gardens for curriculum-linked plant-based studies each year. New web pages are currently under construction so please bear with us. When ready, they will appear under the Education tab on our main web page. If you would like more details in the meantime,

please contact **Vena Middleton on 0121 450 5093**
studycentre@birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk
www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Gloucester City Museum & Art Gallery

Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1HP

Book now your visit to see the 'Darwin Today' interactive exhibition. Running from 26th Sept – 17th Oct 2009 the exhibition looks at how Darwin's ideas still influence our thinking and lives today. From our ideas as to what life on new planets might be like to designs for an evolving robot, come and discover that Darwin connection.

Education sessions will be available to schools all through the exhibition, but for schools coming on Wednesday 30th September there will be an extra treat. Darwin himself (or at least a man that looks very much like him) will be explaining all about his life, work and ideas and giving pupils a chance to pose their own questions.

For more information and details on this and all of our educational activities please contact **01452 396139**
Sarah Orton – Lifelong Learning & Access Officer
Sarah.Orton@gloucester.gov.uk
www.gloucester.gov.uk/museumseducation

Prinknash Bird & Deer Park

Cranham, Gloucestershire GL4 8EX

Prinknash Bird & Deer Park is really enjoying getting up front and personal with nature, ducklings, fawns and foals are the name of the game this summer. What a wonderful opportunity to get so close to a wild animal, especially when nowadays kids don't even know where an egg comes from! So don't let time pass you by get those kids out of the classroom and back to nature and join us and our wonderful collection of birds and animals at Prinknash Bird & Deer Park.

T: 01452 812727

E: office@thebirdpark.com

W: www.thebirdpark.com



Royal Air Force Museum Cosford

Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 8UP

Following the success of last year's event, 2009 will see the return of our 'Carrots to Cookies' week. The Access and Learning Team at Cosford will be offering a day of activities for Primary schools with the opportunity to work with 'Adam the Gardener' and learn about rationing in World War II.

Using vegetables grown and harvested in a wartime garden, children will have the opportunity to make carrot cookies following an authentic wartime recipe, create a wartime poster and also receive a replica ration book.

The event proved to be tremendously popular in 2008 and received very positive feedback from teachers and children. In March this year the demonstration came second, with a Highly Commended in the Inspiration on a small budget category at the Renaissance West Midlands Awards.

The dates for this year are Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October. For more information please contact **Access and Learning on Tel: 01902 376241** or **e-mail learning-cosford@rafmuseum.org**

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2009 / 2010
please visit**

THE TEACHER'S GUIDE NEW WEBSITE

www.teachers-guide.co.uk

EAST MIDLANDS

Brocks Hill Environment Centre

Washbrook Lane, off Wigston Road, Oadby LE2 5JJ

4, 5 & 6 August – Animal Totem Poles
Different activities throughout these days to help create a giant totem pole with Karen. Suitable for all ages. A free drop-in activity. No booking required, but children must be accompanied.

Tuesday 11th August – Pond Dipping 10:30am, 11:15am and 1:30pm. Suitable for 3 years plus but under 5's will require one to one supervision. £1.60 per child.

Wednesday 12th August – Marble Art 11:00am and 1:30pm. Suitable for 5 to 9 year olds. £1.60 per child.

Thursday 13th August – Mini-beast Hunt 11:00am and 1:30pm. Suitable for 3 to 9 year olds. £1.60 per child.

Friday 14 August 2009 - Silk Painting Workshop 10:30am to 12:30pm. Run by Claire Martin, this workshop is suitable for our 10 to 15 year old visitors. Come and try this exciting session using beautiful silk paint colours and designs based on nature. Places are limited. Children may be left unattended but it is essential that a consent form is completed and signed in advance of the event. £10.00p per child.

Monday 17th August - Handcrafted Cards-10:30am until approximately 12:00pm. Suitable for 10 to 16 year old, unaccompanied with consent form. £4.50 per child. Price includes all materials. Booking is essential. Booking is essential.

Tuesday 18th August – Willow Hurdles 11:00am and 1:30pm. 7 years and over. £1.60 per child.

Wednesday 19th Thursday-Sand Pictures 11:00a.m and 1:30p.m. Suitable for all ages. £1.60 per child.

Thursday 20th August – Masks/Hats 11:00a.m and 1:30p.m. Suitable for all ages. £1.60 per child.

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SOUTH EAST

Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre

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 private grounds in the heart of the New Forest National Park, Avon Tyrrell is a fantastic venue with a great team of staff and instructors who will help and support you through every aspect of your visit, allowing each young person to reach their full potential through trust, encouragement and development.

School Trips - Are you looking to arrange a school trip? Avon Tyrrell is currently offering Teachers Guide readers exclusive winter discounts between 2nd November 2009 and 15th March 2010 for both our self catering wooden lodges and full board accommodation in our Grade 1 Listed House. We cater for all group sizes. Please contact us for more details and let us provide you with a bespoke quotation to match your exact requirements. Follow Schools Links on our website for all your information in one place - <http://www.avontyrrell.org.uk/page/schools.jsf>

Fete - On September 5th Avon Tyrrell are organising a fete in the grounds of our Grade 1 listed house between 1pm and 5pm. This would be an ideal opportunity to come to Avon Tyrrell to see what the activity centre has to offer and spend a day out in the New Forest with your family and friends. Free entry to the fete.

Fundays - Summer holidays are fast approaching and as ever Avon Tyrrell Fundays are here to help entertain your children. Why not look at our Fundays which are available for everyone aged 8 to 15 years old. Fundays places can get booked up quickly, so please contact our Customer Service Team on 01425 672347 for prices and reservations. This summer Fundays are running from 27th July including Action Adventure Weeks, Mountain Biking Skills and Paddle Power Awards. Full details are on our website. Please click on <http://www.avontyrrell.org.uk/page/Holiday+Playschemes.jsf>

To place a booking or to find out how Avon Tyrrell could best work for you please contact our Customer Services Team on 01425 672347 or email info@ukyouth.org. Please visit our new website www.avontyrrell.org.uk for all our latest news.

Canterbury Tales

SWORD FIGHTING SIRS AND MEDIEVAL MEDICINES

Event: Knight School

Date/s: 1st- 2nd August 11.00am to 4.00pm

Enter the world of the knight and learn about the myths and realities of medieval armour with interactive demonstrations of historic combat on 'how a knight shyal bee armyd'. Children and adults can also get first hand experience of how to handle the swords and armour on display from experienced experts.

Event: The Medieval Physician, His Medicines and Cures.

Date/s: 15th-16th August 11.00am to 4.00pm

Meet the physician and hear his gruesome tales on the causes of disease. Learn how diagnosis could be made from a patient's urine; listen to the story of the mandrake plant, studied in Harry Potter's herbology classes, and find out about the 'The 4 Humours'. Children can have a go at making cures for the plague from kitchen herbs and view the many replica tools on display, including the surgeon's bloodletting bowl and his medicinal leeches.

Place: The Canterbury Tales, St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2TG. In the churchyard, to the rear of the attraction

Price: Included in the attraction admission price: Adults £7.75, Children £5.75 and Concessions £6.75

(Visitors not wishing to enter the attraction may purchase an event only ticket at a cost of £3 for adults and £2 for concessions.)

Contact: 01227 784600,
www.canterburytales.org.uk



SOUTH EAST (Continued . .)

Cowdray - Visitor Centre

River Ground Stables, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9AL

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Presented by the Chapterhouse Theatre Company

www.chapterhouse.org

Sunday 26th July, 7pm.

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Dickens World

Leviathon Way, Chatham Maritime, Kent, ME4 4LL

To launch our new education packages here at Dickens World this September, Dickens World would like to invite all teachers to come and look at Dickens World for free from 1st July 2009 until 30th September 2009 *.

As part of your complimentary visit you will get to experience all aspects of the attraction as well as observing how Dickens World can compliment your students' studies. Whether you are looking for an interactive experience or a more in depth talk based on one subject Dickens World will be happy to assist wherever necessary.

To book your visit please call **01634 890 421** quoting "familiarisation", however places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more details of all the education packages and facilities that we currently offer, call us on 01634 890 421 for an education pack to be sent to you.

We look forward to hearing from you.

* Places must be booked 24 hours in advance of visiting by calling 01634 890 421 quoting "familiarisation".

Spinnaker Tower

Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth PO1 3TT

Pirates Alive! at the Spinnaker Tower - 1st August to 1st September 2009

You can meet the UK's No 1 Jack Sparrow, enjoy pirate shows and history talks (every 1/2 hour) and hunt for the escaped parrots! Also why not get your face painted, pick up your FREE pirate hat or have a go at striking your own coin.

Plus there will be prizes each day for our best dressed pirate guests! There really will be something for everyone this summer at the Spinnaker Tower. One visit and you'll be hooked!

For more information or to book your tickets please visit www.spinnakertower.co.uk

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SOUTH WEST

Exeter Redcoats Guided Tours

Free Children's Tour of Exeter with the Red Coat Guides

Exeter's Red Coat Guides will be running special guided walking tours for children throughout August. The Children's Tour is aimed at 5 – 10 year olds, and is a lively and interactive tour designed to entertain children while teaching them about Exeter's history. Tours are completely free of charge, and run every Saturday in August at 2pm, lasting approximately one hour. Meet outside the Royal Clarence Hotel in Cathedral Yard.

There are 18 different Red Coat Guided Tours to choose from, all completely free of charge, and operating daily throughout the year.

If you are visiting Exeter as part of a group, why not use the Group Booking Service to tailor a Red Coat Guided Tour at a time and date to suit you. Small charge applies for group bookings.

For more information on the Red Coat Guided Tours, call 01392 265203 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours. For information on all of Exeter's attractions, visit www.exeter.gov.uk/visiting.



West Somerset Railway

The Railway Station, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5BG

School parties are always most welcome and, providing enough notice is given, we can provide an input into the experience of a ride behind a steam engine prior to the party travelling.

We have found from previous school party visits that the journey is enhanced if there has been some classroom input which can then be followed with a debrief period after the journey. One of the more popular journeys on the railway revolved around a re-enactment of an Evacuation Train. Although a certain amount of pre planning is essential, the children do seem enjoy the wearing of shorts, gas masks and the name labels typical of a World War II evacuation.

Please consider booking early and remember there is additional discount if parties travel on Mondays or Fridays. **Telephone: The Tours Office on 01643 704996 for further details.**

Woodlands Family Theme Park

Blackawton, Dartmouth, Devon TQ9 7DQ

26th July : Korean Eagles Tae Kwon Do Demonstration Team

18th July to 31st August : Tip Top Entertainers every day of school holidays.

4th August : Peppa Pig visits Woodlands

Come and see Peppa Pig and little brother George in the Park at various intervals throughout the day.

Emazdad the Magician, Richie - Award Winning Street Performer.

18th August : Roary the Racing Car and Big Chris in the Park at various intervals throughout the day.

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For more information please visit our website www.woodlandspark.com

YORKSHIRE

Eureka! The National Children's Museum

Discovery Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX1 2NE

Programmes at Eureka! are designed to be hands-on, minds-on, sparking creativity, active enquiry and inspiring children to discover and learn through play.

Autumn Term 2009

Healthy Me

21 September – 20 November 2009

Fruit for Thought, Reception & KS1

Children engage their senses with a variety of interactive and fun activities connecting with fruit. The one hour session, available to Early Years and Key Stage One and great for literacy and numeracy skills, will include opportunities to explore both familiar and unfamiliar fruit by investigating new tastes and smells, sizes and shapes.

Fast Food Fun, KS2

Designed to keep them on their toes, this one-hour session will help children learn all about energy, exercise and a balanced diet through the 'eatwell plate'.

Find out more about school visits to Eureka! at

www.eureka.org.uk

To book a visit for your group call the Bookings Hotline during office hours on 01422 330012.

National Coal Mining Museum for England

Caphouse Colliery, Overton, Wakefield WF4 4RH

Themed weekly family activities running Monday to Friday. Summer Fun at the Museum has something different every week, so you can visit again and again.

Family Summer Fun Week 1 : 27 - 31 July

Domestic Life - Activities 1pm - 4pm. Free.

Family Summer Fun Week 2 : 3 - 7 August

Fossil Fun - Activities 1pm - 4pm. Free.

Family Summer Fun Week 3 : 10 - 14 August

Bugs & Birds - Activities 1pm - 4pm. Free.

Family Summer Fun Week 4 : 17 - 21 August

Pit Pony Puppets - Activities 1pm - 4pm. Free.

Family Summer Fun Week 5 : 24 - 28 August

Dark to Light - Activities 1pm - 4pm. Free.

Family Summer Fun Week 6 : 31 Aug - 4 September

Jet Powered Coal Carts. Activities book in for 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Free.

For full details of all events, please call: 01924 848806

info@ncm.org.uk

www.ncm.org.uk

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Ripley, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG3 3AY

Manasamitra: Indian Dance

12 July / 2pm / Free / Drop-in

Captivating choreography of Indian dance and music inspired by Peter Randall-Page's work.

Sculpture Course: Stone Carving

15–19 July / 10–4pm / £245 / Booking essential

Learn basic carving techniques with artist Marcia Bennett-Male.

Sculpture Course: Wood Carving

12–16 August / 10–4pm / £245 / Booking essential

Learn a wide range of woodworking techniques with artist Arthur de Mowbray.

From the Microscopic to the Mighty!

25, 26 + 27 August / 10.30–12.30pm + 1.30–3.30pm / £1 / Drop-in

Be inspired by Peter Randall-Page to create sculptural seed pods at our family workshops.

YSP Late: Art After Hours

28 August / Open until 9pm / Free / Drop-in

Relax and dine at YSP and start the bank holiday in style. FREE parking after 6pm.

Sunrise in the Skyspace

29 August / 4.30am / £20 / Booking essential

Experience James Turrell's stunning Skyspace at sunrise, followed by a full breakfast in the restaurant.

A wonderful show which explains how we see things, how light travels, how shadows are formed and includes demonstrations using UV light, fibre optics and glow in the dark objects. Price £1 per pupil *

For details of all the above and other events:

Telephone 0151 420 1121 www.catalyst.org.uk

YORKSHIRE (Continued...)

National Media Museum

Bradford BD1 1NQ

Summer holiday activities at the National Media Museum

Family Film Fundays

Our family films are accompanied by an array of activities including badge making, mask making, story times and a family quiz. So join us for a full day of events and activities!

E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial (U)

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July, 1pm

Spirited Away (PG)

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 August, 1pm

Animal Mondays

Monday 20, 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 August
Mondays at the National Media Museum are Animal Mondays throughout the summer holidays. These days include animal themed activities such as drop-in art and craft activities, stories and family trails. Don't forget to make a trip to our special exhibition Animalism!

Television Tuesdays

Tuesday 21, 28 July, 4, 11, 18 & 25 August
Come along to one of our summer holiday Television Tuesdays featuring television themed activities such as family TV workshops (booking essential, see below), drop-in art and craft activities, stories and family trails. Don't forget to make a trip to our special gallery Experience TV!

Family Workshop : Make your own TV Advert

Every Tuesday during the school holiday
10.30am – 12.30pm
Plan, present, film and edit your own advert
£3 per ticket (same charge for both adults and children), booking essential.

Animation Wednesdays

Wednesday 22, 29, July, 5, 12, 19 & 26 August
Throughout the summer holidays Wednesdays are Animation Wednesdays at the National Media Museum. Are you a fan of Wallace and Gromit, Morph or the Simpsons? Join us for a day of animation activities including a family animation workshop (booking essential, see below), family films and TV Heaven screenings, storytimes, talks and art activities.

Family Workshop: Toy Animation

22 July, 5, 19 August, 10.30am -12.30pm
Bring your toys to life using stop-motion animation techniques. £3 per ticket (adults and children)*

Family Workshop: Stop-motion Animation

29 July 12, 26 August, 10.30am-12.30pm
Create your own animation character and short animation using stop-motion animation techniques. £3 per ticket (adults and children)*

Photography Thursdays

Thursday 23, 30 July, 6, 13, 20 & 27 August
Photography Thursdays run throughout the summer holidays. Join us for a day of photography related activities including a family Cottingley Fairies Photographs workshop*, stories and art activities.

Family Workshop: Make your own Cottingley Fairies photograph

Thursday 30 July, Thurs 6, 27 August, 10.30am-12.30pm
Hear how two little girls baffled the world with their photographs of fairies and then have a go at making your own trick photograph. £3 per ticket (adults and children)*

* Booking essential, see below.

Family Workshop: Family Photos

Thursday 23 July, Thursday 13 & 20 August
10.30am-12.30pm
Learn how to take better pictures and then have a go at using Adobe elements to create exciting images! In partnership with the Open University.
This event is free however places are limited, please book in advance on 0870 70 10 200

Optical Fridays

Every Friday during the school holiday
Friday 24, 31 July 7, 14, 21 & 28 August
Optical Fridays run throughout the summer holidays and include workshops and activities about optical toys and early moving images.

Family Film Screenings £3.90 adults, £2.60 concessions

The Simpsons Movie (PG) 87minutes
Wednesday 22 July, 1pm, Cubby Broccoli Cinema

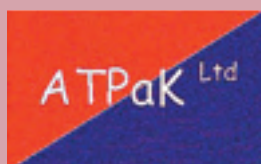
Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (U)

85 minutes. Wednesday 5 August, 1pm
Cubby Broccoli Cinema and more....

Call 0870 70 10 200 to book

www.nationalmediamuseum.org.uk

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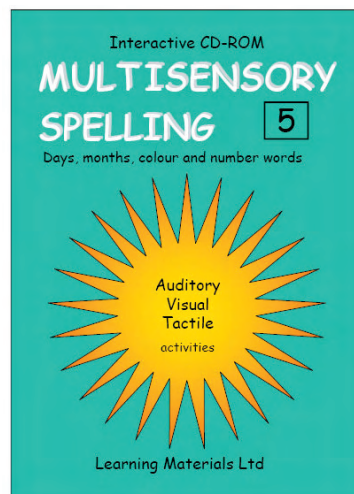
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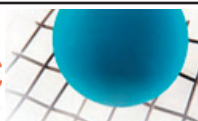
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