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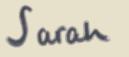
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We have got another bumper issue for you, with 36 pages full of useful local information! I'm always impressed with how much there is going on in this area - the what's on section is bursting with loads of events and activities for children - especially for Halloween and we have our biggest ever firework display listing on page 35.

This issue also contains our annual listing of children's and baby classes, so whether you are looking for martial arts, drama, baby massage or toddler music it's all here!

In our independent schools feature we have a complete listing of school open days, plus we explore the issue of co-ed vs single sex schools.

Finally, don't miss the special offers in this issue - all of them are highlighted below.



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Sarah Hatch, Editor



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It's all Change for the Toad Hall Nursery Group!

2011 is a time of considerable change in Toad Hall. They worked closely with all their parents and staff at the end of 2010 and this year have introduced a new logo and brand to all their settings which has freshened up the nurseries and given them a bright, fun image. All settings have been refurbished and some have had extensive building or garden projects to provide the best possible environment for the children and staff. They have upgraded their website in line with the new image and the staff will shortly be receiving new uniforms and badges.



They have also worked very closely with a specialist early years nutrition company and introduced new menus for Spring / Summer. These have been very attractive to parents and well received by the children. The quantity and variety of food has increased and parents are suitably impressed when they visit the nurseries. They will be launching the Autumn / Winter menus shortly and parents are able to have copies of their children's favourite meals to prepare at home. Toad Hall has 15 nurseries, including Woking,

Chessington, Walton-on-Thames, Haslemere, Ottershaw and Ripley. If you are interested in learning more about Toad Hall please visit www.toadhall-nurserygroup.co.uk.

Success for local mum!

Jessica Wilson is a mum of three who answered an advertisement run by me&i in the Jan/Feb issue of Families Surrey West. She is now one of 17 me&i sales representatives running her own childrens and ladies clothing business in the UK, and has just finished a very successful first season.



Inspired by the quality and freshness of this fab

Swedish designer clothing brand that is new to the UK this year, and the flexibility to be able to fit a fun and rewarding job around her commitments as a mum, Jessica has thoroughly enjoyed her new line of work. Based in Godalming, but willing to travel within West Surrey, Jessica shows the me&i collection at parties, coffee mornings, playgroups, school fairs and seasonal shows, and takes orders from there that will be delivered to customers directly. Customers can also view the collection online and order via email directly to Jessica. She is keen to build up new contacts in the area to show the new Autumn/Winter 2011 collection (available Sept to mid-Dec), so if you are interested in hosting a party, coffee morning or similar do get in touch with Jessica. As a me&i hostess, you can choose between a free gift or a discount on your order. Me&i are also still looking for additional sales representatives in the area. Please contact Jessica on 07939 278629 or email jessica.wilson@meandi.eu for more details. To view the clothes, go to www.meandi.eu.

Top Tips for Family Skiing Holidays



Paul and Francesca Ayres moved to

Morzine 18 years ago, started a family ski company (Chilly Powder) and had 3 children. We asked them to tell us about the most important things you should consider when taking your family on a ski holiday.

Don't rush to high altitude resorts because children can sometimes get altitude sickness. It's also unsafe for babies under the age of I to go up in high cable cars because of the air pressure.

Finding a resort with an easy, short airport transfer will be a blessing! Also check that your airport transfer company is properly licensed and has the child car seats you'll need.

While your on your transfer vehicle from the airport to your holiday accommodation, try to sit as near to the front of the bus as possible - then there's less chance of the windy roads making your children sick.

It's pointless wasting money on expensive ski clothes for your children - they'll only outgrow them by next year! Borrow what you can from friends or try TK Maxx in September and October!

If your children are attending ski school or childcare, make sure you sew their names in to their clothes so they don't get mixed up with others.

If you're taking a pushchair to use during your holiday, take one with large wheels. Standard chairs will be impossible to push in the snow but it might be that your holiday company has a stash of them for you to borrow.

Don't forget that sun block is just as important on a winter holiday as it is in the summer. Take sun block rather than spray so that you don't have to take your gloves off to rub it in! Fore more details about Chilly Powder see www.chillypowder.com

Labels4kids - for cash

Children's labelling company Labels4Kids are recruiting sales agents. In exchange for a small start up cost, readers who refer friends and family to the company's website can earn money back in commission. You get to show and explain products you like to others, and make some money too. email sales@labels4kids.com for details.

Labels4Kids have also been busy recently working on their website. At www.facebook.com/Labels4kids if you LIKE them then you can have access to their wall where you can view special offers, new product information, member profiles, news articles and discounts.

Barfield School's Adventure Toddler Group



If you go down to the Barfield Woods today, you'll be sure of a big surprise. Barfield School and Nursery are running a new kind of Toddler Group for 1-4 year olds. It celebrates good, old-fashioned play in the great outdoors with fresh air and fun. Toddlers are able to run about safely in the woodland within the secure school grounds.

The toddlers have a different activity week by week such as bug-hunting, bark-rubbing, making nature-art, singing, story time and is always followed by a hot chocolate around the log circle with mum. The toddler group is held come rain or shine so always come dressed ready for English weather. The toddler group runs termly from September and is on Wednesday's fortnightly. It is £21 per child for six sessions. For dates and times and to reserve a space, e mail: kerrie.daunter@barfieldschool.com

Parenting Puzzle

Many local Children's Centres run this useful course. The Parenting Puzzle is a ten week course for parents and covers positive discipline and supports parents with the challenges of raising children. It is running at Brookwood Children's Centre starting Tues 13 Sept 7.30-9.30pm at a cost of £2 per week (call 01483 473315 to book). For other Children's Centre visit www.FamiliesSurreyWest. co.uk/ChildrensCentres

Two-week Free Trial with Kumon

Enrol you child at your local Kumon study centre between I September - 31 October and you will receive a twoweek Free Trail. At Kumon - one of the leading after-school education providers in the UK, they can help your child to excel in maths and English, and boost their confidence too. Local centres are in Camberley Deepcut (0845 838 8858), Farnborough (01252 750644), Guildford East (01483 85936), Guildford North (01372 378377), Haslemere (01428 642863), Pyrford (01932 402737) and Woking (01483 726961). kumon.co.uk

Award Winning New Children's Blinds

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all. The Sunbuster blind innovatively uses soft magnetic strips to hold the blind in a raised position; this takes away the need for the fatal looped blind cord. www.sunbusterblind.co.uk



A breakthrough in learning to read

Reading Eggs is a revolutionary online product from Australian educational publisher Blake Publishing designed to get children reading. The program has been adapted for the UK market, specifically incorporating synthetic phonics.

Synthetic phonics is a method of teaching reading which first teaches the letter sounds and then builds up to blending these sounds together to achieve full pronunciation of whole words e.g. "s-t-r-ee-t". Research has shown that children learning to read using synthetic phonics have developed skills and progressed to a higher level faster than those without. Synthetic phonics has not only been added to the national curriculum but schools can claim up to £3,000 for an effective phonics program.

Children from 3 to 7 years of age or older children struggling with reading will enjoy the huge variety of reading lessons, activities and games that make up the Reading Eggs program. Sara Leman, Blake Publishing's literacy expert says "Parents are often keen to get involved in their child's learning but can find it difficult to know how to help. Reading Eggs is designed to reward children for their efforts thereby maintaining the motivation to learn. It also allows children to learn at their own pace in a safe, familiar environment. The games are great fun and children love the stickers and e-toys they collect as their learning progresses. There's never been anything quite like it."

Using the code UKF22SRW you can trial the site for an extended period and see for yourself what the program entails and why it has been so successful, free trial! simply visit www.readingeggs.co.uk. 90% of parents report a noticeable improvement in their child's reading skills after using the program.

Introducing The Bamboo Bubby Bag

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The Bamboo Bubby Bag is the first one size fits 000-2+ baby sleeping bag with a unique, adjustable enclosed sleeve design®. It was created last year when owner Kelly Northey's son was diagnosed with eczema. While there are many different types of sleeping bags and wrap style bags on the market, Kelly struggled to find one that was safe to use once he learned to roll over, that would fit him for longer than a couple of months, that was made of lightweight fabric that wouldn't aggravate his skin and most importantly had hand covers to prevent him scratching. The Bamboo Bubby Bag has fulfilled all these requirements plus it is made from the softest 70% bamboo and 30% organic cotton fabric, which is breathable, absorbent and hypo-allergenic. Bamboo fabric is also thermal regulating, keeping babies cooler in summer and warmer in winter, making it the perfect sleeping bag to use all year around. The Bamboo Bubby Bag is available for sale at www.bamboobubby.com.au and can be delivered worldwide.

Theatrebugs launches ECaT programme for Nurseries and Children's Centres!

Drama, Music and Dance franchise, Theatrebugs, proudly launches their Every Child a Talker Programme (ECaT) to celebrate the National Year of Communication! The National Strategies Programme encourages early language development right from the outset so that before they start school, children are confident and skilled communicators.

The Theatrebugs ECaT sessions are designed for the Under 5s with their mum/dad or guardian. Facilitated at nurseries and children's centres, the programme includes magical interactive stories, song, games, visuals, imaginary journeys, choice time, animal play and of course a dollop of silliness and plenty of fun! It provides the mums and dads with lots of ideas that they can use at home to aid their child's communication through fun, engaging activities. For more information contact Hannah Mason on 01483 882244 / 07971 004134 or email hannahmason@theatrebugs.co.uk.



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News and Views

Have you had your baby at the Royal Surrey?

The Royal Surrey Hospital is looking for mothers who have had their baby in the Maternity Unit of the hospital or at home in the last year to attend a feedback session. They want to know how you felt about your pregnancy and birth experience, what went well or what could have been better. You can help change things for the future - so do have your say! They are running sessions from 1.30-2.30pm on Friday 7th October and Friday 9th December at Bellfields Children's Centre, Hazel Avenue, Guildford. There's no need to book just turn up! Babies are welcome too.

Distributor wanted!

Families Surrey West is looking for someone to deliver the magazine in the Cranleigh, Bramley, Chilworth, Shere, Holmbury St Mary area and also in the West/North Guildford area. You would need access to a car and it would take around one school day or two mornings to complete, every two months. It would involve delivering the magazines to a list you are given, and the magazines are delivered to your home. If you think you might be interested in earning a little extra money please contact Sarah on 01737 558898 or editor@familiessurreywest.co.uk

Wasting food in Surrey costs £millions

Recent research indicates that Surrey residents produce about 83,000 tonnes of food waste every year with treatment and disposal costs in the region of £7.6 million. Surrey County Council's Love Food Surrey campaign is encouraging people to throw away less food by providing helpful tips on how to plan your meals, perfect the right portions, store correctly and use up leftovers. For more information visit www.lovefoodsurrey.com.

New Farncombe Pre-School

Little Lanes Pre-School opened in April and offers high quality child care for children aged 2-5 years. It is located in the newly refurbished Old Gospel Hall in Farncombe and they have a safe and spacious outside play area. You can claim 15 hours free child care per week for children aged 3+. Fore more information call 0752 5419461 or see www.littlelanes.co.uk

Green Advice for Surrev

Action Surrey offers free advice to Surrey residents, schools and businesses on how to reduce energy and water consumption. It has a fully functional low carbon show home in Knaphill, Woking, renovated with a wide range of low carbon technology, energy efficiency measures and renewable technology. It is free to visit with regular tours every week. Also available is a walk-in low carbon advice centre in Woking town centre and an online community. Action Surrey also manages a network of trusted, local and experienced installers who can install insulation, replace boilers and are experts in solar and other microgeneration technology. Free energy audits are also available. New for Autumn are a series of low carbon courses for sustainability including an Introduction to DIY Solar Hot Water; an Introduction to Permaculture and more. Contact Action Surrey on 0800 783 2503; www.actionsurrey.org



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Mothers' Guilt By Abi Foss

Nothing prepares you for first time motherhood does it? There is a life BC (before child/children). and an utterly different kind of existence afterwards; one where you are never top priority anymore, where your life revolves around others' scheduled needs: nap times, school times, meal times, milk times, bath times, bed times. Yes, you are now in service to the next generation. For the rest of your life, you will probably find something about your children to worry about, no matter what age they are. The word 'mother', it has been said, is not just a noun. It is a verb.

Fake it till you make it

There is this crazy assumption that when motherhood hits, we will somehow, intuitively know what to do; it will all just flow naturally. The reality, I think, goes more like this: we hit the ground running, muddle through and do the best we can. And it is, as they say, just one thing after another. Once we have the routine and sleeping through the night thing nailed, then we have the joys of encouraging them to eat healthily, along with the Herculean challenges of boundary setting. After the umpteenth request to 'please, do NOT leave your rollerskates at the bottom of the stairs,' or 'no, it is not OK to chew on your baby brother's ear,' is it any wonder we

start sounding like our own frustrated parents when we yell: 'If I have told you once, I have told you a thousand times... Why don't you LISTEN??' Or the classic one that makes me shudder when I

imagine my neighbours overhearing it: 'JUST PUT YOUR F***ING SHOES ON!' Ooops. Swearing at child. Guilty as charged Your Honour. But can I claim mitigating circumstances? My son practices selective deafness, I was stressed out and we were horribly, horribly late.

Sigh. There goes another few quid in the 'therapy for when he is older' box.

Angels in training

Mothers aren't supposed to shout or be cross or tear their hair out or cry and scream with frustration, are we? Especially not in supermarkets. We're supposed to be sweet and kind and giving and patient and perfect with angelic supplies of unconditional love. We're not supposed to park them in front of CBeebies for the morning and go back to bed nursing a hangover. No. We must provide educational activities, bake cakes, rustle up fancy dress costumes out of remnants in the recycling box, present a clean and tidy house, organise schooling, lay proper meals on the table and, often, hold down a job and even a marriage too.

But we can't and we don't. And we feel guilty about it.

The best advice I ever heard about mothering went something like this: 'Look, you have to accept that you are going to get it wrong. You are going to make mistakes. Everyone does. It is the only way you learn. So the best thing you can do is just resolve to love your children as much as you possibly can.' My rules are that I always apologise for my appalling behaviour and then tell my son I love him. Our biggest mothering mistake really, is believing we shouldn't be making any.

I have a little sign in my kitchen that reads: 'mothers are angels in training'. Feeling guilty is how we punish ourselves for not reaching impossibly high standards. I don't know any mother who thinks she ticks all the 'perfect mother' boxes. And you know what? Maybe we are right. Maybe, we weren't even designed to meet every single one of our children's needs.

Tribal Heart

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There is an African saying that goes: 'It takes a whole village to raise a baby.' In her book 'The Spirit of Intimacy', Sobonfu Some, a woman from the Dagara tribe of West Africa, says that it is also true that it takes a whole village to keep parents sane. In fact, it was not until she was nearly six years old that she understood that she came out of

one particular woman's womb, "Our biggest mothering that she did not biologically 'belong' to all of the women in her village who breastfed and cared for her.

> We would do well to remember that one-to-one parenting is a

pretty recent evolution in our species. Back in the day there would be aunties, sisters, cousins, neighbours and grandmothers all on hand for mass childcare duties. Sobonfu insists that if a child has a problem that their parents can't sort out, he or she needs to have other adults to turn to. If nothing else, there is a much better chance the child will actually listen to sage advice. Let's face it: children just don't like having to listen to their parents. (I mean, did you? I certainly didn't. Dammit, of course my son doesn't want to listen to me!)

Hang up your halo

'Motherhood,' Oprah once said, 'is the hardest job in the world. Women everywhere must declare it so.' In my opinion, it is also the most undervalued, the most rewarding and the most important job in the world too. Hey, we're at the coalface of building the foundations - the veritable bedrock - of society here. Let's hang up our halos and, through example, teach our children that we are all on a lifelong learning curve, that we are all lovable despite our imperfections. That, in itself, is a great education.

Abi Foss is a hypnotherapist who writes about all things holistic and spiritual. See: www.abifoss.co.uk



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1 in 5 bags of food shopping gets thrown away That's not good for your pocket or the planet



As food prices continue to rise around the world, it's a sobering thought to know that many families waste up to $\pounds50$ a month throwing away uneaten food.

However we also know that cutting down on food waste can be a challenge, especially when you're pushed for time and your kids don't always want to eat what you've cooked for them. So to help you waste less, Surrey County Council's Love Food Surrey campaign, provides helpful tips on how to plan your meals, perfect the right portions, store correctly and use up leftovers.

Taking just one small step to reduce food waste can have a big positive effect on the environment and save you money too. We hope our tips will inspire you to take that step.

IT PAYS TO PLAN

Let your family help to plan the week's meals. Before you do your next big shop, check what you have left, be creative and make a meal planner for the week so you only buy what you need.

Visit www.lovefoodsurrey.com to download your free meal planner.

PERFECT PORTIONS

Weighing and measuring food is the best way to cook perfect portions. Through trial and error, you can work out just the right amount of food to cook for your family. Helpful tools include:

Mug (300mi) - Handy for measuring uncooked rice. 1 adult portion = ¼ mug; 1 child portion = 2½ tbsp (as sizes of mugs vary, use these measures as a guide to see what works for you).

Tablespoon - Good for
measuring out portions
of rice and beans.1 adult portion = 4 spoonfuls1 child portion = 2½ spoonfuls

Spaghetti measurer - Not

sure how to measure pasta? You just fill up the measuring hole for the serving size you want with dry spaghetti; pasta can be measured with weighing scales.

Weighing scales - A vital

piece of kitchen equipment in helping to manage meal portion sizes. If you don't

have any scales to hand, weights are often given on food packaging to help aid perfect portions.

STORE FOOD PROPERLY

Correct storage means your food will live extra days, weeks and even months. Place a fridge thermometer in the coldest part of the fridge and check the temperature regularly. Keep the fridge at a cool 1 - 5°C and chilled food will stay fresh for longer.

Can I freeze food after the 'use by'

date? - You can freeze food up to its 'use by' date and then keep it frozen beyond the 'use by' date. Make sure you follow any instructions on packets, such as 'freeze on day of purchase', 'cook from frozen' or 'defrost thoroughly before use and use within 24 hours'.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'USE BY' AND 'BEST BEFORE' DATES

Use by - These dates are for safety and must be followed correctly; don't use any food after the end of the 'use by' date, even if it looks and smells fine. This is because using it after this date could put your health at risk.

Best before - These dates refer to quality not to food safety; foods with a `best before' date should be safe to eat after this date (except for eggs), but they may no longer be at their best.

Sell by/Display until - These dates are for shop staff not shoppers, so can be ignored.

LOVELY LEFTOVERS

If you've cooked too much, try to use the leftovers for another meal. To help, it might be worth keeping your fridge, freezer and cupboard stocked with basic food staples so you can rustle something up when you need to and use items up e.g. pasta, stock cubes, and bread.

Children don't always like what they're given so having a range of food items at hand to make different meals is important to satisfy their taste buds and keep them interested in what they are eating.

WHAT A WASTE

Research indicates that Surrey residents produce about 83,000 tonnes of food waste every year with treatment and disposal costs in the region of \pounds 7.6 million. Just think about all the energy, water and packaging used in food production, transportation and storage, that goes to waste when we throw away good food.

For advice on planning your shopping, portion control, recipe ideas and more, visit www.lovefoodsurrey.com.







Clubs & Classes News

MusicLand launches in Guildford

A free introductory session for new children! For thirteen years MusicLand has been running successfully in Godalming, but from September there will be another centre based at Greenark, in Stoke Park just off Lido Road, in Guildford.

MusicLand's teachers are all professional musicians who believe in 'catching them young' and sowing the musical seeds that reach fruition through the learning of an instrument - also available at MusicLand - or by continuing a love of music. Some of their children have progressed to specialist music schools.

Imagine a child-centred environment with three coloured circles for each activity; instruments of every kind, bouncing and finger rhymes, see-saw songs, teddies, a magic box, puppets, dances, with African drums and Kandeles (stringed instruments) for the older children. From babies up to eight years old, their children learn general musicianship skills unconsciously, becoming conscious of these skills at four years old, when the children understand and demonstrate rhythm, melody, pulse and dynamics. Music starts at the 'grass roots', so come along to MusicLand in Guildford or Godalming for a free introductory week on 12 September. For more information contact Gail on gail@musicland.org.uk or 01252 313425.

New Perform Classes in Guildford



Perform Drama, Dance and Singing Workshops started a class in January 2000 with 3 children. They now have 3,500 children attending their workshops across London and have chosen Guildford as their new destination for Perform Plus classes for 8-12 year olds.

Perform is a new type of children's drama school. They use a unique mix of drama, dance and singing specially formulated to bring out every child's true potential. Classes are kept small to ensure lots of individual attention by their experienced actor/teachers. Their focus is entirely on The 4 C's. Confidence, Communication, Co-ordination and Concentration. They don't send children to auditions or castings, but focus on helping children develop their social skills whilst having the best fun of the week. They are also centrally run as opposed to being a franchised business.

Classes in Guildford will be on Saturdays at Christ Church Hall, 23 Waterden Road, Merrow, Guildford at 2 pm. Call 0845 400 1280 for your free trial session.

The Guildford Theatre School Expands

The Guildford Theatre School has had a fantastic year, with pupils performing in many public performances as part of the Guildford Summer Festival, The Electric Theatre Family Festival and the sell-out showcase West End Story.

Building on this phenomenal success and in response to demand and waiting lists, from September the Guildford Theatre School is excited to be opening it's doors each Thursday, offering additional classes in Drama, Musical Theatre and Singing classes from 4.15-6.30pm for students aged 5-17years, in addition to its popular established Saturday classes in Ballet, Drama, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Tap and Singing.

Furthermore, they will be launching their 'Bumps and Babies' musical classes for tots and tinies in November. These Saturday afternoon sessions are a perfect way for parents who work full time to come and enjoy their musical sessions for little ones, who will love their themed storytelling approach to interactive learning featuring Guildford the Bear, enhanced by classical and contemporary music, movement, song and action. New members can enrol for any class at any time during the term. To sign up for a free trial class, please visit www.guildfordtheatreschool.co.uk or telephone 01483 45 72 70.

SOCATOTS Expands

SOCATOTS are very excited to be increasing the number of venues, days and times available in Guildford and the Waverley area. There are already classes in Guildford, Godalming, Ash and Compton, and now Bruce Laudy is launching new venues across the area - please call him for details.

Bruce says "SOCATOTS is about using football as a vehicle to give very young children the confidence to deal with social situations as well as encouraging them to work as part of a team and develop their



hand to eye coordination. On completion of a SOCATOTS programme a child will be fully confident on the ball and have developed basic all round football skills in dribbling, passing and control of the ball. All equipment is specially designed for children to develop physical skills of agility, balance and co-ordination. From skittles, hoops, beanbags and specially designed balls that are different weights to develop different skills. Every activity is intended to improve co-ordination skills but more importantly they are designed to be fun!" For more information contact Bruce on 01372 451352, 07771 646181 or bruce@socatots.com.

Kalm Cooking Launches!

Kalm Cooking offer a range of clubs and classes for children in the holidays and during term time. They provide a fun and friendly environment where children learn the skills to cook exciting and nutritious food. From their school holiday classes such as Halloween & Bonfire Night Specials to weekly Cookery Club, there's something for everyone.

Classes take place at the Kalm Coking base in Puttenham near Guildford and are supervised by Jen, a Kalm Kitchen Director and trained Norland nursery nurse and Gemma, their lead training chef who has spent many years in the independent school sector. Kalm Cooking is launched by Kalm Kitchen, one of Surrey's leading events caterers.

For more information please contact Jen or Gemma on 01483 813288 or visit their website www.kalmcooking.co.uk

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New Owner For Sportscoach Woking

Mike Scott has recently taken over ownership of Sportscoach Woking. He says "I'm really excited - Sportscoach encourages children of all abilities to grow, both as athletes and individuals. We do loads of different sports and team games which keeps youngsters fit and healthy. They grow in self confidence and learn how to be a part of a team. They also learn lots of different sports and have a great three hours each Sunday morning". Sportscoach is for 6-16 year olds and sports include basketball, athletics, fencing, martial arts, tennis, archery and many more. To contact Mike call 07854 092957. There's also a Sportscoach in Guildford, for details call Ingrid on 01306 886986 - Sportscoach Guildford run Early Sporties as well for 4-6 year olds.

Theatrebugs Expands into Aldershot, Farnborough and Woking!

Due to popular demand, Theatrebugs is expanding into Aldershot, Farnborough and Woking. The Guildford franchise will provide drama, music and dance classes to nurseries, schools and children's centres, in the newly acquired area from September. "I am so pleased with the positive feedback we've received since launching." says Hannah Mason "Numerous enquiries came from outside of the area therefore expansion seemed the logical answer!" Theatrebugs also run private lessons, after schools and under 5's clubs, parties as well as holiday workshops. Workshops will launch in the area with a two day fun filled spooktastic adventure during the October half term! "Drama and imaginary play is a fantastic way of increasing confidence and communication." says Hannah. "The most important thing is that the children have fun and learn at the same time. With Theatrebugs they do just that!" Half term workshops run from 24-28th October and are suitable for boys and girls aged 3.5 - 8 years. For more information contact Hannah on 01483 882244, 07971 004134 or email hannahmason@theatrebugs.co.uk.

New Musical Theatre Classes

PPA Kids are delighted to announce their new Musical Theatre Classes for children aged 3-16 years old. Alongside their ballet, tap, modern and hip hop classes children can now spend the day with PPA in Guildford by adding on Musical Theatre in the afternoon. Or if you just want to sing, dance and act then just join them for the afternoon sessions. The musical theatre sessions will be taught by experienced west end performers who also have experience in teaching children. Please call 01483 684067 for more information or see www.ppakids.co.uk.

New Diddi Dance Classes Open in West Byfleet

New Diddi Dance classes open in West Byfleet at The Wendyhouse from Tues 13th September. Diddi Dance encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action packed, full of fun 45 minute dance class. Using dancing games and exercises, bells, hoops and dance ribbons to funky songs. little ones not only improve their rhythm and coordination but also social and gross motor skills. New half termly themes include Bollywood, flamenco, jive, ballroom, irish, reggae & charleston which add to themes already running - Pop, disco, country, tap, hip-hop, salsa and rock & roll!! Lot's of fun!! Classes are ideal for both boys and girls between 2-4 years old. Free trial! Classes still available in Woking & Guildford. Call Alysia on 07811 346482 www.diddidance.com. Diddi Dance also do parties.

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Here we have listed masses of children's clubs and classes. ranging from baby massage and toddler activities, to sport and drama, so whatever age your child and whatever their interests there will be something for them!

Arts & Crafts

Alice Holt Forest

Farnham 01420 23666

Babes in the Woods for 14 months-21/2 yrs, Little **Explorers** for 2¹/₂-4 years. With a different weekly woodland theme, there is an activity walk followed by storytime and woodland crafts.

Cranleigh Arts Centre

01483 278001 Children's pottery for ages 5-12.

Farnham Maltings

01252 745444 Arty Bobs Tots Club, Toddler's pottery, Block printing. (For Block Printing call 07800 907380).

Firing Earth Art Studio

82 Smithbrook Kilns, Cranleigh, 01483 268788 After-school workshops from 3.45-4.45pm on Thursdays. Toddler Art on Tuesdays 10.30-11.45am (term time only) for babies and pre-school toddlers

- painting, gluing, sticking and play dough with a different theme each week. Includes ceramic, fabric, canvas or wooden item as well as drink, biscuit and coffee for mum!

The Creation Station

Godalming Contact Jackie on 0844 854 9184 or jackie@

thecreationstation.co.uk www.thecreationstation.co.uk Award-winning toddler and pre-schooler art and craft



sessions for 1-5 year olds - have fun and get creative with your child without having to clear up afterwards! The Creation Station inspires children's imaginations and encourages them to explore different materials, tools and techniques. Every Tuesday at 9.30 and 11am at Godalming Baptist Church. £5 per child and £2.50 per sibling, pre-booking required.

The Creation Station

The Rainbow Rooms I College Hill, Haslemere 01428 653341 www.therainbowroomshop.com The Rainbow Rooms run after school arts & crafts

The Rainbow Rooms courses such as Crazy

Clay, Puppet Making and Foundation Art - learn different art techniques and experience different art mediums. The sessions last for an hour and run for 10 weeks. They also run drop in arts & crafts sessions

on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30 -2.30pm (times may change during school holidays).

West End Centre

Aldershot 01252 330040 Sewing Club for ages 8-12.

Baby Signing

Sing and Sign

Farnham, Guildford, Godalming, Fleet 01252 641815 Camberley, Frimley, Sandhurst, Chobham, Windlesham 01252 838984

Play with props and instruments, sing songs and be introduced to 100+ signs.

Tiny Talk

Guildford & Cobham 07973 937 505 Woking, Weybridge, Lyne 07779 224591

You'll learn lots of baby signs, sing fun songs and have a laugh! For 0-2 years.

Birth Preparation, Yoga, Baby Massage & Post Natal Exercise

Calmbabies.com

Oxshott, Claygate, Guildford, Leatherhead, Epsom 07751 323253 Infant/baby massage & baby yoga.

Emma Rainier

Woking 01483 770177 Baby massage, Relax, Stretch and Breathe in pregnancy and NCT antenatal classes.

Baby Massage

Guildford 01483 537788 For babies from 6 weeks.

National Childbirth Trust

www.nct.org.uk The NCT run many courses for parents and parents to be, including Antenatal, refresher Antenatal and Postnatal classes. Visit the website to find your local branch.

New Baby New You

Farnham, Aldershot, Ash and Guildford www.newbabynewyou.co.uk Call Claire on 01252 336427 Get out and about with your baby and start exercising again, come to Postnatal Yoga classes for you and



your baby to share together. Lots of stomach and pelvic floor work! Also available mum's only evening yoga session, even if your baby is now 15! Meet other mums, have the chance to unwind. relax. stretch and work those core areas

Baby New You

Pregnancy & Baby Yoga with Satvikananda Ottershaw 01932 872587 www.satvikyoga.co.uk Yoga For Pregnancy from 12 weeks, Baby Yoga from 2days to walking.

Pushymothers

Frimley, Farnham & Guildford 07702 854581 A I hour buggy workout.

Teeny Weeny Massage & Yoga For Babies Farnham, Hook, Chineham www.babymassagenyoga. co.uk or call Gail Harbers (CIMI/BYI) on 01256 323409. These gentle infant massage and baby yoga classes

are specifically designed for babies aged 6 weeks to Weeny Massage & Yoga pre crawling. Babies



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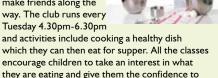
Cooking

Kalm Cooking

Kalm Cooking Puttenham near Guildford www.kalmcooking.co.uk

01483 813288

At the weekly cookery club children will learn new skills, have fun and make friends along the way. The club runs every Tuesday 4.30pm-6.30pm



which they can then eat for supper. All the classes encourage children to take an interest in what they are eating and give them the confidence to help at home. 6 week course September 13th to October 18th inclusive, booking essential. £175.

The Cookie Club

Knaphill 01483 797955 After school cooking classes for 5-11 year olds.

If you contact a company in our listing - please let them know you saw their details in Families Surrey West - thank you.



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Clubs & Classes

Cricket

To find a local cricket club see http://westsycl.play-cricket.com.

Dance, Drama, Singing

All Star Choir

Guildford 0845 355 0589 www.allstarchoir.co.uk Contemporary music performance choir for 8-14s.

Amanda Warwick Dance Arts

Effingham, W Horsley, Bookham 01372 457274 www.amandawarwick.co.uk Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap, Hip-hop and Singing school, Piano, Keyboard. Grades/Major exams.

Boogie Pumps

Guildford 07769645741 Boogie Pumps offers a wide range of fantastic classes for all ages and abilities. Fully qualified teachers will help your child to maximise their potential and most importantly have



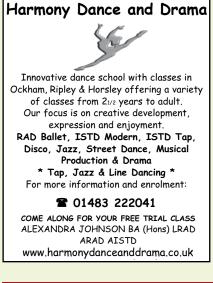
bucket loads of fun. Don't worry mums.... we have something for you too!! ZUMBA has been added to the Boogie Pumps pick 'n' Mix. Call Hannah on 07769645741 to start dancing.

Boppin

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Caroline School of Dance

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Cascade Drama

Farnham 01252 328160 Fun drama classes for ages 5+.

CentreStage



Cranleigh 0208 873 2165 CentreStage is a Saturday morning school that aims to develop children's performance skills including drama, singing and dance & movement. Working in small teams, children get the chance to develop their self-confidence, communication skills and

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Clandon School of Dance

West Clandon 01483 282506 Ballet, tap, modern and hip-hop to suit all ages and abilities from $2\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.

Cranleigh Young People's Theatre 07725 022132 Drama for 5-7s and 7-18s.

De Meric School of Dance Farnham 01252 645354 / 01483 813348 Ballet, street dance, modern theatre dance and tap for ages 3+.

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eDance

Guildford 07905 852 990 www.eternitydance.co.uk Fun and creative environment to learn Contemporary and Street Dance for adults and children.

> **Farnham Dance** 01252 723747 Ballet for children aged 2+.

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also social and

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Farnham Maltings 01252 745444 Hip Hop (for 11-16yrs) and Farnham Maltings Youth Theatre.

GSC Saturdays 01483 304384

The Guildford Shakespeare Company introduces 9-13 and 14-18 yr olds to theatre, drama, stage combat and of course Shakespeare, with their new Saturday morning classes.

Guildford Theatre School

Trinity Centre (Off Guildford's High Street) 01483 45 72 70 email: enquiries@guildfordtheatreschool.co.uk The Guildford Theatre School was established by Sean and Anna McNamara to provide a creative learning experience that focuses keenly on the acquisition of skills and the



pursuit of excellence in Musical Theatre, Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Singing and Drama. They assert that through application and commitment an individual can achieve extraordinary things.

Harmony Dance and Drama

Ockham, Ripley, Horsley 01483 222041 www.harmonydanceanddrama.co.uk A friendly school with high standards of teaching for students aged 21/2 to adult in RAD Ballet, ISTD Tap and Modern, Street Dance, Freestyle Jazz, Line Dancing, Musical Production and Drama. There are over 50 classes running per week, so most ages and abilities are catered for. All teachers have extensive professional training and are highly experienced.



Italia Conti Arts Centre

Merrow 01483 568070 Theatre arts training for ages 3-18.

Jenny Reeds School of Dance New Haw & Knaphill 01483 476038

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Joanna School of Dance and Performing

Arts Guildford 01483 504946 Dance, drama, piano and voice training. For ages 4-18.

Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts Bisley 0777 3121884 Ballet, modern, tap, street jazz, drama and singing for ages 2 1/2-18.

Lorraine Day School of Dance

Frimley, Mytchett, Farnborough 01252 835826 Ballet, tap, modern and freestyle.

Pauline Quirke Academy

Bramley 08456 732 022 Performing arts training on Saturday mornings.

Perform

Mayford, Bramley, Farnham, Cobham, Guildford, Woking, Haslemere, Petersfield, Weybridge, Oxshott, 0845 400 1280 www.perform.org.uk

Perform run fun-packed drama, dance and singing workshops. This term Perform children will be stampeding into the Jungle. They are inviting all 4-8 year olds to come and tiptoe into the Jungle to explore tropical rainforests full of colourful wild adventures, meet Eli the Elephant, Snow the White Tiger, the cheeky Cheetah and go on an exhilarating Jungle Rumble. What's more, they'll enjoy themselves so much that they won't notice how much they are improving their communication, concentration and co-ordination skills at the same time. Any interested 4-8 year olds can try out the classes by attending a free trial. In Woking, Guildford and Esher, Perform run Perform Plus for 8-12 year olds which focuses on helping children develop their social skills whilst having the best fun of the week.



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PPA Kids

Guildford 01483 503373 Rachel@ppacademy.co.uk

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www.stagecoach.co.uk Godalming 01428 682 227 Farnham 0844 800 9482 Guildford (Merrow) 01252 640 173 Guildford North (Worplesdon) 0208 404 4440 Liphook & Petersfield 0845 055 6376 Woking 01483 235 216

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www.theatremonkeys.co.uk Haslemere, Milford 0845 388 9789 Classes in singing, theatre dance and acting for ages 4-16.

The Man In The Moon

Farnborough, Guildford, Walton, Godalming, Hindhead 01428 751656 Drama workshops for 6-14 years.

West End Centre

Aldershot 01252 330040 Drama for 8-12yrs, 12-14yrs and 14-19yrs. Comedy Camp for ages 8-12.

The Y.E.M. Theatre School Farnborough, Fleet 01252 511423 Musical theatre, drama, ballet, jazz, tap, street jazz, keyboard, singing and rock choir for ages 4-18 years.

The Yvonne Arnaud

Youth Theatre Classes in the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre and Mill Studio. Guildford www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk youth@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

Contact: Alison Webber 01483 565191 The Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre is one of the busiest and most dynamic in the country. There are classes for all ages developed to help with stage technique, vocal skills, personal confidence, social interaction and, most importantly, fun! Along with 8 productions a year, a range of exciting,



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Football

To find a local football club visit www.thefa.com/findaclub.

Footy Monsters

Farnham, Farnborough 0800 5335443 Football for 18 months-7 years.

Little Kickers

Cranleigh, Guildford, Godalming, Fernhurst, Merrow 01753 831902 Byfleet, Pyrford, Woking 01932 847439 Chobham, Lightwater 01276 600393 Farnham, Farnborough, Fleet 01252 651329, Dorking 07949501122 A positive, fun-filled programme of football in a friendly, pressure-free environment. Children can start from 18 months and are grouped according to age. The focus is on fun with informal yet professionally run classes. The real goal is to use football as a fun forum to instill



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Golf

To find a golf club call 01483 755788 (for boys) or 01483 751622 (for girls).

Gymnastics

Byfleet Gym Club & Wendyhouse Pre-school Gym Club Byfleet and West Byfleet 01483 850846 Gymnastics for 14 months - 15 years.

Flair Gymnastics Woking, Guildford 08450 346700 Gymnastics and Trampolining.

Gymnastics Factory Guildford 01483 455 060 Gymnastics for 4 months through to adults.

Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy Aldershot 01252 320888 Gymnastics for 18 months+.

Woking Gymnastics Club 01483 771426 Classes for all ages from crawlers to adults.

South Western Gymnastics Club Cranleigh, Midhurst 07813 118 996 Gymnastics, trampolining and parkour for all abilities, 4 years+.

Tumble Tots

Fun physical play programmes for babies & children - see entry on page 14.

Hockey

To find a local hockey club visit www.surreyhua.co.uk

Steve Bachelor Academy Cranleigh 01483 274763 Hockey and tennis coaching.

Horse Riding

To find a local riding stables please see www.FamiliesSurreyWest.co.uk/riding

Instrument Lessons

Thornbury Music

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Hungarian Cultural Group Guildford 01483 570 710

www.hungarianculturalgroup.org.uk A not for profit organisation with the aim of promoting and preserving Hungarian culture. They run many groups for children and adults including Hungarian language.

Language Learners

www.language-learners.com 07968 589263 French and German tuition.

Le Club Francais

Guildford, Cranleigh, Dorking, Leatherhead, Bookham, Send 01483 829736 Learn French the fun way! 4-11 yr olds.

Leon Le Mouton Haslemere 01428 644164 French classes for toddlers.

Spanish Classes 0782 4839758 Adults and children can learn spanish together.

Spanish Club Guildford and surrounding areas 07971211434 and 01483205433 Fun games & activities.

Libraries & Storytelling

Many libraries run free Storytime and Rhymetime sessions for under 5s. For Surrey library information see www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries and for Hampshire see www3.hants.gov.uk/library.

Electric Theatre

Guildford 01483 444789 Storytelling clubs for under 5s every Monday IIam.

Martial Arts

Budokan Judo Club Frimley Green 01252 673421 Judo for children from 4 years.

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Spectrum Guildford 01483 443322 Various martial arts clubs run at Guildford Spectrum.

Tokon Shotokan Karate Academy Ash 0775 3237058 www.tokonkarate.com Karate for 7+. First lesson free.

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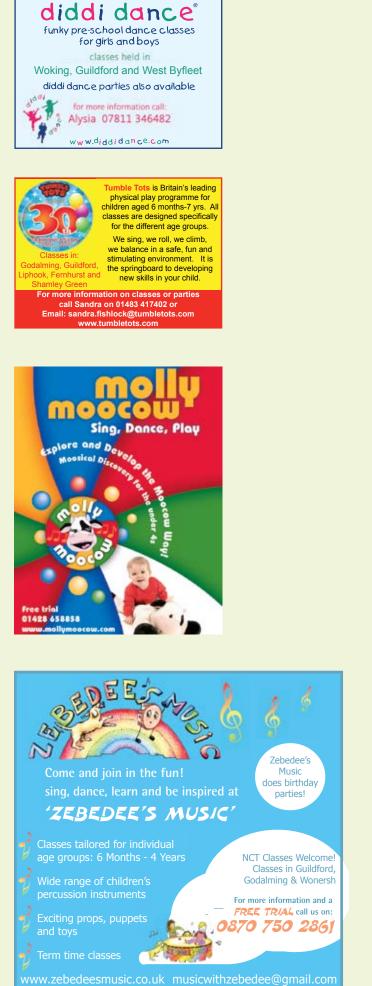
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Water Babies

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Pumpkin Cookie Recipe

Once you have scooped out all the pumpkin flesh - don't waste it! Here's a great recipe for Pumpkin Cookies from Crafty Chef's new Cookbook for children with allergies.

Ingredients

- 250g (7oz) plain flour or gluten free flour 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder 1/4 teaspoon of salt 190g caster sugar 110g (4oz) butter or dairy free margarine 90g (3 1/2 oz) maple syrup 180g (6oz) cooked and pureed pumpkin Get Cooking
- 1. Preheat oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas Mark 5
- 2. Cream together sugar and butter or dairy free margarine. Beat in maple syrup, vanilla and pumpkin puree.
- 3. Add flour, cinnamon, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder, salt.
- 4. Drop onto baking sheet and bake for 8 minutes.



Based in Haslemere, Crafty Chefs believe passionately in developing children's cooking skills. They run workshops, children's parties and have just launched a new Cookbook for children with allergies. It's available from www.craftychefs.co.uk for £7.95.





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Schools

Top Tips For Finding the Best Independent School for your Child

Annette Whatmough, headmistress of St Nicholas' School, shares her advice on how to choose the best independent school for your child.

I have been Head at St Nicholas' School for 15 years and the first piece of advice I would give to any prospective parent is to remember that it is the staff, not the facilities, which are a school's greatest asset.

When you visit a school, always find out as much as you can about the teachers - for example, how long have they been at the school. Ask if you can be taken into a few classrooms whilst teaching is in progress - teaching is the most important activity in a school and it is what you will be paying for. Similarly, looking at the school's pupils is far more important than looking at the school's buildings - do the children look happy? You can get some idea of the discipline of a school too by watching its pupils.

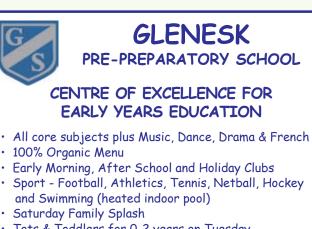
Most prospective parents quite rightly ask a lot of questions when they visit a school but don't be afraid to explain what you are looking for in a school. Tell the registrar or Head about your child's interests and needs, it is important that this person can convince you that they will really care for your child and explain in detail why their school could be the right one for you.

Pastoral care is important too. You should always find out who will have primary responsibility for your child's welfare and who your child should go to if they have a problem or concern. You should also ask about communication - how often do staff meet to discuss children's work and welfare? Are their regular written reports on children's progress and regular newsletters to find out more about school life?

The school should have a broad and well-balanced curriculum and you should ask if the older pupils are streamed according to ability. Would a system like this suit your child?

A good school is one which provides a nurturing environment where pupils are known as individuals and are encouraged to reach their full potential.

St Nicholas' School educates girls from 3-16 and boys from 3-7. Its GCSE examiniation results are consistently strong, 97.4% of its girls achieved 7 A* - C GCSEs in 2010. For further information, please visit www.st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk or call 01252 850121



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01483 409020	Boys 7-13 years.
Amesbury School, Hindhead	By appointment.
01428 604322	Mixed 3-13 years.
Barfield School, Runfold, Farnham	Sat 24 Sept 9.30-11.30am
01252 782271	Mixed 2-13 years.
Barrow Hills, Witley	Tues 11 Oct 10am-12noon.
01428 683639	Mixed 3-13 years.
Belmont Preparatory School	Sat 1 Oct 10am-12noon for Little Belmont
Holmbury St Mary	(ages 2-4)
01306 730852	Mixed 2-13 years.
Coworth Flexlands School Chobham	Wed 19 Oct 9.30-11am.
01276 855707	Boys 3-7 years, Girls 3-11 years.
Cranleigh Prep School, Cranleigh 01483 542051	Sat 17 Sept 10am-12noon, Sat 15 Oct 10am-12noon. Mixed 7-13 years.
Cranmore School, West Horsley 01483 280340	Fri 23 Sept 9.30am-12noon Sat 24 Sept 9.30am-12noon. Boys 2 ½-13 years, Girls 2 ½ - 4 years.
Duke of Kent School, Ewhurst	Sat 15 Oct 10am-12noon.
01483 277313	Mixed 3-16 years.
Edgeborough, Frensham	Fri 30 Sept 2.30pm-6pm.
01252 792495	Mixed 2-13 years.
Farlington School Horsham 01403 254967	Sat 1 Oct 10am-12.00noon Fri 11 Nov 9.15-11.15am. Boys 3-4years, Girls 3-18 years
Frensham Heights, Rowledge 01252 792561	Sat 24 Sept 9.30am Thurs 10 Nov 9.30am. Mixed 3-18 years.
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Woking 01483 772682	Girls 3-11 years.
Haslemere Preparatory School Haslemere 01428 642350	Fri 7 Oct 9am-12noon Sat 8 Oct 10am-1pm. Boys 2-13 years Girls 2-4 years.
Hoe Bridge School, Woking	Please contact the school.
01483 760018	Mixed 2 ½-13 years.
International School of London	Please contact the school.
Woking 01483 750 409	Mixed 2-13 years.
Lanesborough School, Guildford	Sat 8 Oct 9.30-11.30am.
01483 880650	Boys 3-13 years.
Longacre School, Shamley Green	Wed 19 Oct 9.30am-12noon.
01483 893225	Mixed 2 ½-11 years.
Manor House, Bookham	Sat 15 Oct 9.30-11am.
01372 457077	Girls 2-16 years.
Moon Hall School Holmbury St Mary 01306 731464	Please call the school. Specialist school for dyslexic children aged 7-13.
Oakfield School, Pyrford	Sat 15 Oct 10am12-noon.
01932 342465	Boys 3-7 years Girls 3-16 years.
Ripley Court, Ripley 01483 225217	By appointment. Mixed 3-13 years.
The Royal School, Haslemere	Girls Senior School at work:
01428 603052	Tues 27 Sept 9am,
Girls 6 weeks-18yrs	Boys Senior School information evening:
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01483 760943	Mixed 3-13 years.
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01483 899665 Girls 4-18 years.	9.30am, Mon 14 Nov 9.30am (Prep school)
St Edmund's School, Hindhead	Sat 8 Oct 10am-12noon.
01428 609 875	Mixed 2-13 years.
St Hilary's School, Godalming	Mon 19 Sept 10.30am-12pm,
01483 416551	Mon 17 Oct 10.30am-12pm,
Boys 2 ½-7 years Girls 2 ½-11 years.	Mon 21 Nov 10.30am-12pm.
St Ives School, Haslemere 01428 643734	Fri 7 Oct 9am-12noon Sat 8 Oct 10am-1pm. Girls 2-11 years Boys 2-4 years.
St Nicholas' School, Fleet	Sat 5 Nov 10am-1pm.
01252 850121	Boys 3-7 years, Girls 3-16 years.
St Teresa's Prep School, Effingham	Sat 1 Oct 9.30-12.30pm.
01372 750204	Boys 2-4 years. Girls 2-18 years.
Tormead School, Guildford 01483 796040 Girls 4-18 years.	Junior School: Fri 30 Sept 9.30-11am Tues 11 Oct 9.30-11am Fri 11 Nov 9.30-11am.

St Nicholas' School, Church Crookham, Fleet

St Nicholas' School educates girls from 3-16 and boys from 3-7 years. Headmistress, Annette Whatmough, sees education as a partnership between pupils, teachers and parents; small classes, pupils treated as individuals and highly qualified, passionate staff combine to develop every pupil to their full potential. The school offers fantastic facilities including a full size indoor sports hall, four science labs, Art and Textile Block and Performing Arts Centre. These excellent facilities provide great scope and pupils can choose many different clubs and interests.



Annette Whatmough is incredibly proud of the school's GCSE results, in 2010 97.4% of pupils achieved passes at A* to C in 7 or more subjects (68% of the subjects were passed at A* or A). She hopes pupils will leave St Nicholas' with confidence, self-belief and qualifications to give them opportunities in whatever career they choose.

Next Open Morning is on Saturday 5th November 2011 10am - 1pm. To request a prospectus call 01252 850121 or email : registrar@st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk or visit www.st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk

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Edgeborough

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If you would like to visit the school please telephone 01252 792495.

The Duke of Kent School is going places

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Duke of Kent School, Peaslake Road, Ewhurst, Surrey GU6 7NS 01483 277313, office@dukeofkentschool.org.uk, www.dukeofkentschool.org.uk

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The Royal School is a mixed ability, non selective school providing an education from 0 – 18 years that results in confident, independent, adventurous children whose qualities and qualifications enable them to excel.

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Because they are a day and boarding school they have the flexibility to offer busy families the options of breakfast and supper clubs, supervised prep and even overnight stays - once a week, once a term or just once a year.



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Cranmore School

Cranmore School is one of Surrey's leading independent prep schools and offers boys aged four-13 years an unrivalled all-round education. In addition, Bright Stars at Cranmore is the school's self-contained nursery and welcomes both boys and girls from $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

The school is firmly based on the vision of a Catholicethos boys prep school with outstanding facilities and achieving excellent academic, sporting and musical results. Encouraging every child to reach their full potential, Cranmore can bring out the best in every boy to such effect that over 150 scholarships to senior schools have been won in recent years. The magnificent 24-acre site hosts core sports such as rugby (the Under-9s are current National Prep School champions), football and cricket plus there's a wide range of additional sports from judo to rowing, fencing and skiing. As part of a broad education that best prepares them for the future, boys are encouraged to pursue music and drama in the purpose-built music facilities. Cranmore School, Epsom Road, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6AT www.cranmoreprep.co.uk 01483 280340 admissions@cranmoreprep.co.uk



St Ives School

Choosing the right education for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. St lves is a truly independent preparatory school and prides itself on the broad range of senior schools it feeds locally and beyond. Senior school scholarships are often awarded to girls at St Ives. Happy children make the best learners and at St lves they aim to foster a love of learning, nurture curiosity and help girls see the world from a wider perspective.

Small class sizes, specialist teachers, including dedicated SENCO support, ensure that every child is able to reach their full potential. Curriculum subjects are brought to life through outdoor learning and Forest School which is available to all children and is included in the timetable from nursery through to Year 3.

Before and after school care, transport, scholarships, bursaries and sibling discounts are available.

For further information please contact St lves School. 01428 643734.



International School of London

The International School of London (ISL) in Surrey is a coeducational day school for students aged 2 to 12, rising 13, although this age range will rise a year at a time to include the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma by 2014. ISL Surrey provides a student-centred and inquiry-based academic programme which values both independent and collaborative work. The school's small class sizes and teacher-student ratio of 1:6 permits a high degree of individualisation, ensuring that each student is both supported and challenged. The school has



consistently achieved outstanding Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) reports. The international secondary curriculum offers a hands-on and experiential programme designed to meet the developmental needs of an adolescent growing up in the 21st Century. Additionally, students will be equipped with an iPad2 to enhance their learning in school, at home and during their Open World Explorations.

For further information telephone 01483 750409, email admissions@islsurrey.com or search the website: www.islsurrey.com.

Tormead Junior School - Where learning is fun

Tormead is an academically selective independent day school for girls aged 4 to 18. They value individuality, celebrate diversity and encourage girls to be themselves, whilst emphasising equally the value of tolerance, teamwork and collective responsibility. They are proud of their ethos of encouraging each pupil to develop her talents to the full.

The academic pace offers stimulus and challenge, but is combined with an excellent range of extra-curricular activities enabling Tormead to offer a broad but balanced, stimulating and progressive education, all underpinned by an emphasis on the pastoral care of the pupils allowing them to carefully monitor the progress and welfare of every girl.

The most recent ISI report (May 2011) reported that the Early Years provision was outstanding and that the girls made excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum, particularly their social and emotional development. Tormead welcomes you to visit them at the next Open Day or call the Registrar, Cherry Scott on 01483 796040 for more information.



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Independent Schools Round Up

St Hilary's School

St Hilary's School already has had much to celebrate during 2011, having achieved Green Flag ECO school status; an outstanding school inspection report from the Independent Schools Inspectorate; Year 6 pupils obtaining an impressive sixteen scholarships to their first choice schools for September 2011; the opening of the new outdoor adventure 'Trim Trail' and the new Yurt beside the Woodland Walk.

St Hilary's School is an independent day preparatory school, where each individual matters and where they aim to provide a stimulating learning environment in which boys up to 7 and girls up to 11+ can develop, be happy



nd girls up to 11+ can develop, be happy and flourish. The nursery was judged 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted 2009/10. The latest ISI Interim Inspection Report can be viewed on www.sthilarysschool.com.

Open Mornings are to be held on Monday 19 September, 17 October and 21 November from 10.30am-12pm. Please call the school for further details; or to arrange an individual visit please contact

the Registrar : registrar@sthilarysschool.com or T : 01483 416551

Glenesk School

The Early Years are so important and at Glenesk they create a secure, stimulating and happy environment in which young children thrive.

Glenesk Nursery was awarded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2009/2010. Their experienced and friendly Nursery staff ensures that 2 year olds are gently introduced to school life with Dance, Music and Drama included in their timetable. In Kindergarten they follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum with the addition of French. Once in full time school all core curriculum subjects are taught to a high standard, in small classes, by a dedicated team of qualified staff. Pupils benefit from a varied Creative Arts and Sports programme including football, netball, gymnastics and swimming in their indoor heated pool, all taught by specialist staff. The school meals are 100% Organic and cooked on site. They offer an Early Morning Club and a range of after school activities.



Life at Glenesk is fun so do visit the school! Glenesk School, Ockham Road

Ockham Road North, East Horsley. 01483 282329.

Longacre School

At Longacre they continue to live by the ethos of their founder that 'a happy heart goes a long way', firmly believing that children will only achieve their potential if they are content and fulfilled.

Known for their outstanding pastoral care, Longacre is a school which prides itself upon the development of the individual child and ensures inclusion. Their ethos gets results; they achieve high academic results with consistent level 5 SATs results, a variety of scholarships and 99% of their children achieving their first choice in senior schooling. With no obligation to feed their own senior school, they focus upon the right school for the individual child.

As Alexia Bracewell, Headmistress, says "Our children are respected and cherished for their individual traits, we love what they are and we have no wish to change them into anything other than who they are". Come and see for yourself what makes Longacre special; to arrange a visit please call Reception on 01483 893225.



Aldro School

Aldro is a small, family run day and boarding school for 220 boys aged 7-13. It is set in 35 acres of stunning, secluded Surrey countryside. How many other schools offer a lake with an island which can only be reached by rowing boat or an Indiana Jones style rope bridge?

"Bringing out the best in boys" is our forte. We offer an outstanding education which combines academic excellence with a breadth of opportunities outside the classroom. Equally valued are the boy's achievements in other areas such as sport, music, chess, art and drama. Boys at Aldro develop the ability to take

the initiative with their work – whether boarders or day boys they complete their prep at school and this is an invaluable study skill for the future. Aldro has an outstanding record of success with winning scholarships, this year our boys won no less than fifteen scholarships to their senior schools. For more information please contact Mrs Sandy Spall on 01483 409020 or email: hmsec@aldro.org



Manor House - success without pressure

From Nursery to GCSE, girls at Manor House are treated as individuals and their needs supported in order for them to flourish. Small class sizes enable the school to offer differentiated work, allowing girls to achieve their best and a range of activities in music, sport, art and drama gives them the opportunity to shine in different spheres. The key to everything is pastoral care: girls who are happy in their environment achieve results consistently above expectation and once again this year all girls achieved 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE, with over half of all grades being A* or A.

Come and see the school at the next Open Morning on Saturday 15th October.

Manor House School, Manor House Lane, Little Bookham, KT23 4EN www.manorhouseschool.org 01372 457077.



Barfield School - An Outstanding Educational Experience

Barfield School is a mixed Preparatory and Nursery School for children aged 2 to 13, set in 12 acres of beautiful grounds, one mile east of Farnham. The nursery is newly refurbished and has airy rooms which are light, uncluttered and conducive to learning. Barfield pupils receive a broad educational experience, with quality academic teaching in an excellent pastoral setting. All



children regularly attend forest schools. Sport is important at Barfield. The indoor pool allows them to swim all year, right from age two. Barfield prides itself on an individual approach. With small class sizes, staff really understand the children and are able to nurture them. Barfield is able to tailor an education to suit each child. It is essential to visit to understand the unique atmosphere of the school. The next open day is on Saturday 24th September. Do come and visit.

Barfield School, Guildford Road, Runfold, Farnham GU10 IPB 01252 782271 admin@barfieldschool.com www.barfieldschool.com

Guildford High Junior School

Guildford High Junior School is a happy, purposeful place where learning is always fun and creative. Specialist teaching in subjects such as music, languages, art and science delivers a diverse and rich curriculum. Girls aged 4 to 11 benefit from superb dedicated facilities in the purpose built junior school and have natural progression to the senior school, which is located on the same site. Music, art and drama puts creativity at the heart of school life, while sport celebrates participation and enthusiasm alongside excellence. Exciting trips and educational visits open up a wealth of new experiences which foster confidence and a sense of independence. Ofsted inspectors described how "children's

imaginations soar as they remain engrossed and focussed in exciting and purposeful play" in a Reception class lesson. Come along to a visitors' morning to see these exciting, stimulating lessons taking place and find out more about this outstanding junior school.

Guildford High School, London Road, Guildford, Surrey GUI ISJ, T: 01483 543 853 E: Guildford-Admissions@church-schools.com W: www.guildfordhigh.surrey.sch.uk



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Our academic results are consistently at the top of the UK GCSE league tables. More importantly, our aim is to help each of our pupils reach their full potential. We know every pupil as an individual and we provide a dynamic environment where they can flourish in smaller classes with dedicated teaching staff. Our facilities for sports, art, music and the performing arts are outstanding.







www.st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk 01252 850121 registrar@st-nicholas.hants.sch.uk

Open Morning Saturday 5 November 2011 10am - 1pm



Junior School Open Mornings Friday 30th September, 9.30-11.00am Tuesday 11th October, 9.30-11.00am Friday 11th November, 9.30-11.00am

To register for an Open Day, please call **01483 796040** or email **registrar@tormeadschool.org.uk**

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Contact Families Surrey West on 01737 558898

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Schools Mixed vs Single Sex Schools - the Debate

No one school is going to be right for every child. By opting for education in the independent sector, you are able to choose whether a single sex school or a mixed school would most suit your child. We asked three local independent schools to give their view on the benefits of their model. Firstly we hear from all boys school Cranmore, secondly from Barfield which is a mixed school and finally from The Royal School, which is introducing a Diamond model.

Benefits of single sex education



Choosing the right school for your child can be a minefield. There are so many factors to consider from ethos to academic rigour, extra-curricular opportunities to sheer transport logistics that school selection is most definitely not a case of 'one size fits all'.

Boys and girls think differently and develop

at different stages and some children will simply thrive more in a single sex school. Since 1964, a series of studies has confirmed that boys' and girls' brains are organised differently, that the differences are genetic and substantially more significant than those associated with age. The main areas of difference that impact upon brain development and maturity include hearing, play behaviour, reactions to stress, ability to express feelings, behaviour in the classroom and overall approach to learning. Teachers at a single sex school recognise and work with the way that boys and girls learn best and adapt their approach and style to suit the needs, performance and progress of their pupils. For example, specifically "boy-focused" approaches such as appealing themes and characters have significant results for reading and writing progress. Research shows that boys generally have better spatial skills, more acute vision, learn best through touch, are more impulsive, more physically active and competitive and need to be given "hands-on" lessons.

Within a single sex school, both genders can develop emotionally at their own pace with less social pressure and, with boys maturing later than girls, this can foster age-appropriate development that is lacking in the outside world. For both boys and girls, there is the space and environment to just be themselves, not worry about what the opposite sex think of them or

approach to learning, tailored to each child has to be adopted, either way.

At Barfield we celebrate the individual. We have small class sizes with experienced teachers aware of the natural differences between girls and boys and the different types of learners in a class. Our teachers employ a range of strategies to help each pupil reach their full potential – boy or girl.

When talking about gender differences we are all inclined to stereotype. We insist girls can absorb new concepts and skills through more traditional methods of teaching and boys can only learn through practical and physical means. A less astute teacher might adopt these formulaic teaching methods, but by doing so, they are only meeting one type of learner.

We give both genders opportunities to access the curriculum through a range of approaches, not

how certain subjects are viewed; classification of subjects or activities as for 'nerds' or too 'girlie' is avoided, so girls may be keener to study maths or boys to study art, music or drama. This advantage is supported by findings which show that boys can be helped to express emotion by involving them in cultural and artistic activities.

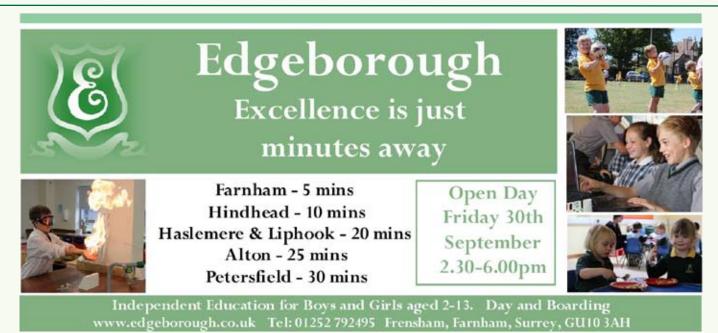
Gender-stereotyping in terms of curriculum breadth and subject choice is much less prevalent in a single-sex school and this can have an undoubted effect on future career and life choices. As a final endorsement, a Governmentbacked review in 2007 recommended that the sexes should be taught differently to maximise results and it highlighted that gender stereotyping was weaker in the single-sex sector.

Michael Connolly, Headmaster, Cranmore School

Cranmore School, Epsom Road, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6AT. Cranmore School is one of Surrey's leading independent prep schools and provides an outstanding all-round education for boys aged 2 1/2 -13 years. www.cranmoreprep.co.uk 01483 280340

one that is stereotypically suited to either gender. Where appropriate, the school re-enforces class-based academic concepts by taking the class outside to re-examine it from another angle. This wide-angle teaching approach is so successful because both genders have the chance to access the curriculum in multiple ways. Ways that are well-known to be successful for girls in the classbased environment, and boys, through practical and physical projects, using thinking skills to solve problems. Both sexes learn to negotiate and debate through communication with each other, not just one sex, and this gives them a communication blue-print for future life.

People have differences, regardless of gender and that needs to be taken seriously by any educational institute. Co-ed schools, like us, have a multi-faceted approach - anything less is a dis-service to our children. Boys and girls are like



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Benefits of a co-educational school



We do not deny that boys and girls are different; they grow at different rates and learn in different ways. Equally, in a single sex school, no two girls or two boys mature at the same rate or learn in the same way, which is why an individual

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Ying and Yang; they are opposites, but work together in harmony.

A major part of education is about preparing pupils for life ahead. Life contains both sexes. Our families contain both sexes. Children need to learn to negotiate, to trust, to respect, to co-exist and communicate with both sexes. If they attend a mixed school they have a head start in life

- they understand the opposite sex. Perhaps one day, men and women may end up on the same planet -Mars or Venus? Who cares!

Barfield School offers a co-educational education for children aged two to thirteen. The school is set in 12 acres of beautiful grounds, one mile east of Farnham. www.barfieldschool.com

Benefits of the Diamond Model

What do you do if you believe in single sex education but have children of both genders in the family?

If you believe in single-sex education but do not want your child to be entirely isolated from the opposite gender, what is the solution? How do you find mixed ability single-sex schools for both or all your children in Surrey that meets the needs of a wide range of pupils in a challenging yet empathetic environment. The answer is you find a Diamond School.

What is a Diamond School I hear you ask? It is a school which is co-ed in the Early Years; that is Daycare, Nursery, Reception, Year I and Year 2. At Year 3 the children are divided and taught in single-sex groups until they reach GCSE. They come together to form the apex of the diamond as members of a co-educational Sixth Form.

This model gives the best of both worlds. It provides all of the social and family benefits of co-education. It ensures the same holiday dates, makes transport easier and creates continuity and consistency for the whole family. In independent schools there are also financial benefits to some families who may be able to make use of sibling discounts and pass down uniform and equipment etc. Outside the classroom there are many other benefits such as the School production and a four part choir. The older girls no longer engage in protracted correspondence with boys' schools in order to ensure some male guests at dances and all benefit from the demystifying of the opposite sex.

Alongside these benefits of coeducation, the well attested merits of single sex teaching will be maintained.

Teaching boys and girls separately gives both genders the opportunity to maximise their learning in a way that no carefully differentiated co-ed environment can. In a Diamond school, both girls and boys will benefit from a curriculum and a style of teaching and pastoral care designed especially to meet their needs. The outstanding successes of single-sex schools in public examinations will be maintained.

The Royal School has just opened the first Diamond school in Surrey. In this first year boys are being taught in Reception Class and the Senior Boys' School (Year 7 upwards) will open in 2013.

The small number of Diamond schools, a total of 8 in Britain, have clearly met a need and all have flourished by offering to families a solution to all of their educational needs within one school, with one ethos and one identity. In a county well supplied with single-sex and co-educational schools, there is now another option!

Lynne Taylor-Gooby, Headmistress, The Royal School. Lynne Taylor-Gooby is Headmistress of The Royal School and has four children of her own (two girls, two boys). She has long been an 'unofficial expert' on the different learning styles of children and their need for happiness and stability to fulfil their learning potential. www.royal-school.org



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FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Sea Shells on the Seashore

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Marvel at the beauty of the shells in the handling collection and make a shell picture. For accompanied under 5s. 10.30-11.30am. Adult £1, child £2, no need to book.

Heritage Day, Painshill Park

Portsmouth Rd, Cobham 01932 868 113 Free entry. 10.30am, last entry 4.30pm.

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Silhouettes, The Lightbox Chobham Rd, Woking 01483 737800 Drop-in anytime 1.30-4pm. For 4+ with an adult. Free, suggested donation £2. Make silhouettes to take home.

Heritage Haslemere

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Family drop-in event 10am-4pm. Find out about Haslemere's heritage in the new Local History Exhibition and pick up one of the new Haslemere quizzes or a heritage trail for the High Street. Donations requested.

Tiny Touches Fingerprint Jewellery

Early Learning Centre Guildford. Tiny Touches will be in the store. You can create lovely items of jewellery that capture your child's fingerprint in fine silver. For more information call Mary on 07818047177.

Heritage Open Days

Dapdune Wharf Wharf Rd, Guildford I lam-5pm. Free admission. Costumed guides will interpret the site. Shalford Mill Shalford, near Guildford, Ilam-4.30pm. Free admission. Costumed guided tours all day. Polesden Lacey Gt Bookham RH5 6BD 10am-5pm. Free entry with intro talks and guided tours.

Hatchlands Park East Clandon, Explore the magnificent 400 acre parkland with free admission.

Victorian Schoolroom Session Salters Galler

Guildford 01483 444751 10-10.45am & 3.15-4pm. Free, but tickets must be pre-booked. Visitors can come and experience a Victorian lesson. Experience hymn singing, reading aloud, chanting spellings, using slate boards, drawing a specimen animal and copy book writing. For all ages, children must be with an adult.

Heritage Day, Cobham

www.cobhamheritage.org.uk Fun for all the family from I Iam. Stalls, pony rides, Punch & Judy, a classic and vintage car display and more. The highlight is the Duck Race when 6,000 yellow plastic ducks will race down the river Mole at 4pm. Duck tickets can be bought on the day for £1.



We took every care preparing these entries but sometimes events are cancelled or times changed. Please double check event with organiser to avoid disappointment.

Shake, Rattle and Blow **Elmbridge Museum**

Church St, Weybridge 01932 843573 2-4.30pm. From Haydn to Lennon, Elmbridge has been home to a host of famous musicians. Listen to their sounds as you design your own musical instrument to take home. Free drop-in event. Children must be accompanied.

Woodland Heritage Day **Bookham Commons**

Meet at Tunnel car park, Nr Bookham railway station, 01306 887485 Drop in any time from 11am-4pm. A celebration of woodland and timber. Try your hand at making birch brooms and wooden stools. Watch horsedrawn timber extraction, charcoal making, working sawmills and hurdlemaking. Free. No booking needed.

Heritage Day, Painshill Park See 9 September.

Open Day, Lower Roundhurst Farm Tennyson's Lane, Roundhurst, Haslemere

GU27 3BN 01428 656 455 10am-4pm. Guided walks throughout the day in a beautiful setting around a 270 acre organic pasture and woodland. Meet the animals, take a tractor ride and visit local stalls, there's a mouthwatering BBQ and more! Free entry.

Go Green in Rushmoor

Aldershot Environmental fun day from 11.30am-4.30pm. Live music, Millers Ark children's farm, birds of prey, Fairtrade market, arts and crafts for children, face painting, energy advice, bouncy castle and more.

Heritage Day Family Activities Watts Gallery

Down Lane, Compton, Guildford 01483 810235 Pottery wheel demonstrations and Fairy tile painting please contact the gallery for details.

SUNDAY II SEPTEMBER

Rural Life Centre Reeds Rd, Tilford, Farnham 01252 795571 **Donkey Day Out** Come and meet the Donkey Breed Society with their gentle beasts of burden demonstrating how they have served mankind throughout history. Farnham Beekeepers' Honey Show Farnham Beekeepers will be holding their annual honey show in the museum's village hall. Included in admission (adult £8, children (5-16) £6, family (2+2) £25).

Family Open Day Sayers Croft Trust

Craneligh Rd, Ewhurst GU6 7SS 01483 275 990 A fun-filled day with fantastic activities including orienteering, archery, ropes courses, ballista building, giant games, conservation and adventure playground as well as WWII and Roman demonstrations. A BBQ, and refreshments will also be available.

Gala Day, Great Cockcrow Railway

Hardwick Lane, Lyne KTI6 0AD 1.30-5pm (booking office closes 4.45). Visiting engines will be running.

Forest Discovery Day Alice Holt Forest Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham 01420 23666 Loads of free activities for children

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and adults such as den building, bug hunting, willow craft and lots more some sessions need booking see www. forestry.gov.uk/aliceholt for details. There'll be displays and demonstrations and an attempt at the world's biggest tree hug starting at 1.45-2pm!

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Storytelling for Under 5s The Lightbox Chobham Rd, Woking 01483 737800

11-11.40am. Free suggested donation £2. Stories and hands-on creative fun. Children must be with an adult. Places allocated on first come first served basis.

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Painting for Under 5s

The Lightbox

Chobham Rd, Woking 01483 737800 11-11.45am. £3 per child, adult free. Please pre-book. Children must be accompanied. Dress for mess and enjoy some painting fun!

Museum Monkeys, Chertsey Museum

33 Windsor St, Chertsey 01932 565764 9.30-11.30am. Join Charlie the Chimp for singing, stories and crafts. For under 5s with an adult. £4.50 per child. Please pre-book.

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Parent & Toddler Show

Princes Mead Shopping Centre Farnborough 10am-4pm. The baby and toddler shops from the centre will have stalls on the Mall with special offers, plus there will be other stalls including Tiny Touches Jewellery where you can make fine silver jewellery that capture your child's fingerprint. For more details about Tiny Touches Jewellery please call Mary on 07818047177.

Bayeux Tapestry, Chertsey Museum

33 Windsor St, Chertsey 01932 565 764 llam-12.30pm or 2-3.30pm. Find out more about this famous textile and even create your own! For 8-16yrs. £4.50. Please pre-book.

What's On - Activities & Events

Falconry Day

Claremont Landscape Garden Portsmouth Rd. Esher 01372 467806 10.30am-4.30pm. Get up close with a variety of birds of prey such as eagles, hawks, falcons and owls to name a few plus two magnificent flying displays during the day! Included in entry (adult £6.80, child £3.40, family £17).

Tasting Trail

Haslemere area All day. Local businesses join in the fun of the Haslemere Food Festival and offer tasty morsels as you wander the area. Your £5 ticket will feed a family and is available from participating outlets.

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Victorian Soldiers on Parade

Clandon Park

West Clandon, Guildford 01483 222482 I lam-4pm. See Victorian soldiers, their costumes and artifacts and learn from visiting re-enactors. Included in entry (adult £8.60, child £4.20, family £23.10).

Talk Like a Pirate Day, Foxhills

Stonehill Rd, Ottershaw 01932 704451 Join the Jolly Roger for some pirate fun! For ages 4-10. Includes a pirate buffet. £18. 4pm. Please book.

Have a Go Archery **Hatchlands Park**

East Clandon, Guildford 01483 222482 11-4pm. Age 6+. Have a go at archery. Normal admission (park only: adult £4, child $\pounds 2$) + $\pounds 1.50$ for 4 arrows.

Great Cockcrow Railway

Hardwick Lane, Lyne KT16 0AD For ages 2+. Miniature railway rides 1.30-5pm (booking office closes 4.45). Single ride: adult £3.50, child £3.

Charity Day

Guildford Model Engineering Society Eastern end of Stoke Park, Guildford Miniature trains run from 2-5pm with profits going to local charities. Tickets 80p each or 3 for £2.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Lion Green, Haslemere (Haslewey Centre



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if wet). I-4pm. Bring a picnic and your teddies along for live stage shows, children's stalls and an entertainer.

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Spin a Web

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Listen to the story of The Very Busy Spider and help make a giant spider's web. For accompanied under 5s. 1.30-2.30pm. Adult £1, child £2, no need to book.

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Harvest Home, Dapdune Wharf Wharf Rd, Guildford 01483 561389 11am-4.30pm, plus evening bonfire. Make corn dollies, dress a potato head and make apple pigs. Music will also feature - bring your own instruments, or improvise. The harvest wouldn't be complete without apples, cider, a bonfire and Morris men - and we hope to have them all! Admission (adult £3.50, child £2, family £9) plus £2 for daytime children's activities. £1 for bonfire baked potatoes (please pre-book potatoes).

Steam Weekend Rural Life Centre

Archie's Action Replay!

Reeds Rd, Tilford, Farnham 01252 795571 Stationary engines, steam train, miniature, model and big, woodturners, tractors, tractor and trailer rides and more... Included in admission (adult £8, children (5-16) £6, family (2+2) £25).





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A Piggy for those Pennies West End Centre

48 Queens Rd, Aldershot 01252 330040 Make a unique pottery piggy bank. For all ages with an adult. 10.30am-12.30pm. £4 per adult and £4 per child. Booking advised.

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Country Fair & Ploughing Match

Loseley Park Guildford GU3 IHS Country Fair 9am-5pm with ploughing from 9am-1.30pm (ploughing is at Eashing Lane free bus service from Loseley Park). Gun dog trials, otters, falconry, train rides, terrier racing, dog agility, sheepdogs, plus crafts, food, shopping and lots more. Adult £8.50, child (5-16) £4.50, family (2+2) £24, under 5s free, free parking.

Georgian Celebration Day Painshill Park

Portsmouth Rd, Cobham 01932 868 113 All the family can dress-up in 18th century style from the Painshill wardrobe, listen to period music, play Georgian games and enjoy the food they would have eaten! Included in admission. No need to book. Park open 10.30am, last entry 4.30pm.

Steam Weekend

Rural Life Centre See 24 Sept.

Totem Pole Carving Winkworth Arboretum

Hascombe Rd, Godalming 01483 208936 Watch master chainsaw carver William Lee create a fantastic new totem pole. Make your own miniature totem pole, follow the totem trail and create a journey stick. No booking needed. I lam-4pm. Included in entry (adult £6.20, child £3.10, family £15.50).

Wildlife Rocks Me!

New Road, Windlesham GU20 6BS www.wildliferocks.me 10am-5pm. The day focuses on wildlife, children, families and fun. With celebrity guests, wildlife talks, stalls and numerous activities such as face painting, magic, dog show, bouncy castle, drum and guitar workshops and lots more.

Mizens Railway

Barrs Lane, Knaphill GU21 2/W Miniature train rides (for ages 1+) from 2-5pm. Tickets £1.50 or £2.

Gt Cockcrow Railway See 18 Sept.

MON 26 SEPT - SAT 15 OCT

Big Draw in the Museum

Guildford Museum Castle Arch, Guildford 01483 444751 Mon-Sat Ilam-4.45pm. Free. As part of Big Draw 2011 you can drop in and draw objects from the Museum collection. The temporary exhibition space will be transformed into a blank canvas for you to start scribbling!

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Storytelling For Under 5s The Lightbox See 13 September.

SATURDAY I OCTOBER

Autumn Collage, Chertsey Museum 33 Windsor St, Chertsey 01932 565 764 2-4pm. Free drop-in family event.

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Geo-caching, Basing House Parking off Barton's Lane, Old Basing, Basingstoke RG24 8AE 01256 463965 10am-5pm. Have fun with this high tech treasure hunt! £3 per team plus normal entry charges. Your team can book a timed session on arrival to Basing House visitor centre.

Rubbish Art! with Carolyn Ross Brew House at Guildford House

Gallery 155 High St, Guildford 01483 444751 11am-12.30pm. £5. Please pre-book. Tony Hart had an enormous legacy; inspiring several generations of children to be creative. In this special one-off workshop with his daughter, have a go at making pictures using scrap paper, cardboard, straws, string, cotton wool and chalk, combined with inspiration from Tony Hart's pictures. For all ages, children must be with an adult.

Fungi Foray



01372 467806 10.30am-12.30pm. Admission (Adult £6.80, child £3.40, family £17) plus adult £8,

child £4. Join expert Sarah Shepley for a seasonal Fungi Foray and learn how to identify the many different types of fungi. Please pre-book.

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 **Haslemere Museum in Pictures**

As part of this year's Big Draw month, make a piece of art based on objects from the collections and help make a giant artwork about the Museum. 10.30-12noon. For 5-11s. Please prebook. Mem £5. non-mem £7. The Big Draw

Drop-in anytime from 12.15pm-3.30pm. A chance for the whole family to explore their artistic talent using a range of materials. Free.

Tiny Touches Fingerprint Jewellery The Toy Box

3 Wharf Street, Godalming. 10am-3pm. Tiny Touches will be in the shop and you can make a lovely range of personalised jewellery. For more information or to book call Mary on 07818 047177.

Drawing with a Camera Obscura Watts Gallery

Down Lane, Compton 01483 810235 For 11-17rs with a parent/guardian. I lam-Ipm. Find out how artists used a Camera Obscura to create perfect drawings and make your own accurate drawings using the same techniques. Please pre-book. £5 (£4 Friends).

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

Gt Cockcrow Railway See 18 Sept.

Frimley Lodge Railway Frimley Lodge Park, Sturt Rd, Frimley Green Miniature trains run from 11am-5pm. Standard ride £1.

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

Splatter and Sponge Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Make colourful pictures using sponge and splatter techniques. For accompanied under 5s. 10.30-11.30am. Adult £1, child £2, no need to book.

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

The Big Draw - Wax Works

Elmbridge Museum Church St, Weybridge 01932 843573 Free. Try out a wax resist technique and create beautiful autumnal pictures. Drop-in anytime from 2-4.30pm.

English Civil War Society Weekend Basing House

Parking off Barton's Lane, Old Basing, Basingstoke RG24 8AE 01256 463965 Great educational family event. See civil war re-enactors, workshops and more! 10am - 5pm.

This is Me!, West End Centre

48 Queens Rd Aldershot 01252 330040 Have a fabulous time rolling, cutting and assembling clay into a stunning self-portrait. For all ages with an adult. 10.30am-12.30pm. £4 per adult and £4 per child. Booking advised.

Searching for Seeds! Winkworth Arboretum

Hascombe Rd, Godalming 01483 208936 Take on the seed scavenger challenges, make a plant pot, then plant a seed. Ham-3pm. Admission (adult £6.20. child £3.10, family £15.50) plus £1.50. No need to book.

High School Musical Film West End Centre

48 Queens Rd Aldershot 01252 330040 2pm. £3/person. For disabled young people aged 0-19 and their families. Enjoy a film in a relaxed atmosphere lounging on the humungous bean bags.

Family Learning weekend: investigating gunpowder! **Dapdune Wharf**

Wharf Rd, Guildford 01483 561389 IIam-4pm. Fun and games with gunpowder for children of all ages! Admission (adult £3.50, child £2, family £9) plus £2 for children's activities.

The Big Draw, Painshill Park

Portsmouth Rd, Cobham 01932 868 113 Self-led family trails can be picked up from the ticket desk - collect lots of natural treasures to use in the indoor art studio (12noon-4pm). For all ages, no booking needed. Included in admission. Park opens 10.30am, last entry 4.30pm.

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

English Civil War Society Weekend Basing House See 8 October.

Investigating gunpowder! Dapdune Wharf See 8 October.

The Big Draw, Painshill Park See 8 October.

Gt Cockcrow Railway See 18 Sept.

TUESDAY II OCTOBER

Storytelling for Under 5s The Lightbox See Tues 13 September.

THURS 13 OCTOBER

Fungus Walk, Polesden Lacev Gt Bookham RH5 6BD 01372 458203 Ilam-Ipm. Explore the countryside with a ranger and learn how to identify different fungi around the estate (not suitable for children under 5 years). Adult £8, child £4. Please pre-book.

More ideas for days out can be found at www.FamiliesSurreyWest.co.uk/daysout



FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER

Painting for Under 5s The Lightbox See Fri 16 September.

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

OctoberFest **Milestones - Hampshire's Living History Museum**

Leisure Park, Churchill Way West, Basingstoke RG22 6PG 01256 477766 www.hants.gov.uk/octoberfest A great family day out where you learn about local crafts and produce, sample all of Hampshire's finest beers and experience all the sights and sounds of a traditional County Fayre. Includes storytelling, Punch and Judy, animal farm, vintage vehicles, Old Tyme funfair rides, children's making workshops and more! 11am-5pm.

Big Draw, The Lightbox

Chobham Rd, Woking 01483 737800 Drop-in anytime from 1.30-4pm. For ages 4+ with an adult. Free, suggested donation £2. Take part in drawing experiments around the Lightbox.

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

OctoberFest, Milestones See 15 Oct.

Guildford Model Engineering Society Eastern end of Stoke Park, Guildford Miniature trains run from 2-5pm. Tickets 80p each or 3 for £2.

OktoberFest, Mizens Railway

Barrs Lane, Knaphill GU21 2/W 12noon-5pm. Miniature train rides plus listen to vintage mechanical fairground organs and more!

Have a Go Archery Hatchlands Park See Sun 18 Sept.

Gt Cockcrow Railway See 18 Sept.

SUN 16 - SUN 30 OCTOBER

Spooky Trail

Winkworth Arboretum Hascombe Road, Godalming 01483 208936 Follow the spooky trail! 10am-5pm. Admission (adult £6.20, child £3.10, family £15.50) plus 50p per trail.

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

Fancy Footwork

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 How does your footprint differ from other animals? Find out and make your own footprints to take home. Please bring wellies/old shoes or be prepared to get paint covered feet! For accompanied under 5s. 1.30-2.30pm. Adult £1, child £2, no need to book.

Museum Monkeys, Chertsey Museum See Fri 16 Sept.

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

Tornado Returns. The Watercress Line 01962 733810 www.watercressline. co.uk The first steam locomotive to be built in this country for almost 60 years returns to the Watercress Line! We took every care preparing these entries but sometimes events are cancelled or times changed. Please double check event with organiser to avoid disappointment.

Interested in Fungi?

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Learn a little more about fungi - feel free to bring along your own specimens for identification. Drop-in anytime from 10.30am-1pm.

Wartime Cookery, Chertsey Museum

33 Windsor St, Chertsey 01932 565 764 Ilam-12.30pm or 2-3.30pm. Make wartime carrot cake and peppermint creams - with an unusual twist! For 8-16yrs. Please pre-book. £4.50.

SAT 22 - FRI 28 OCTOBER

Twists and Turns for half term **Dapdune Wharf**

Wharf Rd, Guildford 01483 561389 IIam-4pm.Have a go at rope-making, knotting and willow-weaving. Normal admission (adult £3.50, child £2, family £9) plus £2 for children's activities.

SAT 22 - SUN 30 OCTOBER

Wizards and Witches Week Bocketts Farm

Young St, Fetcham, Leatherhead 01372 363764 There will be plenty of pumpkins, spooky fun and creepy crafts! You can also meet and feed the friendly farm animals including a gorgeous litter of micro piglets and enjoy a full programme of daily activities, including tractor rides, pony rides, animal handling, goat milking and the famous pig races! Adult £8.50, child (3-17) £8.50, child 2yrs £6.95, under 2s free.



Bocketts Farm

Half Term Fun

Claremont Landscape Garden Portsmouth Rd, Esher 01372 467806 Halloween trail will run all week from 22-30 Oct. Opens 10am, last admission 4.30pm. On Mon 24-Thurs 27 Oct there are crafts from Ilam-Ipm. On Fri there is pumpkin carving from 11am-Ipm (please bring your own pumpkin). Normal admission (Adult £6.80, child £3.40, family £17), plus 50p for trail and £1.50 for crafts and pumpkin carving.

Pumpkin Week, Secretts

Hurst Farm, Chapel Lane, Milford 01483 520500 A free treasure hunt around the Garden Centre and other fun activities, including Poz the Magic Man's free haunted castle magic show on 26 and 27 Oct. For more details see www.secretts.co.uk.

Halloween at Birdworld

Holt Pound, Farnham 01420 22838 Halloween grotto will be open from 22-30 Oct. From 24-28 Oct 11am-4pm there are themed shows, free craft activities and Halloween trail. Included in admission (peak prices: adult £14.95, child (3-6) £11.95, child (7-15) £12.95, family £49) - no booking needed.

Spooky Halloween Trail Polesden Lace

Gt Bookham RH5 6BD 01372 458203 I lam-3.30pm. Visit the witch's lair and accept her challenge if you dare! admission plus £2/child for the trail.

Halloween Festival, Marwell Wildlife

Thompsons Lane, Colden Common, Winchester 01962 777407 Enjoy creepy storytelling, meet a tarantula, lose yourself in the eerie maze, or carve your own pumpkin. Adult £16, child (3-16) £12, family £50. Opens 10am.

SAT 22 - MON 31 OCTOBER



page 31 **Fishers Farm Park**

Halloween Shriek Week **Fishers Farm Park**

Newpound Lane, Wisborough Green, West Sussex RH14 0EG 01403 700063 Great fun for Halloween - jump aboard the Gory-ent Express - a terrifying train ride with actors and special effects, New live 'Spook Show' (a fangtasticperformance in the purpose built theatre - dancing skeletons, wizards and more!), Jolly Jumbos food & play barn will play host to spooky food and fun including face painting, giant spiders, creepy colouring and a freaky food menu. Plus a new woodland walk way as well as all the usual animals and fantastic attractions. 10am-5pm.

Halloween Hocus Pocus

Chessington World of Adventures 10am-8pm. Wicked witches, goblins and vampires come to life, get up close to the Zoo's creepy crawlies and take part in Trick or Treat in Market Square but beware of the Headless Horseman! Don your best Halloween costume you might just win a prize. Family ticket $(2 + 2 \text{ under } 12\text{s}) \pm 76.80$ when booking in advance on the web.

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

Period Promenade **Hatchlands Park**

East Clandon, Guildford 01483 222482 12 noon. Join in with a fun, pre-lunch half hour walk through Hatchlands Parkland (from reception to the courtyard), led by staff and volunteers dressed as Admiral Boscawen and his wife Fanny. Adults and children are invited to dress up in period costume, with umbrellas and suitable shoes for outdoor walking. Normal admission. No booking needed.

Tornado Returns The Watercress Line See 22 Oct.

Gt Cockcrow Railway See 18 Sept.

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Winkworth Arboretum, Godalming 01483 208936

Dapdune Wharf and Shalford Mill, Guildford 01483 561389

Claremont Landscape Garden, Esher 01372 467806

Polesden Lacey, Dorking 01372 452048

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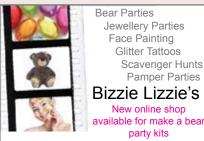
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MONDAY 24 OCTOBER

Kalm Cooking - Halloween & Bonfire Night Special



Puttenham near Guildford www.kalmcooking.co.uk 01483 813288 **Ghoulish Gourmets &** Explosive Edibles, a fun day of cookery where children prepare a delicious dish to be eaten for lunch and bake a treat

to take home and share. For ages 5-12 years. One day class from 10am-3pm. Booking essential. £45, including lunch. Also runs on 25 and 31 Oct and 1 Nov.

Fairytale Fun

Grayshott 01428 609340 www.mylittleprincessparties.co.uk Holiday Workshop packed with acting, singing, dancing, arts & crafts, cheerleading and games. (6-9 yrs). £12.50 Ilam-Ipm. Pre-booking required.

Cooking & Craft Workshop - Mexico Day Haslemere 01428 653251/ 648663

'Crafty Chefs' and 'See What I Made' will be running a cooking and craft workshop together, come along and have some fun cooking food and making crafts. 10am-3pm. £30 per day (also runs on 25-28 Oct). Please pre-book.

Messy Mondays, The Rainbow Rooms

Haslemere 01428 653341 10am-3pm All sorts of arty, crafty fun for ages 5-12 yrs. £25. Please pre-book.

Play in a Day, Princes Hall

Princes Way, Aldershot 01252 329155 For ages 7-11. 10am-4pm. Have fun preparing and performing a play. £14. Bring a packed lunch. Please pre-book.

Bird's Eye View, West End Centre

48 Queens Rd, Aldershot 01252 330040 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-12yrs. £6. Create imaginative and unusual artwork with multi-talented local artist, Joe Bilby. Experiment with the shapes of birds in flight using drawing, painting and printing. Please pre-book.

MONDAY 24 - TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

Theatrebugs

01483 882244 0797 100 4134 hannahmason@ theatrebugs.co.uk Two day fun filled spooktastic adventures, jam packed with drama, music, dance and arts & crafts. Different material each day - nothing too spooky! Come in your favourite costume! Runs from 9am-12pm in Godalming and from 1.30-4.30pm in Woking . Suitable for boys and girls aged 3.5-8yrs. £48. 10% sibling discount available. Pre-booking required.

MONDAY 24 - FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

Half Term Holiday Activities Sayers Croft Trust

Craneligh Rd, Ewhurst 01483 275 990 A variety of holiday activity days will be on throughout half term including craft, challenge and adventure days and Halloween themed days and evenings suitable for children of all ages. Please call for details or see www.sayerscrofttrust.org.uk.

Halloween Half term fun

Milestones - Hampshire's Living History Museum Leisure Park, Churchill Way West, Basingstoke 01256 477766 Drop in for some spooky half term fun! Please check website for more details. Entry Adult £7.90, child (5-15) £4.75, under 5s free, family (2+2) £22.75.

Spooky Theme Children's Show Wellington Country Park

Odiham Rd, Riseley, Nr Reading 0118 932 6444 A spooky week of fun. Low season prices Adult £7, child (3-15) £6, Child 2 and under free, family (2+2) £23.50.

MONDAY 24 - SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

Halloween Adventure, Painshill Park Portsmouth Rd, Cobham KTII IJE 01932 868113 For ages 2-11. Dress up in your spookiest costume for a Halloween adventure! 2 hour Adventures at 10am, Ilam, Ipm and 2pm. Advance booking required.

We took every care preparing these entries but sometimes events are cancelled or times changed. Please double check event with organiser to avoid disappointment.

Tremendous Tree for Half Term **RHS Garden Wisley**

Woking GU23 6QB 08452609000 Different activities every day - please check website for details. Activities are free with normal Garden entry (Adult £10.90, child (6-16) £3.90, under 6s free). There will be Birds of Prey displays at the weekend.

TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

Alice Holt Forest

Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham GU10 4LS 01420 520212 Lantern Making! Under 8yrs 10-11am, 8yrs+ 10-12pm, under 8yrs 1-2pm, 8yrs+ or adults 1-3pm. £8 per lantern. A very popular event lighting up the darker days. Make a colourful lantern from willow and tissue. Children under 8yrs will decorate a simple ready made frame. Safety LED lights can be purchased at £2.50 if booked in advance. Under 8s to be accompanied. Please pre-book.

Wild Woods Club After Dark Adventure

For all ages with an adult 6-8pm. Go out into the dusk, play games, listen to a story or two, enjoy a hot drink in the woods and get back in the dark. Bring a torch and wear long trousers and sturdy shoes. You need to be a member to come along so why not join the clubdon't miss out! All children to be accompanied.

Creative Workshop, The Rainbow Rooms

Haslemere 01428 653341 10am-3pm. Face painting and cookie design and decoration. For ages 5-12yrs. £30. Please pre-book.

Kalm Cooking – Halloween & Bonfire Night Special A fun day of cookery. See entry on 24 Oct.

Cooking & Craft Workshop - North American Day

Haslemere 01428 653251/ 648663 Have some fun cooking food and making crafts. 10am-3pm. £30 per day (also runs on 24 and 26-28 Oct). Please pre-book.

Paint your own Plate. The Lightbox

Chobham Rd, Woking GU21 4AA 01483 737800 Paint your own porcelain plate inspired by 'From the Realm of the Dragon: The Ceramic Heritage of Zibo, China'. 1.30-2.30pm (4-8yr olds), 3-4pm (8-16yr olds). £6.50 per child. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-book.

Autumn Activities, Hatchlands Park

East Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7RT 01483 222482 I lam-3pm. Half term Autumn & Halloween activities. Normal admission plus £2 per child.

Halloween Magnets, Chertsey Museum

33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT 01932 565 764 10-11am or 11.30-12.30pm or 2-3pm. Create some creepy magnetic characters for Halloween. For 5-12yrs. Please pre-book. £2:50 per child.

The Old Rectory Cookery School

Farnham 01420 520528 Cookery for 7-11 years from 10am-12.30pm. £30. Please pre-book.

Storytelling in the Gallery, Cranleigh Arts Centre

I High St, Cranleigh 08456 128128 11.11.45am. A fun packed session of songs & stories. £4.50 for children. Children must be with an adult. Adults and under 12months go free. Booking advised.

Farnham Maltings

Bridge Square, Farnham 01252 745444 Hallowe'en Photo Fun

10am-12pm or 2-4pm. Enjoy the magic of the Maltings darkroom and make weird and wonderful photos without a camera. For 7–12yrs. £10. Please book.

Hallowe'en Hats

More ideas for days out can be found at www.FamiliesSurreyWest.co.uk/daysout

Get ready for Halloween and create a hat to complete your costume. Dress for mess and bring an adult. Only participating children pay. Please book. 10.30am-12pm (3-5yrs) or 1.30-3pm (5-8yrs). £7.50. **Crafty Firework Fun**

Make glittery rockets, Catherine wheels and fountains! Dress for mess and bring an adult. Please book. £7.50.

Comic Creations

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Create your very own graphic novel. 10.30am-12noon. Please pre-book. For 5-11yrs. Mem £5, non mem £7.

Princess and Pirate School

Grayshott www.mylittleprincessparties. co.uk 01428 609340 Tinkerbell leads an action packed 2 hrs full of arts and crafts and games in the magical party room (3-6 yrs) £12.50 11am-1pm. Please book.

TUES 25 - SAT 29 OCTOBER

Half Term Family Activities Surrey History Centre

130 Goldsworth Rd, Woking 01483 518737 Have a go at some of the history related crafts activities, ranging from simple colouring crafts to the more complex so there is something for every child. Learn about the history of Surrey while having fun getting creative. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free, just drop-in. Tues 9.30-5, Wed 10.15-5, Thurs 9.30-7.30, Fri 9.30-5, Sat 9.30-4.

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

Cooking & Craft Workshop

Haslemere 01428 653251/ 648663 Run by 'Crafty Chefs' and 'See What I Made'. 10am-3pm. £30 per day (also runs 24-25 and 27-28 Oct). Please pre-book.

Stylish Jewellery, Chertsey Museum

33 Windsor St, Chertsey 01932 565 764 11-12.30pm or 2-3.30pm. Create your own bracelets and necklaces with coloured beads. For 5-12yrs. £4.50. Please pre-book. Fairytale Fun My Little Princess Parties. See 24 Oct.

Creative Workshop

The Rainbow Rooms Haslemere 01428 653341 10am-3pm. Puppet making and chocolate workshop. For 5-12yrs. £30. Please book.

Alice Holt Forest

Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham 01420 520212 Arty Autumn Morning

For accompanied 4-7s. 10.30-12noon. £6. An opportunity to explore and create with clay, seeds, leaves, twigs, crayons, paints and even charcoal made from willow. There will be a short walk followed by creative fun in the classroom. Please pre-book. Art Adventure

For 8yrs+. 1.30-3.30pm. £8. Starting with an hour's walk through the forest collecting materials and inspiration. Stopping along the way to sketch, rub and observe. Back in the classroom there will be supplies for drawing, painting and creating collages. Please book.

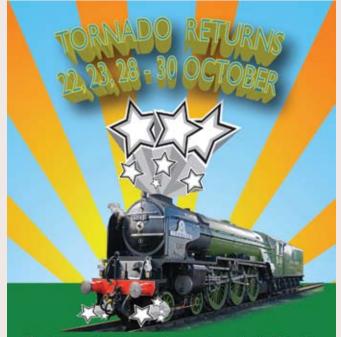
Fireworks, The Lightbox

Chobham Rd, Woking 01483 737800 Drop-in anytime 1.30-4pm. For ages 4+ with an adult. Free, suggested donation £2. Create a Firework themed mobile.

Craft Workshop, Princes Hall

Princes Way, Aldershot 01252 329155 For ages 4-7. 10am-4pm. Have fun with crafts. £15. Please book.

Horrid Henry The Movie Farnham Maltings Bridge Square, Farnham 01252 745444 I Iam & 3.30pm. Adult £5.50, child £4.



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WED 26 OCTOBER CONT.

Autumn Activities, Hatchlands Park See 25 October.

Cranleigh Arts Centre

I High St, Cranleigh 08456 128128 Poi Spinning

10-11am. For ages 7-11. £8. (£15 with Yoga Moves). Children will learn to move and express themselves freely whilst developing co-ordination and balance. Please pre-book.

Yoga Moves

11.15am-12.30pm. For ages 7-11. £8. (£15 with Poi Spinning). Please book.

The Old Rectory Cookery School Farnham 01420 520528 Cookery for Ilyrs+. 10am-3pm. £50. Please book.

Make your own scary spider mobile Salters, Guildford Museum

£2/child. Drop in from 11am-1pm and 2-4pm. A spooky craft workshop at Salters, just around the corner from Guildford Museum. For 5-11s with an adult. No need to book.

Drop in and Draw, Watts Gallery

Down Lane, Compton, Guildford 01483 810235 Artist led drawing Activity in the Gallery. 11-12.30 and 2-3.30pm. Included in admission (Adult £7.50, under 16s free). No need to book.

WED 26 - THUR 27 OCTOBER

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01483 882244 0797 100 4134 Two day fun filled spooktastic adventures, jam packed with drama, music, dance and arts & crafts. Different material each day - nothing too spooky! Come in your favourite costume! Runs from 9am-12pm in Guildford and from 1.30-4.30pm in Farnham. Suitable for boys and girls aged 3.5-8yrs. £48. 10% sibling discount available. Please pre-book.

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

Arty, Crafty Drop-ins

The Rainbow Rooms Haslemere 01428 653341 Drop in anytime from 10am -3pm. For 2yrs +.

Princess & Pirate School See 25 Oct.

Get the Picture! Farnham Maltings

Bridge Square, Farnham 01252 745444 10am-12pm. Young photographers can enjoy using their digital camera. You can take some fun photos and download them to a laptop. For 10-16yrs. £10. Please pre-book.

Halloween Crafts

Haslemere 01428 653251/ 648663 Halloween themed craft workshop. 10am-3pm. £30 per day (also runs on 24-26 and 28 Oct - some days include cooking). Please pre-book.

Alice Holt Forest

Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham 01420 520212 **Fun with Fungus**

6yrs+ with adults. 10am-12noon. £6. A great chance for you to explore the woodland floor with Professor Fungus and learn more about the fantastic world of fungi. Please book.

Last Den Build



Broomstick Making Workshop

Holmwood Common 01372 220644 10am-12pm. Make your own birch broomstick. Then enjoy popcorn and marshmallows around a fire. For 7+ with an adult. £6.50/adult, £3.50/child. Book by 24 Oct.

Paint your own Plate The Lightbox See 25 October.

Autumn Activities Hatchlands Park See 25 October.

Mapping the Museum

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Help create an illustrated map of the Museum. For 5-11yrs. Please prebook. Mem £5, non-mem £7.

Gruesome Greeks Drama

Workshop, Chertsey Museum 33 Windsor St, Chertsey 01932 565 764 II-12.30pm or 2-3.30pm. For budding actors. Drama and mask making workshop. For 5-12yrs. £6. Please book.

THUR 27 - FRI 28 OCTOBER

Theatrebugs

01483 882244 0797 100 4134 hannahmason@theatrebugs.co.uk Two day fun filled spooktastic adventures, jam packed with drama, music, dance and arts & crafts. Different material each day - nothing too spooky! Come in your favourite costume! Runs from 9am - 12pm in Haslemere. Suitable for boys and girls aged 3.5-8yrs. £48. 10% sibling discount available. Please pre-book.

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

Family Bushcraft Day **Alice Holt Forest**

Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham 01420 520212 Adults £25, child £15. Min. of one adult per group. 10am-4pm. As a family, learn the secrets of the forest! From fire lighting to shelter building and a spot of open fire cooking. Mollie, from bushcraft specialists "Gone to the Woods", will cover skills to help you feel confident and comfortable in the forest. Bring a packed lunch. Please book by calling Mollie on 07979 3321369 or email molliebutters@hotmail.com.

Halloween Cookery

Haslemere 01428 653251/ 648663 Crafty Chefs are running a halloween themed cookery day. 10am-3pm. £30 per day (also runs on 24-27 Oct - some days include crafts as well). Please pre-book.

Creative Workshop

The Rainbow Rooms Haslemere 01428 653341 10am-3pm. Tie-dye and ceramic painting. For ages

5-12yrs. £30. Please pre-book.

Evening Ghost Walks, Basing House

Parking off Barton's Lane, Old Basing, Basingstoke RG24 8AE 01256 463965 Dare you go on an evening ghost walk at Basing House? Followed by hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. For ages 5yrs+ with a parent/carer. 6pm & 7.15pm.

Tornado Returns

The Watercress Line See 22 Oct.

Singing with Snow White

Gravshott 01428 609340 Enjoy singing and music with Snow White. A fun filled morning for both parents and children (Under 4yrs) £5 per child. 9.30-10.10am Pre-Booking Required

Mama Mia (Sing-a-long) West End Centre

48 Queens Rd Aldershot 01252 330040 2pm £3/person. For disabled young people aged 0-19 and their families.

Flying with the Wind Farnham Maltings

Bridge Square, Farnham 01252 745444 Learn how to make a frisbee and a windmill from recycled materials. Make your own kite. Please book. For 5-13yrs with an adult. £7.50/ child (adults free).

West End Centre

48 Queens Rd Aldershot 01252 330040 **Forever Young Pottery Madnes** 2-4pm. £4 per person. Something for the whole family to enjoy together. Please book

Pottery Express

II-Ipm. For 0-19s. £3. Aimed at disabled young people and their families, you'll have an inspirational morning making objects out of clay. Please book. Harrowing Halloween!

10.30am-12.30pm. For 8-12yrs. Make your own Halloween or party bunting! Make a length of flags using stencils, appliqué and stitching. Please book. £6.

Horrific Halloween

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Family drop-in event from 1.30-4.30pm. Make Halloween related crafts. Bring a pumpkin or squash to carve and take part in the Halloween procession through Haslemere, which starts at the Museum at 4.30 pm.

Masks, The Lightbox

Chobham Rd, Woking 01483 737800 Drop-in anytime from 1.30-4pm. For ages 4+ with an adult. Free, suggested donation £2. Make fun or scary masks.

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

Family Race Day and Firework Spectacular, Ascot Racecourse Ascot, Berkshire SL5 7JN 0870 727 1234 Ascot's first meeting of the new 2011/2012 Jumps Season features the £100.000 United House Gold Cup Chase over three miles. After the racing action, Ascot presents a Firework Spectacular. All racegoers buying a ticket to the racing are welcome to stay for the show. Fireworks will begin at 6.30pm. Bars, food outlets and fairground rides will all remain open until the Fireworks commence. Grandstand admission is adults f 17 and under 18s free (when accompanied by an adult). We have a special offer to save £7 off adult tickets for ALL racedays at Ascot in 2011 including the fireworks race day, so for a family of 4 it would only be £20 for the racing, family entertainment and the fireworks! These tickets need to be booked in advance by calling 0870 727 1234 between 9am-5pm or visit www.ascot.co.uk 24/7 and quote FAMILIESSW.

Evening Ghost Walks Basing House See 28 October.

Tornado Returns See 22 Oct.

Halloween Fright Night **Mizens Railway** Barrs Lane, Knaphill 5.30-7.30pm.

Halloween Evening Great Cockcrow Railway

Hardwick Lane, Lyne Trains run from 5pm, ticket office closes 8pm.

Room on a Broom

Haslemere Educational Museum 78 High St, Haslemere 01428 642112 Family event from 1.30-4.30pm. Story and puppet making session. Children under 5 must be accompanied. Mem £3, non-mem £5 (accompanying adults free). Please pre-book.

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

Bowling - Halloween Horror Guildford Spectrum Parkway 01483 44 33 22 6.30pm-10.30pm. £2.80 per game, per person. Win prizes with the Halloween Quiz.

The Night before Hallowe'en! **Dapdune Wharf**

Wharf Rd, Guildford 01483 561389 11am-5pm. Carve a pumpkin to take on the scary walk – bring your own pumpkin and dress up as a ghoul. Followed by Scary Walk at 5.30pm. Admission (adult £3.50, child £2, family £9) plus £2 for children's activities. Please book for the scary walk.

Murder Mystery at the Mill Shalford Mill

Shalford, near Guildford 01483 561389 2-3.30pm. Dusty intrigue and murky goings-on at the mill – discover the clues and help solve this mealy crime! Admission: adult £2.50, child £1.30, family £5.50. No booking needed.

Tornado Returns See 22 Oct.

Halloween, Wellington Country Park

Odiham Rd, Riseley, Nr Reading 0118 932 6444 Spooky fun with apple dunking, mummy wrap and a witches treasure hunt. Children in full fancy dress get in FREE. Low season admission Adult £7, child (3-15) £6, Child 2 and under free, family (2 + 2) £23.50.

Halloween Fright Night Mizens Railway See 29 October.

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER

Kalm Cooking – Halloween & Bonfire Night Special A fun day of cookery. See entry on 24 October.

Halloween Children's Party Foxhills Ottershaw 01932 704451 Fun themed games, activities and a ghostly buffet. Please book. Mem. £12, nonmem £18. For ages 2-10. 4pm.

Halloween After School Activities **Claremont Landscape Garden** Portsmouth Rd, Esher 01372 467806

4pm onwards. Dress up for Halloween and bring your lantern for a spooky Halloween walk around the lake! Tearoom open until 6pm for Halloween teas and treats. Normal admission.

TUESDAY I NOVEMBER

Kalm Cooking – Halloween & Bonfire Night Special A fun day of cookery. See entry on 24 October.



CAMBERLEY THEATRE 01276 707600 The Mr Men Party Roadshow Sat 29 Oct Ipm & 3.30pm. £13, Under

16s £11, family £44. Cinderella 7 Dec - 2 Jan.

CRANLEIGH ARTS CENTRI

08456 128128 **Elmer the Elephant** Sat 15 Oct 2pm. A romping, stomping jungle adventures for 3-7yrs. £6 (4 or more tickets £5.50). The Ugly Duckling

Sat 12 Nov 2pm. £6 (4 or more £5.50).

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Charlie & Lola's Best Bestest Play Sat 5 Nov IIam, I.30pm & 3.45pm. A magical mix of puppets and music (the puppeteers are visible). For 3-6yrs. £12.50/£10.50.

ELECTRIC THEATRE Guildford 01483 444789 Little Sparks

Regular Saturday morning show for under 5s. 11am. Music, games, songs,

stories and puppets. £4 per child (adults and babes in arms are free). No need to book. Please pay cash or cheque on the day. For more details please contact Geoff on 07949 821567.

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Peter and the Wolf Sat 17 Sept 2.30pm £6.50. A fun and energetic adaptation told with



The Pea, The Bean and the

tapestry of tales. Age 5yrs+.

Sat 8 Oct 2.30pm. £6.50. A glorious

Sat 22 Oct 2.30pm. £6.50. 2yrs+. This

one-person show is a trilogy of classic

London Rd, Guildford 0844 7701 797

Thu 13 - Sat 15 Oct (Thurs 4pm, Fri

Ipm & 4pm, Sat 10am, Ipm & 4pm).

perfect sing-along songs. £15.50, under

Sat 26 Nov I & 3pm. Bob and Wendy

Fixham theatre for its grand opening.

High Jinx Magic and Circus Roadshow

hilarious, magical musical circus show for

Dick Wittington Tues 13 - Sat 31 Dec.

have been called in to help prepare

£15, child £13, family (2+2) £50.

Beauty and the Beast

Tues 25 - Sat 29 Oct. £9-£14.

Thurs 27 Oct Ipm. An amazing,

Featuring true-to-life puppets and

Peppa Pig's Treasure Hunt

16s £13.50, Family (2+2) £54.

Bob The Builder

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everyone. £8.50.

tales, told with shadow and rod puppetry.

Enormous Turnip

Chicken Licken

Peter and the Wolf Farnham Maltings

creative

brilliant musical

score. For 3+.

wonderfully NEW VICTORIA THEATR Woking 0844 871 7645 puppets, superb Scroos storytelling and a

Mon 7 - Sat 12 Nov 7.30pm daily and 2.30pm on Wed & Sat. Scrooge is a heartwarming family story with stunning sets and costumes, and specially created illusions by magician Paul Kieve. Jungle Book

Tues 15 to Sat 19 Nov (Tues 7pm, Wed & Thurs 10.30am & 1.30pm, Fri 10.30am & 7pm, Sat 2.30pm & 7pm). Peter Pan

9 Dec to Sun 15 Jan 2012. Steve McFadden will be playing the role of the dastardly Captain Hook, determined to thwart Peter Pan once and for all!

Aldershot 01252 329155

Numberlacks: Live on Stage!

Wed 21 Sept 11am & 2pm. Join the TV superheroes as they leave the sofa and embark on their first live adventure. Adult £12, child £10.

Bob The Builder

Sat 22 Oct Ipm & 3.30pm. Adult £14, child £12 (family £46 - not avail. online). Chris and Pui - Roadshow 2011 Sun 20 Nov IIam & 2pm. CBeebies' favourite double-act are coming to town! Adult £12, child £10. Aladdin Thurs 8 Dec to Sun 1 Jan 2012.

Guildford 01483 440000

Friend or Foe Sat 17 - Wed 19 Oct. Mon - Wed 7pm. Wed mat 2.30pm. Michael Morpurgo's thrilling tale of extraordinary friendship. Adult £18.50, Under 18s £13.

What's On

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Little Cloud and The Mixed-Up Chameleon

Thurs 20 - Sat 22 Oct. Thurs 12pm & 2.30pm, Fri & Sat 10.30am & Ipm. These classic stories are beautifully retold in this glowing stage adaptation with puppetry in black light. Adult £11, child £9.50. Jack and the Beanstalk

Fri 2 Dec - Sun 8 Jan. Bonnie Langford will star as Fairy Fuchsia, leading a truly fabulous cast in this year's magical family pantomime.

In the Mill Studio:

How the Koala Learnt to Hug Sat 24 Sept. I lam & 2pm. £7. A charming tale about the magic of family. Liang and the Magic Paintbrush

Sat 17 Sept 11am & 2pm. £7. Puppets, origami, live painting and video images bring this Chinese tale to life. For ages 4+. The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark Sat | Oct | Iam & 2pm. £7. For ages

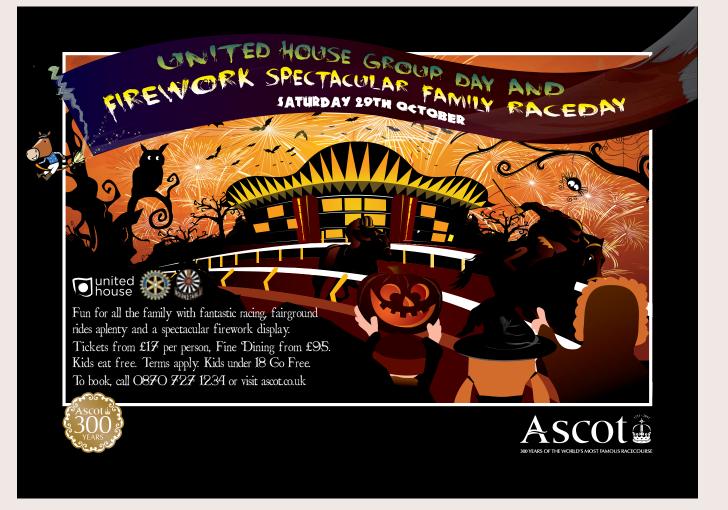
3-7yrs. An irresistible blend of live music, puppetry and storytelling. Mr Panda and the Mean Green Witch

Sat 15 Oct 11am & 2pm. £7. A spooky, fun theatre show full of music, magic and mystery! For ages 3-8.

A Bird in Your Ear Sat 22 Oct IIam & 2pm. £7. For ages 3-11 years. With puppetry, song and opportunities to join in!

Claytime Sat 5 Nov. I lam & 2pm. £7. For ages 3-6. Each Claytime is totally unique - creating its own world drawn from its young audience's imaginations.





What's On

Half Term Holiday **Camps & Sports** Courses

Activkids (Farnham & Aldershot) Multi-Sports Camps and Football-

only Camps at Edgeborough School, Farnham from 24-28 Oct. The camps are specially tailored to 4-12 year olds of all abilities and are run by experienced, highly qualified coaches. Also running is ActivTots Sports Camp at The Hoggs Back Hotel for 3-6 yearolds. All camps are £15 a day or £27 for 2 days or £60 for 5 days plus a 20% discount for siblings. 9.30am-3.30pm (8.30 drop off available for an extra £3), 07838 183 237 steve.hawkes@activkids.co.uk

www.first-touch-soccer.com

Activkids (Surrey)

Activkids are running Fun Days for boys and girls aged 4-11 during October half term. Your child will get to do a mixture of fun games which includes ActivKids fun fitness and multi skills games, parachute games and Team games. The days run from 10am-3pm in Cranleigh, Pyrford and Knaphill. £20 per day. 10% sibling discount and child care vouchers are accepted. For details call Ellie on 01483 769699 Ellie@ActivKids.co.uk

Activkids (Surrey)



Ouality care, fun and creative play at their holiday club in Farnham for children aged 4-13. 24-28 October. 8.30am to 5.30pm, half days are available. Ofsted registered and inspected. Bookings and payment online facility. 01252 727000 info@ casa-club.co.uk www.casa-club.co.uk

Crafty Chefs & See What I Made Haslemere. 10-3pm. 24-26 October will be cooking and craft days, 27 October is a Halloween Craft day and 28 October is a Halloween Cookery day. Call 01428 653251/ 648663 to book. £30 per day.

Grange Nursery &

0759 231 024. Half term play scheme. Mon 24 - Fri 28 Oct. 8.30am-5.30pm with full day, morning and afternoon only options available.

rd Spectrum

01483 44 33 22 Xtreme Activate Fun packed holiday camp that will entertain and challenge young children. This exciting holiday course is split into two different age groups (5-8s and 9-12s).. Runs during half term from 10am-4pm (£21.50/day or £92.50/ week), or 8.30am-6.30pm (£29.50/ or £128/week).

Parent & Toddler Bounceabout Fri 28 Oct 9-10am, walking-4yrs, £5.20

All holiday camps and sports courses listed here need to be pre-booked, unless otherwise stated.

Pre School Drama & Music

Tues 25 Oct 10-10.30am, 18 months - 21/2 yrs, £3.70 (with guardian), 10.45-11.30am, 3-5 years, £5.20 (without guardian)

Mini Musketeers

Wed 26 Oct 2-3pm, 6-10yrs, £8.20 Archery Mon 24 Oct 12.30-2.30pm, 8-14 yrs, £13.50 Trampolining

Tues 25 Oct or Thurs 27 Oct 2.30-4pm, 4-12 yrs, £8 per session **Rugby Tots** Wed 26 Oct 10-10.30am, 2-3 1/2 yrs, £4.80, 10.45-11.45am, 3 1/2-5yrs, £7.60

Little Golfers Fri 28 Oct 12.30-3.30pm, 5-11yrs, £15.30

Guildford Heat Basketball Camp Thurs 27 Oct 10-4pm, 8-16yrs, £27 Star Track Athletics Wed 26, Thurs 27 & Fri 28 Oct 10-3.30pm, 8-14 years, 1 day £25, 2 days £35, 3 days £45

Halloween Howlers Dance Tues 25 Oct 10-11.30am, 7-11yrs, £8.50 Freaky Friday Dance Fri 28 Oct 10-11.30am, 7-11yrs, £8.50 Super Tots Tennis Wed 26 Oct 1-2pm, 3-5yrs, £8 **Tennis Instruction Camp** Wed 26 Oct 2-4pm, 5-10 yrs, £9.80 Soccer Skills (with Chelsea F.C.); 2 day soccer school - outdoors (6-14yrs) Mon 24 & Tues 25 Oct 10am-3pm, £32

2 day Goalkeepers course outdoors (6-14yrs) Mon 24 & Tues 25 Oct 10am-3pm, £36 2 half day mini-kickers - indoors (4-5yrs) Thurs 27 & Fri 28 Oct 10-12noon £17 Ice Skating 5 Day Courses For 5-10yrs, £46.50

Mon 24 - Fri 28 Oct 10.30-11am, 11-11.30am, 12.45-1.15pm Learn to Dive courses Mon 24 -Fri 28 Oct for 5yrs+. £29. Beginners, 9.30-10am, Improvers, 10-10.30am, beginners 10.30-11am Learn to Swim courses Mon 24 -Fri 28 Oct for 4 years+. £29. 9am- 9.30am, Non Swimmers 9-9.30am, Ability 5-10m 9.30-10am, Ability 10-15m 10-10.30am.

Happy Kids Holiday Club

http://happykidsfarnham.co.uk 07980 690 677 Runs from 24 - 28 Oct. A holiday playscheme that provides quality arts & crafts and sports activities for children aged 4 - 12, based at Weybourne Infant School, Farnham. Ofsted registered.

Park Tenni

Tennis camps run in Woking and Godalming on Tues 25, Wed 26 and Thurs 27 Oct from 9.30am-4pm. For ages 3-14yrs. Go to www.parktennis. net or call Rob on 077582 52647.

Seriously Fun Swimming Holiday swimming courses for all abilities at Riverbourne Health Club in Chertsey. Mon 24 - Fri 28 October with 30 minute lessons daily. For ages 3-12 years. There are small classes for beginners to advanced swimmers. Now, a weeks course is half price, reduced from £60 per week to £30 per week! Book online at www.seriouslyfun.net or for more information call 0844 35 11 461.

A holiday playscheme in Gomshall that runs from 24-28 Oct 9am - 4pm (or

from 8.30am). For 4-12 yrs. To book call 07765 154 962 (no calls after 9pm please). www.sherefun.org

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hannahmason@theatrebugs.co.uk Two day fun filled spooktastic adventures, jam packed with drama, music, dance and arts & crafts (there will be different materials each day). Come in your favourite costume! Venues confirmed so far are: Godalming (24 & 25 Oct 9-12noon), Woking (24 & 25 Oct 1.30-4.30pm), Guildford (26 & 27 Oct 9-12pm), Farnham (26 & 27 Oct 1.30-4.30pm), Haslemere (27 & 28 Oct 9-12noon). Other venues are yet to be confirmed, so please call for details. Suitable for boys and girls aged 3.5-8yrs. £48. 10% sibling discount available.



Haslemere 01428 653341 www.therainbowroomshop.com On Mon 24, Tues 25, Wed 26 and Fri 28 Oct from 10am-3pm there will be craft workshops for ages 5-12yrs (please book these). On Thurs 27 Oct drop in anytime from 10am-3pm for crafty fun for ages 2+.

Activity day camps at Barfield School, Farnham for all 4-13yr olds - camps are open to non-Barfield pupils. Activities



and climbing, quad biking, archery, swimming and team games and lots more. 24-28 Oct from 8.30am-4pm (early drop off/ late pick up available). www.3pks.co.uk 0700 393 2610

Farmers' Markets

Cobham Leg of Mutton Field, Anvil Lane, Downside Bridge Road

Sat 17 Sept, Sat 15 Oct 9.30am-1.30pm. Farnham Central Car Park, Off Victoria Rd Sun 25 Sept, Sun 23 Oct 10am-1.30pm.

Godalming Town Centre Sat 29 Oct 10am-4pm

Guildford High Street Tues 6 Sept, Sat 4 Oct 10.30am-3.30pm

Haslemere Collingwood Bachelor Car Park, High St, Sun 4 Sept, Sun 2 Oct 10am-1.30pm

Milford Secretts Farm Shop Car Park, Chapel Lane, Milford Sun 18 Sept, Sun 16 Oct 10am-1.30pm

Ripley Ripley Village Green

Sat 10 Sept, Sat 8 Oct 9am-Ipm.

Woking Mercia Walk, Town Centre Thurs 15 Sept, Thurs 20 Oct and Sat 29 Oct 9am-2.30pm.

State School Open Days

For entry in September 2012 **Belle Vue Infant School** Belle Vue Road. Aldershot 01252 323494 Open Evening on Wed 5 October between 6-7pm and Open Morning on

Thurs 6 October from 9.15-10.30 am. Grayshott CE Primary School School Road, Grayshott 01428 605596

Thurs 6 October at 9.30am, and Thurs 17 November at 9.30am.

Nearly New Sales

Top-quality nearly new baby and children's clothes, equipment and toys at bargain prices.

Syfleet NCT Nearly New Sale

Byfleet Village Hall, 54 High Road, Byfleet Sat 8 Oct 10.30am-12noon. nct.byfleet.nns@googlemail.com

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Yateley School, School Lane, Yateley, Sat I Oct 10am-12noon. nctcamberleyandyateley@yahoo.co.uk

Dorking NCT Nearly New North Holmwood Village Hall, Spook Hill, North Holmwood Sat 17 Sept 10am-12noon. DorkingNNS@nct.org.uk

& Aldershot NCT Nearl

The Connaught Leisure Centre, Tongham Road, Aldershot Sat 17 Sept 1.30-3pm (early entry for NCT members at 1.15pm) nct.farnham.nns@hotmail.com

NCT Nearly Ne Godalming Borough Hall, Bridge Street,

Godalming Sat 15 Oct. Early entry at I am for pregnant ladies, with general public entry at 11.15am-1pm. sale@godalmingnct.org.uk

ford NCT Nearly New Sale

St Josephs Church Hall, York Rd, Guildford Sat 22 Oct 11am-12.30pm. nns@nctguildford.org.uk. Clothes and Equipment sale.

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Millennium Hall, 2-10 Ontario Way, Libhook Sat 22 Oct 10am-12noon. haslemereandmidhurstnns@gmail.com

NCT Nearly New Sal

Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill Sat 17 Sept 10.30am-12noon (Early entrance at 10.5am for NCT members). knaphillnctsale@yahoo.co.uk

Woking NCT Nearly New Sale Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery

Road, Woking Sat 8 Oct 3.30-5pm. nns_woking@yahoo.co.uk

tlands & Addlesto arly New Sale

Addlestone Community Centre, Garfield Road, Addlestone Sat 10 Sept 10am-11.30am. 9:45am admission for NCT members (with a membership card). weysale@yahoo.co.uk

Children's Nearly New Sale

At Park Mead School, Park Drive, Cranleigh Sat 8 Oct 10am-12pm. £1 entry. Children's and Babies autumn and winter clothing, toys, baby accessories, pushchairs, cots etc will all be on sale.

Contact Families on editor@familiessurreywest.co.uk 34 Families Surrey West



Firework Displays

Ascot Fireworks

Ascot Racecourse on Sat 29 October. Firework spectacular from 6.30pm. There is a family fun day of racing with additional family entertainment and if you buy a ticket for the racing, then you can stay for the fireworks, or you can attend just the firework display. Bars, food outlets and fairground rides will all remain open until the Fireworks commence. Candy floss and toffee apples are available all day from the Plaza kiosks. Grandstand admission is adults £17 and under 18s free (when accompanied by an adult). We have a special offer to save £7 off adult tickets for ALL racedays at Ascot in 2011 including the fireworks race day, so for a family of 4 it would only be £20 for the racing, family entertainment and the fireworks! These tickets need to be booked in advance by calling 0870 727 1234 between 9am-5pm or visit www.ascot.co.uk 24/7 and quote FAMILIESSW.

Bramley Bonfire and Fireworks Sat 5 November. 6pm assembly

Sat 5 November. 6pm assembly of GUYS in Library Car Park, 6.15pm pedestrians without torches proceed to field, 6.20pm judging of GUYS, 6.40pm piper to lead torchlight procession, 7.10pm lighting the bonfire, 7.45pm fireworks.

Chiddingfold Bonfire

Sat 5 November on the Village Green. Torchlight procession with marching band from St Mary's School leaves at 7pm (torches on sale at St Marys from 6.30pm). Fireworks at 8pm. Free entry. Park & ride at Witley railway station and Chiddingfold Golf Club. Mulled wine, hot dogs, burgers, beer tents and lots of other stalls.

Chobham Firework Extravaganza

Chobham Rugby Club, Windsor Rd, Chobham GU24 8NA on Saturday 29 October. Stunning fireworks set to music. Gates open 6pm, bonfire lit 7pm, fireworks 8pm (come early to avoid the queues). Come and meet the EAGLE RADIO LOVE **CREW.** Halloween competition - win a prize for the scariest outfit - judging 7pm. Advance tickets (see www.chobhamrugby.co.uk) Adult (14+) £4, child £2. On the gate Adult (14+) £5, child £3. Club house, beer tent, barbecue, glow in the dark novelties. Further details call 07789 522188.

Cranleigh Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Sat 5 November. Make a Guy Competition in Stocklund Square at 3pm. 6.15pm assemble for torch-light procession, Park Drive, Park Mead, which leaves at 6.30pm. 7pm crowds in Stocklund Square join procession. On Cranleigh Common the bonfire will be lit 7.20pm approx, fireworks start at 8pm, set to music. Free entry with collections for local charities. Organised by Cranleigh Lions. www.cranleighlions. org/bonfire.php Torches (£5) and grand draw tickets on sale outside the Co-Op and on Stocklund Square.

Effingham Fireworks

Sat 5 November at King George V Fields. Gates open at 6pm, procession and bonfire at 6.45pm with fireworks at 7.30pm. Fairground and BBQ. Advance tickets £3 (from shops on Effingham shopping parade), on the gate £5, under 12s free.

Elstead British Legion Fireworks On Sat 5 November at Elstead

On Sat 5 November at Elstead British Legion, Staceys Farm, Thursley Road.

Farnham Roundtable Fireworks Fiesta

Saturday 5 November in Farnham Park. Torchlight procession leaves Farnham Central Car Park at 6.15pm, led by a Scottish Pipe Band. The bonfire will be lit at 7.15pm in Farnham Park followed by the Firework Extravaganza at 7.45pm. Tickets in advance (from Bush Hotel, Lion and Lamb Yard and other outlets) Adult £5, child (5-15) £3, family (2+2) £14. On the night adult £6, child £4. www.farnhamroundtable.org.uk

Godalming Bonfire & Grand Firework Display

Sun 6 November at Lammas Lands (rear of Godalming United Church, Bridge Rd). Judging of the Make a Guy competition for local schools 5-5.30pm at the rear of the Church, 6pm torchlight procession from The Pepperpot, 6.30pm bonfire is lit. Grand Firework Display starts at 7pm. Refreshments such as hot dogs, beefburgers etc on sale. Organised by Godalming & Villages Lions Club. Adult £3, seniors and children aged 12-16 £2.50, under 12s free. Torches £3, on sale outside the red lion pub from about 5.15pm.

Halloween & No Bangs Firework Party

Godalming & District NCT will be holding their annual Halloween & No Bangs Firework Party on Saturday 29 October at The Squirrel in Hurtmore (Hurtmore Road, Hurtmore GU7 2RN). There will also be, amongst other things, a Halloween fancy dress competition, lucky dip, face painting and food available. It costs £5 for a family group, pay on the gate on the day. Doors open at 5pm, the display will start at 6pm. They do their best to try and keep the fireworks as big bang free as possible but alas they can't guarantee it will be totally 'no bangs'.

Guildford Lions Fireworks Fiesta Stoke Park on Saturday 5

November. Torchlight procession departs the Guildhall at 7.45pm (torches on sale at the Guildhall) arriving at Stoke Park at 8.15pm, where there will be a big fun fair and fast food outlets. The town Beacon is lit at 8.25pm and the start of the spectacular firework display will be 8.30pm. Entry is free but donations are requested as profits go to local charities.

Jacobs Well Bonfire & Fireworks Sat 5 November in the field

Sat 5 November in the field beside Jacobs Well Village Hall. Fireworks lit at 6.30pm, followed by a huge bonfire. There's a children's roundabout. Hot dogs, soup, tea and coffee will be on sale and the Village Bar Club will be open serving drinks. Recommended donations Adult £2, children free.

Legoland Firework

22, 23, 28, 29, 30 October & 5 November. Scooby-Doo Fireworks - Curse Of The Lake Monster. Help Scooby-Doo and the Gang in a whole host of weird and wonderful activities throughout the day, then round off the day with a spectacular fireworks display in the evening.

Mytchett Centre Bonfin and Fireworks

Sun 6 November at The Mytchett Centre, 140 Mytchett Road, Mytchett. Gates open at 5pm, bonfire lit approx 7pm, followed by fireworks. Radio Frimley Park will be attending plus there's a funfair and bar.

Ripley Bonfir

On the Village Green, Ripley on Sat 29 Oct. Bensons mammoth funfair opens at 2pm. 4.30pm bar opens and at 6pm the The Over 60's Pig Stall (selling freshly carved pork or lamb sandwiches) and the burger and hot dog stalls open. 6.15pm the floats assemble in the village hall car park and at 6.30pm the fancy dress participants assemble in the village hall. Judging for both of these is at 6.45pm. At 7.10pm the torchlit procession leaves the village hall preceded by a band, 7.30pm the lighting of the bonfire and the grand fireworks display is at 8pm with live music starting at 8.20pm next to The Copse Bar.

Rushmoor Fireworks

Sat 5 November at Manor Park, Aldershot. Children's 10 minute display at 6.45pm aimed at under 5s. Main display 8pm.

Fun fair, catering, live music and entertainment. Advance tickets from Princes Hall (01252 329155) www.rushmoor.gov.uk/fireworks.

Windlesham Village Infant

School Bonfire & Fireworks Night Friday 4 November. Gates open 5pm with the Bonfire being lit at 5.45pm. Fireworks will begin at 6.15pm. Refreshments available. Tickets on the gate or via the school office on 01276 472212. A school event that is open to all.

Woking Fireworks Extravaganza

Woking Park (near Woking Leisure centre) on Sat 5 November. As well as a fantastic fireworks display, there is also a funfair and food stalls on site. Gates and Funfair open 6pm, Fireworks 8-8.25pm (approx). On the gate: Adult: £6, child (5-16) £4, under 5's free, family (2+2) £15. Pre-sales from Woking Leisure Centre Adult £5, child (5-16) £3, under 5s free, family (2+2) £12. Parking for the event is at Woking Station, Heathside Crescent Multi-Storey and other town centre car parks. Organised by Woking Roundtable.

Wood Street Village

Sun 30 October in Pound Field, accessed from Pound Lane, off Wood Street Green. Gates open 4.30pm, bonfire lit at 4.45pm. Competition judging at 5.30pm for: Best Pumpkin Carving (please bring carved pumpkin with you), Best Halloween Costume and Best Guy Fireworks display at 6.30pm. Also, BBQ, bar and children's funfair. Adult £5, child (under 16) £2. Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £12 in advance only, from Wood Street Village Shop and Fairlands Party Shop.

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