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**Diaries are from MUM's Office**

The kitten heel shoe with toe cap is another must have, you can wear this wonderful kitten heel any time, any place, great for day in casual clothing and equally great for evening. You may have to change your outfit but not your shoes! Black mock croc embossed leather Black leather toe cap and heel Kid leather lining and sock heel

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**Christmas Gifts**

**Vancliff Dean**

**Anne Dean and Marion Falchi** met by chance some three years ago. Anne grew up in and ran the family shoe factory learning all about design and manufacturing and Marion was head of sales and marketing for a leading New York accessory designer.

**Clutch Bag in Black Large Mock Croc Leather**



They quickly identified a huge gap in the market for outstanding, great quality products not just aimed at the young! They want amazing bags in interesting materials and colours and marvellous footwear that they can run around in all day! They love their shoes, but 4 inch heels - no way! They put their heads together & **Vancliff Dean** was born. Just fabulous, unusual, comfortable and great fun!

The clutches come in so many different colours and finishes they are just great! The perfect clutch for evenings out or use inside one of our large totes. This versatile bag works well with casual or evening clothes, you will find it hard to decide which colour to buy.....start your collection today!

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**December 2013**

**Today I'm Me**

**Colour Me Pink Clutch**

This is a quirky design that will get you noticed! A great gift for mums this Christmas. Pink on white leather look 'PU' in 2D design. Silver hardware, magnetic closer and decorative enamel button. Detachable wrist strap and adjustable shoulder strap. The pink symbolises warmth, love, grace, trust, romance and beauty. Sweet and loving you are a gentle, innocent, person but that doesn't stop you from having a tendency to flirt and play around. £115 Free P&P

www.todayimme.com/product/colour-me-pink-clutch/



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**Skin Repair**

Each product is made up of ingredients to replicate the top layer of the skin, so that it is fully absorbed. The products main function is to quite simply strengthen and repair your skin barrier, which in turn stops redness, blemishes



**December 2013**

**Santa and his huskies are back**

**WWT London Wetland Centre Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 Dec**

NEW! *Polar Explorer* and his tales of adventure  
 NEW! *Wetland Winter Show*  
 NEW! *Cranberry Fest*  
 Get into the festive mood at **WWT London Wetland Centre's** wonderful winter weekend! Children will be thrilled to hop aboard for a husky sleigh ride, visit Santa in his magical grotto and enjoy a unique *Wetlands Winter Show*.

Take a sleigh ride with the huggable huskies; they're lovely to look at but also working animals, so younger children can experience the excitement of a husky sleigh ride. Or perhaps you'd like a family photo taken with one of these cuddly dogs as a special seasonal souvenir? Then head over to the northern pine forest; Father Christmas will be ready to welcome families in his cosy grotto among the trees.

Meet the **Polar Explorer** at his Base Camp to hear tales of his icy adventures and make your own explorer's equipment from recycled materials. You can also join in our fun **Winter Wetland Show** to discover more about the science behind our coldest season. Under ice and mounds of snow, even in the coldest

winters there's life in the wetlands. Buried in mud or freezing solid, animals are surviving in amazing ways. Take part in exciting experiments in this show for the whole family to explore the science of winter. What do cranes – the elegant wetland bird - and cranberries have in common? Find out at **Cranberry Fest**. Make cranberry Christmas decorations (extra charge), follow the cranberry trail and enjoy treats in the restaurants.

Here at Britain's favourite nature reserve you can enjoy the Christmas celebrations among beautiful surroundings. Take a stroll among the lakes, meadows and ponds of this wonderful winter oasis. By enjoying a festive weekend there you're also contributing towards their vital conservation work in the UK and around the world.

- Normal admission prices to **WWT London Wetland Centre** apply
- In the event of rain the Father Christmas queue will be moved indoors. The **Wetland Winter Show**, **Polar Explorer** and **Father Christmas** are all indoors.
- Husky sleigh rides (children 8 or younger, with weight restrictions)

- Visit to Santa is £5 per child (cash only) including goody bag
- Visit to **Polar Explorer** is £3 per child, including gift; timed shows throughout the day
- **Wetland Winter Show** is free with admission: 12.30 and 14.30

For full details and updates please check [www.wwt.org.uk/london](http://www.wwt.org.uk/london)

**WWT London Wetland Centre** is a 105 acre wetland visitor centre in Barnes, southwest London, an international award-winning visitor attraction and a Site of *Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)*. It is home to a wide range of wildlife species including birds, water voles, bats and amphibians. Facilities include six wildlife hides, Water's Edge Café, Observatory, a gift shop and free car park. The Centre also has adventure play areas for children.

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**Christmas Out & About**

**Know an aspiring Bassist, Drummer, Guitarist or Singer?**

Does someone in your family love rock music and want both expert tuition and to play in a band every week?  
**British School of Rock** combines 45 minutes serious tuition - with no more than four musicians per teacher - and 15 minutes of rocking with a band each week.

**David Sprigg**, *British School of Rock* opened its first two schools in September, at *St Peter's Catholic School* in Guildford, and *Tiffin Girls' School* in Kingston. "I was delighted that just six weeks after launch we had waiting lists for drummers and guitarists" says David "and we are expanding in January. There is nothing to beat the buzz of playing in a band each week;

combining that with quality tuition and tiny class numbers means that our students progress quickly - and enjoy every minute of the class". **British School of Rock** welcomes students aged 8 to 18, with separate classes for beginners to advanced. Visit [www.britishschoolofrock.co.uk](http://www.britishschoolofrock.co.uk) 01483 905220 or text ROCK to 66777.

The brainchild of **Stagecoach** co-founder and drummer

**Christmas Wonderland Weekends**

The **Rural Life Centre's** Christmas wonderland weekends are filling up fast - make sure the children in your life don't miss out - CHRISTMAS will be all present and correct when the **Rural Life Centre** unwraps its ever-popular and eagerly anticipated Santa Specials. And there, showing the boys and girls what a gift of a good time it is will be Father Christmas, the man who makes young dreams come true, and who has the power to work wonders with wish-lists. Taking place at the Tilford-based museum of country life on the weekends of **Saturday and Sunday, December 7- 8, and Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15**, the *Santa Specials* have grown in quality and popularity to the point where advance booking has become essential.

Mums and dads, and grannies and grandads will find the place just as enchanting, with a ride through the woods on the *Old Kiln Light Railway*, a visit to the 'gnomes' toy workshop and a chance to see a variety of animals at close hand. Other attractions will include a model railway display, seasonal music from a pianola and the traditional playground. And of course, there's the main attraction of the day; stepping inside the grotto to see Father Christmas, the man who makes young dreams come true, and who has the power to work wonders with wish-lists. Taking place at the Tilford-based museum of country life on the weekends of **Saturday and Sunday, December 7- 8, and Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15**, the *Santa Specials* have grown in quality and popularity to the point where advance booking has become essential.

It's a magical world where even a cold winter's day is full of warmth, and where believing matters more than anything - Santa Special tickets, at £11 for children and £7 for adults, are available on 01252 795571 by using a booking form at [www.rural-life.org.uk](http://www.rural-life.org.uk) or in person at the museum. Visitors are allocated a time slot to reduce the queuing, but once a booking has been made, it cannot be cancelled or changed. A mince pie and a drink are included in the price, and visitors can also enjoy lunches and snacks at the on-site cafe. The museum itself will be closed during these festive weekends. The **Rural Life Centre** is midway between Frensham and Tilford on the Reeds Road, three miles south of Farnham.

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**How berry exciting!**  
 Find the full list of festive events at [www.wwt.org.uk/london](http://www.wwt.org.uk/london)  
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*YouView* is a subscription-free television service which seamlessly combines live and catch-up television. The service offers over 70 free to air channels and radio stations via a TV aerial and also connects to any broadband service to bring catch-up and on demand programmes directly to your TV.

**How to get YouView**  
A *YouView* box is available free as part of a broadband subscription from **BT** or **TalkTalk** (activation / installation fees may apply)

It is also available to buy from all major retailers and many independent electrical stores including *John Lewis*, *Currys*, *Argos*, *Amazon*, *Richer Sounds* and *Euronics*. RRP £249

**How to set up YouView**  
To set up a *YouView* set-top box you need to connect it to your TV via a HDMI cable or SCART lead, to your TV aerial and to your broadband router via an Ethernet cable

A minimum broadband speed of 3Mb/s and an unlimited data allowance is recommended.

When ordering from **BT** or **TalkTalk**, broadband speed is checked and the data allowance for on demand programmes is unlimited

**Watch Live**  
Offering over 70 free-to-air channels and radio stations available via your TV aerial

*YouView* presents viewers with a wide selection of live television and radio. Additionally, the service has pause, rewind, fast-forward and record functionality for live TV giving you more flexibility when enjoying your favourite TV programmes

*YouView* offers the option to record one show while watching another, gives reminders to let you know a programme is about to start and has up to 300 hours (500GB) of storage space for your programme recordings in *MyView*

*YouView* has free HD channels from BBC One HD, BBC Two HD, ITV1 HD (STV HD in Scotland) and Channel 4 HD (all available to watch and record in HD)

**Watch On Demand**  
*YouView* offers seven day catch-up and on demand television via a seven day backwards EPG

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## Makeup brushes are approved by Peta.org.

The organisation for the protection of the welfare of animals *Peta*, approve of these make-up brushes as they are 100% synthetic. Professional Makeup artists - love them!  
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## Out and about

**Daily Bateman's** Burwash **01435 882302**

An Edwardian Christmas enjoy the sights, sounds & scents of a candlelit Edwardian Christmas. **Daily Christmas** garden trail, Father Christmas has gone missing, follow the trail around the garden looking for the clues & collect a surprise when you have finished the trail & don't miss the elves workshop in the garden.

**Daily Alfriston Clergy House** Polegate **01323 870001** See Christmas through the ages in the seasonally decorated house.

**Every Wed Heaven at Nutfield** [www.heaven-nutfield.com](http://www.heaven-nutfield.com). Smiley Faces music group for babies & toddlers for up to 2yrs & 2-4yrs, there is also a playground for under 5's, a café & a crèche.

**Every Sat during term time** **The River & Rowing Museum** Mills, Meadows Henley on Thames **01491 415600** Artways Art Club, 5 week sessions, 11-15yrs. **Every Wed during term time** Taylor Tug's under 5's Club.

**From 30 Nov Spinnaker Tower** Portsmouth **02392 857520** Families will be challenged to explore the tower & follow the reindeer trail for a chance to win a prize.

**7,8,14,15,21 & 22 Dec Standen** East Grinstead **01342 332029** Father Christmas in his woodland workshop, toast a marshmallow on the fire & enjoy some warming hot chocolate & see what gift he has for you in his sack. **Every weekend until 22 Dec** Christmas at Standen explore the gardens illuminated with thousands of lights creating a magic wonderland & see the house decorated for the family Christmas 1920's style.

**7,15 Dec Sheffield Park Garden** Nr Haywards Heath East Sussex **0825 790231** Edible decorations create your own edible gingerbread tree decoration to take home with you, activity for families. **14 Dec-5 Jan** Festive trail food themed quiz, stroll around the garden & look out for boards that will provide the answers to questions about festive foods from around the world. **26,31 Dec** Guided walk.

**8 Dec Birling Gap & Seven Sisters** Eastbourne **01323 423197** Christmas craft fair join in the fun with a Santa's grotto, plus face painting, mulled wine & mince pies. **14 Dec Brighton Centre** Kings Road Brighton **01273 202881** The War of the Worlds [www.thewaroftheworlds.com/tickets](http://www.thewaroftheworlds.com/tickets)

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Movie and TV fans will be able to give and receive the perfect stocking filler this Christmas as streaming service *blinkbox* launches a new range of gift cards offering a flexible way to gift credit to rent and buy from a selection of thousands of the latest movies and TV shows from as little as 99p. Available to buy in over 2,000



## Give the gift of great entertainment this Christmas with blinkbox movie and TV gift cards

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great entertainment they want to watch. Activating a card couldn't be easier. Visit [www.blinkbox.com/redeem](http://www.blinkbox.com/redeem) and follow instructions.

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## Blowing the Whistle on GDC Scam.

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

Some Orthodontists mislead patients, saying that extractions can be avoided although the traditional methods they use leave too little room, risking severe damage to the face. It is wise to explore the internet yourself, many sites make great claims and show beautiful faces but very few show good results before and after treatment. Even the media is scared of disclosing this scandal.

## There is another way.

Take a second opinion now. Nine years old may be too late.

## ORTHOTROPICS

The alternative to orthodontics with extractions and surgery.

Orthodontics usually requires the extraction of 4 to 8 sound teeth through this is frequently stated. Emily was treated by natural methods. No extractions. No "Train Tracks". No retainers.

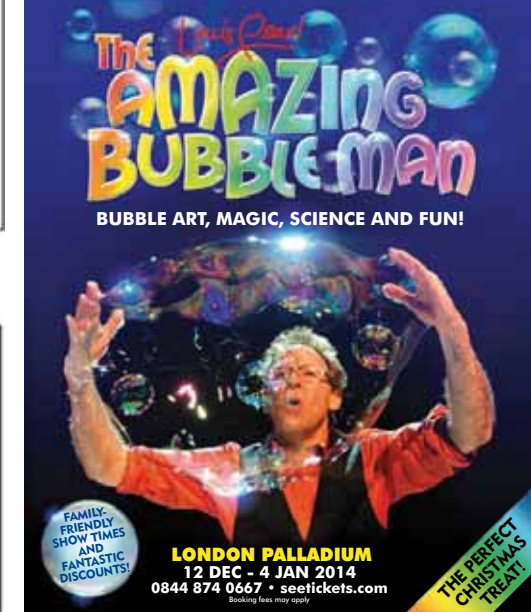
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**Recently re-opened Kidplay Cafe** 282-284 Lower Addiscombe Road Croydon Softplay & cafe, under 5's.

**Every Mon Lloyd Park** 020 8726 6000 Health walk circular through Lloyd Park & Shirley on mainly flat terrain, ideal for beginners, 2 miles last approx 1hr, meet 1am FREE & same walk on potentially hillier terrain, 3+miles ideal for advanced

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**Every Mon Parchmore Community Centre** 53-55 Parchmore Road 020 8726 6000 x88965 Circuit for those new to exercise, returning after illness & the more mature exerciser.

**Every Tues De Staffords Leisure Centre** Caterham 01883 344355 Family Swim.

**Every Tues Riddlesdown Circular Walk** 020 8726 6000 x64952 Health walk, 2-3miles, meet at 'Good Companions' pub, Hamsey Green, FREE.

**Every Fri Broad Green Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime 0-5yrs. Forthightly on Sat Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children. Every Wed Artzy Crafty computers drop in sessions for under 5's parents & carers, FREE.

**Every Fri South Norwood Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. Every Wed Unifairian Church 1 The Flyover 020 8726 6000 x88965 Zumba Latin inspired dance music & rhythms, all abilities.

**Every Wed during term time Sydenham Tennis Club** Lawrie Park Road Sydenham 020 8778 4217 Tennis drop in sessions for 8-11yrs.

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**Every Thurs Caterham Hill Library** www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, 10am FREE.

**Every Fri Storeytime**, 2.15pm.

**Every Thurs Norbury Park and Norwood Grove** 020 8726 6900 A circular walk through Norbury Park & Norwood Grove, 2-3 miles, meet at Norbury Train Station, 1.30pm, FREE. 31 Aug Butterfly Walk, 2 hrs around the park to learn about these insects, 07968 832508.

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**Every Thurs Croydon Sports College** Croydon High School 020 8726 6000 x88965 Circuits Low intensity for mature exercisers.

**Every Thurs South Norwood Leisure Centre** 164 Portland Road 020 8726 6000 x88965 Aquatic sessions.

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri of every month Bergandy & Black Cafe** St Martins Walk Dorking Bumps & Babies is for mums with bumps & toddlers or carers of non mobile babies, meet others for tea or coffee & get your baby socialising, www.net.org.uk/branches/dorking/events/bumps-and-babies. 3rd Mon of every month Nappuccino a natter about nappies as an alternative to disposables.

**Every Fri Caterham Valley Library** www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, FREE. Every Thurs Storeytime, FREE.

**Every Fri Redhill Library** www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, FREE.

**Every Fri Warlingham Library** www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Storeytime, FREE.

**Every Fri Bradmore Green Library** Old Coulston 020 8726 6000 x64952 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. Every Mon Storeytime 2 ½yrs & Chatterbooks reading group for 8-10yrs. Forthightly on Sat Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children. Every Wed Artzy Crafty computers drop in sessions for under 5's parents & carers, FREE.

**Every Fri South Norwood Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. Every Tues Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. Alternate Sat Rock & Rhyme or Storeytime, FREE.

**Every Fri Shirley Library** 020 8253 1023 Bookstart rhymetime for babies & toddlers. Wiggle & Jiggle for 18mths+. Every Thurs Storeytime for 2 ½yrs. Every Sat Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers. Monthly story & craft workshops, 5-9yrs.

**Every Fri New Addington Library** 020 8253 1023 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers & Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+, FREE.

**Every Fri Norbury Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime. Every Thurs Wiggle & Jiggle. Alternate Sat Rock & Rhyme followed by Storeytime. Last Fri of each month Chatter Books reading group for 8-12yrs, FREE.

**Every Fri Selsdon Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+. Every Tues Storeytime for pre-school children. Every Sat Rock & Rhyme for pre-schoolers.

**Every Tues of the month Artzy Crafty**, 4-8yrs plus parents & siblings. Every Sat afternoon teenage reading group. Last Thurs of month adult reading group.

**Every Fri Waddon Ponds & Wandle Park** 020 8656 5947 Circular walk through Waddon Ponds & Wandle Park, 2-3 miles, meet outside Lidl, 11am, FREE.

**Every Fri Thornton Heath Leisure Centre** 89-110 High Street 020 8726 6000 x88965 Aquatic pay as you go sessions.

**Every Fri Pavilion Leisure Centre** Kentish Way Bromley 020 8313 9911 Families & under 11's Roller Disco sessions, 4.30-5.45pm & Families & under 16's Roller Disco sessions with full skate & safety equipment provided, doors open 6.15pm, Tel: 07970 266790.

**Every Fri term time Youth Centre** Bromley Parish Church

Church Road Bromley 07812 676815 Kiddi Cardio toddler fitness 2-5yrs. www.kiddi cardio.com

**Every Sat The Green Dragon** 58-60 High Street Croydon 020 8667 0684 Storeytime for families 3-7yrs, drop in 2hr session with stories, puppets, arts activities & songs, FREE.

**Every Sat mara Norman Park Hayes Lane** Bromley Kent 020 8460 5291 Soccer School, 4.6-7,9 & 10yrs.

**Until 24 Dec Bocketts Farm** Leatherhead 01483 445 085 Farm Christmas in his magical hay barn workshop, each child will meet Santa & receive a gift, tickets can be purchased before to avoid queuing. There will also be an ale Christmas trees, wreaths, gifts, sledges & lots more. www.bockettsfarm.co.uk

**4 Dec Winkwath Arboretum** Godalming 01483 208477 Wednesday Walk seasonal guided walk around the Arboretum, FREE.

**14 Dec-5 Jan Winter Wonders Trail** discover the spirit of the Season. 26 Dec Boxing Day Walk, 26-30 Dec Wild Learning have fun & explore the woods with a school holiday adventure club, 5-12yrs.

Christmas Adventure with songs, stories, a meet & greet with Santa plus a FREE gift, 2-8yrs.

**6 Dec Ewell Village** Yale Ewell with late night shopping plus there will be carols, a tree & all the traditional Christmas trappings.

**6 Dec Concert Hall Fairfield** 020 8688 9291 Voice in a Million, 9 Dec A Christmas Carol, 20 Dec London Mozart Players, Christmas Concert, audience participation of Christmas classics, concluding with a screening of Raymond Briggs' classic story The Snowman.

**6-24 Dec Epsom Playhouse** Ashley Avenue 01372 742555 Santa Claus & the Christmas Adventure 2-yrs. 7 Dec Seasonal Sparkle Christmas concert. 13 Dec-5 Jan Peter Pan.

**6 Dec-5 Jan Ashcroft Theatre** Fairfield Croydon 020 8688 9291 Peter Pan, 10-11 Jan Cinderella the play. 14-15 Jan Shakespeare 4 Kidz Macbeth.

**7 Dec Gatton Park** 01737 649066 www.gattonpark.com Santa's Grotto enjoy a golf buggy ride to Santa in his grotto, explore the grounds following a trail of clues & then return to Gatton Hall to make a Christmas decoration. 14 Dec Christmas Craft a glue & glitter extravaganza making Christmas decorations, 4-7yrs.

**7 Dec Oxted Community Centre** 07824 770151 Christmas Gingerbread House workshops.

**7 Dec Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church** Upper Grosvenor Road Tunbridge Wells 01732 362820 What's that Noise? a concert for children, an interactive story which will involve all the children in the audience playing percussion instruments, under 2's FREE.

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**7.8.14.15.21 Dec Brooklands Museum** 01932 857381 Santa on the VC10 for children under 5 entry is FREE plus charge for visiting Santa, pre-booking advised.

**7.8.14.15.21 & 22 Dec Quebec House** Westerham 01732 868381 Preparing for Christmas with hanging decorations & baking.

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**7.8.14-24 Dec Denbies Wine Estate** 01306 876616 Santa's cellar grotto. 14 Dec A Christmas Fairy Tale presented by Hobgoblin Children's Theatre company.

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family. 14-15 Dec Visit Father Christmas in his thatched cottage & receive an age appropriate gift, 6mths-10yrs.

**15 Dec Frimley Lodge Park** Sturt Road Frimley Green 07774 754141 Jingle Jug festive fancy dress 5K run to the tune of 1000 jingle bells, after the race all finishers will receive a memo & FREE festive cheer at Pistachio on the park, www.imelejo.co.uk

**15 Dec Hatfields Park** East Clendon 01483 222482 Visit the animals in the courtyard & meet Father Christmas, 1-3pm. 15 Dec Enjoy Christmas cards & reading in the Music Room with a visit from Father Christmas, 3-4pm.

**17-20 Dec St Luke's Church** 194 Rammer Rd Battersea. Bach to Baby Christmas family Concert Meet the Trumpets, children FREE.

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**20 Dec Fairfield Halls** Fairfield 020 8688 9291 The Elvis Years. 17 Jan The Simon Garfunkel Story. 25 Jan Saturday Night Bees Gees.

**20-23 Dec The Medicine Garden** Downside Road Cobham 01932 589536 Santa's grotto.

**21 Dec 5-8 Jan RHIS Gardens** Wisley 01483 223239 Enchanted Trail festive family adventure through Wisley's enchanted winter time garden as a riot of stories & songs are waiting to be found in the magical landscape, suitable 4-

10yrs. 18 Jan-9 Mar Butterflies in the Glasshouse, 18-19 Jan children can help create a giant butterfly willow sculpture.

**10-18 Jan Barn Theatre** Oxted 01883 724852 Ali Baba & his Forty Thieves

**11.12.14-18 Jan All Saints Church** Hall Onslow Gardens Sandstead 07864 698429 Aladdin traditional pantomime.

**24-25 Jan Mytchett Centre** Surrey www.hopevenues.co.uk & The Shoemaker

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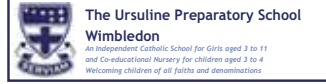
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**20 Dec** **Festive Carol Singing** The public is invited to join in the fun & sing along with famous faces from top West End shows at this unique event organised by the Society of London Theatre, which will take place outside the Leicester Square TKTS booth in the heart of London's Theatreland, 4-5pm. **FREE.** Seasonal refreshments will also be on offer. **20 Dec** **All Saints Church** West Dulwich Back to Baby, Christmas family Concert Meet the Trumpets entrance **FREE** for children. [www.bachtaboy.com](http://www.bachtaboy.com). **20-23,27-31 Dec** **Imperial War Museum** 020 7416 5439 A Wartime Christmas exhibition find out what London was like for children during the 2nd World War in this fun & interactive craft activity, families all ages. **FREE.** **Until** 14 Jan Horrible Histories, Spies presents The Santa Claus Science Experiment. Father Christmas has stopped believing in himself, can his elves, some scientists & comedians change his mind? **11 Dec** **16 Feb** **Duchess Theatre** Catherine Street 0844 4124659 The Wind of the Willows with dance, song, music & puppetry. [www.rhobug.co.uk](http://www.rhobug.co.uk). Tel: 020 7304 4000. **12 Dec** **Christmas Lights - Oxford Street** Switch on lights, 6pm-10pm. **13 Dec** **02 Alexandra Palace & Park** 020 8365 2121 The Little Mermaid on Ice. **12 Dec** **4 Jan** **London Palladium** 020 7494 5020 The Amazing Bubbleman bubble art, magic, science & fun. **13 Dec** **02 Arden Coliseum** St Martin's Lane 0871 910200 Nutcracker performed by English National Ballet. **2-4 Jan** **Wembley Arena** 0844 581 1400 Peter Pan mix of theatre, illusion, circus, Blockbuster movie & rock spectacular rolled into one with 50 dancers, stuntnum



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