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These activities have not been quality assured.

Parents should reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the clubs and activities on offer.

Ring Oxfordshire Family Information Service on 08452 26 26 36 for more advice. You could contact the activity provider and/or visit, and ask “What policies and procedures do you use to safeguard children?”, and request evidence for example that CRBs of staff have been checked.

Football courses (Premier Soccer Centres) Ages 5 – 13 yrs. All abilities, boys and girls; 10 am – 2.30 pm

Eynsham Primary school Tuesday 24 July – Friday 27 July and Monday 20 August – Thurs 23 August

Judo 3-day course at Eynsham Primary School Monday 23 July – Weds 25 July

Swimming courses: ring 01993 202020 <http://www.better.org.uk/leisure/windrush-leisure-centre/>

Windrush leisure centre (including 'Easyline' gym, containing easy-to-use resistance and cardio equipment suitable for a range of ages, including children aged 12 years +, pre and post natal and the elderly) or Bartholomew sports centre:

Free Day Pass <http://www.better.org.uk/leisure/bartholomew-sports-centre/>

Holiday childcare and play /activities for children and families - Oxfordshire Family Information Service 08452 26 26 36

Tennis Excel tennis courses (half days or full days for one week) at Standlake or Witney for ages 4 – 16yrs, and adults. See flyer at website (news item). Email:- holiday.camps@exceltennis.co.uk Mobile:- 07734 059 769

Swimming Witney 01993 20 20 20 & Carterton 01993 861981 midweek public/ floaterama sessions and swimming lessons.

 Swimrite courses <http://www.swim-rite.co.uk/index.htm> . Also pools in Oxford, Woodstock, Abingdon, Kidlington

Oxford Sailing Club at Farmoor

Youth dinghy sailing or windsurfing holiday courses (one week) during July and August.

<http://www.oxfordsailingclub.com/training/course-info/on-line-booking>

Schools Out! Holiday activities - Arts and crafts, sports, fashion, music The Marlborough school, Woodstock OX20 1LP

 01993 813592 / 814741 Throughout holidays, 9.30am – 3.30pm From £17.25 per day

 [www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/extended schools/summer 2012-schools-out.pdf](http://www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/extended%20schools/summer%202012-schools-out.pdf)

7 July Pegasus Theatre

Oxford Street Dance Masterclasses with EmJ Greig and guests: Saturdays 2-5pm on 7th July, Cost: £10 per session Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, Oxford Oxfordshire OX4 1RE Tel: 01865 812150

Alice Day Oxford Town Hall July 7 from 10.30

Museum of Oxford at the Town Hall

Free admission. Open 10 – 5 pm daily except Sunday when 11 – 3.30pm ([www.oxford.gov.uk](http://www.oxford.gov.uk) )

Game On! – gallery trail for families: 30 June to Saturday 15 September 2012

Exploration Station £1.50 per pack. Make medals and torches

Available every Saturday and Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in school holidays. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

16 August – drop in and make a globe

Coombe Mill

Combe Mill is open for viewing [not in steam apart from our advertised Steaming Events] Wed and Sun until 17 October. Admission: Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1.50, under 5s free

Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough. Oxfordshire OX29 8ET

Long Hanborough is the original home of Blenheim Palace Estate’s sawmill and workshops. See how our forebears harnessed fire, steam and water to power sawmill machinery and work metal. Admire some of the machinery, artefacts and products of their times. Enjoy the restored waterwheel and take a break at our picnic area by the beautiful River Evenlode.

Cogges Manor Farm, Witney OX28 3FR (car park). Open 31st March 2012 - 4th November 2012, Tues-Sun 10:00-17:00; Bank Holiday Mondays 10:00-17:00.

Tel: 01993 772602 email: ops@cogges.org.uk

Contemporary dance course in Oxford over 13s: 23 July – 26 July 5.30 p.m. – 7 pm. Oxford Town Hall [www.dancinoxford.co.uk](http://www.dancinoxford.co.uk)

Didcot Railway Centre

The only place in the world where 170 years of railway history comes together with a replica 1840 broad gauge train running next to today’s high speed railway. Featuring a collection of over 20 steam locomotives, many housed in the original engine shed, a collection of passenger coaches & freight wagons. Many original GWR buildings, structures & relics. Ride behind genuine GW steam engines.

Open 1030 - 1600, weekdays, 1700 weekends during BST. Rest of year 1030 - 1600 Prices vary according to static day, or steam day with 1, 2, or 3 engines in steam, or for special events. 01235 817200

Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 7NJ

Farmer Gow’s Activity Farm Fernham Road, Longcot, nr Faringdon

Open daily 10am - 5pm. ’Hands on’ Meet the Animals, daily at 11am and at 2pm. Bottle fed lambs & kids, cows & pigs, goat & ferret walking, chick handling, egg collecting. Giant bale climbs to clamber over and tunnels to crawl through, pedal tractors to drive and adventure play areas to explore. A great day out. Further details from the farm’s website.

Adults ~ £7, Children ~ £6, under 3s – free, Family ~ £24, discounts for OAPs, disabled, students and groups. Plus school trips, birthday parties, annual passes ~ tel: 01793 780 555

Fernham Road, Longcot, nr Faringdon, SN7 7PR

Oxford Ice skating OX1 1RX 0844 8933 222 [www.oxford.gov.uk/oxfordicerink](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/oxfordicerink)

Science Oxford Discovery zone £3.50 each for adult / child. Science Oxford Live is open from 10am until 5pm on Saturdays, and on weekdays during Oxfordshire school holidays. Both exhibition and discovery zone are located on the ground floor.

Oxford Buses to and from Barton, Oxford Brookes University and JR Hospital all stop at St.Clements, a minute away from Science Oxford Live. OX4 1BD.

Rocket Blast Off 27 July 11am or 2 pm. Be a rocket scientist for the day! Design, make and launch your own rocket at this hands-on session. How high will yours fly? Suitable for 6+

Science Surprises 31 July various times. The experiments are ready. Now you decide which ones we do! In this show, each experiment is a surprise, and you will never see the same show twice! Suitable for 5+

Cartoon Science 6 August various times. Kapow! Come along to this fun and interactive show that explores the weird and wonderful laws of physics that exist in the cartoon world. Suitable for 8+ , at £5 each.

Puzzle It Out 17 August 11 – 4pm drop in Can you crack a mind-bending mystery, or solve a puzzling problem? Drop in to this workshop and play our collection of puzzles and games. Suitable for 8+

Crafty Rafts – 23 August various times. Help! The zoo has been flooded and the animals need rescuing! Come along to construct a raft that will safely transport the animals back to dry land. This is a great opportunity to come and visit the discovery zone. Ticket price already includes free entrance to the discovery zone, so all you need to do is allow a little extra time. Suitable for 5+

Atomised! the theatre of everything. (1) 6 – 10 August for ages 11 -14 yrs (2)13 -17 August, 10am – 5 pm. For age 15 – 19 (science and theatre course at Rutherford Appleton laboratory and Science Oxford, with Oxford Playhouse 01865 305305; £125)

K’nex Mars Rover 29 AUguts various times. What would a rover need to explore the surface of Mars? Our friendly staff will guide you through the skills needed to construct a Mars rover using the construction toy K’Nex. Suitable for 8+

Oxford Bus Museum Long Hanborough

Hours of opening are from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Last admission is at 3.30pm. It is open throughout the year on Sundays, Wednesdays and most Bank Holidays. From May to the end of September, it is also open on Saturdays. Adults £4.50, children £2.50. Station Yard, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX29 8LA Telephone: 01993 883617 (Museum opening hours only) or 01296 337622 (at other times).

Our regular free bus rides: On the first and third Sunday of each month from April until October, a bus from the collection will leave the Museum at midday and 3 o’clock for a free ride. Young visitors will find plenty to interest them at the museum. There is usually one bus designated as their playbus, An extensive arrangement of road signs, new as well as old, and even a full-size working set of traffic lights, are accompanied by a quiz sheet.

Friday 3rd August 2012 Little Wittenham

Family Bushcraft Day.10am - 3pm A day for all the family to get that wild living feeling! Explore the woods, make shelters, and even learn how to make a fire. Friends discounts apply. Adults £20, Children £15

Earth Trust, Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ Oxfordshire OX14 4QZ

Oxford University Museums – Family Friendly! FREE!

Pitt Rivers – anthropology and world archaeology – shrunken heads, totem poles… Tuesdays to Sundays 10 – 4.30pm; Mondays, opens at 12 noon.

Natural History museum open 10 – 5 pm every day. Dinosaur skeletons, birds and animals, insects (Closing for repairs during 2013)

Waterperry Gardens. Throughout August 2012 children will be able to find their way around the ornamental gardens using compass directions and fun clues, then pick up a summer treat from the teashop. (Compass supplied) Children must be accompanied by an adult (normal garden entrance fee applies). Trails are suitable for 3 – 6 year olds and 7+ years. No booking required. more

10am to 5.30pm. Adults £6.30. Children have free entry to the gardens - the trails cost £3 per child.

Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Near Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1JZ

4 August 2012 Aston Rowant Nature Reserve near Stokenchurch

Go Wild in the Chilterns! Discover the wildlife, crafts and countryside of the Chilterns at this family event. Featuring Wicker Man Oxford. Come along and help build this year’s wicker sculpture. Fun activities include mini-beast hunts, bushcraft, story telling and lots of craft activities. Bring a picnic and stay for the day! Ice cream and soft drinks available to buy. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs on leads welcome. Signed from the A40, near Stokenchurch. A partnership event between Natural England and the Chilterns Conservation Board. more

11am to 4pm. Adults £3, children £2 payable on the gate. Pre-booking not necessary. Contact Cathy Rose on 01844 355 506 or crose@chilternsaonb.org for more information.

12 August 2012 Coleshill is on the B4019 between Highworth and Faringdon

Step back in time and visit a working mill on our beautiful rural Estate at Coleshill. Come and see flour being milled by a fully restored, water-powered grain mill which will be open to the public on Sunday 12 August from 2 pm. The mill and machinery which you will be able to see are largely unchanged from the early years of the twentieth century, although the mill has a much longer history than that. There is a short walk down to the mill from the car park at the Estate yard. Please note that there is deep water and working machinery so all children should be accompanied by an adult. Assistance dogs only please. Wheelchair access is limited. more

2pm - 5pm. £2.20 per adult £1.10 per child. NT members free. For further details contact 01793 762209

Coleshill is on the B4019 between Highworth and Faringdon Oxfordshire SN6 7PT

Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve. Opposite Cowleaze Wood car park, signed from A40 Oxfordshire OX49 5HX

15 August 2012 Waterperry Gardens

Specially for children aged 5 to 12, enjoy a 45 minute drama workshop before watching The Sword In The Stone performed in the gardens by Cambridge Touring Theatre. Youngsters can meet the actors, learn songs from the shows and play drama games. Meet outside the garden shop at 4.15pm. more

Cost £3.50 per child (tickets for the show at 6pm cost extra). To book for The Sword In The Stone production, please visit our website at www.waterperrygardens.co.uk or call us on 01844 337264.

Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Near Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1JZ

15 August 2012 Coleshill is on the B4019 between Highworth and Faringdon

Join our local bat expert as we go in search of these nocturnal flying mammals around the village of Coleshill. Bat detectors will be provided to help seek out and study the various species of bat which live in and around the village. The walk will help raise awareness about ways to preserve bats and protect their habitats. Please bring a torch and wear suitable clothing for the weather. more

8pm - 9.30pm. £4 per adult, £2 per child. Meet in Estate Office car park. Booking essential 01793 762209.

Coleshill is on the B4019 between Highworth and Faringdon Oxfordshire SN6 7PT

19 August 2012

Blenheim Palace opens its grounds for a unique cycling festival with something for everyone to enjoy including the Brompton World Championship, 20k Time Trial, 60/100mile Sportives, Pink Ribbonride and Family Rides. For entry prices visit www.bikeblenheimpalace.com more

To spectate - Park & Gardens. Ad-£11.50; Con-£8.50; Ch-£6; Fam-£30…….. Why not buy a Palace, Park & Garden ticket for the day and upgrade it FREE of charge to an Annual Pass giving you 12 months access to Blenheim.

Blenheim Palace, Woodstock Oxfordshire OX20 1PP

19 August Chinnor railway heritage day OX39 4ER (steam and diesel). 25 August – diesel trains. Sunday 26 Aug 2012 and Monday 27 Aug 2012 - Steam Train service and each child carrying a Teddy Bear will travel free when accompanied with a fare-paying adult. Hunt the Bear Quiz. 10.00 - 4.30 pm.

4 August

Woodland Ways Bushcraft courses 01234 351006

Near Appleton Oxfordshire. Teenagers Bushcraft age 12 -17 (2 days 1 night) 22-23 August, £155. Fire lighting and management, campfire cooking, game preparation, shelter building, sleeping in your shelter, tracking and woodcraft. Overnight the males and females will sleep in separate group shelters and our male and female instructors will remain between the two camps for safety considerations.

Family bushcraft (with over 8s) one day and one night 4 August or 8 August £110 plus £85

Huntersfield Equestrian centre

Pony Camp (age 4 up) near Faringdon (Little Coxwell, SN7) Nico 07717724692 or 01367243365