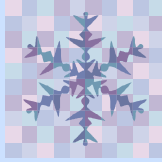


Cluster Christmas Newsletter

Christmas at the Forum

It's going to be a white Christmas at The Forum - and that's guaranteed! Once an hour, everyday throughout December up until Christmas Eve, an artificial snow shower will fall in front of the building creating a festive treat. Local choirs and musicians will be performing outside The Forum at weekends as the snow falls.



3 December - Sat 24 December 2011
10am-6pm (times may change)

Bure Valley Railway SANTA SPECIALS

Although Santa is very busy at this festive time of year, he has insisted that children visit him in his grotto at the Bure Valley Railway.

- Personalised present for each child.
- Return steam train ride starting from Wroxham.
- Refreshments for all the family.
- Railway workshops - a chance to see inside the railways workshop.
- All trains heated.
- A children's entertainer to keep children and adults amused.

The cost is £14.00 per person (for both adults and children), and the complete Christmas experience takes approximately 3 hours.

01263 733858

www.bvrw.co.uk

Norwich Puppet Theatre Red Riding Hood

Following the path to her grandmother's house, through a forest filled with howling wolves, Red Riding Hood needs to use her wits in order to survive.

Follow our heroine into the woods and expect a mix of puppetry, music, song and laughter.



Sat 17 Dec 2011 to Sat 31 Dec 2011
Price: £3.00 - £20.00
Running time: 55 minutes
Ages 4+

Children's Workshop - Christmas Character Glove Puppet

Make and decorate your own glove puppet

Maybe a Snowman, a Reindeer, Jack Frost or even Santa himself. Whatever the character, there will be lots of festive materials to choose from to decorate your puppet.

Wed 21 Dec 2011
Price: £7.50
Running time: 90 minutes
Ages: 5+

Family Workshop - Bird Marionette

This marionette - or string-operated puppet - has the theme of a bird.

It can be as fantastic as you want - create wings, fashionable claws, extravagant plumage like a bird of paradise or a red breast like a robin, the only fixed thing are the strings. These workshops offer an opportunity for families, parents/guardians and children to work together and make puppets.

There are a wide range of materials to choose from as you create the bird of your choice.

Thursday 29 Dec 2011 @ 11.00am

Price: £7.50

tel: 01603 629 921
www.puppettheatre.co.uk

Christingle Service at Norwich Cathedral

You are warmly invited to Norwich Cathedral's annual Christingle Service.

From 1.30 - 3.00pm there will be a free family Christingle craft session in the Cathedral, which will give everybody the opportunity to make a Christingle to light during the service, as well as a Wise Man or a Shepherd puppet, and to colour a square to make a large collage of an Angel.

Refreshments will be served in the South Transept between 2.45 and 3.15pm.

All donations made during the service will be given to The Children's Society to help provide vital funds for their work in supporting vulnerable children across the country

Saturday 3 December 2011 at 3.00pm

12 The Close, Norwich NR1 4DH
teL: 01603 218300



A Victorian Family Christmas at Gressenhall

Join in with carol-singing in the Chapel and watch a magic lantern show.

Make your own peg doll and a traditional Christmas card.

Taste workhouse gruel and see what's cooking on the range.

Watch your wallets, the Artful Dodger may be about!



Tuesday 20 & Thursday 22 December 2011

Times: 10:00 - 14:30

Price: Adults £7.00, Children (4-16) £5.00, Under 4s Free.

Museum Pass holders: Adults £6.00, Children (4-16) £4.00

Advance booking essential.

Please telephone 01362 869251 for tickets

Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse,
Gressenhall, Breckland,
Norfolk
NR20 4DR

Broadland District Council

Broadland District Council's Tots2Teens run holiday activities for children aged five years upwards during all school holidays. Activities are held throughout the Broadland District from Reedham to Reepham and the fringe parishes of Hellesdon and Thorpe St. Andrew.

To be eligible, children must live or go to school in Broadland.

Families can register free of charge to receive all our holiday information, but are required to complete and sign a parent consent form.

A variety of activities are organised including fun zones, sport zones, art zones, teen zones and wildlife zones.

Booking line numbers

01603 430538

01603 430552

01603 430570

Funzones which run from 9.30am - 3.30pm, are a mixture of arts, crafts and games activities for children aged 5-12 years. Children need to bring a packed lunch, plenty of drinks, wear suitable clothing and sensible shoes.

Art Zones consist of specialised art based workshops such as canvas painting, learning to draw, jewellery making and cookery.

Sports Zones offer a chance to try new sports and build on current skills. Sessions, led by qualified coaches, are offered in sports such as badminton, tennis, archery and golf. A number of sports follow governing body award schemes.

Teens Zones consist of specialised activities for those aged 10+. Activities include crime scene investigation, radio broadcasting & computer skills.

Through partnership working we are able to offer additional skills such as wildlife zones, subsidised theatre tickets, dance workshops and additional sports events.

<http://www.broadland.gov.uk>

HOLLYWOOD BOWL

1 Game of Bowling

A kid's hotdog and chips

Plus a refreshing drink

All for just £4.95 per person!

Why not add an extra game to your session for only £2.00 per person!

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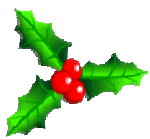
Visit the Grey Seals at Horsey

During the months of December and January the grey seal colony heads onto the beach to give birth to pups, providing a fantastic opportunity to get a close look at the seals and pups.

Young seals grow rapidly but are completely dependent on their mothers for the first weeks of their lives.

Drive to Horsey Gap and park, walk towards the beach and turn right on the path along the top of the dunes and follow the signs.

Be sure to stay behind the fences, follow the instructions on the signs - and don't take the dog!



Sounds of Christmas

Norwich Castle

Castle Mound, Norwich NR1 3JU

Tel. 01603 493625/495897

Sat 10 Dec 10am - 4.30pm

A day of music with Norwich Community Choir, The CNS Students' Jazz Band and Voices Gospel Choir plus traditional Christmas craft activities for all the family. Museum admission only.

Christmas at Strangers' Hall

Charing Cross, Norwich, NR2 4AL

Tel. 01603 493625/495897

1 - 22 December

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.30am - 4.00pm

Come and see this beautiful Tudor merchant's house decorated for the season. Step into the Great Hall decked with seasonal greenery and see the high table set for a feast. Admire the Victorian rooms with traditional tree, cards and crackers.

Visit Father Christmas in his toy workshop

*Sat 17, Wed 21 & Thurs 22 Dec**

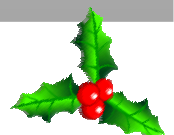
Seasonal music from Tudor & Stuart times

Tues 13, Thurs 15, Sat 17 & Thurs 22 Dec

Make Christmas decorations

Adult £3.70 / Concessions £3.10

Young Person (4-16) £2



Useful information and contacts:

Broadland District Council http://www.broadland.gov.uk	01603 430538 01603 430552 01603 430570
Bure Valley Railway www.bvrw.co.uk	01263 733858
Explore Norfolk www.visitnorfolk.co.uk	01603 213999
Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse	01362 869251
Hollywood Bowl	0844 826 1466
Norwich Castle	01603 493625/495897
Norwich Cathedral	01603 218300
Planet Ice UK www.planet-ice.co.uk	01603 416600
Puppet Theatre www.puppettheatre.co.uk	01603 629921
Strangers' Hall	01603 493625/495897

We very much hope you find this information useful!
All that remains to be said is : Have a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year from Kat, Katy and
Elaine - The Hellesdon Cluster Extended Schools
Team !!!