

Kids Calendar Chester Summer 2010

JULY

Fri 2nd-Sun 4th

International Show Jumping

Chester Racecourse, Chester. The Charles Stanley British Masters Show Jumping. Tented shopping village, children's rides, country pursuits, great food & drink. Admission Friday £5. Sat & Sun £10. Under 12's FREE, FREE Parking. 01244 304610 or book at www.chester-races.com/show-jumping

Sat 10th & Sun 11th

Tower Stories

Water Tower, City Walls, Chester. Explore the Water & Bonewaldesthorne's Towers, with children's activities to bring the past to life. 11am-4pm. FREE drop-in.

Sat 10th-Sat 11th Sept.

Space Hop Summer Reading Challenge

Read 6 challenging books of your choice over the summer holidays to complete the challenge and collect a medal and certificate. Suit Age 4-12 yrs but open to all children. Contact your local Cheshire West and Chester library for more details and your Space Hop membership card.

Sun 11th

Palms Last Ever Birthday Celebrations

Stapeley Water Gardens, Nantwich CW5 7LH. Due to relocation of the new Garden Centre, The Palms will close on Sun 5th Sept. Join the celebrations of 23 yrs of The Palms Tropical Oasis with Punch & Judy, Balloon Modelling, Magic Shows, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, and Party Bags. Special childrens party menu in the palms cafe. Tel 01270 623868 for more details. Or visit www.stapeleywg.com

Tues 13th

Pony Activities in the Holidays

Kelsall, Nr Chester. Join Cheshire Pony Parties for some holiday fun. Each session of 90 minutes includes grooming, tacking, leading and riding. Max. 6 children per session. Suit age 4-10 yrs. Children must be accompanied at all times. Lots of other dates. Contact Amanda on 01829 741919 or amanda@cheshireponyparties.co.uk

Sat 17th & Sun 18th

Tudor Festival

Stretton Watermill, Nr Farndon. SY14 7JA. Take a tour with a Tudor miller and see the ancient

technology of the mill in action. Discover country cures and herbal remedies. Play period games and discover what country folk ate for dinner! 12noon -5pm.

Sat 17th

Brimstage Maize Maze

Just Off M53 Junction 4 at Brimstage, Wirral. Fun and adventure for all. Ad £6.25. Ch £5.25. Family Ticket £21. Tel 07709 339490 or www.gregorysfarm.co.uk

Sat 24th

Noddy

Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl. 1.30pm & 4pm. It's an exciting day in Toytown, it's Noddy & Tessie Bear's sing-a-long, dance-a-long party and everyone is invited to join in the fun! Tickets £12. Box Office 01745 330000 or online at www.rhylpavilion.co.uk

Mon 26th

Space Hop Stories & Crafts

Tarporley Library, Eaton Rd, Tarporley. 2pm. Tel 01829 731794 for more details. In association with the Summer Reading Challenge. FREE but please book.

Tues 27th

Foamy Seascapes

Grosvenor Museum, Chester. Make a soft squashy sea picture full of life. 2-4pm. FREE drop-in session. 01244 402005

Wed 28th

Newts

Grosvenor Museum, Chester. 11am-3pm. 20 minute sessions throughout the day. Live newts are coming to the museum! Meet James Grundy, author of 'Newts in your pond and garden' and learn about these fascinating creatures. FREE.

Tues 27th - Tues 24th Aug

Children's Gardening Workshops

Grosvenor Garden Centre, Wrexham Rd, Belgrave, Chester CH4 9EB. Every Tuesday 10am-11am. £5.50 per child inc. juice, home-baked cookie and a packet of seeds to plant at home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets available from Customer Services on 01244 625200. www.grosvenorgardencentre.co.uk

Thurs 29th

Stick Insects

Grosvenor Museum, Chester. Create your own insect peg pet. 2-4pm. FREE drop-in.

Thurs 29th

Space Hop Stories & Crafts

Tarvin Library, Tarvin Community Centre, Meadow Close, Tarvin. 3pm. Tel 01829 740979 for more details. In association with the Summer Reading Challenge. FREE but please book.

Thurs 29th

Space Hop Stories & Crafts

Lache Library, Lache Park Ave, Chester CH4 8HR. 2.15pm. Tel 01244 683385 for more details. In association with the Summer Reading Challenge. FREE but please book.

Fri 30th

Space Hop Stories & Crafts

Tattenhall Library, Park Primary, Tattenhall. 2.30pm. Tel 01829 770769 for details. In association with the Summer Reading Challenge. FREE but please book.

Fri 30th

Stories & Crafts – Sock Puppets

Chester Library, Northgate St, Chester. 3-4pm. Tel 01244 977380 for more details. In association with the Summer Reading Challenge. FREE but please book.

AUGUST

Tues 3rd

Space Hop Stories & Crafts

Blacon Library, Western Ave, Blacon, CH1 5QY. 2pm. Tel 01244 390628 for more details. In association with the Summer Reading Challenge. FREE but please book.

Tues 3rd

Dress-Up Dolls

Grosvenor Museum, Chester. Create colourful clothes for your own paper doll. 2-4pm. FREE drop-in. Tel 01244 402005.

Wed 4th

Stories & Crafts – Telescopes

Chester Library, Northgate St, Chester. 10am -5pm. Tel 01244 977380 for more details. In association with the Summer Reading Challenge. FREE no need to book.

Tues 10th

Oil Pastel Landscapes

Grosvenor Museum. Design a colourful picture inspired by the different types of sky in the paintings on loan from the Duke of Westminster. 2-4pm. FREE drop-in.

Thurs 12th

Bird Boxes

Grosvenor Museum. Make a wooden bird box to attach to a tree in your garden. 2-4pm. FREE drop-in. 01244 402005

Tues 17th

Professor Newstead Puppet Show

Grosvenor Museum. Join in with Puppet Professor Newstead as he tells the adventure of the missing Delamere Horn. Make your own horn to take home. 2pm & 3pm. FREE. Tel 01244 402005

Wed 18th

The Journeyman – Storyteller in Residence

Grosvenor Museum. Johnny Gillett (The Journeyman) will lead fun sessions telling ‘watery’ stories in the galleries, with your ideas being woven into the tales as well. 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm & 2.30pm. FREE. 01244 402005

Thurs 19th

Georgian Fans

Grosvenor Museum. Create a lace-trimmed fan to keep you cool this summer. 2-4pm. FREE drop-in. 01244 402005.

Tues 24th

Flying Insects

Grosvenor Museum. Make a dragonfly, butterfly or moth, inspired by the ones in the ‘Mountains and Molehills’ exhibition, 2-4pm. FREE drop-in. 01244 402005.

Wed 25th

Bugs

Grosvenor Museum. Come and see a selection of creepy crawlies and join a short walk to discover what’s hiding in the bushes! 11am-12noon and 2-3pm. (examples in Newstead Gallery 1-2pm) FREE. Booking Essential at Museum Shop 01244 402005. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear suitable clothes.

Thurs 26th

Georgian Dolls House

Grosvenor Museum. Create a miniature building just like the ones in the ‘Georgian

Chester' exhibition. 2-4pm. FREE drop-in. 01244 402005.

Wed 25th & Thurs 26th

the little BIG CLUB

Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl. 1.30pm & 4pm. A fantastic new show for 2010 featuring Bob The Builder, Barney, Angelina Ballerina, Fireman Sam, Fifi Forget-Me-Not, and Pingu live on stage. Tickets £10. Box Office 01745 330000 or www.rhylpavilion.co.uk.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 18th & Sun 19th

Chester Kite Festival

Chester Racecourse. 10am-5pm. Internationally acclaimed exhibition, flying, synchronised acrobatics, altitude sprint, buggy displays, power kites, and a host of spectacular kite designs. FREE event, car parking charges will apply.