



Let's Get Out & About



Christmas Holidays 19th December 2015 – 4th January 2016



EXTENDED SERVICES

Take the stress out of school holidays with this quick and handy guide to what's on in Ealing and the surrounding areas. This action packed newsletter contains useful ideas, suggestions and activities for the whole family to enjoy during the school holidays (and after).

SPOTLIGHT ON...



Whatever the weather, at Hyde Park Winter Wonderland there are plenty of places to celebrate the season from inside. Entry to Winter Wonderland is **free**, and a wander past the fairground rides, around child-friendly Santa Land (including Santa's grotto) or through the Christmas markets is a real treat for anyone feeling the spirit of the season.



Opening times are 10am until 10pm, from 21st November 2015 to 3rd January 2016 excluding Christmas Day when the event is closed. Hyde Park Winter Wonderland is FREE to enter, so join in and enjoy the festive atmosphere. However you will need **a ticket** for Ice Skating, The Magical Ice Kingdom, Zippos Circus, the Giant Wheel and Bar Ice. Book early to avoid disappointment!



Attractions at Hyde Park's annual sparkly Christmassy addition include a **Giant Observation Wheel** and two circuses – '**Christmas Circus**' and '**Cirque Berserk**' – from the family-friendly Zippos Circus. **Winter Wonderland's ice rink**, (skates for hire) the biggest outdoor rink in the UK, surrounds the Victorian bandstand and is illuminated with more than 100,000 lights.



The **Magical Ice Kingdom** is your chance to get up close to some real ice and snow, meeting some mythical frozen beasts as you explore a chilly forest. Click here for all paid activities.

<http://hydeparkwinterwonderland.com/tickets>



Access: When booking tickets for the Ice Rink - Wheelchair users are welcome on the ice - Circus, Magical Ice Kingdom, Giant Wheel and Bar Ice, it helps to let Winter Wonderland know of any access requirements in advance so that they can best gauge the numbers that will be in attendance. This will also allow them to provide the right facilities for customers. They may not be able to deal with requests which are not arranged in advance. There is a **2-for-1 Carer / PA** ticketing scheme to provide disabled visitors who require full time assistance with a free ticket for a partner, accompanying friend or personal assistant (PA) for all pre-bookable attractions. To apply for the 2-for-1 scheme [click here](#) to take you to the webpage.

Where is it and how do you get there? Address: Winter Wonderland, Hyde Park, London, W2 4RU. The best way to get to Winter Wonderland is via public transport. There are many tube and mainline stations in close vicinity including: **Bond Street, Green Park, Knightsbridge, Marble Arch, Hyde Park Corner**, Paddington and Victoria. **Green Park station is best for step-free access.** For full details on public transport, visit www.tfl.gov.uk



Enjoy the spectacular **ice skating rink** next to the iconic Wembley Stadium and London Designer Outlet. (**Wembley Park Boulevard, Wembley, HA9 0QL**). The outdoor ice rink is open to everyone, from beginners to experts.

You and your family can skate, shop, eat, watch a movie or stroll through the traditional Christmas market. For more information visit <http://iceskatingatwembleypark.co.uk/buy-tickets/> **Where is it and how do you get there?** Trains from Northolt Park and Sudbury Hill all stop at Wembley Stadium. Tube: **Wembley Park** or **Wembley Central**. Bus Routes 83, 92 or 297 all stop within a few minutes' walk of London Designer Outlet.



Festive Fun in and around Ealing



Christmas Crafts and Festive Fun @ [The Libraries](#) Click on the link to the website for address and contact details for each library. **Admission: Free!**



Please check access and facilities for each site



Come and make Christmas cards @ **Greenford Library**

When: Saturday 19 December 11.00am – 12pm

Jacqueline Wilson`s 70th Birthday - Come along and celebrate with a story and a colouring session @ **Greenford Library**

When: Thursday 17 December 4.00 - 5.00pm

Come and make Christmas cards @ **Hanwell Library**

When: Thursday 17 December 11.00am – 12pm

Craft Activity - Figure making display @ **Northolt Library**

When: Thursday 17 December 11.00am – 12pm

Come and make festive Christmas cards! @ **Wood End Library, Northolt**

When: Saturday 12 December 2.00 - 3.00pm

When: Saturday 19 December 2.00 - 3.00pm

Christmas display and activities-card making, origami candle and candleholder and kwanzaa handprint wreath @ **Northfields Library**. When: Friday 18 December 2.00 - 4.00pm

Come and make Christmas cards @ **Jubilee Gardens Library**

When: Saturday 19 December 2.30 - 3.30pm

Christmas card and wreath making @ **Northolt Library**

When: Saturday 19 December 11.00am – 12pm

Make Christmas crafts to take home @ **Dominion Centre and Library, Southall**

When: Saturday 19 December 2.00 - 3.00pm

Fun at Home for the Wintery Blues. Fun for all the family at home this winter!

Little rainbows Get raiding the wardrobes to create your very own little, human-shaped rainbows. Get the children to find an item of clothing for each colour of the rainbow? Even better, can you run through the colours from head to toe? All dressed up? How about you sing the Rainbow song to celebrate! More ideas can be found <http://www.whattodowiththekids.co.uk/>



Home Crafts – Fake Snow How to make "Fake snow":

Mix 3 cups of baking soda to 1/2 cup white hair conditioner. You will also need a bowl to mix it in and maybe some easy to wipe trays for the children to use or a wipeable tablecloth. The snow can be moulded to create snow people. Or add wintery themed toys to create a wonderful landscape!



Create your own antique roadshow Set the children a challenge to create something with limited resources – have a panel of judges (use the grown-ups) to congratulate everyone and talk about what has been made, making up a history of the item and giving it a price. Use your imagination to build up a story about the item. What will you need? Paper, pens, newspaper, pencils, glue stick, old magazines, glitter, cut off bits of wallpaper, safety scissors etc



A time for giving... How would you and the children like to try your hands at **knitting** this December?



Sara Nathan runs a drop in session for Asylum-seeker families in West London. The drop in caters for up to 70 families each month providing hot food, a place for the children to play, a food voucher, rice, milk, toiletries and a range of second hand (donated) clothes, however there is a shortage of children's hats, scarves or gloves. If you would like to donate wool and/or knit some hat, scarves, gloves or mittens, please contact Sara sara@natsing.co.uk or 07775644134. More information through <http://www.dosomethinggood.org.uk/projects/knitting-hats-and-scarves-asylum-seekers-children>

Do you know anyone with a child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 that are due to start the first year of primary school (reception class) in September 2016? The deadline for school applications is **Friday 15 January 2016**. Full details can be found at http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/100005/education/1392/school_admissions

