

More Local Events in July-August

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With the summer holidays looming its well worth putting some dates in your diary to keep you and the little ones occupied. So here are a few activities to get you started.

Fri 24th July - Teddy Bears Picnic at Aldenham Country Park: Bring your old teddy bear and a packed lunch along to 100 Aker Wood and take part in a mass picnic. Events may include storytelling and face painting. (020 8953 9602)

Fri 24th July & Sat 25th July - The Gruffalo - Live on Stage at the Alban Arena: The tale of a little brown mouse who outwits a Gruffalo, based on the award-winning picture book, by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. (01727 844488, www.albanarena.co.uk)

Sat 25th July - Highfield Park Trust Fete: A day of family fun, the activities will include, pony rides, live bands, dancing displays, open air theatre from Trestle, plant stall, book stall, tombola, coconut shy, dog show, fire engine, beer tent, food and craft stalls – including an NCT stall! (01727 847242, www.highfieldparktrust.co.uk)

Mon 27th - Fri 31st July AND Mon 10th - Sat 15th August – Mad Science Summer Camps at Abbey C of E School: Mini Madness is suitable for 3-5 year olds and covers a variety of topics including Dinosaurs and Worms! You can book half or full days. (0845 051 4385, www.madscience.org/east)

Wednesdays 29th July and 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th August - One to One with Raptors at Aldenham Country Park: Come face to face with a range of beautiful birds of prey. This is a great opportunity for you to get really close to these wonderful birds. (020 8953 9602)

5th Aug - Bekonscot Model Village & Railway - 80th Birthday Celebration: Family fun day with falconry, mini train rides, remote controlled boats, vintage side shows, entertainers and mini carousel. (01494 672919, www.bekonscot.com)

Thursdays 6th and 13th August - Family Activity Day at Shaw's Corner: Wild-life themed activities suitable from 3 years held in the large garden, with some activities available under cover. There is no charge for activities but a donation may be required for materials. (01438 829221, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-shawscorner)

Other summer activities

The Little Gym Harpenden run summer camps, these are 2 hour sessions running between July & August and include a gym session, snack and some other activities. (www.thelittlegym-eu.com)

Gosling Sports park also run summer camps where your little ones can have tennis lessons or try out trampolining and gymnastics followed by a session in Jungle Mania or even Toddler Skiing! (www.goslingsports.co.uk)

Crash courses in swimming available at Harpers Fitness during the summer holidays. (www.harpersfitness.co.uk)

Don't forget the ever popular splash park at Verulamium, why not meet some pals and take a picnic. There's also the outdoor pool in Harpenden just next to the indoor swimming centre.

For further details and a continually updated list take a look at the <http://ToddlersDayOut.co.uk> What's On page.

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