

## Dear Readers

It's time to party! If you are looking for party inspiration you've come to the right place. Our party feature is bursting with ideas from real mums that have 'been there, done that, got the' ... party bag!

We have the second part of our three part series by C J Simister, 'How to Make Your Child Future-smart' which looks at how to help your child take the right sort of risk.

Out & About is bursting with half-term events and activities. Plus, lots of fetes, fairs and festivals and places to go. So, when your Son or Daughter asks: "What are we going to do today?". Just reach for your copy of Families Herts or log on to [www.familiesherts.co.uk/whatson](http://www.familiesherts.co.uk/whatson) for lots more ideas.

*Shelley Cooper, Editor*

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## Go 'Wild' with your Family

Building on the success of their children's outdoor adventure days, Wildchild is now giving the whole family a chance to get active out-of-doors and enjoy quality time together.

A Family Adventure day starts by building a base camp from which to plan your family tactics and strategy. You must then abseil down the 'Tower of Terror', and make your way over the awesome 'Adventure trail', using your skills to complete a number of family challenges as you go. For each challenge successfully accomplished, you will receive a piece of the missing treasure map. Put them together and orienteer through Wildchild Wood to find the secret code and escape!

Working together and supporting one another in a completely different environment, you will learn more about each other and discover hidden strengths whilst having great family fun!

The Family Adventure Day will be held at Phasel's Wood Activity Centre, Near Hemel on 26th June. For more information visit [www.wildchildactivities.com](http://www.wildchildactivities.com) or call 0845 3717099

national family week

31 May – 6 June 2010

## It's about time for families

Making time to spend together can be difficult in modern day life. With the summer half term holiday approaching, it's important to make the most of this time, a family trip to the cinema or a picnic in the park are simple, enjoyable ways to make the most of this valuable time. National Family week will be in full swing during the summer half term and there will be NFW events taking place all over the UK including community picnics, story-telling sessions and, even, a national Guinness World Record attempt. Enjoying what your local community has to offer is a perfect way to spend some quality time together. For a selection of FREE local NFW events take a look at our Out & About pages. For more details about all National Family Week events visit [www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk)



## Hertford Museum Gets a New Look

Hertford Museum has reopened its doors to the public following a major refurbishment funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Jake Orpin, aged 10 and from Hertford, was the lucky winner of a writing competition the museum organised. Jake's poem: 'My Heart of Hertford' was the winner from over 60 entries; his prize being to cut the ribbon and declare the exciting news to the waiting crowds that Hertford Museum was open once again.

As well as the new exhibitions and displays, young visitors will discover fun trails and quizzes, dressing up, and a play shop. The museum is now fully accessible, with two lifts that allow access to the toilets, garden and the first floor.

There will be lots of children's activities during the Summer half-term from 29th May until 4th June. For more details of what's on and opening times visit [www.hertfordmuseum.org](http://www.hertfordmuseum.org) or call 01992 582686.



## Is your family eligible for a free computer?

Home Access is a new government programme that runs until 2011 targeting families in England that do not have access to a computer or the internet at home. Eligible low income families with children in school years 3 to 9 can apply for a grant to purchase a computer and internet package which has been specifically designed to support learning.

This is a Government programme, which means there are no hidden catches. The grant value is up to £528. Depending on what you need, the grant allows you to purchase one of the following packages: full package (a computer, one year's internet access, service and support); computer with service and support only; one year's internet access only

For more information or to apply for a Home Access Grant call 0333 200 1004.