

PARTY news



Highlights from the online a&u party guide



The Party Guide

We first published our Party Guide in spring 2006. This spring it is fully updated it and can be viewed exclusively on our new website. There are extensive listings of recommended party entertainers, cake makers, party suppliers and the a & u guide to DIY and sleepover parties. It will continue to be updated regularly.

www.angelsandurchins.co.uk

NEW FOR BABIES

An excuse for a party for adults really, held at groovy locations across London.

www.babygroove.co.uk

MOST UNUSUAL

Make your own soap parties.

www.soapandbubbles.com Tel 0800 5300 0475

GOOD FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS

Magic Mikey. www.magic-mikey.co.uk

Tel 0870 4211052



GIRLY HEAVEN

Record your own record with friends.

www.studiostars.co.uk Tel 7627 5625

GOOD FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES

Multi sports followed by tea on a Routemaster bus. Rocks Lane Multi Sports in Chiswick.

Tel 8994 1313

BEST FOR STREET CRED

Climbing parties (over 9s) at The Castle Climbing Centre, Green Lanes, N4

Tel 07803 597669



GOOD FOR BUDDING PICASSOS

Jewellery making and mask parties at the London International Gallery of Children's Art. www.ligca.org Tel 7435 0903

GOOD FOR EXTRAVAGANT PARTIES

Themed parties – bouncy castles and juke box.

www.craftypartyparties.com

Tel 01300 345397.

BEST FOR MAKING YOUR OWN GOING AWAY PRESENTS

Charm bracelet party.

www.pacificjewels.co.uk Tel 8997 7619

BEST FOR BOYS

Tank parties in Surrey for the over 5s.

www.partytank.com Tel 0800 083 4710

BEST FOR WOULD-BE FAIRIES

Mystical fairies.

www.mysticalfairies.co.uk Tel 7431 1888



THE ICING ON THE CAKE

If you want to wow your guests with a birthday cake, Winnie Buswell cupcakes for children's birthdays will do the job nicely. Lovingly homemade and decorated with handmade sugar flowers and fairy dust (or simply chocolate beans and sprinkles) they look great piled high on cake stands or on a tray with candles. Winnie Buswell and her team also do retro-feeling tea parties bringing cakes and stands with them. And even better, they take it all away at the end – so you don't even need your rubber gloves.

Winnie Buswell Cakes Tel 8995 0868

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PARTY BAGS

However much mums and dads groan at the extravagance and environment waste, up to the age of about 6, kids really want party bags. Here are some absolute winners, which will delight kids and parents too.

- Usborne ballerina/fairy/dolly sticker activity books.
- Mr Grasshead seed pots
- Mister Men books
- Paint your own plant pot, mug etc from The Early Learning Centre



- Football medal
- Pots of play dough
- If you have a birthday before Christmas, a Christmas tree decoration.
- Or near Easter, an Easter decoration or Lindt bunny.
- Thornton's chocolate gorilla (about £5) or large homemade biscuit and ice each child's name
- 'Joke' items including fake dog poo, snap chewing gum and bloody finger.



- Cricket cap or football
- Frisbee
- Jumbo Pencils
- Top Trump cards
- Hoola hoops or skipping ropes
- Glowstick bracelets and necklaces
- Single Playmobil or Lego toy
- Gingerbread man
- Match Attax or trading cards
- Paperback book
- Pack of regular playing cards

