

## FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

### YOUNG LIGHTS

**Looking ahead:** Intrepid youngsters can battle space aliens, dance at a silent disco and discover a hidden forest as they explore the city centre during this year's fantastic Light Night Leeds. The annual arts spectacular is set to include more events for younger visitors than ever before, with family friendly activities on both October 5 and 6.



### SUPERHERO WALK

**Have a heart:** The Children's Heart Surgery Fund is calling on families to take part in the charity's Superhero Walk at Temple Newsam Park tomorrow. The one mile sponsored walk, starting at 11.30am is suitable for all ages. The £10 family entry includes a meal for every finisher and entertainment. Email [events@chsf.org.uk](mailto:events@chsf.org.uk)



### HERITAGE DAY

**Heritage:** Middleton Railway, boasting the world's first successful load-hauling steam locomotive in 1812, is offering tours of its historic site in South Leeds this weekend as part of the nationwide Heritage Open Days event. The tours, from 10am-3pm, will take visitors through the history from the coal outcrops of the mediaeval times via the Industrial Revolution to the present day as the country's first standard-gauge preserved railway. No need to book in advance.



**SEASIDE FUN:** On the beach at Scarborough.

# All the magic of a day at the British seaside

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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**SIPPING COCKTAILS** on the seafront, swimming in an infinity pool and lying down immersed in hot bubbles whilst your face feels the breeze.

You'd think my family and I were somewhere exotic when in fact we'd gone for a day trip to Scarborough.

And while the car had to sail through the floods to get us to Alpmare, Scarborough's newly built water park, it was well worth the slow journey from Wakefield.

The in and outdoor water park was heaving with people enjoying the slides, wave pool



and outdoor area. My girls aged, two and five, loved the shallow kids water area and mini slide although as they were under six

they couldn't go on the bigger slides.

Luckily for me, I had my step dad on hand so I got to try out most of the slides which were fast and fun.

But my favourite part was chilling outside in the infinity pool overlooking the sea.

Food and drink were on tap too and you just pay with the wristband you get on entry to the park.

I couldn't help but feel the holiday vibe and I could imagine that at night it would be an amazing place to have a pool party - who needs

Las Vegas when you've got Scarbs?

What's more is that soon they're opening a large spa area, all I need now is a holiday club or willing grandparents to look after the kids!

Alpmare is ideally located on the north bay just 600m from Peasholme Park and Scarborough's Open Air theatre.

After a brilliant afternoon at the water park we then made our way over to the South Bay to finish off our day at the Scarborough Spa.

We'd been invited to watch Magic Mike, a child-friendly magician, in his last show of the season.

And it really did make us feel like we were on holiday.

It was good old British seaside fun. The show took place, despite the bad weather, upstairs in the Ocean Room.

We all sat behind tables as we enjoyed cups of tea and chips whilst watching the interactive performance. What more could you ask for?

The girls loved it too as there hadn't been restrained in the usual theatre style seating and instead they could run around.

# Family living

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