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Tourist office: Yes, of course. Good morning. This is burning tourist office. Martin speaking.

Customer: Oh, hello. I saw a poster about free things to do in the area, and it said people should phone you for information. I'm coming to Burnham with my husband and two children for a few days on June the 27th or possibly 28. And **Example I'd like some ideas for things to do on the 29th.**



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Tourist office: Yes, of course. OK, then let's start with a couple of events, especially for children. The Art Gallery is holding an event called Family Welcome that day, when their activities and trails to use throughout the gallery.

Customer: That sounds interesting. What time does it start?

Tourist office: The gallery opens a 10 and the Family Welcome event runs from **q1 10.30** until two o'clock. The gallery stays open until five and several times during the day, they're going to show a short film that the gallery has produced. It demonstrates how **q2 ceramics** handmade and they'll be equipment and materials for children to have a go themselves. Last time they were in the event, there was a film about painting, which went down very well with the children, and they're now working on one about sculpture.

Customer: I like the sound of that. And what are the events happening?

Tourist office: We'll do. You all enjoy listening to music?

Customer: Oh, yes,

Tourist office: Well, there are several free concerts taking place at different times – one or two in the morning, the majority at **q3 lunchtime**, and a couple in the evening. And they range from pop music to Latin American

Customer: American.

Tourist office: The Latin American could be fun. What time is that?

It's being repeated several times in different places. They're performing in the Central Library at one o'clock, then at Ford's in the City **q4 Museum** and in the evening at 7 30 There's a longer concert in the theater

Customer: Right? I'll suggest that to the rest of the family.

Tourist office: Something else you might be interested in is the boat race along the river.

Customer: Oh, yes. Do you tell me about that?

Tourist office: The race starts at **q5 Offord Marina** to the North of Burnham and goes as far as summer pool. The best place to watch it from his Charlesworth Bridge, though that does get rather crowded.

Customer: And who's taking part?

Tourist Office: Well, local boat clubs, but the standard is very high. **q6 One of them came first in the West of England regional championship in May this year** – it was the first time a team from Burnham has one It means that next year will be representing the region in the national championship.

Customer: Now I've heard something about Paxton Nature Reserve. It's a good place for spotting unusual **q7 birds**, isn't it?

Tourist office: That's right. Throughout the year, there is a lake there as well as a river, and they provide a very attractive habitat. So it's a good idea to bring binoculars if you have them, and just that the moment you can see various **q8 flowers** that a pretty unusual. The soil of Pakistan isn't very common. They're looking good right now,

Customer: Right? My husband will be particularly interested in that,

Tourist office: And there's going to be a talk on slideshow about **q9 mushrooms** – and you'll be able to go out and pick some afterward and study the different varieties.

Customer: Uhuh. And is it possible for children to swim in the **q10 river**?

Tourist office: Yes, part of it has been fenced off to make it safe for children to swim in. It's very shallow. And there's a lifeguard on duty whenever it's open the Lakers to date. So swimming isn't allowed there.

Customer: Okay, we must remember to bring their swimming things in case we go to Paxton. How long does it take to get there by car from Burnham?

Tourist office: About 20 minutes, but parking is very limited, so it's usually much easier to go by bus – and it takes about the same time.

Customer: Right. Well, I'll discuss the options with the rest of the family. Thanks very much for all your help.

Tourist office: You're welcome.

Customer: Goodbye.

Tourist office: Bye.

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