

The Ginger Pop Shop Diary Dates 2008

Secret Island Day

Corfe Castle, Thursday 29 May, 11.00 - 4pm,
Usual NT castle admission fees

It is 70 years since Enid Blyton wrote *The Secret Island*, which is now considered to be one of her finest novels. The children in this book were highly resourceful, camping out on their Secret Island for six months. To find out more about the book, we will have an expert on 1930s aviation, learn about bats, and listen to a wind up gramophone. We shall also try cooking on a fire, looking after hens and (possibly!) making a Willow House.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Corfe Castle Churchyard, Saturday 14 June, 3pm. Free

The Ginger Pop Shop is joining forces with Corfe Bears to bring you a special story-telling all about Teddy Bears. This is part of CorFest 2008, with special events happening around the village all weekend. For details pick up a leaflet or visit corfest.co.uk

Enid Blyton's Birthday Party

Corfe Castle, Monday 11 August, 11.00 - 4pm,
Usual NT castle admission fees

Enid would have been 112 this year, and will be sure to join us in spirit as we celebrate her birthday in style. You can learn to send secret messages in morse code, meet a giant, enjoy non-stop story telling and play proper party games, all finished off with birthday cake and ginger beer, of course!

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You can download a guide to Enid Blyton Country from
www.gingerpop.co.uk

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Whispering Island Requires booking: (01202) 707744

Brownsea Island, Tuesdays: 27 May, 24 June, 29 July, 26 August
11.00 - 12.30, usual NT island admission fees
Enjoy a nostalgic trip down memory lane, with a guided walk & talk exploring Blyton's fascination with islands, particularly Brownsea's link with the 'Famous Five' series.

In the Footsteps of the Famous Five

Thursdays June - September at 2.30pm. 75 mins.
Adults £2 concessions £1. Tickets from the Ginger Pop Shop
A gentle walk around Corfe Castle village looking at how this part of Dorset came to influence some of the world's best loved children's books. There are just a few steps to negotiate.

Kirrin Castle Portrait

To mark the 40th anniversary of Enid Blyton's death, Ginger Pop has commissioned a new portrait of the author by Hannah Avery. Phone (01929) 477214 for details.

Talks for your group or school

Viv has a 45 min slide presentation "Five Cheers for Enid Blyton" for £25 +25p/mile. Talks for schools negotiable!

Things for you to find

The Wishing Chair outside the Ginger Pop Shop
The Famous Five storyboard at Corfe Castle railway station
Malory Towers storyboard at Norden railway station
The model in the Window in the Wall in Corfe Castle Square

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The Ginger Pop Shop is open daily (except some Fridays)
April - October Phone (01929) 477214