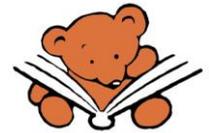




# IPSWICH CHILDREN'S BOOK GROUP



## Summer Newsletter 2014

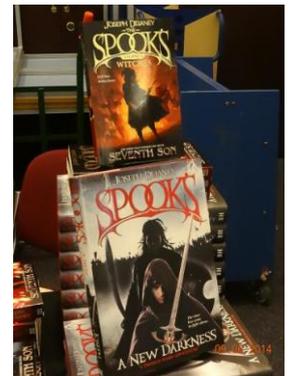
Summer is here and the holidays are not far away, so we hope you will have time to enjoy the latest Carousel magazine, as well as our newsletter and please put Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November in your diaries – the date of our second one day conference, *Adventures in the Real World – Exploring Information Books for Children*.

### PAST EVENTS

**Joseph Delaney**  
**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2014**

**Lecture Theatre, Country Library, Ipswich**

An evening of spooks, witches and boggarts as Joseph Delaney talked about his books and the forthcoming film adaptation *Seventh Son*, due for release in February 2015 and starring Jeff Bridges, Ben Barnes and Julianne Moore.



### HISTORY KEEPERS COMPETITION WINNER

Many congratulations to Alison Brady, who was the winner of the competition to win copies of the first two books in the History Keepers series by Damien Dibben – *The Storm Begins* and *Circus Maximus*. I asked where you would most like to travel back in time to and who you would like to meet there. Alison chose Edinburgh Castle in 1566, when Mary, Queen of Scots, had given birth to her son. She would like to walk down the Royal Mile to the library, where Mary, a keen reader, is mentioned as visiting, to choose a book for her majesty. Alison was presented with her prize at the recent talk by Joseph Delaney.

**Jayne Gould**

### Federation Gift 2013 – The School Room, Ipswich Hospital



The School Room at the Ipswich Hospital endeavours to provide a haven of normality and activities for children to escape to, creating a comfortable, stimulating and safe environment for pupils of all ages to engage in educational activities. It is invaluable in helping them to cope with the ordeal of illness at a time when the experience of being away from home, school and friends can be quite traumatic.

We therefore felt they were a very worth recipient of last year's Federation Gift - £250 presented by the

Federation of Children's book Groups at their annual conference.

Representatives of the School room came along and chose some books and we have helped them spend the balance choosing books which fit their needs.



**Adventures in the Real World - Exploring Information Books for Children**  
**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**Broke Hall School, Ipswich (TBC)**



Save the date! This will be our second one day conference and the focus will be on information books for children and links to the FCBG's launch of National Non-Fiction November. Speakers will talk about the incredible range of factual books now available and about their approaches to a variety of subjects. We are delighted that Clive Gifford, Sarah Ridley, Christopher Lloyd and Chris Brown have accepted our invitations so far. The bookshop will be run by Marilyn Brocklehurst of the Norfolk Children's Book Centre and Suffolk Schools Library Service will have a display. Look out for further information and news in the next few weeks.



### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. The theme for 2014 will be Mytical Maze created by top illustrator Sarah McIntyre and challenges children aged four to eleven to find their way around a labyrinth that introduces them to fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology collecting stickers of each along the way.

To take part they just need to sign up at their local library from the 19<sup>th</sup> July (the challenge runs until the 6<sup>th</sup> September) and then read six library books. There is also an interactive app from the Apple and Android app stores to explore hidden surprises in the Mytical Maze poster and there is also the Summer Reading Challenge website (<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>) where books can be logged and reading suggestions and games can be found.

### The Comedy of Errors and Wuthering Heights

**Jimmy's Farm, Pannington Hall Lane, Wherstead, Ipswich, IP9 2AR**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2014**

The Red Rose Chain Theatre Company will be returning to Jimmy's Farm for a seven week run of their two productions; A Comedy of Errors and Wuthering Heights. For more information visit their website <https://www.redrosechain.com//theatre-in-the-forest--information> or phone 01473 603388



### History House at Christchurch Mansion



**Thursdays 31st July, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**Bookable sessions at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 14:00 and 15:00**

Meet different characters from the Mansion's past, handle objects, hear stories, make things and discover secrets about the lives of people who lived and worked in the Mansion. £3 per person.

To book please call 01473 433691

<http://www.cimuseums.org.uk/HISTORYHOUSE>

## 26 Characters: Celebrating Childhood Story Heroes An Exhibition at The Story Museum, Oxford

A sumptuous volume accompanies the current exhibition at The Story Museum in Oxford, in which 26 of today's top authors have been transformed into their favourite story book character and then photographed by Cambridge Jones. During the photo shoots, Cambridge asked each author three questions: "Why did you choose this character?" "Why did you become an author?" and "Why do stories matter?" The interviews are included here along with four new stories. The book is available on the Story Museum website <http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/26characters/>, where you will also find other resources. Well worth a visit if you are anywhere near Oxford over the summer!



### Visiting London this Summer?

**Look out for... Books about Town** - fifty unique BookBenches, designed by artists and illustrators to celebrate London's literary heritage and reading for enjoyment. Visit their website <http://www.booksabouttown.org.uk/> for more information and to download the four different trail maps.



### The House of Illustration

2 Granary Square, King's Cross, London N1C 4BH

This is believed to be the world's first public education space and gallery dedicated to the art form and its opening exhibition, *Inside Stories*, celebrates the work and career of Quentin Blake. <http://www.houseofillustration.org.uk/home>



### Daydreams and Diaries: The Story of Jacqueline Wilson

V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 9PA



This exhibition celebrates all things Jacqueline Wilson, giving you a chance to find out about her childhood, early career and what inspires her to write.

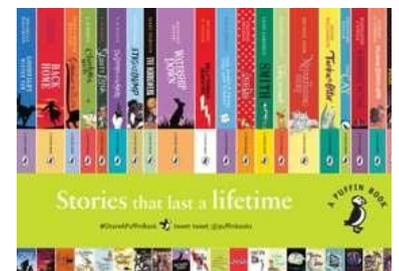
It features original notebooks along with childhood toys, school reports and diaries. There are also extracts and illustrations from some of her popular books. See more at: <http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions-and-displays/daydreams-and-diaries-the-story-of-jacqueline-wilson#sthash.celiKhkn.dpuf>

### A Puffin Book Summer Exhibition

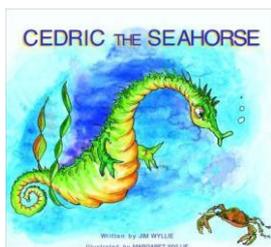
Waterstones Piccadilly, London

Monday 21 July – Sunday 24 August 2014

This free exhibition of Puffin archive material will give both young and old readers a unique opportunity to see first editions, original letters and artwork from much-loved children's authors such as Mary Norton and Michelle Magorian and to find out how *The Borrowers* and *Goodnight Mister Tom* became the stories we know.



## Cedric the Seahorse



Cedric the Seahorse is the hero of a series of 6 books by Suffolk author Jim Wyllie, illustrated by his wife Miggie, a professional artist. The locations for the Cedric stories are based on the area where they live and sail. Cedric was conceived by Jim, following completion of his Literature Degree, to encourage children's imagination and reading ability. The books include the words in the National Literary Strategy for Reception and Years 1 & 2 and have been recently reworked to make them dyslexia friendly. Jim loves reading his stories and also delivers

Creative Writing Workshops in Primary Schools. Cedric has his own webpage on [www.skycatpublications.com](http://www.skycatpublications.com) where you can find activity sheets and colouring pages as well as contact details if you are interested in inviting Jim for a school visit.

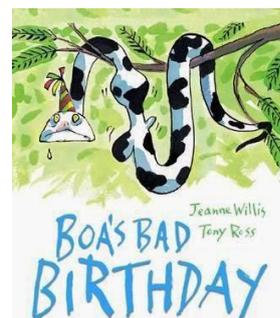
## SUMMER READING 2014

Books for those lazy days on holiday, by the pool, in the garden or on the beach.

### Boa's Bad Birthday

Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross  
Andersen Press

It was Boa's birthday and he hoped it was going to be the best one ever. All his friends had been invited and they would bring him wonderful presents. Wouldn't they? It is hard to be grateful when your presents really aren't suitable but Boa's mum encourages him to say thank you for them all.



### Zeraffa Giraffa

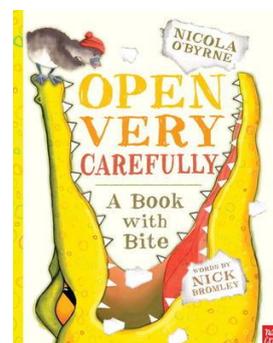
Diane Hofemeyr and Jane Ray

Illustrated in glowing jewel colours, this is the astonishing true story of Zeraffa, a giraffe sent as a gift from Egypt to France in 1826. A young boy, Atir, takes care of her on the epic journey, as thousands come to marvel at the sight.

### Open Very Carefully

Nick Bromley and Nicola O'Byrne  
Nosy Crow

What do you do if you find a very grumpy crocodile in your story book? Try and get him out of course, but be careful, he's eating the letters and words and he might scratch and bite! An innovative and interactive story which is great fun.



### Foxy Tales: The Road to Fame and Fortune

Caryl Hart  
Illustrated by Alex T. Smith  
Hodder Children's Books

Foxy DuBois is on the road to fame and fortune. Only one thing stands in her way: Alphonso the Alligator! Dreaming of a career in the movies, Foxy takes an opportunity to go to Jollywood only to discover that the annoying Alphonso has stowed away. Maybe persuading him to work as a stuntman could solve her problems! An entertaining and funny tale for readers of 7+.

### **Destination Earth**

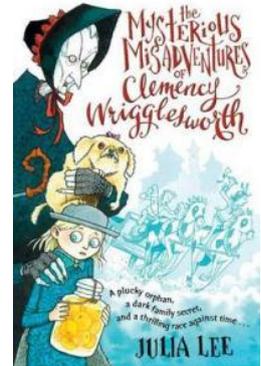
Ali Sparkes  
Oxford

Lucy is the last surviving member of her race and has journeyed for 10 years to reach Earth. She is well equipped to start a new life, but unfortunately the species which wiped out her planet, has hitched a ride aboard her spacecraft and will awake very soon... A thrilling science fiction adventure which keeps the reader hooked until the end.

### **The Mysterious Misadventures of Clemency Wigglesworth**

Julia Lee  
Oxford

Orphaned and alone in the world, Clemency is taken in by the madcap Marvel family. But it is a surprise to them all when she is kidnapped by the frightening Miss Clawe, A race against time and around the country ensues, as they discover that Clemency could be in terrible danger in this funny and fast moving tale.



### **Counting by 7s**

Rachel Goldberg Sloan  
Piccadilly Press

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s..

Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world.

If you loved Wonder, then you'll love this! An uplifting, heartwarming story of difference, acceptance and the importance of friendship as Willow changes the lives of those around her.

### **Out of the Easy**

Ruta Sepetys  
Penguin

Josie Moraine wants out of The Big Easy – she needs more than New Orleans can offer. Josie dreams of going to a prestigious college but as the daughter of a brothel prostitute, she knows her ambition may not be achievable. Dangerous undercurrents threaten to suck her into a life she does not want in this enthralling read.

### **Silent Saturday**

Helen Grant  
Corgi Children's

Seventeen-year-old Veerle is bored with life in suburban Brussels. But a chance encounter with a hidden society, whose members illegally break into unoccupied buildings around the city, soon opens up a whole new world of excitement - and danger. When one of the society's founding members disappears, Veerle suspects foul play. But nothing can prepare her for the horror that is about to unfold when an old foe emerges from the shadows... No one is safe, and The Hunter *will* strike again... This gripping read is the first in the Forbidden Spaces trilogy; Veerle's story continues in **The Demons of Ghent**.

Coming in August

Look out for the final book in the Skulduggery Pleasant series, **The Dying of the Light**, published on 28<sup>th</sup> August by HarperCollins Children's Books. The War of the Sanctuaries has been won, but it was not without its casualties. Skulduggery must use any and all means to track down and stop Darquesse before she turns the world into a charred, lifeless cinder. And so he draws together a team of soldiers, monster hunters, killers, criminals... and Valkyrie's own murderous reflection. The war may be over, but the final battle is about to begin. And not everyone gets out of here alive...



And for fans of Sarah Crossan comes **Apple and Rain** from Bloomsbury on 14 August. When Apple's mother returns after eleven years of absence, Apple feels whole again. She will have an answer to her burning question - why did you go? And she will have someone who understands what it means to be a teenager - unlike Nana. But just like the stormy Christmas Eve when she left, her mother's homecoming is bitter sweet, and Apple wonders who is really looking after whom. It's only when Apple meets someone more lost than she is, that she begins to see things as they really are. Sarah Crossan entices you into her world, then tells a moving, perceptive and beautifully crafted story which has the power to make you laugh and cry.

**Jayne Gould**

**We will continue to send some emails of interest over the holiday period and whatever you are doing we hope you enjoy your break.**

**Happy Summer Reading,**

**Shirley Imlach  
July 2014**



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