



Welcome to the second Story Museum update. Six months on and it's all happening ...

## February events in Oxford

Saturday 18th February 2006, 10-11am  
**BEST FRIENDS**

A rare chance to hear Children's Laureate Jacqueline Wilson OBE talking about her books and characters and watch award-winning illustrator Nick Sharratt bring them to life.

*Oxford Playhouse SOLD OUT, SORRY*

Sunday 19th February 2006, 2.30-3.30pm  
**KETCHUP IN YOUR HANDBAG**

Join award-winning children's illustrators Sue Heap and Nick Sharratt for a fun-filled session of story reading and drawing. Featuring a wide range of their books including Sue's Handbag Friends and Nick's Ketchup on your Cornflakes.

*Jacqueline du Pré Music Building  
St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, Oxford  
Tickets Tel: 01865 305305  
Family event for 3-6 year olds*



We're having a lot of fun and the children tell us they are too.

## Want to help the Story Museum to grow?

We welcome donations however large or small. Please send cheques (made out to 'The Story Museum') to our office or, better still, contact us first so we can post or email you a simple gift aid form so we can claim the tax on your donation.

*giftaid it*



Treat the child in your life (or yourself) to a stunning Story Museum A2 poster by Korky Paul (£5 plus £2 p&p) or better still a limited edition Giclee print (£250 to order).

On sale at Story Museum events or via our office (01865 790050).

## School Story Days get 10 out of 10

Following a very successful pilot supported by Oxfordshire LEA, the Mercers' Company and the Bartlett Taylor Charitable Trust, the Story Museum's School Story Day programme received major funding from the Arts Council and Ernest Cook Trust to roll out across the county. This year we will be taking a story performance and exhibition into 50 or more primary schools. Our first stories are the Greek myth, The Minotaur, and the Islamic wonder-tale, The Tree of Life. We're booked until Easter but have dates available in terms 5 and 6.



## Write On!

The Story Museum is collaborating with BBC Radio Oxford, OUP and Oxfordshire LEA on a children's creative writing competition. Five children's authors wrote story beginnings for children aged 8 to 12 to complete. The 5 winning stories (from 500 entries) will be read on the radio and published in aid of Children in Need. Jacqueline Wilson will present prizes to the winners at her Story Museum event at Oxford Playhouse on 18th February.

## Meanwhile...

We haven't forgotten the big project. Behind the scenes we're busy developing our ideas for a permanent Story Museum and investigating possible sites and sources of funding. We'll keep you posted.

## Want to know more?

Check our website, [www.storymuseum.org.uk](http://www.storymuseum.org.uk), phone our office (01865 790050) for a leaflet or email one of the Story Museum team:

Schools enquiries: [chris@storymuseum.org.uk](mailto:chris@storymuseum.org.uk)

Public events: [elizabeth@storymuseum.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth@storymuseum.org.uk)

Fundraising: [mary@storymuseum.org.uk](mailto:mary@storymuseum.org.uk)

Administration: [sarah@storymuseum.org.uk](mailto:sarah@storymuseum.org.uk)

Chief executive: [kim@storymuseum.org.uk](mailto:kim@storymuseum.org.uk)

Mailing list: [office@storymuseum.org.uk](mailto:office@storymuseum.org.uk)

The Story Museum, Town Hall, Blue Boar Street, Oxford OX1 4EY

## April events in Oxford and Banbury

Friday 7th April, 10.30-11.30am

### STORYTIME with MINI GREY

Award-winning author and illustrator Mini Grey will be reading from *Traction Man*, *The Princess and the Pea* and her latest book, *The Adventures of Dish and Spoon*, in a fun-filled hour at the Children's Library.

*Oxford Central Library, Westgate*

*Tickets FREE from Central Library Information Desk*

*Family event for 3-7 year olds*

Friday 7th April, 1.30pm & 3.00pm

### THE ADVENTURES OF BISCUIT BEAR

Mini's book *Biscuit Bear* is a delicious treat about a little biscuit that comes to life and embarks on an exciting adventure to find some friends. Join Mini to hear the story and then create your very own Biscuit Bear character to take home.



*Workshops for 3-7 year olds, one hour.*

*Oxford Playhouse*

*Tickets from Playhouse Box Office 01865 305305*

*£4 per child including materials (children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults free)*

Monday 10th April

### MINI GREY'S GREAT BIG BOOK ADVENTURE DAY

#### THE ADVENTURES OF BISCUIT BEAR (as above)

*Workshop at 10.30am for 3-7 year olds*

*£4 per child including materials (children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults free).*

*Banbury Museum, Tooley's Wharf (for tickets see below).*

#### ADVENTURES IN BOOK MAKING

Unleash all that creative energy and join Mini in a workshop to create your own books and stories. Learn how to make your own fold-out and pop-up picture books.

*Workshop at 3.00pm for 6-12 year olds.*

*£5 per child including materials (children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults free).*

*Banbury Museum, Tooley's Wharf. Tickets from Banbury Tourist Information Office, Castle Quay. 01295 259855*

Mini Grey's events are generously sponsored by Arts & Business and The Fabulous Bakin' Boys of Witney.

## A thousand thanks

To everyone who has given their time or talent or money to get us this far. And special thanks to the storytellers, musicians and artists who have offered their services. We hope to be able to use your skills in the future.



The Story Museum is a private not-for-profit company limited by guarantee (No: 4780380) and a registered charity (No: 1107809).