

The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre
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Roald Dahl Day Sunday 13 September 2009

September 13 2009 marks the fourth annual Roald Dahl Day on what would have been the great man's birthday. It is a celebration of the work, life and legacy of one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

Roald Dahl's home village of Great Missenden will provide a focus for festivities, with a day of special events at the Museum and in Roald Dahl's garden at Gypsy House. Museum visitors will be able to join in ***Fantastic Mr Fox*** themed storytelling and village trails, foxy face-painting and craft activities, behind-the-scenes tours burrowing deep into the archive and may even bump into those dastardly farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean in person!

Visitors can join a village trail from the Museum, or make their own way to Roald Dahl's garden for a special opening from 2pm until 5pm. The garden is full of delights including Roald Dahl's Writing Hut and Danny's gypsy caravan. Tea and home-made cake will be on offer. Entry is by donation in aid of the Roald Dahl Foundation which benefits sick children and young people.

The celebrations around the UK this year have expanded from a day to a whole month! Highlights include

- A special event at the Edinburgh International Book Festival hosted by Children's Laureate Michael Rosen on Saturday 30 August.
- The legendary *Everything You Wanted to Know About Roald Dahl* road show which tours to Edinburgh, Leeds, Llandudno, Newcastle and Norfolk and Bath, offering audiences a chance to pose the most fiendish questions they can conjure up to experts from the Museum - plus some surprise VIP guests!
- An appearance by Quentin Blake, Roald Dahl's principal illustrator, on Saturday 3 October at the National Theatre in London. He'll be reading from Dahl's stories and talking about their unique partnership.

Everyone can organise their own Roald Dahl Day celebration, using the downloadable ideas and activities at www.roalddahlday.info.

Felicity Dahl, Roald Dahl's widow, says:

"I can hardly believe that the FOURTH Roald Dahl Day celebrations are already practically underway. The original idea was for a one-off celebration but we were overwhelmed by the response from around the UK. I know Roald would have been touched and thrilled by this continuing affection for his work."

For further information on Roald Dahl Day at the Museum and Gipsy House garden, please contact **Isabelle Reynolds** at the Museum 01494 892192, isabelle@roalddahlmuseum.org or visit the website www.roalddahlmuseum.org

For further information about Roald Dahl Day events nationwide, please contact **Justin Somper**, just so, (020) 8341 6523, justso@globalnet.co.uk or visit www.roalddahlday.info

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