

Three museums

A Eureka!

Eureka! is a complete hands-on experience, which means that visitors can actually pick up any object in the museum. It's a great way for young visitors to learn about the world, the body, how things work and move. And when you buy an entry ticket, it allows you to come back as many times as you want for a whole year for no extra cost. As Eureka is right next to Halifax train station, it's very easy to get to from all over the country.

B Museum of Museums

Every time you visit the Museum of Museums, you'll be able to see something different. And that's because the things you see there are actually lent by other museums around the country. The museum always has lots of different vehicles, from ice-cream vans and old motorbikes to the different kinds of public transport people used to get to work many years ago. You can find out about all this and lots more.

C Cinema Museum

Ronald Grant, who opened the Cinema Museum in the 1960s, travelled round the country and bought things from cinemas which were closing down. This included old film posters and wooden cinema seating. At the museum, you can now see these and much more, including the uniforms that cinema staff once had to wear.

Please let us know by phone or email if you'd like to come. We'll be happy to see you, but we need to arrange a guide, as it's only possible to visit the museum on an organised tour.

1. Which museum has an exhibition of clothes?
2. Which museum is full of things which visitors can touch?
3. Which museum is a good place to learn about how people travelled in the past?
4. Which museum can you visit again for free after you pay once?
5. Which museum do you need to contact before you visit?
6. Which museum shows things that were borrowed from other places?
7. Which museum has some furniture which wasn't needed any more?



Will's blog

One day my dad said, 'Why don't we have a street party?' This means that the street is closed so cars can't use it, and people put tables and chairs out in the street, then have a party! Dad said there was one in 1977 and he still remembers it well. Everyone loved it! I couldn't believe that since 1977 they never had another one. If it was so good, why not do it again?

We started to organise it, together with some other people. I helped to make the web page, so everyone on the street knew about the party and could post their old photos from the party in 1977. There were some pictures of my dad when he was a kid, together with his friends, who have moved away from the street now. It was interesting to see that the buildings on the street haven't changed at all!

My mum was a bit worried about the party. 'But a lot of people on the street don't really know each other', she said. 'What if they don't have anything to talk about?' I just said, 'Relax, Mum. It'll be great.'

So, what was the party like? It was fantastic! My friends and I really liked speaking to an old lady called Louisa. She's 89 and was telling us about when she and her friends were our age. So now I always chat to her when I see her on the street. I didn't know who she was before, so I'm glad we had the party.

1. Why was Will surprised?

- A. His father wanted to have a street party.
- B. There hasn't been a street party for a long time.
- C. Many people remembered the last street party.

2. Will and his friends enjoyed

- A. hearing Louisa's stories.
- B. meeting Louisa's friends.
- C. telling Louisa about their lives.

3. What did the photos from 1977 show?

- A. The street still looks the same now.
- B. There are more children living in the street now.
- C. The same people still live on the street now.

4. Why was Will's mother worried?

- A. She thought that the party was too expensive.
- B. She thought that people might not come to the party.
- C. She thought that the guests might not talk to each other.

5. What is the best title for the article?

- A. Why I love street parties
- B. The street party we had
- C. How to have a street party



Red pandas

Red pandas live in Nepal, Northern Myanmar, India and Bhutan, as well as in China. They spend a lot of their time in trees and are very good at climbing. They are more active during the night than the day, and they usually look for food in the evening and early in the morning. Their favourite food is bamboo. In fact, a female red panda can eat 20,000 bamboo leaves in a day! But they also eat fruit, grass, eggs, insects and catch small birds and animals. Scientists believe that the number of red pandas in the world is going down because the forests where they live are getting smaller. But much is being done in countries around the world to help this amazing animal.

1. A soon B much C well
2. A spend B live C take
3. A nice B great C good
4. A look B see C find
5. A even B quit C still
6. A little B low C short



For each question, write the correct answer. Write ONE word for each gap.

From: Ben

To: Rose

Dear Aunt Rose,

Thank you very much for the book you sent me. It was very kind of you. Actually, History of Space Travel sounds like a brilliant title. I'm really interested in that kind of thing - exploring space and learning about the moon. I'll start it after I finish the one I'm reading now, which is about how cars are made.

The holidays are nearly finished now. I go back to school next week. Then I've only got two more years of school, so I need to decide what to do next!

Thanks again for the present.

Best wishes,

Ben

