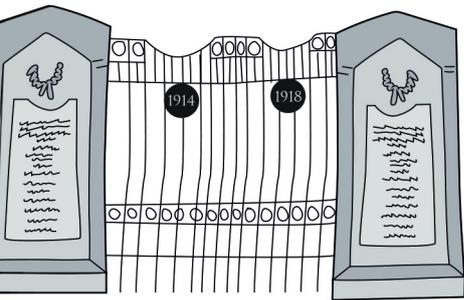


# TEDDY & GRANDAD'S ADVENTURES AT... EUREKA PARK

## TEDDY WALKS

Teddy was very excited as today Grandad was taking him on a time travelling walk around Eureka Park.

Start walk at War Memorial Gates off Midland Road.



**1** Teddy and Grandad start at the big gates which were made for the park a very long time ago to remember people who fought in the First World War. As they walk through the gates along the path Teddy notices

some newly planted trees on the left. This area is being made into a mining memorial garden in memory of the miners.

'Ah' says Grandad, 'that's where our time travelling begins... over 130 years ago a coal mine was created here which people called 'Owd Shoddy'. The men would go down under the ground and dig for coal all day long but it was very dangerous work and it was closed down. The place where the coal is found is called a seam and this seam was called Eureka. That's where the park gets its name from. This park has changed a lot since I was your age.'

Walk past the play area and Air Cadet's building and follow the path round to the right (pavilion with toilets at end of path open 10am - dusk daily). Walk round the tennis courts and turn left.

**2** 'This is where I used to spend my summer holidays, playing with my friends.' Grandad tells Teddy.

'Well I can't see anything apart from... ooh I can hear water running, where's that coming from?' asks Teddy. 'That is the cascades where the paddling pool used to be. The paddling pool was a huge diamond shape with water running into it from the cascades. I would come down here with my friends and we would play here all day in the cool water. The paddling pool had to be closed when your mummy was little because the water wasn't very nice to play in. Men came and filled it in and they used it for a big bonfire for everybody on bonfire night.'



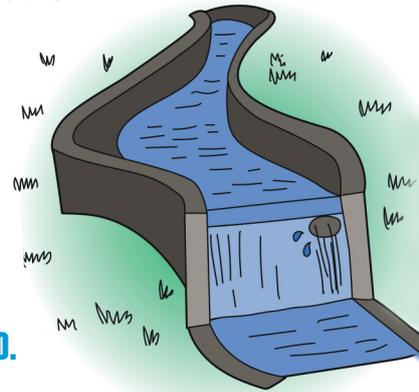
'After that it was made into a beautiful garden called the Italian Gardens. There were lots of roses that had names like Just Joey and Sunblest that smelt wonderful.'

**3** Near the bench is something that Grandad tells Teddy was a floral clock. 'It was very special and people used to come especially to see it. The clock was made in 1937 for the coronation of King George VI who was the grandad of our King, Charles. The clock really worked. Now it is a different type of clock called a sundial which uses the sunshine to help you tell the time.'

Carry on walking up the hill to the top of the cascades.

**GRANDAD SHOWS TEDDY THE HOLE IN THE WALL - CAN YOU SEE IT?**

**THE WATER COMING THROUGH THE HOLE IS COMING UNDER THE ROAD FROM THE FISH POND.**



Walk over the bridge and look down the cascades then follow the path to the right.

'Look at the trees along this path Teddy. They are called Silver Birch trees, if you look closely the bark is silver grey coloured. Some of these trees were planted in 1935, which is the year I was born. When I was a little boy we had a king called George V. When he had been king for 25 years, a Silver Jubilee, they planted these trees to celebrate it.'

Take the second path to the left until you get to the large open area.

Teddy and Grandad stroll along the path with Teddy pretending to be King with a heavy crown on his head.

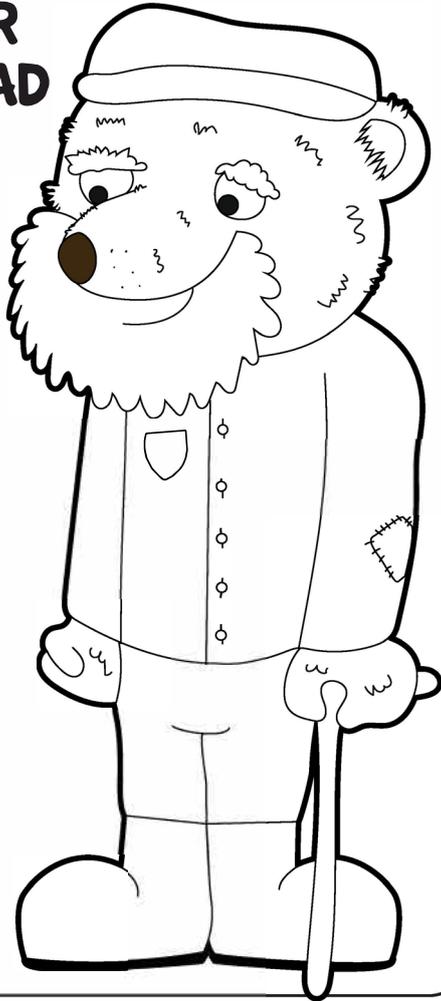
**CAN YOU PRETEND TO BE A KING OR A QUEEN?**

**4** They reach a large open space with a grassy hill to the left. Teddy runs around and around pretending to be an aeroplane. 'What was this used for Grandad?' asks Teddy 'This is where we used to come and listen to music, played by brass bands who sat in a building called a band stand. It had steps up to it so the band was higher than the people and a roof to keep off the sun and the rain. They would play every Sunday. We used to get dressed in our best clothes and my mum and dad would bring us down for a walk and to listen to the band.'

'What's a brass band Grandad?'

'A brass band is a band where everybody plays instruments that you blow like a trumpet or a trombone. Lots of miners used to play in brass bands called colliery bands.'

# COLOUR GRANDAD TEDDY IN...



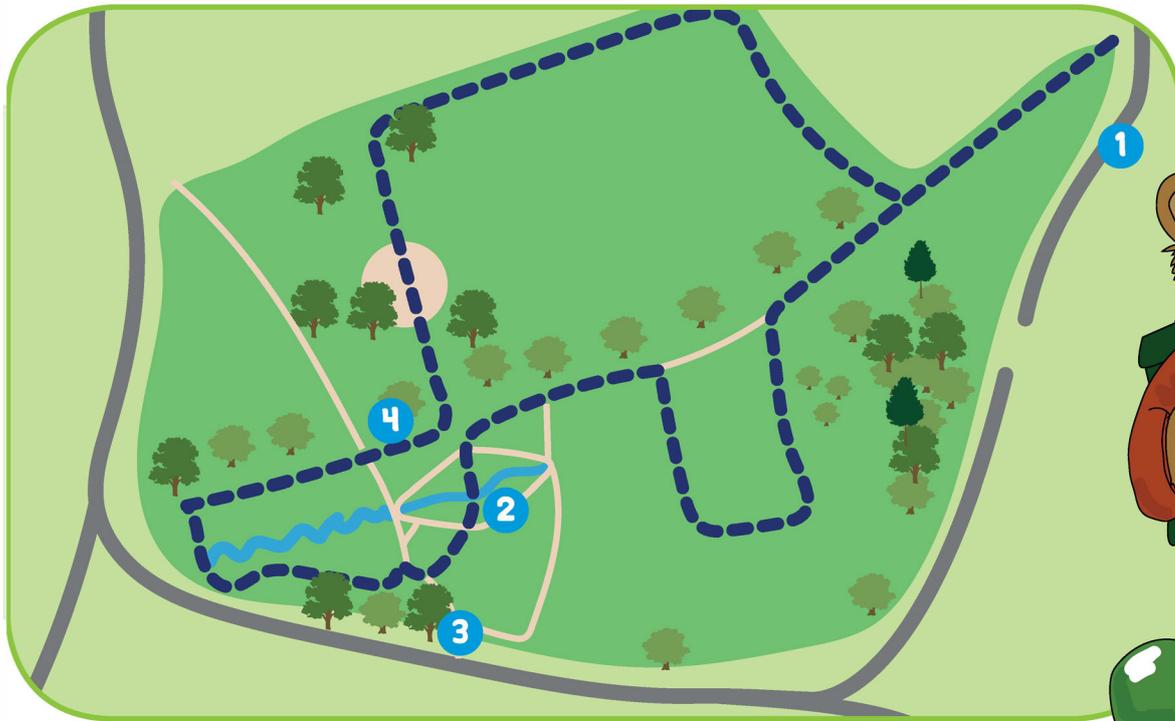
Teddy and Grandad march around playing pretend trombones.

## CAN YOU PLAY A PRETEND INSTRUMENT?

They march off down the path, turn right and continue following the path until they get back to the gates. While they are walking Teddy wants to know more about what Grandad remembers about the park. 'There was a brook called Ochre Brook because it was a brown colour from the clay, we weren't supposed to go in it because it made us dirty. I used to take a jam jar and a net and catch sticklebacks. My mum didn't like it when I brought them home for her though!'

Don't forget to come back to the park to play crazy golf or play in the play area.

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