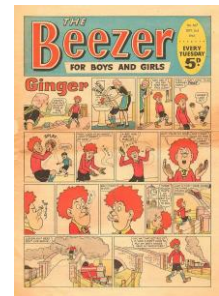
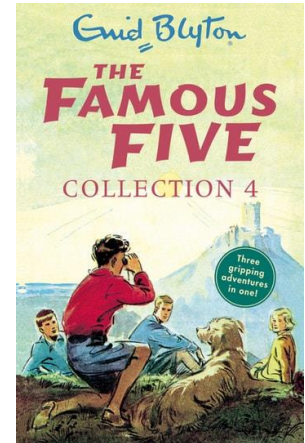


Childhood Memories of Paignton in the 1960's

- Watching Carry On Screaming at the Picture House and being scared
- Persuading mum to let me go to see The Beatles in "Help" at the Regent
- Trying to dam the stream in Sleepy Lane and being told off by "grown ups"
- Taking a tin tray up to the old Windmill at Preston and sliding down the hills in the snow
- Buying a Famous Five book with your Christmas book tokens
- Sitting outside a beach hut on Preston Green to eat bread and butter with jam, and the crunch as you chewed the sand that had blown onto it
- Collecting blennies from rockpools at Fairy Cove and selling them to Mr Jackman at the Paignton Harbour Aquarium
- Daring your mate to put their head in the old tree stump where bees nested at Shorton Valley Woods
- Fishing in the pond at Oldway for non-existent fish
- Searching for discarded Dawes lemonade bottles and returning them to shops to get the deposit back
- Playing French cricket on Goodrington beach when the tide was out
- Spending Saturday pocket money on a Beezer Comic at the Post Office by Manor Cross
- Drawing pictures with my toe in the sawdust while waiting for mum to buy the meat in Williams the Butcher at Preston
- Watching a fireworks display at Paignton Rugby Club on Queens Road and making "oooh" and "aaah" noises at the silver waterfall of sparks
- Being treated to a knickerbocker glory at the Igloo Ice Cream Parlour on Torbay Road
- Coming last in the breast stroke race held in Paignton Harbour as part of the Paignton Regatta Swimming Gala
- Swimming out to the raft moored by Paignton Pier and sitting shivering on it for ages because a shoal of mackerel had appeared



- Being presented with my Cycling Proficiency Badge at Oldway after wobbling round cones in the car park
- Being told to stand up straight whilst being made to try on a new school uniform at Gladwyns the Outfitters on Hyde Road
- Following Santa's footsteps on the floor of Rossiters and visiting his magic grotto
- Being disappointed because the coconut I'd won at the

Fair on Paignton Green was rotten inside

Happy days!

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