

PRESS RELEASE



Carey's Aunt and Enid's Nephew

The Blytons' Dynasty in Beckenham 1897 to 1962

An EXHIBITION in Bromley Library

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Using the results of 10 years research and contemporary accounts and photos, Beckenham Historian, Cliff Watkins compares the lives of and traces the links between the famous Blytons – the author Enid 1897 to 1929 and the composer Carey 1932 to 1962

Images of the two Blyton's most famous creations



Both Enid Blyton's Noddy and Carey Blyton's Bananas in Pyjamas appeared recently in Channel 5 TV's early morning TV programme for children.

As well as these iconic characters, the Exhibition will reveal that **Enid had some 7,000 works** published as novels and poems and short stories in magazines and periodicals.

Carey composed over 150 works, including the first ever music for Tolkien's **The Hobbit** and for some 5 years he worked with Britain's most famous 20th Century composer, Benjamin Britten. Some of his most evocative works were written during the 1950s when he and friends created **The Beckenham Salon**.

Both Enid and Carey were fond of the natural world which can be traced back to their happy childhood days exploring **Beckenham's two rivers the Chaffinch and the Beck**.

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