

The Great TT Staycation Tour

Mystery Solved!

As you know, Leg One of the tour was one stop short and we needed to work out what the stop was, why it was removed from the tour, and who removed it. Well, we can now reveal that answers:

Mystery Location: Lincoln Castle

Mystery Item: Fossil

Mystery Person: Prof. Stu Bones

We caught up with Professor Bones this morning for more information. This is what he had to say:

“Ah, so you solved my puzzles did you? Well, I didn’t think anyone would but I guess I owe you an explanation as to why I cut short your city tour. Here’s what happened. Back in May, little Ginny Pickle was picnicking in the grounds of Lincoln Cathedral with her grandparents, when it came to the part of the picnic that Ginny dreaded most – having to eat one of her grandad’s rock cakes. Not pleasant at the best of times, poor Ginny was missing her two front teeth making biting into one rather painful. Not wanting to upset her dear grandaddy or appear rude, she secretly dug a hole under the corner of the picnic blanket where she was sitting, shoved the cake in it and covered it up, licking her lips just as her grandad turned to ask her how her cake was. The next day, Cody the Cocker Spaniel got a whiff of the rock cake from outside the castle gates, got free of his owner and dashed into the castle grounds to dig it up. Dogs aren’t allowed in Lincoln Castle so naturally the staff were right behind Cody aiming to capture him and lead him out. What they saw at the bottom of the hole he’d dug stopped them in their tracks. A glimpse of a magnificent fossil embedded in a large rock! Well, the castle team got the excavators in, and Cody was rewarded with Ginny’s rock cake. I, Professor Stu. Bones, was part of that excavation team, called in as I am the leading expert in inland fossil finds in the UK. I immediately ordered the castle to be cordoned off and a full excavation of the whole grounds got underway.”

Well, that certainly explains why we couldn’t stop off at Lincoln Castle on the tour, but I bet you’re wondering what they found. Professor Bones refused to tell us, so we caught up with a member of his excavation team and it turns out that they found absolutely nothing at all! It seems that a combination of Ginny’s fingernails and Cody’s claws as they both dug to hide and find the rock cake had created what looked very much like a fossil but was in fact just marks in a short bit of rock. What a hoo-ha over nothing!

Well, at least we had fun solving the puzzles right?