“The things that make me different are the things that make me.”
— Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne

Sometimes the littlest things take up the most room in your heart.
— Winnie the Pooh

A.A. Milne wrote the Winnie-the-Pooh stories. They were inspired by the adventures of his only son Christopher Robin. The Milne family moved from their town house in Chelsea, London, to Cotchford Farmhouse in 1924. With them came Nanny Olive Brockwell. From pavements to woodland paths and from the company and chatter of other Nannies to the creatures of Posingford Wood and the Ashdown Forest – the contrast for Nanny and Christopher was dramatic.

When Christopher Robin Milne remembered his childhood in his book ‘The Enchanted Places’ he recalled his weekly trips to the village with his Nanny and their visit to the Pooh Corner shop for bulls-eyes which were their favourites:

“Any day spent with you is my favorite day. So, today is my new favorite day.”
— Christopher Robin Milne

BISC Minibus Destination

The minibus driver will take you on a tour of ‘The Enchanted Places’ and you can play Poohsticks on the famous bridge; see where the Heffalump Trap was; visit the 100 Aker Wood; find out where the North Pole was... and lots more.

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Pooh Corner specialises in Winnie-the-Pooh and is home to the world's largest selection of "Pooh-phanalia". Mr Ridley created the Pooh Corner shop in 1978 and met Christopher Robin Milne on a number of occasions. With literally hundreds of items and souvenirs it seems the most natural thing in the world for this shop to be situated in Hartfield where the famous stories were written by A.A. Milne in the 1920s. There are no charges to visit Pooh Corner or any of the real Pooh Places and they are open to the public throughout the year.

Please note that Pooh Sticks bridge and the other Pooh Places are a short drive away (the Pooh sticks walk has been made accessible for prams and wheelchairs but is a 15 minute walk from the car park). To walk from the shop it is a beautiful forty minute scenic walk over fields and countryside.

If there was one thing we can be sure of it is that Winnie-the-Pooh enjoys his food! Visitors arrive from the four corners of the world and almost without exception each one will appreciate some refreshment. Many prefer a nice cup of tea but there are also chocolate brownies or quiche with salad. Slices of cake, crumpets or crisps – chocolate brownies or quiche with salad. Clotted Cream is served with delicious Apple Pie AND our classic CREAM TEAS. Snuggle into the tea-room when it is cold outside or choose a pink parasol to shade you from the sun in the garden when the weather is hot. Remember that it is thirsty work hunting for Woozles in Pooh Country!

How far?
60 minutes’ ride to Hartfield for the ‘Pooh Corner’ shop. Then the car park for Pooh Bridge

What’s there?
Pretty Hartfield village is close to where A.A. Milne wrote the ‘Winnie-the-Pooh’ stories. Visit the ‘Pooh Corner’ shop for:

- Pooh Bear memorabilia – everything from sweatshirts to key rings and more.
- Piglet’s Tearoom – Smackerels, Tigger’s Treats, 100 Aker Cakes, Whatnots & Etceteras, and Strengthening Medicines (otherwise known as yummy snacks and drinks!).
- A map of all ‘The Enchanted Places’ or an illustrated guide book.
- Check the website for more: http://www.pooh-country.co.uk/index.php

When can I go there?
Depending on demand, once or twice a term.

Who do I ask if I want a special trip?
E-mail minibus@bisc.queensu.ac.uk

The rules of playing Poohsticks

The first thing you do is select your stick. For the sake of fairness all sticks selected should be roughly the same weight or size. Though this is not always possible. The important thing to remember is whose stick is whose.

1. All the competitors stand side by side facing upstream and hold out their sticks at arms length... all sticks should be at the same height (no cheating here please!). When the starter gets to shout "Go!" all the competitors drop their sticks. Note: the stick must not be thrown into the water.

2. Once you have dropped your stick move across to the other side of the bridge (downstream).

3. The first stick to emerge on the other side is declared the winner!

Warning: This game is addictive and is seriously good for your health.