

I can't say how pleased I am that Big Brum has reached the grand young age of 25.

There were a few moments along the way when I thought that the pressures of funding would overcome the extraordinary commitment of successive members of staff, all of whom have been devoted to making issues come alive for so many youngsters whose lives now would be the poorer had they not had the opportunity to experience the high quality magic of Big Brum.

Let's hope this is simply a staging post along the road to its 50th birthday, its 75th birthday and.....

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