

**Key facts about the Trumptonshire trilogy:  
*Camberwick Green, Trumpton and Chigley***

- *Camberwick Green* was the first children's animated television show to be aired in colour on the BBC, in 1966.
- The original Trumptonshire trilogy - *Camberwick Green, Trumpton and Chigley* - was created using stop motion animation and actual 3D scaled down models.
- The model characters were eight-inches tall (without their hats). Their heads were made of ping-pong balls, and clothes out of foam latex.
- The original filming took place at the home of uncle and nephew, Bob Bura and John Hardwick, in Crouch End, London. It later moved to a disused church also in Crouch End.
- The entire trilogy consisted of 39 x 15-minute episodes.
- All 39 episodes were first broadcast on BBC1, airing before the midday news.
- The narration and singing were courtesy of Brian Cant – the only voice you ever hear in all three series.
- The creator, Gordon Murray, who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, decided to restore and digitise the trilogy for future generations to enjoy.
- The original footage had to be located – some footage was found in the family's attic and some deep in the archives of BBC Worldwide in Perivale.
- The restored DVD of *Camberwick Green* is available to buy through Amazon from 16 December 2011. *Trumpton* and *Chigley* will shortly follow.