**Activities for…  
Dark Summer by Ali Sparkes**

**Activity 1**

Uncle Wilf goes off to live with the sweetheart of his youth, in the secret underworld land of Cartraethia. Do you think that Eddie will follow in his Uncle’s footsteps and return, when he’s older, to see Gwerren? Write your own chapter, set ten years later, about an imaginary meeting between Eddie and Gwerren. How will their lives have changed? Will they still feel the same way about one another?

**Activity 2**

Cartraethia is a spectacular place full of light and colour. Can you create a picture, painting or collage of what you would imagine Cartraethia looks like? Use whatever media you wish: paint, glitter, coloured paper... absolutely anything. Just remember to make it as bright and colourful as possible.

**Activity 3**

Most of the places in Dark Summer are based upon real sites. For example, Wookey Hole is a real system of caves in Somerset. Do some research to discover whether Ali Sparkes’ description of them is anything like the real caves. The witch of Wookey Hole, who is mentioned briefly in *Dark Summer*, is also based on something real. Try to find out the myth surrounding the Wookey Hole witch. Are there any landmarks, stones or places in your local area that have myths or fantastical stories attached to them? If you can’t find any, try to make up your own.