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CRICKET FAN: Daniel Treherne.

Cricket lover's bowled over by Disney vodcast

MITCHELDEAN schoolboy Daniel Treherne had a dream come true with the Disney Corporation when it picked him to be part of an exclusive vodcast.

Daniel was one of only 20 people selected to put a question to England cricketer Stuart Broad.

Stuart is helping launch the second year of the Disney XD Aim High initiative, which encourages young boys to aim higher in life.

"I couldn't believe my question was picked. I'm a huge cricket fan so to be able to ask a question to an England star like Stuart was brilliant," said Daniel.

Daniel asked Stuart what teams other than England or Nottinghamshire he would most like to play for. Stuart replied that he would love to play for Cape Town Cobras in South Africa.

Given chance to find hidden skills

JUST a few weeks to go before the rangers start their first den making day of 2011.

The popular events give the whole family a chance to build their own little hiding place in the woods.

There are three courses this year as part of the Active Woods campaign.

Dens are tested for 'waterproof-ness' at the end of the session and children must be accompanied by an adult.

The first Den Building Day at Beechenhurst Lodge is in the half term holidays, Wednesday February 23.

There are also two in the summer Wednesday, June 1 and Tuesday, August 9.

The 90 minute afternoon sessions are suitable for children aged five to 12 years and cost £4 per child.

Booking is essential - call 01594 833057 or e-mail dean@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Guiding you through the haunt of celebs

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ANIMAL MAGIC: Wildlife expert Ray Mears took viewers on an eye-opening journey into the Forest of Dean, and is added to the 2011 Visitors' Guide (below).

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NOW more than ever, it's the time to make the most of the attractions on your doorstep.

With the price of petrol soaring and the cost of living on the increase, 2011 is the perfect time to rediscover the Forest Dean.

Why not try to see the Dean through the eyes of the thousands of people who come here for days out and weekends away?

Tourist chiefs say the 2011 Visitor Guide guarantees more

fascinating facts and exciting events for the coming year than ever before.

Produced by the Forest of Dean District Council, it is brimming with breathtaking images of Forest wildlife and scenery. And like last year, it promotes the Forest's star quality by highlighting celebrity links.

You may have been to attractions like Puzzlewood and Clearwell Caves in the past, but knowing they are the setting for TV programmes like *Doctor Who* and *Merlin* can help you see them with fresh eyes.

Laurence Llewelyn Bowen and Ray Mears are the newest additions to the guide which

shows the Forest as seen by millions of viewers through programmes like *Autumnwatch*. Councillor Patrick Molyneux, cabinet member for Regeneration and Planning said: "We are very proud of this year's visitor guide. It has a focus on the natural environment which, according to our visitors, is the main reason they come here.

"The Forest is a place for all the seasons as this guide demonstrates. Whatever the weather the Forest of Dean is a fantastic natural playground. The council has printed 50,000 glossy guides aimed at attracting tourists by logging onto www.visitforestofdean.co.uk

