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AppleFest at Dean Heritage Centre

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It is officially autumn and the Dean Heritage Centre is embracing the change of season with a celebration of the rich variety of apples in the area.

Applefest, which sees the return of the annual fruit festival at the centre, will take place on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October 2011.

On Saturday the 22nd, experts from the Gloucestershire Orchard Group will be displaying a variety of Gloucestershire apples, letting people taste them and offering advice about planting.

There are over one hundred apple varieties unique to Gloucestershire as well as Perry Pears and Plums and Gloucestershire Orchard Group help to preserve these fruit trees as well as promoting the traditional orchard habitat that has vanished in the last 50 years.

Severn Cider, producers of award winning real cider and perry, will also be onsite throughout the weekend selling their products. The local cider producers are committed to conserving and propagating old traditional varieties and will be onsite to talk about how their cider is produced

Members of the DHC team will take advantage of their onsite equipment and demonstrate how apples are pressed.

Visitors are invited to take part in games and demonstrations including apple peeling and apple eating contests as well as traditional carnival games.



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Smarts farm will be at the centre selling local Gloucestershire Cheeses and other local traders are invited to contact Harri Le Claire at the Dean Heritage Centre if they would like to have a stall at the event on 01594 822170.

The Dean Heritage Centre is looking for new volunteers. If you would like to become a volunteer at the centre, please call on 01594 822170 to receive more information. Volunteer work at the centre is rewarding and varied, creating new opportunities to meet new people and learn new skills. So, if you have an interest in the Forest of Dean, why not join the team?

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For more information or if you would like a photograph to illustrate the article please contact Harri Le Claire on 01594 822170 or email: Harri@deanheritagecentre.com

Visit: deanheritagecentre.com

Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to 5 onsite galleries that tell the story of the Forest of Dean and its people spanning 10,000 years of history, from the ice age to present day.
- It is open 363 days a year and offers a full diary of events, activities and exhibitions.
- The Museum is a centre of education and offers tailored educational workshops and activities to tie in with the school curriculum. For more information please call Sarah Fuller on 01594 822170.
- The Centre has been awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.
- The Dean Heritage Museum Trust (DHMT) is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity.
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