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Pirate Weekend at Dean Heritage Centre

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On Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September the Dean Heritage Centre celebrated life on the Seven Seas with a fun-packed Pirate Weekend.

Visitors were able to unleash their inner buccaneer and live like a pirate for the day with a pirate trail, craft activities and much more. The weekend was an opportunity to learn all about the Forest of Dean's local pirate Captain Morgan, and take part in his cryptic trail and outdoor challenges.

Brave visitors took part in challenges such as Walk the Plank, Pieces of Eight and The Spider's Web.

Simon Crocky, the DHC's very own Captain Morgan said: 'I had a fine crew of budding pirates who rose to my challenges and entered into the spirit of the weekend'

The Dean Heritage Centre played host to the Forest Musical Society who performed scenes from their upcoming show of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance'.

PR and Event manager Harri Le Claire said: 'The Forest Musical Society turned up in full costume and brought the sunshine with them. The centre was full of Pirates and Policemen! I wish them all the best for their shows at the end of October'

The Forest Musical Society will be performing 'Pirates of Penzance' at Lydney Town Hall on the 20th, 21st and 22nd October.

The Dean Heritage Centre has lots to see and do including 5 onsite galleries exploring the history of the Forest from the Ice Age to the present day; a reconstructed Victorian cottage; a charcoal burner's camp; an adventure playground; a chainsaw carving demonstration pitch; a variety of animals and an onsite gift shop so there is always something new and exciting to interest and inspire visitors.

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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

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Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to the 'Museum of the Forest'. It tells 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.
- In March 2007 the Centre was awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.

For more information on the Forest Musical Society:

www.forestmusicalsociety.co.uk