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Celebrate the Sporting Heroes of Gloucestershire at Dean Heritage Centre

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With less than a year until the Olympics, The Dean Heritage Centre will be celebrating the sporting heroes of Gloucestershire with an interactive weekend of performances, games and demonstrations.

On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August the centre will be hosting the, *Forgotten Heroes of Gloucestershire*, with performances and workshops by Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company.

The sessions are lots of fun, said writer and actor John Bassett, the interactive characters tell their stories in 15 minute sections giving audiences an exciting look into the lives of Forgotten Sporting Heroes of Gloucestershire.

Heroes include: Mad Jack Churchill, the first man to surf the Severn Bore and Champion motorcyclist, Bill Hayward.

The *Forgotten Sporting Heroes of Gloucestershire* has been developed as part of the celebrations for the 2012 Olympics in conjunction with Gloucestershire Archives and the Museum in the Park, Stroud and is supported by the Arts Council.

Games including miniature cheese rolling, wool sack racing and Spurning the Barre will be demonstrated and available for visitors to get involved in.

In addition, the Forest of Dean Border Morris Dancers, the *Wild Oats* will be performing on the Saturday.

PR and event manager, Harri Le Claire said We have lots going on for families to get involved in. The museum, cafe and gallery will be open as usual including our newly installed Ben Locke photography exhibition.

Admission to the Sporting Heroes of Gloucestershire event is included in the Dean Heritage Centre's admission fee.

For more information please visit www.deanheritagecentre.com or call 01594 822170 for more information.

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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 ~~M~~useum 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:

Spaniel in the works theatre company www.spanielworks.com

~~W~~ild Oats Morris dancers - www.wildoatsmorris.co.uk