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Adventures on the River Severn: Fish, Fykes and Ferries!

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The River Severn will come alive on Sunday 22nd August as interactive storytelling and engaging workshops reveal the lives of those who have lived and worked around the water. Strange fish, shipwrecks and decoying ducks feature to bring to life the River Severn's unique heritage.

Activities will be located in multiple sites across the Dean Heritage Centre with performances by the mill pond at 11am, 12pm and 2pm and workshops in the Victorian Schoolroom running throughout the event.

The magical performances will bring to life five characters from the world of water. John Basset of Spaniel in the Works will demonstrate how differently people can see the River Severn. He said, 'For the fisherman the river is a place to find food whereas the photographer sees it as a source of beauty and the navy sees it as a barrier to be overcome.' John Basset's show will call on the audience to get involved as he pulls artefacts from his Trow, the iconic cargo boat of the Severn River which had a removable mast to allow for passage under the area's bridges.

The workshops, run by John Putley will range from the creation of mobiles to quizzes and games based upon the cargo that the river once transported. John Putley is based at the Gloucester archives and has a wealth of knowledge about the region. Between shows and activities, seek out the Lave Net in the museum galleries and discover how water from the River Severn helped to make shoes as you discover the beautiful water wheel.

All activities are suitable for children over five but their parents and carers are guaranteed to have just as much fun!

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For more information or if you would like a photograph to illustrate the article please contact Kathryn Ashcroft on 01594 822170 or email: Kathryn@deanheritagemuseum.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.
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