

## Exciting Events this August at the Dean Heritage Centre

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The Dean Heritage Centre (DHC) has an exciting diary of activities planned for families this August.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, families are encouraged to discover their roots at the DHC's *Family History Day*. Steve Cooper, Chair of the Forest of Dean branch of the Gloucestershire Family History said "the Forest of Dean is one of the best areas for online parish records but we will be able to advise on tracing family histories from further afield." His team have a wealth of knowledge and a vast enthusiasm for family history and will be on hand all day to teach people how to start tracing their roots or overcome hurdles in their investigations.

*Fish, Fykes and Ferries!* is hands on family fun on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The River Severn is the location for a series of craft activities and performances.

The bank holiday weekend (Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August) features a favourite in the DHC's calendar, the *Traditional Charcoal Burn*. Meet the charcoal burners who will be setting up residence for the three days it takes to make charcoal. You try your hand at drawing with charcoal or buy a bag to take home for your summer's barbecues! On the Monday, at the *Have a go at... Day* observe, you can touch and have-a-go at a host of other crafts, traditional and modern.

If all the family activity gets a bit hectic, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August the New Century Theatre Company will be performing Dennis Potter's *Blue Remembered Hills*. The play about wartime childhood is set in the Forest of Dean and the DHC is the perfect backdrop for this hugely popular play. Please call the box office on 01594 822170 for tickets and further information.

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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.