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Free admission to popular visitor attraction

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On Sunday 12th September the Dean Heritage Centre will open its doors as part of the Heritage Open Days meaning admission will be free for everyone!

The Dean Heritage Centre regularly changes its exhibitions and September sees the exhibition, *Girls in the Lead* where the Forest of Dean South branch of Girlguiding UK is showing a collection of memorabilia until 3rd October 2010. On display will be uniforms, badges, and a collection of photographs of Guides from the Forest of Dean.

Alex Smith, the collections officer at the DHC hopes that women who attended their local group will come along and see if they can spot themselves among the images. She said, "We have a fantastic collection of photos and it's a wonderful opportunity for local families to see what their mothers, aunts and grandmothers did as girls."

In the Art Gallery, David Hooton's exhibition *Hidden in the Forest* shows the forgotten Forest of Dean. Using maps and word of mouth, David explored the home he once took for granted. His grandfather was a miner and David's documentary style photos show the industrial forest as it is today.

Further photography is showcased in the museum shop which now sells the work of Ben Locke. Ben's work has been featured by the BBC, the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and the African Wildlife Foundation. Kathryn Ashcroft, who manages the shop at the Dean Heritage Centre said, 'Ben's wild boar images that supported a recent episode of BBC Springwatch are truly beautiful and we're delighted to be stocking these wonderful pictures.'

It's a great time to visit the Dean Heritage Centre!

The Forest Fair advertised for Sunday 12th September has been postponed.

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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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