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Living Lessons in history

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Visitors to the Dean Heritage Centre (DHC) will have the opportunity to learn about history by participating in a Victorian lesson on Sunday 31st July. The Victorian School room is a favourite feature at the centre and for the Victorian school day a School mistress will be taking residence for some interactive fun.

Scary Mrs Wright will ensure visitors are suitably attired for her classroom as they don pinafores, waistcoats, mop caps and hats before teaching a lesson in calligraphy.

Strict discipline will be maintained with Mrs Wright being clear about her feelings on unruly or lax behaviour. 'I expect good posture and full attention at all times and have no compunction about using my back straightener or finger stocks.'

Joanna Gleed, Education Officer at the DHC said, 'There's a lot of interest in Victorian education at the moment. We made a video of how finger stocks were used in Victorian classrooms last year which has over 18,500 hits on Youtube. This is a great opportunity to try them for yourself.'

Classes will run between 10.30 am and 11.30 pm and are included in museum admission. Check times with Mary.

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