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Event - Forge Mill Farm Fun Day - Sun 19 April 2015: 11.00am to 4.00pm.

Our Farm Day on Sunday was another really well supported event with over 1000 visitors. There was lots to see and do and, despite the rather cool conditions, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. With two events following each over two Sundays we were expecting there to be a fall off, but over the two events we had over 1800 visitors. Congratulations to everyone involved, particularly the hard working staff at Forge Mill Needle Museum.

Event - National Mills Day - Saturday 9th May 2015: 11.00am to 4.00pm

For National Mills Day on Saturday 9th May 2015 the museum celebrated National Mills Weekend by offering tours of the site conducted by our expert guides. Visitors could visit the world's only surviving water powered scouring mill. Adults £2.00 and Children free which included entry into the museum

Event - Remembering the '40s - Saturday 17th May: 11 am to 4.00 pm

Despite the rather cool weather, we had a fantastic event at Forge Mill today for the Remembering the 40s day.

As always, the 40s team are really nice people who show a real commitment to their interest. There was some excellent 'hardware' on show with cars, military vehicles and equipment in first class condition and their owners were very willing to talk to enthusiasts both young and old.

We also had an exciting model plane display over the Abbey site. As usual, Indigo Arts gave a very good performance, and Ruby Lamont, 1940s singer, was also excellent.

We had nearly 500 visitors on the day, mostly adults, and everyone had a good time. This, now annual, event is always good value for both exhibitors and visitors.

Event- A Knights Tale - Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June - 11.00am to 4.00pm

What a weekend of weather! Rain all day on Saturday, dry but cold on Sunday.

However, nothing will stop our hardy medieval re-enactors and our 'Knights Tale' event at Forge Mill went on as planned.

Very quiet on Saturday with only about 70 visitors, but it picked up on Sunday with over 200.

Those who came enjoyed themselves and this was yet another very good value event for Redditch residents organised by the Forge Mill Visitor Centre staff.

Event - Archaeology/Roman Weekend - Sat 11th/Sun 12th July: 11.00am to 4.00pm

The Romans were in full force today at our archaeology weekend.

There was lots to see and amazing value at £2 adults and children free – a real family event.

The Roman re-enactors gave amazing displays and there was an opportunity for the children to take part.

There were also other children's activities including archaeology themed backpacks and tile making.

Tours of the abbey site were also well attended with more than 30 visitors taking the opportunity to have the abbey precinct brought to life.

The event continued on Sunday and, with good weather promised, was well worth the visit.

Event - Dalek Day - Sunday 9th August



We had excellent weather again this year for our Dalek Day at Forge Mill..

We had nearly 1200 visitors this year which was higher than last year's total and, again this year, there were more adults than children. The 'Daleks' put on an excellent show, if noisy, and worked really hard all day and the Dr Who's were also there as was a Cyberman who was really good with children, young and old, for unique photographs.

A really excellent day and many visitors when they were leaving told us, on the gate, how much they had enjoyed it. The Aliens exhibition in the museum gallery was so busy, with hundreds of visitors, that a queuing system had to be introduced as we were in danger of exceeding Health and Safety limits.

The Alien exhibition continued at Forge Mill until the 6th September where there was a final opportunity to visit the excellent exhibition.

Forge Mill Museum Heritage Open Day

13 September 2015 11.00am to 4.00pm



Heritage Open Days
celebrates England's
fantastic architecture and
culture by offering free
access to places that
normally have an
admission charge for
entrance and/or events.

Many thanks to everyone involved in our Heritage Open Day at Forge Mill Museum. The weather was very kind to us and we had well over 300 visitors.

The Midland Morgan Sports Car Club displayed a wonderful selection of superbly maintained cars (including a rare Dellow sports car made in Alvechurch) and Indigo Arts entertained us throughout the day with their melodious singing.

There was a steady stream of visitors to the Redditch History Society's 'Redditch History in Print' exhibition and to the current Forge Mill exhibition of textile art.

The visitors were mainly adults and the tours of the Mill and the Abbey ruins conducted by our volunteer guides were well attended. The children who came to the event thoroughly enjoyed the craft activity and the heritage trail based on our local heritage.

Special thanks to the Forge Mill staff, Debbie, Patrina and Ches, for their hard work and support on the day, and to Redditch Council for allowing us to hold this event at Forge Mill Museum.

Event - Victorian Christmas Craft Fair - Sat 28th and Sun 29th November

This was a weekend of gales and rain, but despite this we had a good attendance at the Victorian Christmas Craft Fair at Forge Mill Museum.

There was so much to see and it was almost all indoors!

The Alcester Silver Band and Indigo Arts gave an excellent range of Christmas music, there were activities for the children, including Father Christmas, and a very wide range of craft stalls for acquiring Christmas gifts for your special friends.

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