



**THE
BLACK COUNTRY
LIVING
MUSEUM**
PRESS RELEASE

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**Recent Discoveries Unveiled
at the Black Country Living Museum
Thursday September 7th and Friday September 8th,**

Discover hidden gems behind the scenes at the Black Country Living Museum on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September, when the Museum is having it's first ever stores open day as part of the Heritage Open Days Programme 2006.

Visitors can meander through an Aladdin's Cave of rare and unusual objects which include model steam engines, canal boats, planes and trolley buses; Victorian dolls, children's toys, Victorian needlework samplers, lady's hats and dresses, a WWII Mortar bomb, a gramophone, gasmasks, medals, coins, examples of penmanship and even 17th century indenture!

Objects range from the rare and unusual to the bizarre and include a miniature coffin and a stuffed Rhesus monkey associated with the Tipton Slasher. Wartime memorabilia includes 16 relics from the World War 1 Zeppelin raid on Tipton which took place on January 31st 1916. Tipton, Bradley, Wednesbury and Walsall which were all bombed by Zeppelins in one of the heaviest air raids of the First World War.

This is a rare opportunity to explore the Museum's collections of social and industrial history. Hourly guided tours start at 10.30, 11.30, 14.30 and 15.30 on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September. -Ends-

Photo Opportunities

Image attached. Journalists and photographers and invited to attend on Thursday September 7th and Friday September 8th.

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The Museum is only three miles from Junction 2 of the M5 Motorway, and five miles from junction 10 of the M6 and is easily accessible from the Midlands Motorway network.

Opening times – every day from 10am until 5pm.