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Banish the Winter Blues with a Trip Back in Time

Ticked off with turkey and bored of brussel sprouts? Then indulge in a mouthwatering portion of the Black Country Living Museum's famous fish and chips and revitalise your appetite for the festive season. Wash it all down with a pint of real ale from the Bottle and Glass Inn and you've created the perfect remedy for the blues this winter.

A warm welcome awaits visitors to the Museum where family and friends, staying for the festive season, can enjoy some Black Country hospitality. Thaw out by a glowing brazier in the Museum's period village or get toasty by the roaring fires in the many shops and houses. Costume demonstrators entertain and enchant with fascinating stories of yesteryear, sprinkled throughout with a healthy dose of Black Country cheer.

Leave the stresses and strains of Christmas behind and take a trip down Memory Lane. Sample life the way it used to be and chat to characters from the past in period shops and houses. Hop aboard an original 1920s tram and arrive in 20th century style or take a cruise on a canal boat deep into the limestone caverns.

It's back to school already for children young and old with a lesson in the Victorian school room but woe-betide any pupils who don't know their ABCs because the cane was still in use! Take a tour of the underground coal mine and discover what mining was really like in the 1850s or ride the cakewalk on the old-fashioned fairground.

Emma Middleton, Marketing Manager said: " The Museum is the ideal place to bring family and friends over the Christmas period and visitors are assured a warm welcome in the shops, cottages and houses in the canalside village."

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Motorway, and five miles from junction 10 of the M6 and is easily accessible from the Midlands Motorway network.