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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Museum Friends Enjoy Some Good Clean Fun**

**Saturday 4th April – Sunday 5th April**

The Friends of the Museum wash away their winter blues and make a clean sweep of things with a spring clean up weekend at The Black Country Living Museum on Saturday 4th April and Sunday 5th April, 2009

Join the Friends on a journey into the past as they move into houses and cottages in the canal-side village including Pitts Cottage, the Brook Street back-to-backs and the Nailmaker's House. Discover how families coped before the advent of washing machines, fridge-freezers, vacuum cleaners and the indoor loo!

The Friends will cook, clean, eat, sleep and play as people did generations ago, reliving fascinating bygone days. Armed with little more than a scrubbing brush and some elbow grease the Friends gear up for some good clean fun - 20th Century style.

Visitors will find themselves in another time and place where labour saving devices such as vaccum cleaners and polish are yet to be invented! 1900s chores included black leading the grate, beating the rugs, mopping the floor and scrubbing the front step until your neighbour could see their face in it!

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## **Photo Opportunities**

Image attached

Caption: Moreen Wilkes cleaning windows at the Black Country Living Museum

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