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PRESS RELEASE

**Museum gets in a Steam over
Free Father's Day Event!**

Sunday 20th June, 2010

The Black Country Living Museum will be getting all steamed up for Father's Day on Sunday 20th June, 2010 when steam power takes over the Museum. Dads of all ages can enjoy a visit to the award-winning Dudley Museum FREE OF CHARGE when accompanied by a paying son or daughter!

On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June President, the only preserved steam powered narrowboat on the waterways today, will be in full steam. In its heyday the steamer would have worked 'fly' (day and night) carrying cargoes of valuable spices, tea and sugar on the canals between London, Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Leicester and Nottingham.

'Toys for the boys' go on show with a variety of steam engines including traction engines, mammods, the colliery steam winder and fan engine. The steam team will be on hand to talk about the engines' history and the role they played in the industrial revolution. Steam toys will take older visitors on a trip down memory lane.

On Sunday 20th June the Pendrell Hall Observatories Group will be hosting a Summer Solstice Event from 10am -4pm in the Museum's observatory. Demonstrations will be 'out of this world' and visitors can enjoy displays and observatory tours. Talks include Solar Observing through Time and Solar

Science through Time.

Marketing Manager, Emma Middleton said: "Give your dad a day to remember and treat him to lunch in the Museum's Canalside Cafe. Delicious Black Country fayre available at the Museum includes faggots and peas, steak and ale pie and, of course, the Museum's world-famous fish and chips."

Admission prices:

Adults £13.20

Seniors £10.70

Young People (5-16) £7.00

Student with NUS card £7.00

Family Ticket (2 adults & 3 children) £34.95

Family Ticket (1A & 1 C) £18.00

Dad's come in FREE OF CHARGE on Sunday 20th June, 2010 when accompanied by a full paying son or daughter.

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Photographic Opportunity:

Image attached

Caption: President and crew on the waterways.

Note to Editors:

About the Museum

The Black Country Living Museum is one of the UK's leading open air museums. Attracting over 300,000 visitors each year to an astonishing 26 acre site just two miles from the town centre of Dudley, it captures and admires the achievements and culture of the region's past and the extraordinary impact this had on the wider world. With its thriving village spanning 150 years of history from c1770 to the 1920s, canal, tram

way, school, public park and fairground, alongside the energy of an industrial landscape of mining, steam power, heavy metalwork and lime kilns, the Museum offers a visitor experience that few others can match. We also have one of the best fish and chips shops for miles around!

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