



Press Release

Gruesome History Weekend at Avoncroft Museum

For immediate release

Think you know about history – now discover the gruesome side of life this weekend (Sat 8 & Sun 9 August) at Avoncroft Museum.

In the Merchant's House meet our Tudor Barbers Surgeon and Apothecary: people expert in cutting limbs, tasting urine and giving unsuspecting patients evil smelling potions. Plus they'll be demonstrating archery and the hideous wounds such weapons could inflict on the enemy.

See the gruesome finds of Grymm Tooms Travelling Museum in the Showman's Wagon, a Victorian collection of 'unusual' finds that could turn your stomach. For more information about how vile the Victorians were head to the Toll House and meet our Victorian couple who will show you how 'ordinary' people lived.

Are you a witch? Watch out for our 17th Century Witchfinder who will demonstrate the weird and wonderful ways our ancestors tried to 'prove' people were witches – and don't go near the ducking stool!

The Mercian Guard will be demonstrating how Viking invaders used to live and explain how they invaded villages with an exciting combat display.

For smaller children there will be gruesome storytelling, eyeball making and a fun toilet trail to complete!

“This is a very exciting event where children, and their families can learn about the gruesome side of history. This is an event for all the family and not to be missed!”
Rachel Shepherd, Head of Customer Services.

Admission Prices: Adults £6.60, Seniors £5.50, Children £3.00, Family Ticket (2 Adults & 3 Children) £16.50.

Editors' Notes

- Avoncroft Museum is a registered charity. Charity Number 241644.
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