



## **Forge Mill Needle Museum Redditch**

**Wednesday 12th June 2019**

The museum at Forge Mill celebrates Redditch's history of needle and pin production in the UK. Around 90% of the world's demand for needles and pins were produced here in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Forge mill is situated next to Bordesley Abbey, site of former 12<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian Abbey. This will be an interesting visit. Find out how they managed to make as many as 3 million needles a week in one mill with water as the main source of power. Adam Smith, Scottish Economist and Philosopher, was instrumental in streamlining needle production using his "Division of Labour" methods in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. He is featured on the reverse of the current £20 bank note

### **Parking**

Good car parking on site and easy access from M42 J2 via A441, which is recommended to avoiding getting lost in Redditch.

### **Overnight accommodation**

Redditch Premier Inn is 5 mins walk away for those who may want to stay overnight.

### **Cost**

Cost for the welcome drink and two tours will be £10.50 plus £12.00 for lunch if desired but which must be booked in advance. We will need firm bookings to ensure guides are in place and lunch is provided. Payment on entry.

### **Timing**

- 10:30 Arrival by 10:30 for a welcome hot drink with cake and then a guided tour of Forge Mill – 60 minutes.
- 12:30 Lunch, pre-booked cold buffet lunch.
- 13:30 Tour of the abbey - 90 mins.

### **Event organiser**

Please contact Nic Houslip by phone or email to reserve places.

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