

FORGE NEWS

Chain Bridge Forge | South Holland Life

Discount for Friends of the Forge

Have you renewed your membership for 2015?

The future of The Forge is reliant on raising income. As a reward to those Friends of the Forge renew their membership we are offering a discount of 10% on all purchases including experiences at The Forge. To take advantage of this offer send a cheque for £10 to The Forge with your details or call in to pay your subscription.

Our Shop

We have for sale a range of items to suit all pockets. Ornamental snails, coat hooks, candle holders and pokers are all hand crafted at The Forge. Do you need new brackets for your hanging baskets? Made by our blacksmith these are available to order at The Forge.

The latest addition is a DVD about The Forge Past & Present. Telling the story of The Forge, blacksmithing and shoeing as well as the part of The Forge in the Spalding Flower Parade.

The DVD costs £5 and is available at The Forge.

Spring at The Forge

Why not visit The Forge over the Easter break or later in the year? Over the past few months we have made major changes to the interior space at The Forge. These make better use of space for activities and a more welcoming environment for visitors. The Blacksmith's Forge itself



remains as the hub but, with the help of a grant from the District Council, we have created an Innovation Centre in the loft. This is the home of our Craft Simulation Project. It also provides space for our our archive of local his

Easter Opening Times at Chain Bridge Forge

Chain Bridge Forge is open over the Easter Weekend with FREE ADMISSION. The Forge will be offering Blacksmithing with an opportunity to make items yourself. Children over 5 will be allowed as time allows to have a go and take home a coat hook. This activity cost £5 each

Why not come see us at the following times.

Good Friday – 10 till 3

Easter Saturday – 11 till 3

Easter Sunday – 11 till 3

Easter Monday – 11 till 3

Work with Schools

With input from teachers we are developing a programme for visits from local schools. These focus on three areas: blacksmithing, shoeing & 3D printing.

Our most recent visitors were 24 children from Bluecoats in Stamford. Each made a coat hook for their cloakroom. Feedback was positive 'We had a amazing time...You & your team were brilliant.'

Events

At The Forge

Open Wednesday, Friday & Sunday through through the Summer - check website for opening times.

24 October - Walking Tour with Forge en route

Forge Visits

A range of visits to The Forge have been arranged including by the Crowland Wildlife Group; German visitors in June; French student visits in July & August.

Outreach

18/19 April Lincolnshire Daffodil Society at Springfields Event Centre

25/26 July Heckington Show

6 Sept Surfleet Show

Talks to local groups.

Contact

www.southhollandlife.com

Innovation Centre Opened

An Innovation Centre has been created at The Forge by creating access to and renovating the space in the loft. The Centre has a number of purposes: it provides space for archive material and for research and also for 3D printing.



We offer 3D Printing, 3D Scanning and 3D Pen. The equipment is key to the Virtual Craft Simulation project that is being developed in partnership with the University of Lincoln. The project aims to revive the Blacksmith craft, making it accessible to young people, by using 21st century technology. We are also interested in exploring use of the 3D technology in the local community with local businesses and organisations. If you have an idea where 3D technology might help you please contact us through our website

Shortlisted for EM Award

The Forge is pleased to have been shortlisted for the Judges' Special Award in the East Midlands Heritage Awards 2015.

The Friends of The Forge entered in two categories: Engaging Children & Young People and Heart of the Community. The Special Award will recognise museums, heritage sites and projects that demonstrate excellence in a particular area or broad range of categories that the judges feel deserves recognition and rewarding. The Award winners will be announced in June.

