

Chaddesley Corbett History Society

Wednesday February 16th 7.30pm

There is more to a Needle than meets the Eye.

by Jo-Ann Gloger

of The Forge Mill Needle Museum in Redditch

(Text from Needle Museum website)

Forge Mill Needle Museum in Redditch is an unusual and fascinating place to visit. This historic site illustrates the rich heritage of the needle and fishing tackle industries. Models and recreated scenes provide a vivid illustration of how needles were once made, and how Redditch once produced 90% of the world's needles.

On the same site, just a very short walk from Forge Mill Museum, are the ruins of Bordesley Abbey – a medieval Cistercian Abbey which has been extensively excavated (and may form part of our visit to this site in Summer 2022.)

Bordesley Abbey Visitor Centre, which is set in an original reconstructed 16th century barn, tells the extraordinary story of the Abbey from its development in the 12th century to its destruction in 1538 by Henry VIII during the dissolution.

One of the most unique museums in Worcestershire and the West Midlands, the museum also has a superb Gift Shop selling souvenirs and a good selection of the finest quality needles, many of which are locally produced. We also stock unusual needles and offer a mail order service. <https://www.forgemill.org.uk/web/>

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Lectures held in Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall Zoom option too!

Cost of the talk included in your payment for all 4 talks since September 2021 or £5.00 for a visitor, or new Zoom request.

This talk is linked to a planned summer visit should you wish to join us.

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To join the society and enjoy talks throughout the year please contact me on 07747618487 or fred@fredagriffith.co.uk membership will be launched at the AGM on March 16th, as a member you are welcome to join in with summer visits to places of local historical interest (if these are chargeable, you pay as you go as some members are unable to participate with these). We will be trying to ensure that all talks are available on Zoom.

Visitors are always welcome at a charge per meeting.