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WHAT'S ON AT AMBERLEY MUSEUM Heavy Horse and Woodland Craft Show

Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre, just north of Arundel, is holding a new event on Sunday 16th May featuring **Heavy Horses and Woodland Crafts**. The magical mix of crafts, steam power and horse power, set in the heart of the South Downs National Park, will guarantee an enjoyable day out for the whole family.

A selection of woodland trades and crafts plus a working timber yard will demonstrate the variety of uses for wood using traditional and past techniques. A steam crane will lower timber onto a saw bench which will be powered by a Burrell traction engine, providing fascinating and nostalgic sights and sounds – a real taste of history. Basket makers, wood carvers, wood turners and hurdle makers are just a few of the craftspeople who will be in attendance.

Heavy horses will be on show to demonstrate how horse power ruled before steam power. A pet's corner for children will provide interest for younger visitors.

"This is very much a working event," said organiser Norman Flexman, "and a poignant reminder of how the world has changed. Between the various exhibitors there is an extraordinary amount of experience and knowledge of a way of life which has all but died out".

Normal admission prices apply and visitors will be able to see the Museum's other exhibits on site too, which include a working historic bus service, narrow-gauge railway, blacksmith's forge, print workshop, 'Connected Earth' telecommunications exhibition and much, much more! Further details can be found on the Museum's website www.amberleymuseum.co.uk or by telephoning the Museum directly on (01798) 831370.

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