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Join us at Cromford Mills for some fabulous August entertainment!

The team at Cromford Mills has been working hard to adapt our regular visitor offer and create a great line-up of one-off events to suit all ages.

Starting on Friday 7th August, we will be offering 4 special tour experiences a day for household bubbles, combining a tour of the yard with the Arkwright Experience. Visit cromfordmills.org.uk to book your place now.

Every Thursday in August, families can book on to an exclusive family pond dipping experience with our Cromford Mills team. Learn about the creatures that live in the depths of the mill stream, and have a go yourself with our nets, trays, and ID sheets. Catch sticklebacks and poke around in the mud to see what larvae and worms you can find. Plus, you will also have the opportunity to explore the wildflowers in the barracks afterwards. If outdoor theatre tickles your fancy, then you are in for a treat with three wonderful shows scheduled to take place in the historic mill yard.

Wednesday 12th August, Handlebards will be performing a laugh-out-loud version of **Romeo & Juliet** with music mayhem and more costume changes than you can shake a spear at. Gates open at 6pm with a 7pm start. The show running time is 90 minutes (without an interval).

Wednesday 19th August, Notice this Notice will be rolling up with **'The Most Sensational Comedy of Dick Schwick'**, an original Victorian comedy for all ages to enjoy. Based on the true story of the female errand boy Lois Schwick, we bring you one of the most remarkable scoops from the press of 1886. There's fraud, thievery and a good old bit of cross-dressing as young 'Dick' tries to find her way in the cutthroat world of the London textile industry! Gates open at 6.30pm with a 7.30pm start.

Wednesday 26th August, Three Inch Fools will be here, dusting off their instruments and stepping back into the great outdoors, with a riotous, three-hander version of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. Prepare for a post-lockdown Shakespearean adventure like no other before. A show packed with live music-making, raucous story-telling and typically British social-distancing. Gates open at 6pm with a 7pm start.

All shows are outdoor productions, please bring your own chairs and visit cromfordmills.org.uk/events to check prices and book your tickets today!

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For all our visitors who enjoy a bit of Sci-Fi, we have an exciting **Sci-Fi Model and Costume Display** landing in the mill yard on **Sunday 30th August** (free entry, 10am-4pm). Enjoy a range of Gerry Anderson sci-fi models and displays by David Sisson. Sisson's models will not disappoint with their details and accuracy. Sisson started creating models because, 'disappointed by the fact that I could not see (or possibly even buy) my favourite models I began to build my own reproductions, and have continued doing so for the last 40 years. Creating my own blueprints from studio photographs of the original models, and using the same toy and model kit parts that were originally used at the film studios, I strive to create new copies which are as exact as possible of all the classic television models of my childhood.'

We have implemented many changes to both our events programme and the site to ensure these activities can go ahead whilst maintaining social distancing. We hope you will enjoy a safe and fun summer with us! Visit cromfordmills.org.uk/events for all our upcoming events.

For further details please visit www.cromfordmills.org.uk or phone Tricia Trice 078336 14942.
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Notes for editors

Built in 1771 to house the first water-powered cotton spinning mill, the site became the birthplace of the modern factory system. Cromford Mills is internationally recognised as part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, due to the ground-breaking ingenuity that was quickly replicated in mills across the world, transforming the global textile industry.

About the Arkwright Society

The Arkwright Society owns and manages Cromford Mills. It is an educational charity devoted to the rescue of industrial heritage buildings and helping to preserve the precious built and natural landscape in and around Cromford. www.cromfordmills.org.uk
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