

SIR RICHARD ARKWRIGHT'S **CROMFORD MILLS**



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Plus a big welcome to our new sign ups! Sorry it has taken so long to be in touch - a teething problem with our new website meant that your sign up went unnoticed. All sorted now, and we hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Calling All Teachers!

Over the past year, we have been working hard to update our education offer to adapt to what schools need throughout the pandemic. With the help of the Cultural Recovery Fund and our colleagues at Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service, we have put together three new 45 minute **curriculum-linked** virtual sessions to allow schools to dig deep into big subjects, without leaving the classroom.



To celebrate the launch of this new KS3 or KS4 offer, we are offering one free trial of each of the following 45 minute sessions:

- Cromford Mills as a Visitor Attraction
- Enslavement Links to the Cotton Industry in the Derwent Valley Mills
- The Role of Cromford Mills in Britain as the First Industrial Nation

Check out our website: cromfordmills.org.uk/exciting-new-virtual-offer-for-secondary-schools/ to see if your class is eligible for the free trial and for further details.

If you don't teach, but know someone who does - please forward this newsletter to them. 😊



New events for a new season, plus the return of old favourites!

The new Events Programme is being finessed and finalised, with new events and the return of old favourites. This half term sees family QR trails at the mill, and the increasingly popular markets return from 6th March.

Do keep an eye on our [website](#) for full details.

Sun 6 th March	Antiques Fair
Sunday 20 th March	Artisan Market
Thurs 31 st March at 7.00pm	On-line Talk by Hetain Patel
Sun 3 rd April	The Bazaar
Sun 10 th April	Cromford Mills Wedding Fair
Sunday 17 th April	Artisan Market
Sunday 24 th April	Cromford Mills Dog Show
Sunday 1 st May	Antiques Fair

Mill Matters: Historical Snippets.

From the National Newspaper Archive:

WINTER RELIEF

Derby Mercury – 29th January 1795

‘Last week the bountiful Richard Arkwright Esq of Cromford, in this county, distributed amongst the poor inhabitants of that place and neighbourhood between 20 and 30 tons of coal, [being the whole then at the wharf]; and to several that had not coal he sent money, victuals, clothing...’



Cromford Wharf: full of Coal [FCC]

Looking for somewhere for your business needs?

Since Christmas we have had a flurry of prospective tenants approaching us, both as office tenants and as co-workers (where you can choose how many days you rent a desk during a month). It seems as if people are wanting to have the energy boost of being in a creative working environment. The chance to talk business over a cup of coffee can lead to small start ups forming new working relationships with other companies; something you don't get when the only one

you talk to at home is the cat!

For details of offices, co-working and virtual tenancies see the [Cromford Creative](#) website for more information.



Our main man Keith - converting the old Scarthin Room from one big office to three smaller ones to accommodate demand.



By popular demand: click this photo to watch November's amazing Shine A Light Show.