

Full steam back in time



IT was full steam ahead at Combe Mill earlier this month, as the old engine and boiler was stoked up for the first open day this year.

Members of the Combe Mill Society welcomed visitors to the 1852 engine and boiler, as well as a collection of other steam engines.

A working forge allowed some to try their hand at making something themselves, and there was a display of country artefacts and wood-turning.

A spokesman for the society, Peta Simmons, said: "The 150-year-old boiler successfully passed its inspection for another year, which means we will be able to open to the public on our usual days this year."

The mill will be open this year on May 18, August 17, and October 19.

Pictured, above, is Ron Rutherford checking out the boiler, and right, Ian Souch, seven, from Witney, having a go at being a blacksmith.

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