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Walk on the Bertholey ridge ***Sunday 2nd April 10.30am***

A walk from the north end of the ridge, above Bertholey House to “Will of Wentwood’s House in Ruins”. There will be some wild daffodils to see and it will give us an overview of the largest swathe of the Forest that has recently come into the ownership of the Woodland Trust. Meet at the small parking area at the summit of the road from Parc Seymour to Usk (on the west side of the road, map reference 413945) or if in doubt meet at the car park of the Wentwood Inn at 10.15am. Duration 2 hours.

In Search of King Arthur ***talk - Monday 10th April 7.30pm at the Wentwood Inn***

Arthur, warrior, saint, and King of the Silurians, was from around here. How on earth did he get hijacked by south west England? Chris Barber, author of a number of books about our wonderful district, has been unravelling the true story of King Arthur for many years. You may have to manage without Excalibur and the Holy Grail but gain a remarkable insight into the ancient past of our area. The talk, illustrated with colour slides, is in the function room of the Wentwood Inn.

Llanmelin Hill Fort ***walk Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm***

The only significant excavation was done in 1933 but Daryl Williams carried out a geophysical survey two years ago. Daryl will tell us about it first hand. Meet at the Cadw car park Caerwent 2.30pm. Short walk but rough, time about 1 hour from start of walk.

Publications

Two booklets from other people - we have copies of these available at £3 each:

“***Leaves from the Forest***” a compilation by Peter Strong in support of the Woodland Trust’s purchase of part of Wentwood.

“***Caerwent - The Diary of Mr Till***” the day diary from 1880 of the tenant of Great House Farm, edited by Dr Elwyn Hughes.

And two DVDs from KBMF of Llanvaches:

“***The Circle of Legends***” relating the stories of Sabrina, Eleanor, Geoffrey of Monmouth and Kings Tewdric, Arthur & Offa, and to the landscape of this corner of Gwent £10

“***The Wye Valley Railway***” the story of the line which operated through the picturesque valley until the 1960s, a compilation including many old photographs £7

Don't forget - we take every care with the preparation of our walks and visits, but you participate at your own risk

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Also In ***Newport Museum***

during normal opening hours 8th-15th April inclusive (not Sunday or Good Friday): Three Short Films by Rebecca Spooner inspired by the excavations here 100 years ago plus a small exhibition of the notebooks and associated materials.