

CAERWENT HISTORIC TRUST

Forthcoming Events:

Tour and talk on the newly re-opened St Michael & All Angels Church and local history centre at Llanfihangel Rogiet

Saturday October 23rd at 10.00 am.

Richard Jones of the Friends of Friendless Churches has kindly agreed to give us a private talk and guided tour with Peter Strong of Caldicot and Local District Historic Trust, who manage the centre.

A guided Tour and talk by the curator of the Caerwent Roman artifacts at Newport Museum Saturday October 16th 11 am.

Oliver Blackmore of the Newport museum will give a guided tour of the artifacts relating to Caerwent and give an expert insight.

A Talk by John Nettleship on his researching of the Servicemen from the Caerwent area who died in the two World Wars.

Monday November 15th.. Place to be announced.

Report of a walk up Grey Hill/Mynydd Llwyd, Saturday September 11th

Many of you will know Grey Hill as a pleasant, if a bit steep, walk with a magnificent viewpoint. All of which is true, but how many of you are aware of its hidden secrets? The Trust were given a fascinating insight into the area on a walk led by John Nettleship.

On the top of the hill is a group of Bronze Age ritual and burial monuments. There are three burial cairns on the top of the hill and, hidden away from the casual viewer, are two standing stones

The stone circle is approximately 32 feet in diameter and has been dated to the Bronze Age, circa 4000 years ago. One suggestion as to why they were constructed is for ceremonies such as the observance of the seasons and fertility of the earth though the exact type of ceremonies is uncertain.

The Trust organise a walk to the hill on the winter solstice to view the sunrise align with the standing stones. The astronomical alignment of the stones was first proposed by Frad J Hando, (Hando, 1944) a local writer and artist. He suggested an alignment on the midwinter sunrise between two standing stones which he named the "First Piper" and the "Second Piper".



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