

CAERWENT HISTORIC TRUST

JUNE 2003

Dear Friends,

For the first weekend of May members had access to the Dinham Factory area and visiting in small groups we were able to extend our understanding of it. The visit to the Llanmelin Hill Fort under the guidance of Ian McFarlane was very rewarding - he brought the prize items from his collection of worked flints for us to see, also the bluebells were flourishing!

Latest Programme of Events

The Archaeology of Gray Hill

Sunday 15th June, 2.30pm

A quite gentle walk, overall time about one and a half hours. We will cover a number of prehistoric remains on the hill and the archaeologist Adrian Chadwick will be on site to update us on this year's excavations.

Meet at the Wentwood Reservoir car park at 2.30pm.

Christian sites in Caerwent and our Open Day

Saturday July 12th, 2.30pm onwards in the Baptist Chapel Schoolroom

Peter Strong will follow up the talk he gave in March with a ramble round the village to point out places of Christian association. Little-known spots where other important discoveries were made will also be covered. We shall combine this with our Open Day - please call in any time between 2.30pm and 5.00pm. The walk round will be preceded by a very short talk, starting at 3.00pm.

European Heritage Days - Advance notice.

The last three weekends in September are European Heritage Days and we shall be offering guided visits to the main historic sites. In addition, arranged jointly by Caerwent Parish Church and the Trust, there will be a concert on Saturday 27th featuring the talented harp player Claire Hamilton. She will include Welsh folk songs and the telling of Celtic myths with harp accompaniment.

Please note: Though we take every care with the preparation of our walks and visits, you participate at your own risk. Walk Co-ordinators: Derrick Williams and John Nettleship

Best wishes

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