

CAERWENT HISTORIC TRUST

Replacement of Secretary

John Nettleship has been the driving force of our Trust since it was formed in November 2000. John has decided that the time has come to reduce his workload and will be relinquishing his role as secretary this January. He has kindly agreed to continue in the role of librarian/researcher producing material for the Trust. However, this means that we will have to find a new secretary. The duties include convening the AGM and two or three trustee meetings each year, creating and circulating the agenda and minutes for such meetings, and writing a monthly newspage for the Community newsletter. The Trust provides the IT equipment needed.

If we are to continue offering occasional 'walks and talks' we will also need an 'events secretary'. This could be combined with the above role, or taken on as a separate role. The responsibilities include arranging events, and for walks to arrange who will lead them, checking out the route beforehand and liaise with landowners if on private land etc. We have averaged 5-6 such events a year.

If we do not attract one or two volunteers for these roles, the Trust will have to reduce its activities, or even close, so if you are interested please contact John or myself, or just turn up at the AGM on Tuesday 12 January at CADW's Westgate Barn. For the avoidance of doubt both posts are of course voluntary/unpaid.

Without John's efforts, the Trust would not have been created, nor run successfully for the last nine years. I am sure many local residents will join me in thanking John for all his hard work.

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Notice of AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday** January 12th 2010 in the Westgate Barns, Caerwent.

Caerwent's Photographic Archive

The archive bequeathed by Bryan Morgan has been a point of pride for our community. Mr Rob Jones of Martin's Road has kindly offered to update and expand Bryan's work. If you hear from Rob, it's not a scam, he's doing it on our behalf!

The Midwinter Sunrise *Monday December 21st*

We'll be up to see the sun rise from the prehistoric alignment on Gray Hill, about ten past eight. If the weather is bad, the effect should be very similar on 22nd or 23rd. Best footwear is wellies, the path may be rough and overgrown. Meet at the Standing Stones (or else the triangle on the south side of the hill at 7.50am, OS map reference is 442930). If you are not sure about the starting point or are not a good walker, ring for advice.

*** **HAPPY CHRISTMAS !** ***

N.B. we take every care in preparation of visits etc but you take part at your own risk

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