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# CAERWENT HISTORIC TRUST

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In the time between going to press and distribution of the Newsletter we are due the Time Team programme about Caerwent, our AGM, and another C4 broadcast featuring a well known local folly. Some of these will be so déjà vu by the beginning of March that I just hope you catch them as they happen! We have no events arranged for February but:

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### *Dinham Factory Tour* *Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10.00am*

Opportunities to visit the former Royal Naval Propellant Factory have been infrequent in recent years. This will be a detailed tour, basically by car with a little walking, covering the function of the various buildings and an outline of the chemical processes involved. We shall cover the remains of the old villages too, though there is less and less to see of them. Meet outside the Main Gate, top of Dinham Road at 10.00am.

## WELSH HOUSE NAMES

The Trust is gradually compiling a list of local house and place names. Some of these are directly descriptive and help us to appreciate the landscape or history of our area. Other names might be more arbitrary but even so, it's good to understand what the meaning is of names we meet in our daily routine. We'll start with the area of Llanfair Discoed and Gray Hill (Mynydd Llwyd). Suggestions or corrections to improve this list would be welcome!

Arosfa	Stopping Place (We've Arrived!)
Cartref	Homestead
Craigwen	White Crag
(The) Bryn	The Hill
Bryn Gwyn	White Hill (could be with ripe corn) or possibly Holy Hill
Bryn Adam	Adam's Hill
Brynawel	Windy Hill
Glasfryn	Green Hill
Delfryn	Pleasant/attractive hill
Coed Gwent	Wentwood
Swn y Coed	Sound of the Wood
Swn Aderyn	Sound of the Bird (Birdsong)
Maes y Gwenith	Field of Wheat
(The) Wern	The Alder Marsh (a sacred place in ancient times)
Ty Celia	Celia's House (Celia Davies moved from a cottage on Gray Hill)
Y Bwthyn	The Cottage
Ty Ffynnon	Spring House/Well House (it's up Well Lane)
Ty Pwll	House by the Pool/in the Hollow
Pentwyn	Top/end of the mound/hillock
Penhein	has been said to mean top/end of the dip slope but recent information relates "hein" to Heinif, an owner of the land in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century