
CAERWENT HISTORIC TRUST

The third article in Mark's series "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel" will appear in the October Newsletter.

Two proposals dear to the heart of our Trust are the improvement of access to the Llanmelin Hill Fort - Poor Wood area and the establishment of a Visitor Centre/Archaeological Display in Caerwent. Both of these have been vigorously pursued by Caerwent Community Council for some years. Success is in sight with the Poor Wood etc but progress less good with the Visitor Centre. See Community Council columns for further updates.

The Great Flood of 1607 ***talk at Redwick Village Hall*** ***Monday 17th September 7.30pm***

Continuing the series of events commemorating the Flood, Dr Kevin Horsburgh will explain the view that the Flood was due to a storm surge rather than a tsunami (an idea which I think many of us have found more appealing). Dr Horsburgh is a leading figure in researching tide and sea level problems.

Llanthony Secunda ***formerly "Church Farm" Caldicot***

This amazing building, now returned to its original name Llanthony Secunda, was threatened with demolition 35 years ago. It is an original monastic house approaching 900 years in age. You may hardly have noticed it in recent years as it's surrounded by housing estates, but it's on the original road directly from Caerwent to Caldicot. The present owners have kindly offered to let us bring small groups to look over it with them. If you would like to come please contact Jennifer as below and we will arrange visits when convenient over the next few months.

History of Caldicot

Don't forget the exhibition about the history of Caldicot, 11am-5pm each day in the Woodstock Tower of Caldicot Castle until the end of this month, highly recommended! The official title is "Caldicot: A Growing Community in a Changing Landscape" and covers the development of the village from the Domesday Book until the 1950s.

Gilgal Chapel

The chapel and its surroundings used to be a most attractive place to go for a short excursion from Caerwent. Thanks to the efforts of a trust which has recently taken charge, it is now again a lovely destination. Sixteen of us very much enjoyed our visit in July. See if you can find it! Map reference is 427929 and afterwards you can go for a bracing walk to the top of Money Turvey (or Mynydd Allt-Tir-Fach).

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