

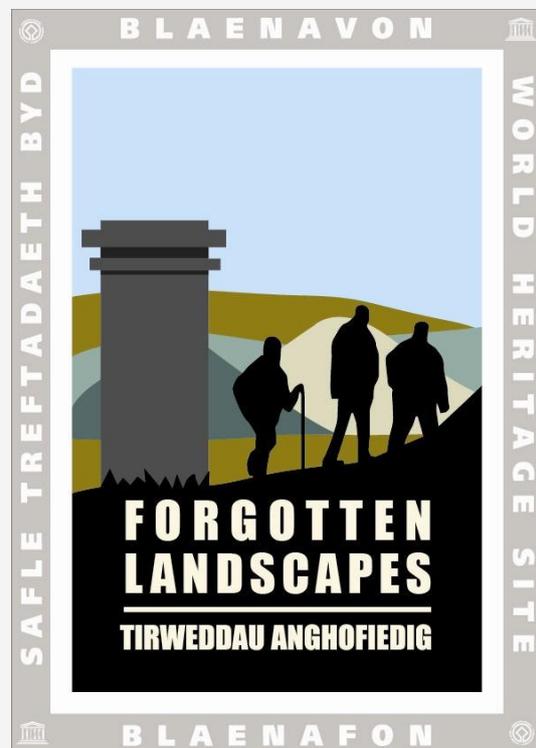


Forgotten Landscapes February News

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A very happy new year and welcome to the February edition of the Forgotten Landscapes e-newsletter. This month we're bringing you news of a brand new community group and new [lifelong learning courses](#) as well as a round-up of [events](#) for February.

On another note, we're working hard to tell you our news through social media, so be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). We are also introducing a brand new blog and would love to know what you think and are looking for contributions, such as guest blog posts and photos.



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**New Lifelong Learning Courses** - There are two brand new Lifelong Learning Courses.

**Family History**, has been set up in conjunction with Gwent Archives and offers a broad insight into how our ancestors lived, where they worked and played, and how patterns of life have changed. There's also the chance to **construct your own family tree**. The course takes place on Tuesdays 10 - 12 noon, starting on Feb. 19th, continuing for 15 weeks.

**Blaenavon Moors: An Environmental History**, will examine the evolution of one of Britain's most important and iconic cultural landscapes, using local case studies to understand how geology, climate and people have influenced their development. The course starts on Thursday 21st of February between 7 - 9pm for 12 weeks.

**Introducing the Blaenavon World Heritage Environment Group** - We're pleased to announce that a brand new community group has been formed by [Volunteer Rangers involved in the FLP Scheme](#). Their activities cover everything from habitat creation, conservation and wildlife monitoring to dry stone walling, archeology and education. It's fantastic that this dedicated group are keen to continue their valuable work in the area, and we will be working closely with them to support their development.

**Join the Community Archeology Group** - We're looking for anyone who's interested in archeology and local history, and who is interested in meeting like-minded people, to join the community archeology volunteer group. The group meets twice monthly to undertake practical archeology activities under the supervision of a professional field archaeologist. These activities include archive research, historic map work, site surveys and excavation. No previous experience necessary. If you're interested please contact Sarah Lewis on 01495 742335 or email [sarah.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk)

**What's on?** - For full information, please visit the [events](#) section of our website or call 01495 742 333

**Planting for wildlife** - Sat 9th Feb. 10 - 3pm

Meet at the Garn Lakes Local Nature Reserve car park and enjoy a day of planting reeds in the ponds at our exciting new habitat creation site. You'll get to have fun while helping us to encourage unique wildlife to the area. The event is free, and be sure to bring along appropriate clothing and a packed lunch. Booking is essential.

**Early railways of Blaenavon talk**

Tues 19th Feb. 6.30 - 8.30pm

Peter Brown, Heritage lecturer at the University of Wales Newport, comes to the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. Trace the development of early railways, going as far back as the Middle Ages, and discover the role of Blaenavon's engineers in developing the first iron rails and other railway technology. **Booking essential.**

**Woodland Archeology**

Fri 22nd Feb. 10.30 - 1pm

Join us on an exciting minibus tour which, together with several short walks, will explore a selection of archeological features relating to past woodland management in the area surrounding Blaenavon. The event costs £3 per person, and please be sure to bring suitable clothing. Meet at 10.15 at Blaenavon world Heritage Centre. **Booking essential.**





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