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Family Fun at Blaenavon World Heritage Day

World Heritage Day, the cultural highlight of Blaenavon's calendar, is taking place on Saturday 27th June 2009 in Blaenavon Heritage Town. It will be a fun filled day with live music, street entertainment, a Victorian Funfair, craft stalls and refreshments. The day's festivities will be officially opened by the Town Crier at 11:30am in Market Square.

As always, the highlight of the day is the fantastic Heritage Costume Parade which starts at Broad Street car park at 1:30pm. With excellent costumes, dancers and music, the parade is a spectacle that is enjoyed by everyone, year after year. Don't be afraid to come and join in the parade, everyone is welcome! Much loved artists Ben and Jude will be back in town working with the local schools and the community to create the amazing costumes that never fail to dazzle the crowd. Check out the leaflet inside for details.

During the day, children can enjoy the Victorian Funfair and games, as well as bouncy castles and a variety of other fun activities. There will be street entertainers and dance displays throughout the day. Take time to visit the stalls and shops in the town, as well as enjoying a choice of refreshments, before the festivities end at 5:30pm.

At the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre, in addition to the fascinating displays and interpretation, there will be Community Art Workshops provided by the Arts Council of Wales, allowing people of all ages to work with metal and ceramics. (Running from 10am to 4pm on the 27th and 28th June).

The Chairman of the Blaenavon World Heritage Committee, Neil Lewis, said "We are looking forward to another great day. I'm sure the people of Blaenavon will be out in force to support this special event which demonstrates how proud we all are of Blaenavon's industrial heritage and World Heritage Site status".

Councillor Richard Clark, the Executive Member for Regeneration stated, "World Heritage Day is an important event in the diary of Blaenavon. It provides a family fun day for the local and wider community of Torfaen. It also welcomes the family of World Heritage Sites throughout the UK and the world giving Blaenavon its deserved place on the map."

For further information on the Blaenavon World Heritage Day, telephone the Blaenavon Tourist Information Centre on (01495) 742333, or visit www.visitblaenavon.co.uk



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Garn Lakes Country Fayre

The annual Garn Lakes Country Fayre will be taking place on Sunday 28th June 2009, from 10:30am until 5:00pm, with entertainment for all the family to enjoy. Activities include kayaking, fishing, a climbing wall, tai-chi and cycling. Children can do "Nature Painting", using natural materials, as well as enjoying the story-telling, face-painting and the bouncy castle.

The popular craft marquee will be filled with various stalls selling jewellery, art, textiles, wood-turned items, cheese and chutneys. The bio-diversity area will include stalls from the RSPB, Gwent Badger Group and Gwent Beekeepers, as well as offering the opportunity to participate in traditional woodland crafts. Refreshments will be available throughout the day, including a hog roast, BBQ and ice-cream.

The well-established dog show will start at midday, with classes for dogs of all shapes and sizes. Sponsored by Trophy Pet Foods Welsh Valleys, there will be rosettes and prizes for all winners, with a treat for every dog who enters.

Make sure your day includes a visit to the Blaenavon Steam Railway, who will be running trains throughout the day and take a ride on the FREE vintage bus which will be operating all day long. It will circulate around the World Heritage Site, with stops at the Steam Railway, Blaenavon Ironworks, Big Pit, the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre and Blaenavon Heritage Town.

Entry to the Fayre is FREE. Cars will be charged £2 to park.

For further information, please contact Katie Gates, Tel: 01633 648329.



Kayaking on the lake

Environmental Improvements at Local Nature Reserve

Gwelliannau Amgylcheddol yn Warchodfa Natur Leol



Garn Lakes

Substantial environmental improvements have recently taken place at Garn Lakes Local Nature Reserve with the help of the Welsh Assembly Government's Strategic Regeneration Fund programme.

The works were aimed at improving the visitor facilities and the nature conservation value of the area and included the installation of new picnic benches and seating, orientation signs and a notice board. Improvements also included the construction of a new ramp to allow access to the lake for fishing for those with disabilities, and various path improvements around the southern part of the reserve to allow greater access to the whole site for the public.

Fencing was erected around the lower fields between the lake and Kays and Kears to allow grazing to take place. This is intended to improve nature conservation and management of the area so that the now rare Lapwing will once again nest in this area.

Gwnaed gwelliannau amgylcheddol sylweddol yng Ngwarchodfa Natur Leol Llynnoedd y Garn yn ddiweddar gyda chymorth rhaglen Cronfa Adfywio Strategol Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru.

Bwriad y gwaith oedd gwella'r cyfleusterau sydd ar gael i ymwelwyr ynghyd â gwerth cadwraeth natur yr ardal - roedd hyn yn cynnwys gosod meinciau a seddau picnic newydd, arwyddion cyfeiriadedd a hysbyswrdd. Roedd y gwelliannau hefyd yn cynnwys adeiladu esgynfa newydd er mwyn sicrhau bod pobl ag anabledau yn gallu mynd at y llyn i bysgota, ynghyd ag amrywiol welliannau i'r llwybr o amgylch ochr ddeheuol y warchodfa er mwyn i'r cyhoedd gael mynediad gwell i'r safle cyfan.

Codwyd ffensys o amgylch y caeau isaf rhwng y llyn a Kays & Kears er mwyn galluogi i anifeiliaid bori yno. Bwriad y gwaith hwn yw gwella rheolaeth a chadwraeth natur yr ardal fel bod y Cornicyll prin yn dychwelyd i'r ardal hon i nythu unwaith eto.



Busy Year for Big Pit Blwyddyn Brysur i'r Pwll Mawr

The 2008 season was Big Pit's best ever, with over 165,000 visitors to site. It also brought yet another accolade - 'the Best Interactive Museum in Britain'.

The facilities on site continue to develop with the new Learning Space now up and running and being well used for exhibitions and by local community groups. A new 'Heritage and Heather' walking trail is also about to be launched, building on the success of the Coity Tip Trail and developed with the help of the World Heritage Site Rangers.

The 25th anniversary of the 1984 - 1985 Miners' Strike is being marked with a range of exhibitions and events, including the Billy Bragg concert in the Workmen's Hall on 5th June.

The strike is also the subject of the latest in the popular 'people's history' series *Glo* which can be downloaded free from the museum's website. Material from this is also included in a new education pack for schools called 'Pickets, Police and Politics'.

With what looks likely to be a busy summer ahead, staff at Big Pit are preparing a new series of Autumn Lectures to complement the popular Annual Lecture and are also looking forward to welcoming Mother Christmas back again in December.

For more information Tel: 01495 790311
Website: www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/bigpit/

Gwelodd y Pwll Mawr ei dymor gorau erioed yn 2008, â dros 165,000 o ymwelwyr yn tyrru yno i weld y safle. Fe ddaeth hefyd â gwobr arall i'w ganlyn - 'yr Amgueddfa Ryngweithiol Orau ym Mhrydain'.

Mae'r cyfleusterau ar y safle yn parhau i gael eu datblygu â'r Ystafell Ddysgu newydd nawr wedi'i gorffen ac yn cael ei defnyddio'n helaeth ar gyfer arddangosfeydd a gan grwpiau cymunedol lleol. Mae taith gerdded newydd 'Heritage and Heather' ar fin cael ei lansio, fydd yn adeiladu ar lwyddiant Llwybr Tomen y Coety ac sy'n cael ei datblygu gyda Chymorth Ceidwaid Safle Treftadaeth y Byd.

Bydd amrediad o arddangosfeydd a digwyddiadau yn cael eu cynnal i ddathlu 25 mlynedd oddi ar Streic y Mwynwyr 1984 - 1985, gan gynnwys cyngerdd Billy Bragg yn Neuadd y Gweithwyr ar y 5ed o Fehefin.

Mae'r streic hefyd yn destun rhifyn diweddaraf y gyfres boblogaidd 'hanes pobl' *Glo* y gallwch ei lawr lwytho yn rhad ac am ddim oddi ar wefan yr amgueddfa. Mae rhywfaint o'r deunydd hwnnw hefyd wedi'i gynnwys mewn pecyn addysg newydd ar gyfer ysgolion, sef 'Pickets, Police and Politics'.

Rhagwelir y bydd yn haf prysur eleni, felly mae staff y Pwll Mawr eisoes wedi dechrau paratoi cyfres newydd o Ddarlithoedd yr Hydref i gyd-fynd a'r Ddarlith Flynyddol boblogaidd ac maent hefyd yn edrych ymlaen at groesawu Meri Clos eto ym mis Rhagfyr.

Am ragor o wybodaeth ffoniwch: 01495 790311
Gwefan: www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/bigpit/



Surface Exhibitions at Big Pit © TCBC

Blaenavon's Heritage Railway

Photograph courtesy of Alistair Grieve



Now in its 26th year, Blaenavon's Heritage Railway is entering exciting times as it prepares to open to Blaenavon High Level Station at Easter 2010. Highlights from this year's packed events calendar include the Little Engines Weekend on 6/7 June, when the smaller engines are given the limelight, and the popular 1960s beer and music festival, which will take place on 11/12 July. And, at the end of July it's one for the diesel enthusiast when the railway's big diesels get to show their stuff on the steep gradients.

A magical family weekend can be enjoyed on 15/16 August when Ivor the Engine and his friends return to Wales and the August bank holiday sees the return of the popular Transport Rally with steam train rides, vintage bus trips and a display of classic vehicles. On 12/13 September the railway celebrates the 140th anniversary of the opening of the railway in 1869 with a special visiting steam locomotive, a GWR pannier tank (number 6435).

Look out for Spooky goings on on the 31st October when the haunted ghost train takes to the rails for the first time. And rounding off the year in December, are the traditional Santa Steam Specials, taking families to Santa's Grotto.

For more details of our events please either phone the Railway Shop on 01495 792263 or visit the website - www.pontypool-and-blaenavon.co.uk



Successful Anniversary for Heritage Centre

The award-winning Blaenavon World Heritage Centre celebrated its first anniversary in March 2009. In its successful first year over 17,000 people, including hundreds of schoolchildren, visited the site, enjoying the multimedia exhibitions telling the fascinating story of Blaenavon and the reasons why it was awarded World Heritage Status in 2000.

Highlights of the year included conferences held by special interest groups, such as Herian and the Gwent Wildlife Trust; the hosting of the Local Authority World Heritage Forum's AGM; fact-finding visits by delegates from national and international heritage sites and a joint conference of the Welsh and Scottish Royal Commissions on Ancient & Historical Monuments.

Several ministerial visits were received in the past year and the centre also welcomed dignitaries including Jennifer Abramsky, Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Janet O'Neill, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute. Last May the centre hosted the official presentation of the Queen's Award for Innovation to local business Super Rod and in October it was the venue of a well-attended memorial service for the late Dr. Khan, a much respected local GP.



Blaenavon World Heritage Centre

'After the Fire', a successful art exhibition by the Blaenavon Art and Artist Association (BAAA), was displayed in the centre's art gallery between February and Easter and attracted visitors from all over the world. The exhibition was inspired by the post-industrial landscape of Blaenavon and the people who came to find work in the area's industries. The BAAA, have previously exhibited work in the art gallery at Browning Books and aim to promote and support the artists who live in and around Blaenavon.

The World Heritage Centre has an exciting programme of engaging, educational events

scheduled for the rest of 2009. Over the summer the centre will be hosting a number of art workshops linked to 'Cauldrons and Furnaces', a unique collaboration between the Arts Council of Wales and Cadw, focussing on Blaenavon Ironworks. The project is part of the Cultural Olympics programme planned in Wales, running until the opening of the London Olympics in 2012.

Jeweller Mandy Nash will be running a series of one-day pewter workshops at the centre between 25 & 29 August. Whilst silversmith Suzie Horan will be running a series of workshops working in copper over six weekend

sessions on 27/28 June, 11/12 July and 25/26 July. The two artists will be joined by local ceramicist Claire Wood over the weekend of 25 & 26 July for two days of workshops as part of the Cultural Olympics Open Weekend.

All workshops are free of charge but places are limited to 10 people per workshop, so it is recommended that you book a place in advance.

Touring historical exhibitions about the decline of the Welsh mining industry, the career of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, overseas migration and the transatlantic slave trade will also be displayed at the centre throughout the year.

A range of services are offered at the centre, including tourist information, research facilities, education provision, conference rooms, an art gallery, a gift-shop and a cafe.

For more information please contact the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre:

Tel: 01495 742333

Email: Blaenavon.tic@torfaen.gov.uk

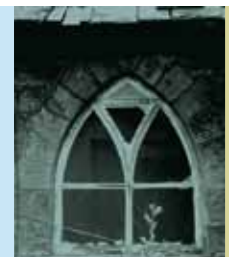


'After the Fire' Launch. Image courtesy of Susie Bright

Blaenavon Online!

Check out the brand new World Heritage Site website, which will launch in late June to help promote the Blaenavon Industrial Landscape. www.visitblaenavon.co.uk will contain a wealth of visitor information including details of attractions, accommodation, places to eat and local businesses. The website will also include interactive educational resources for schools, guidance for group travel and detailed information about Blaenavon, charting its history from the late eighteenth century to the present day.

Register with the website and you will get regular news updates and details of local events and activities emailed to your inbox free of charge. It is intended that the website will continue to grow - so keep an eye out for updates!



Town Centre Artworks Revealed

Two new exciting public art works have been installed in Blaenavon Town Centre. Both works were developed in partnership with the local community, including local school children, as part of the Blaenavon Town Centre Regeneration Scheme. The eye-catching sculpture at the Community Garden has a blast furnace shaped frame, made of Corten steel. The town's motto 'Hope is not Broken' is proudly highlighted within the piece which is intended to act as an eye catching welcome to the town. The art work was designed by artists, Matthew Tomalin and Teucer Wilson.

At the top of Broad Street, artist Sue Hiley Harris has created a sculptural seat. The spiral seat is made of pennant sandstone with Corten steel 'pigs' forming the back of the seating. Next time you're in town, check out the 'pigs'. Each is stamped with the names of the countries where Blaenavon's iron was exported such as New Zealand and India. This is an exciting alternative to traditional forms of seating in the town, so go and try it out!

Blaenavon Councillor Richard Clark, the Executive Member for Regeneration, said "these artworks complement the existing public art and monuments within Blaenavon. What makes these artworks special is the involvement of the local community and the result is clearly beneficial to the town for both residents and visitors."

Both artworks were funded by the Welsh Assembly Government's Physical Regeneration Fund and the Department of Economy and Transportation. For more information on the project please contact the Blaenavon Project Team on: 01633 648319.

Datguddio Celfyddydwaithyng Nghanol y Dref

Arddangoswyd dau gelfyddydwaith cyhoeddus cyffrous newydd yng Nghanol Tref Blaenafon. Cafodd y ddau eu datblygu mewn partneriaeth â'r gymuned leol, a oedd yn cynnwys plant ysgol lleol, fel rhan o Gynllun Adfywio Canol Tref Blaenafon. Mae'r cerflun trawiadol yn yr Ardd Gymunedol wedi'i lunio ar ffurf ffrâm siâp ffwrnais chwyth, o ddr Corten. Mae arwyddeiriau'r dref 'Hope is not Broken' wedi'i arddangos â balchder ar y darn sydd wedi'i

fwriadu i fod yn groeso sy'n taro'r llygad wrth ddod i mewn i'r dref. Cafodd y celfyddydwaith ei ddylunio gan yr artistiaid, Matthew Tomalin a Teucer Wilson.

Ym mhen pellaf Broad Street, mae'r artist Sue Hiley Harris wedi creu sedd gerfluniol. Mae'r sedd droellog wedi'i chreu o dywodfaen pennant, a 'moch' dur Corten sy'n ffurfio cefn y sedd. Y tro nesaf y byddwch chi yn y dref, cofiwch fynd i weld y 'moch'. Mae pob un ohonynt wedi'u stampio ag enwau'r gwledydd lle'r oedd haearn Blaenafon yn cael ei allforio megis Seland Newydd ac India. Mae'n ddewis cyffrous i'r mathau traddodiadol o seddau yn y dref, felly ewch i'w weld!

Dywedodd Cynghorydd Blaenafon, Richard Clark, yr Aelod Gweithredol dros Adnewyddu, "mae'r celfyddydwaith hwn yn cyd-fynd â'r gelf a'r henebion cyhoeddus sydd eisoes ym Mlaenafon. Yr hyn sy'n gwneud y rhain yn arbennig yw'r ffaith eu bod wedi cynnwys y gymuned leol ac mae'r canlyniadau yn amlwg o fudd i'r dref, i drigolion yn ogystal ag ymwelwyr."

Ariannwyd y ddau gelfyddydwaith gan Gronfa Adfywio Ffisegol Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru a'r Adran dros yr Economi a Chludiant. Am ragor o wybodaeth am y prosiect, cysylltwch â Thim Prosiect Blaenafon ar: 01633 648319.



The public art structure in Prince Street © TCBC

Heritage Café's Coal House Challenge

Peter Young of Heritage Café, explains the role his staff played in the popular BBC television series *Coal House at War*.

The Heritage Café recently celebrated its first year of trading at the World Heritage Centre. During the year we served visitors from all over the world including China, India and Australia and we have received some lovely comments regarding our service and food quality.

Last October we faced the challenge of serving the cast and crew of *Coal House at War*. We had strict orders to "keep mum" about this. The café provided early morning breakfasts and late suppers to the crew and strictly followed 1944 recipes to provide meals for the cast at the school, mine and munitions factory. In April the *Coal House at War* families were reunited at the café. The café will be running some wartime menu options during World Heritage Day, 27th June.

The Heritage Café, based in the World Heritage Centre, can cater for a range of needs, whether it's a group booking or a family afternoon out. The café also compliments the centre's excellent corporate facilities, providing a complete drinks and catering service.

So pop in and see Peter and the team, we would love to see you!

Tel: 01495 742339.



The Coal House Families at Heritage Café

A Summer of Events at Blaenavon



Blaenavon Heritage Town will be hosting a number of exciting events this Summer. Following on from the World Heritage Weekend, three local produce markets will be held at Market Square, Blaenavon, on 11th July, 8th August and 31st August 2009 from 10am to 4pm. The outdoor markets will provide an opportunity for people to buy and sell a variety of locally produced products including cheese, meat, cakes and honey. If the market is a success it is anticipated that it will form part of a monthly market taking place on a rotation basis between Greenmeadow Community Farm, Pontypool Market and Blaenavon HeritageTown.

On 25th and 26th July countryside, health and wellbeing activities will be taking place in the town centre with a climbing wall, tai chi, geo-caching and guided walks. On 22nd August a Wedding Fayre will be taking place at the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre, so, if you are planning a wedding, grasp the opportunity to choose from a selection of wedding dresses, flower arrangements, cakes, venues, wedding cars and invitations.

The Blaenavon World Heritage Centre will be hosting various activities for children during the summer school holidays.

Keep up-to-date with Blaenavon's latest events and activities on our website, www.visitblaenavon.co.uk or contact the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre - Tel: 01495 742333 Email: blaenavon.tic@torfaen.gov.uk



Historic Chapel Closes

Bethlehem Chapel held its final service on 9 April 2009. It had been suffering from a dwindling congregation for a number of years. The chapel was constructed in a plain and classical style in 1840, on the banks of the Nant Llechan and predated the growth of modern Broad Street. It replaced an earlier chapel of the same name, which was opened on Christmas Day 1820. Bethlehem was long associated with the Welsh language and was the last of Blaenavon's chapels to abandon the native tongue.

St. Peter's Church

St. Peter's Church will be regularly opened by volunteers during the summer allowing visitors to see the unique characteristics that associate the church with the iron industry. Interesting features include a cast iron baptismal font, a group of iron-topped tombs and memorial plaques to prominent Blaenavon citizens, including the ironmaster, Samuel Hopkins, who with his uncle, Thomas Hill, built the church in 1804.

If the church is closed when you visit, a key may be obtained from the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre 01495 742333.

Torfaen Adult and Community Learning Welcomes Local Artist

Torfaen Adult and Community Learning is delighted to welcome local artist Tony Tribe as a new tutor. He will further enhance the wealth of talented and experienced tutors who offer a broad range of art courses throughout the Borough.

Tony was born in London, studied at the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts and exhibits his paintings both locally and nationally. He moved to Blaenavon in 1990 and is a member of the Blaenavon Art and Artist Association.

Most recently he has had work accepted at The Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries in London and at the Welsh Artist of the Year exhibition in Cardiff. He also contributed to the recent exhibition 'After the Fire' at the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre.

Tony will be tutoring courses and demonstrating a variety of techniques in Adult Learning Centres across Torfaen. Look out for his courses starting in September in the Torfaen Adult and Community Learning Brochure which will be delivered to your home during August.

If you require more information on any of the courses please contact Blaenavon CEC on 01495 792013 or The Settlement, Pontypool on 01495 742600.



Painting by Tony Tribe

Popular Butchers Retire

After decades of service to the community of Blaenavon, the well-known and respected Blaenavon butchers, Wayne and Barbara Lewis, retired on 31 January 2009.

Morris Butchers, established by Barbara's grandfather, John Morris, in 1911, was Blaenavon's oldest surviving family business. Three generations of the family ran the business; John and his wife Elizabeth, their son Edmund and his wife Agnes and finally their daughter, Barbara, and her husband, Wayne.

In 2007, Wayne became a famous face across Wales, serving as the butcher in the popular BBC television series *Coal House* and *Coal House at War*.

While many loyal customers will be sad to see the end of this longstanding business, 24 Broad Street, now trading as Anthony James Butchers and Delicatessen, will continue to supply the town of Blaenavon with its meat. The building has housed a butcher's shop since the mid-nineteenth century and it is hoped that it will continue in this role well into the 21st century.



Wayne & Barbara Lewis, with staff (Photo: Chris Morris)

Successful Year for Browning Books

Stephanie Nummelin of Browning Books, reflects on a successful year for the Blaenavon traders.



Browning Books

What a great year we've had in Blaenavon! Several new businesses have opened and interested shoppers and tourists, and we as traders, have benefited from the beautiful new ceramics gallery, Form Contemporary Craft, the overly indulgent Chocs Away chocolate and coffee shop, and, of course, the great new Welsh Gift Shop which has everything for the Welsh enthusiast from love spoons to dragon feet!

It's been a fun year at Browning's with a constant supply of Welsh interest books arriving from our good friends at the Welsh Books Council. Local artists have been generous with their time and made sure that we've always had great art work upstairs in our tiny gallery.

The book signing spot to queue up for in the autumn will be the wonderful new novel by Don Llewellyn, *The Kissing Gate*. Do come and meet Don who will be happy to spend some time talking and reminiscing. The date for this will be announced in the local press and will be on our website- www.browningbooks.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all after a summer which promises to be packed with plenty of activities in our lovely but ever changing old town.



Coming Events

Out of the Past, Into the Future

A display looking at the past, present and future of Blaenavon by Hillside & St. Peter's Schools. Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. May - 28 June 2009. 01495 742333.

Through My Eyes:

The Miners' Strike 1984/85

Exhibition of photographs taken by NUM-member Mike Thompson during the Miners' Strike. Big Pit: National Coal Museum. 22 May - 4 September 2009. 01495 790311.

Everywhere in Chains: Wales and Slavery

Exhibition about the slave trade and Wales. Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. 1 June - 2 August 2009. 01495 742333.

Little Engines Weekend

Blaenavon Heritage Railway 6/7 June 2009. 01495 792263.

World Heritage Site Border Patrol Guided Walk

Strenuous 22m/35km walk, following the boundaries of the Blaenavon Industrial Landscape. Meet at Llanfoist crossing car park (S0285134). 20 June 2009, 9am - 9pm. Booking essential. 01495 742333.

Model Railway Show and Father's Day Specials

Blaenavon Heritage Railway. 20/21 June 2009. 01495 792263.

Blaenavon Ladies Choir

Blaenavon Seniors Hall, Park Street 24 June 2009, 7:15pm (Admission £3.00).

St. Peter's Church Heritage Themed Flower Festival

Arranged by Abergavenny Flower Club and Sponsored by GOS Engineering. Preview Evening - 7pm, 25 June. Tickets - £5 including refreshments. Open to public 26 - 28 June 2009 (£2 admission). 01495 790292.

Exhibition of Functional Pottery by Jennifer Hall

Form Contemporary Craft 27 June - 22 August 2009. 01495 790926

Blaenavon World Heritage Day

Blaenavon Heritage Town 27 June 2009, 11:30am - 5:30pm. 01495 742333.

Garn Lakes Country Fayre

Garn Lakes. 28 June 2009, 10:30am - 5pm Free entry (£2 parking fee). 01633 648329.

'Songs of Praise'

St. Peter's Church. 28 June 2009, 6pm.

Cauldrons and Furnaces: Copper Workshops

27/28 June, 11/12 July, 25/26 July 2009. Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. 01495 742333.

1960s Weekend and Beer Festival

Blaenavon Heritage Railway. 11/12 July 2009. 01495 792263.

Local Produce Market

Market Square, Blaenavon 10am - 4pm 11 July, 8 August, 31 August 2009. 01495 742333.

Activity Festival

Blaenavon Heritage Town. 25 /26 July 10am - 4pm. 01495 742333.

Cauldrons & Furnaces: Art Workshops

Blaenavon World Heritage Centre 25/26 July 2009. 01495 742333.

Diesel Gala

Blaenavon Heritage Railway 25/26 July 2009. 01495 792263.

Fossil Hunt

Moderate 3m/5km guided walk, finding and identifying fossils scattered throughout the Blaenavon landscape. Meet at Blaenavon Ironworks car park (S0248091). 26 July 2009, 10am - 2:30pm. Booking essential. 01495 742333.

Brunel: Works in Wales

Exhibition about Brunel in Wales 4 August - 27 September 2009. Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. 01495 742333.

Ivor the Engine

Blaenavon Heritage Railway. 15/16 August 2009. 01495 792263.

Wedding Fayre

Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. 10am - 4pm. 22 August 2009. 01495 742333

Big Cat Safari

Moderate 3m/5km fun walk looking at general wildlife tracking techniques. Meet at entrance to Blaenavon Community Woodland, Llanover Road (S0264082). 23 August 2009, 10am - 2pm. Booking essential. 01495 742333.

Cauldrons and Furnaces: Pewter Workshops

Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. 25 - 29 August 2009. 01495 742333.

Transport Rally

Blaenavon Heritage Railway 30/31 August 2009. 01495 792263.

