

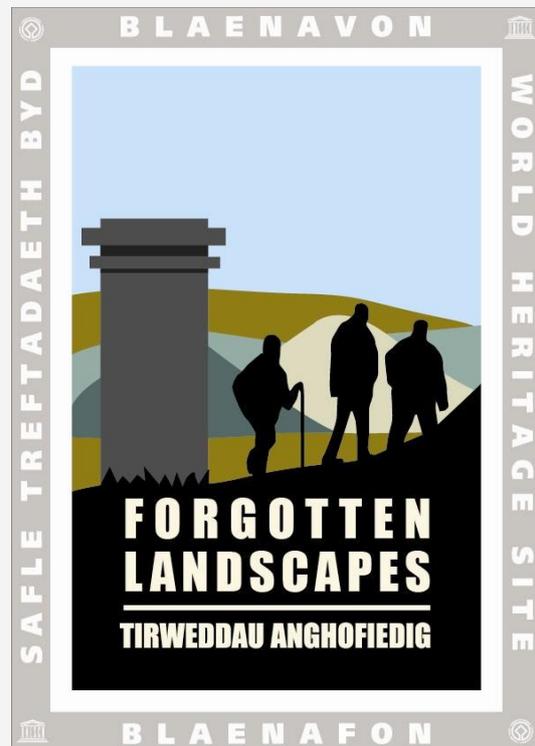


Forgotten Landscapes March News

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Welcome to the March 2013 edition of the Forgotten Landscapes e-newsletter. This month we're bringing you news on the first ever [Blaenavon Walking festival](#), as well as info on the brand new [Forgotten Landscapes blog](#), and a round-up of events for March.

We're always looking for information and images for the new Forgotten Landscapes blog, so if you have any local news, or if you'd like to contribute a guest blog post, please send an email to landscapesblog@gmail.com



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Introducing the first ever Blaenavon Walking festival, Saturday 6th - Friday 12th April

Join us as we celebrate our first ever walking festival in April. Many of the walks will focus on the abundance of archeology and wildlife to be found in and around our fascinating landscape. For example, the *Moorland Magic* walk will lead participants around the beautiful heather moorland that has since covered the scarring of the landscape at the

hands of the industrial revolution, while at the same time explaining what can be done to help protect the landscape for future generations.

A small booking cost of £3 per walk will help cover the running costs for the festival. Walks are filling up quickly so book now to avoid disappointment! For more information, visit www.visitblaenavon.co.uk/walkingfestival

We unveil the new Forgotten Landscapes blog!

We're very excited to be unveiling the brand new [Forgotten Landscapes blog](http://forgottenlandscapes.org.uk), which will be home to all the latest news and info on the World Heritage Site, as well as insights and personal stories.

Do you fancy yourself as a bit of a writer or photographer? We're always on the lookout for new pictures, interviews, story ideas and event information. Please send any and all info you may have through to us at landscapesblog@gmail.com.

You can see the new blog at forgottenlandscapes.org.uk

A big thanks to the Junior Rangers!

A big thanks and well done to all the Junior Rangers that took part in what was a very wet and muddy conservation volunteering task on Saturday the 10th of February. They helped the World Heritage Site volunteers to plant the reeds all along the newly-installed boardwalk and bird hide at the successful Reedbed project.

It was a very cold day, but we're really proud of all the dedicated rangers (and even some mums!) who pitched in with their wellies and waterproofs to make sure the job was done!

Local schools to be educated on countryside safety

Over the coming weeks pupils at local schools will learn the importance of countryside safety thanks to a series of lessons designed and coordinated by Gwent Police.

Among those taking part in the 'Crucial Crew' event will be our very own PC Rob Maddocks who regularly works for the Forgotten Landscapes Project dealing with wildlife crime and countryside issues. See our [Facebook page](#) for more information.

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

Junior Rangers' Spring 2013 programme

If you're aged between 7 and 11, love wildlife and enjoy spending time outdoors, then the World Heritage Site Junior Rangers club is for you! The upcoming spring programme involves plenty of interesting activities, from bird identification and a discovery dig to fun and games aimed at improving your outdoor navigation.

We're also looking for volunteers to help run the junior rangers club. If you enjoy the outdoors and working with children, contact Ceri or Tracey on 01495 742944.

Talk: The Cistercians and Torfaen

Tues 12th March, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

This extraordinary medieval religious order transformed the local landscape long before the coming of industry. Based at Llantarnam Abbey, the order controlled the Afon Llwyd from its source in Blaenavon to Cwmbran, and had a dramatic influence on local life. The talk is led by David Standing, archeologist and graduate of the University of Wales in Newport. It is free to get involved and takes place at the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. **Booking essential.**

The Heritage Eggspert Town Trail

Starts Sat 23rd March 9am - 5pm

Blaenavon may be known primarily as a World Heritage Site, but come Easter it'll be home to the *Eggspert Town Trail*. You'll be able to follow a unique Easter egg hunt around Blaenavon, at the same time as learning a little about the surrounding landscape. There's even a prize for all those to complete the trail (whether you're a child or an adult).

It costs £1 to take part.

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