



Forgotten Landscapes June News

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Welcome to the June 2013 edition of the Forgotten Landscapes e-newsletter. This month we're taking a look at the upcoming Community Archaeology Dig, as well as the unveiling of a brand new micro hydro scheme on the River Lwyd. We also look at what will be happening in Blaenavon in June to help celebrate World Heritage Day.

Also, a little reminder; 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 email us at [landscapesblog@gmail.com](mailto:landscapesblog@gmail.com)



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### Unveiling the brand new Dragon's Teeth micro hydro scheme

It may be a former powerhouse of the industrial revolution, but Blaenavon is now leading the way in renewable technology thanks to the Forgotten Landscapes project. A [brand new micro hydro scheme](#) has been set up at the Dragon's Teeth along the Afon Lwyd to generate renewable electricity by diverting some of the river water through a turbine.

Not only will this pump some £20,000 worth of electricity into the National Grid, it will also help power the World Heritage Centre for years to come. Come along to the World Heritage Centre on Wednesday the 12th of June at 10.30am when the Mayor of Blaenavon, Cllr Gareth Davis will be formally opening the system by unveiling a new digital information panel.

### **The Forgotten Landscapes' Community Archaeology Dig**

Between the 12th and the 16th of June, Forgotten Landscapes volunteers are invited to [team up with Dr Amelia Pannett from Archaeology Wales](#) to help investigate the site of four ruined cottages and their associated outbuildings.

Why not join in and find out about the fascinating archaeology of this globally important location. The course aims to train volunteers in the skills they need to run their own research projects, as well as how to monitor sites in the World Heritage Site to ensure their long term preservation. Even if you don't want to get stuck in with the excavation, you can take part in archaeology site tours on the 15th and 16th of June and find out what the team have uncovered. See the event below for more information.

If you're interested in taking part in the dig, contact Sarah Lewis, Volunteer Recruitment and Training Officer, on 01495 742 335

### **This is YOUR landscape, make YOUR opinion count**

Part of the requirements of the Heritage Lottery Funding for the Forgotten Landscapes project was to develop an exit strategy that identified what people considered to be the most valuable and important parts of the Blaenavon area.

An online survey is available for volunteers to comment about their involvement in the Forgotten Landscapes Project, and state how things should continue into the future. This is an opportunity for those associated with the project to provide valuable feedback about what they consider to be important to the area. The survey deadline has been extended until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, so please take this unique chance to influence the legacy of the area that is of such importance to **you!**

The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete, and is completely anonymous. To take part, and have **your** say, please visit

<https://surveys.glos.ac.uk/flpvol>

## Unveiling the Forgotten Landscape project's reedbed site

Back in 2010, Forgotten Landscapes identified an opportunity to set up a reedbed wetland at a site within the [Garn Lakes Nature Reserve](#). Over the last three years, volunteers have helped plant around 20,000 Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), as well as several ponds and scrapes within the wetlands area.

They've also helped with the installation of an interpretation panel, a bird hide and boardwalk access to visitors can see exactly how the project has helped local wildlife species flourish. Head to Garn Lakes on Sunday the 30th of June and watch the official opening of the boardwalk and bird hide as part of the [World Heritage Day celebrations](#).



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

### Celebrating World Heritage Day

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June

Visit Blaenavon Heritage Town on Saturday for a [fun-packed day of family entertainment](#) including pony rides, music, craft stalls, a Victorian fair and much, much more! Don't miss the Heritage Parade, which starts at 1pm from the top of Broad Street and celebrates the town's key historic figures including Sarah Hopkins and Ken Jones.

On the Sunday, head to Garn lakes to help celebrate the rural heritage of the Blaenavon World Heritage Site and expect displays from local exhibitors, craft marquees and a bouncy castle assault course. The famous dog show will start at midday, and you can take a ride on the free vintage bus which will be operating throughout the day. Sunday will also see the official opening of the new boardwalk and bird hide at 2pm.

For more information visit [www.visitblaenavon.co.uk](http://www.visitblaenavon.co.uk)

**Talk: Life on the dole in  
Monmouthshire before 1834**

Tuesday 11th June, 6.30pm -  
8.30pm

Life for the poor has always been hard. During this fascinating talk Dr Richard Allen, a history lecturer at the University of Wales, will reveal how Poor Law Relief, the dole of its day, was delivered in Blaenavon and elsewhere in Gwent from the time of Queen Elizabeth I until the emergence of the workhouses early in the nineteenth century.

It is free to get involved and takes place at the Blaenavon World Heritage Centre. **Booking is essential.**

**Event: Archaeology Site Tours**

Saturday 15th (2pm) and Sunday  
16th June (3.30pm)

Even if you haven't taken part in the Forgotten Landscapes' Community Archaeology Dig yourself, you can still head down to the site and find out what the team have been able to uncover during their investigation into four ruined cottages. Talks are led by an archeologist, admission is free and places are limited so **booking is essential.**

For more information call 01495 742  
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