



Welcome to the February edition of the Forgotten Landscapes e-newsletter! Keep up-to-date with the latest project news plus information on events and activities with this monthly bulletin.

CANAL FESTIVAL LAUNCH

The Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. The year-long celebration to mark this anniversary kicks off on Feb 10th with a launch event at Pontymoile basin. On this day churches along the length canal will ring their bells, just as they did when the canal opened in 1812. There are plenty of chances to join in the celebration with a series of events throughout the year. Read the full Canal Festival Launch article.

VOLUNTEER ACTION TO PRESERVE THE LANDSCAPE

In December last year a group of volunteers began monitoring red grouse in the area. The red grouse population - which is the most southerly in the UK - has decreased enormously over the past decades. The surveyors have had to resort to trickery to count the birds - tempting them from their hiding places by playing a red grouse's call on CD. This work plays a vital role to the project, allowing us to find out whether or not moorland management work is getting results. Read the full Volunteer action to preserve the landscape article.



BRINGING DOWN CO2 EMISSIONS

A new hydro-turbine funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund, the Welsh Government and the Brecon Beacons National Park has been supplying the World Heritage Centre with electricity since September 2011. It is generating enough electricity to provide revenue for conservation and volunteer programmes in addition to saving 53 tons of CO2 emission yearly. Read the full Bringing down CO2 emissions article.

WHAT'S ON?

New evening classes

Upland Conservation

Tuesdays 7-9pm

Community Heritage

Wednesdays 7-9pm

Living Landscape Lecture – Volunteer Rangers

Tuesday 7th February

7pm - 8.30pm

Exhibition: Reflections on the Forgotten Landscapes

Saturday 11th - Sunday 19th February

9am - 4pm

Living Landscape Activity – Volunteer Rangers

Saturday 18th February

10.30am - 3pm

Industrial Archaeology Walk

Sunday 26th February

11 am - 1pm

5 km / 3 miles / Moderate

For full information please visit the [events section](#) of our website or call 01495 742333