

NETHERWENT & LLANVACHES WI PROGRAMME 2018

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Date	Speaker	Subject	Talk Synopsis
9th Jan	Liz Williams (Llanvaches resident)	'Dissension, Water and Bus Stops: A Varied History of Llanvaches'	For a small village, Llanvaches has an interesting history which belies its size. From the birth place of non-conformism in Wales and a rich Christian history, the village also battled to get water and electricity services, not to mention a bus stop!
13 th Feb	Julia James	'Thirty years and counting': My experiences of volunteering for the Gwent Wildlife Trust	Gwent Wildlife Trust is the leading wildlife conservation charity in Gwent with over 9,000 members. It works for an environment rich in wildlife for everyone, much of which wouldn't be possible without volunteers. Julia has been a volunteer with the Trust for 30 years. Julia will tell us in an informal, amusing and inspiring talk about her experiences as a volunteer and wildlife champion.
13 th Mar	Suzy Bowers Linc-Cymru	'Steel Remembered'	The Steel Remembered project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project will set out to uncover the real-life stories of the Orb steel workers who marched off to war in 1914-1918, those who came back, and those who are commemorated by the Orb Steel Works War Memorial. This illustrated talk will centre around these men and their families, and the inhabitants of one Newport Street.
10 th Apr	Bob Trett	Roman Caerwent	Bob Trett has had a long career in museums and is actively involved in local archaeology and history. He undertakes tours, talks, and has written many historical and archaeological papers, and been frequently interviewed on radio and television. We will hear of the early excavations at Caerwent.
8 th May	AGM	+ Activity TBC	
12 th Jun	Team Oarstruck	'Team Oarstruck: Four young men in a boat!'	In Dec 2017, four friends from Caerleon Comprehensive school will be living, rowing, sleeping, and eating in a boat together for up to 90 days competing in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, 'The World's Toughest Row', facing 40ft waves, and other unimaginable hardships! Members of the team will tell us about their adventure on their return and the reason behind the trip. In the meantime, you can follow their progress at http://oarstruck.com/ or type in "Team Oarstruck" on Facebook
10 th Jul	Day out	TBA	
August	No meeting	N/A	Summer break
11 th Sep	Margaret Oelmann	Mary's Meals	Mary's Meals is a global movement providing one good meal per school day to some of the world's poorest children. The charity was started by two Scottish brothers in 1992, profoundly affected by the plight of children suffering in the Bosnian war. Come along to hear how this charity has progressed.
9 th Oct	Night out	To be advised	
13 th Nov	Dr Rhian Morgan Wales Gene Park	DNA and forensic science	What is a DNA fingerprint, how it is produced, how has DNA been used as evidence in various criminal cases? Rhian will be addressing these questions in her talk together with discussing some ethical issues of a national DNA database.
11 th Dec	Revd. John Waters	History of St Dubricius Church Llanvaches, with carol singing	For a small church, in a small village, St Dubricius Church Llanvaches has a long and important history, dating from the 14 th century. John Waters, Parish Priest, will share some of its history in a talk in the church. As it's our Christmas meeting, there will be carols before retiring to the church hall next door, for mulled wine and mince pies.