

An antidote to 'Stuffocation'

Over the Christmas period I read an article suggesting that in these modern times we have a tendency to suffer from 'Stuffocation', that is, we have so much material and technological 'stuff' in our lives that it can all become rather suffocating at times. The author of the article was promoting the need for enjoyable experiences as an antidote to the overcrowded and demanding nature of the stuff of everyday life.

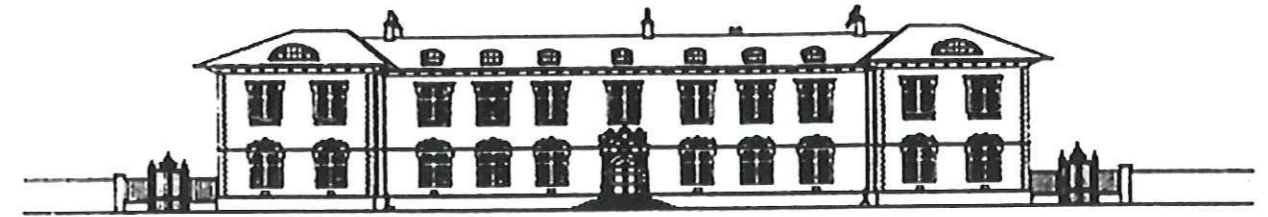
It is clear to me, from chatting with and observing people at the property, that Tredegar House & Park is an oasis for many of our visitors and volunteers. The natural beauty of the historic park landscape that remains, the characterful quirks and peaceful nature of our beautiful walled gardens and the unique quality of the interiors, from the opulent Gilt Room to the Bell's Passage and Below Stairs areas amount to the perfect place for many to escape from the daily grind. This special place and our desire to protect it for the benefit of future generations is the reason why we all work so hard and are so passionate about what we do.

We will secure the future of Tredegar House by sharing it with visitors from local communities and further afield such that they understand and can contribute to the extraordinary amount of resources required to look after an historic landscape and mansion house. We hope that people will visit again and again to see how the place changes over time as we slowly begin to restore and develop the property.

Yesterday, we met as a property team to review and agree our events programme for the coming year. Our events are an important way of encouraging people to visit regularly, raising funds and sharing our story. We hope to see you all joining in our exciting journey and welcome you to join us on the following dates (for further information please see the website or phone 01633 815 880):

9th Feb	House & Gardens re-open (Below Stairs only while we finish the spring cleaning!)
9th – 17th Feb	Family fun for February Half term with a garden trail, crafts in the Orangery & storytelling in the house
1st March	Whole House re-opens for St David's Day
29th Mar – 1st Apr	Easter crafts and outdoor activities; Easter egg trails (31st Mar–1st Apr)
31st Mar	BBC Radio 3 Live Broadcast 'Brecon Baroque' concert in Riding School
10th-12th May	Folk Festival
18th May	Isca Woodcraft Show
27th May	Pirate Day
15th Sept	Vintage Car Rally
5th Oct	Welsh National Opera Event
28 Oct – 1 Nov	Spooky Family Fun for Half term
29th Nov – 1st Dec	Made By Hand Craft Fair
December	Christmas event (details tbc)

Joanna Cartwright, Property Manager



THE FRIENDS OF TREDEGAR HOUSE

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Pull-Out Section

Application Forms

The central four-page section contains application forms.

For event requests, please send the entire form
(this will be returned to you with your tickets)

To– Mrs Judith Rice, 206 Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9EQ

Email: judithrice@btconnect.com Tele No. 01633—894108

All cheques are made Payable to:-

The Friends of Tredegar House

Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope

If you wish several applications may be included on the same cheque.

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The newsletter is printed in January, April, July and October

Visit our Website for up-to-date information, news and contact details.

www.friends-of-tredegar-house.co.uk

Friends of Tredegar House Booking Form

Please note non members are very welcome to all our events, just add £1.00 for their ticket

Name.....Tele .No.....

Adress.....

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Day Trip Thursday 27th June 2013

Our Summer day trip this year is to Lacock Country House with monastic roots, once home to William Henry Fox Talbot. We will be leaving Tredegar House Car Park at 10.00am prompt.

We will be arriving at Lacock at approximately 11.30am

Set in rural Wiltshire, Lacock village is famous for its picturesque streets, historic buildings and more recently as a TV and film location.

The Abbey, located at the heart of the village within its own woodland grounds, is a quirky country house of various architectural styles, built upon the foundations of a former nunnery. Visitors can experience the atmosphere of the medieval rooms and cloister court, giving a sense of the Abbey's monastic past.

The Museum celebrates the achievements of former Lacock resident William Henry Fox Talbot, famous for his contributions to the invention of photography.

We shall be leaving Lacock no later than 17.00 arriving in Newport between 18.30 to 19.00hrs.

Abbey (Cloisters & Rooms), Grounds, Museum & Exhibition plus coach = £20.00

Abbey (Cloisters only), Grounds, Museum & Exhibition plus coach =£17.00

Coach only for National Trust Members £11.00 each

No. of tickets required.....Sum.....

BOOK EARLY NOT TO BE DISAPPOINTED

BALANCE WILL BE REQUIRED NO LATER THAN 16TH MAY (SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO TRIP)

FEBRUARY TALK WEDNESDAY 13TH

In the Morgan Room 2.00pm for 2.30pm
Speaker— Michele Lewis
Subject -
Past Pupils who attended
St Joseph Convent High School, Tredegar House
during the 50's and early 70's

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MARCH TALK WEDNESDAY 13TH

In the Morgan Room 2.00pm for 2.30pm
Speaker— Ralph Diaper
Subject -
European Travel with Musical Memories

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APRIL TALK WEDNESDAY 10TH

In the Morgan Room 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Speaker - Paul Busby
Subject -
Hush, Hush, the peculiar career of Lord Tredegar
and it will also focus on Evan's adventures in the
Second world war!!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL VENUE MORGAN ROOM AT TREDEGAR HOUSE COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

On completion of the official business of the A.G.M. light refreshments will be served. Wine and soft drinks will also be available.

Speaker - To be confirmed

Light refreshments will be served please advise if attending for Catering purposes.

Name of person attending