

***August update from Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT):
Offa's Dyke Conference, Chirk Excavations, and much more!***

Offa's Dyke Day School - 15th September

On September 15th 2018, the Offa's Dyke Collabatory will be hosting a one day conference on Offa's Dyke and related medieval linear earthworks. This exciting and informative symposium will feature perspectives from field archaeologists, academics, local history societies, enthusiasts, and many more. With talks on historical and archaeological aspects of these important border features, updates on recent excavation work, and discussions from conservation and heritage groups, this is a day not to be missed! The sessions of talks and discussions run from 9:45 to 14:00.

The talks and discussions will be followed by an opportunity to have a guided tour of the excavation of a section of Offa's Dyke at Chirk Castle, undertaken by the archaeologists of Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust. Please note delegates must have their own transport to Chirk Castle, and though access to the excavation site is free, delegates wishing to go on to visit Chirk Castle itself must pay the National Trust entrance fee.

This cost of this event is £5, free for Friends of CPAT, and free for speakers. Tea and coffee, as well as a light buffet lunch, will be provided. Please note any dietary requirements when registering for your ticket.

Please reserve your tickets (including free ones) via Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/offas-dyke-day-school-tickets-49175018805>

The venue for this event "The Marches School, Morda Road, Oswestry, SY11 2AR" is accessible to all and has modern facilities, step free access, and plenty of free parking on site.

Unloved Heritage? Powys launch event - 22nd September

Unloved Heritage is a Wales-wide youth led programme aimed at getting young people engaged and involved in archaeology and heritage of the recent past - and CPAT are delivering one of the seven projects. Our theme is rural Wales after the combustion engine - how did the car, the coach, the tractor all change the social and physical landscape of our region?

<http://unlovedheritage.wales/clwyd-powys/>

We are gathering a group of young people to work on a long term project, during which we offer fantastic free opportunities like training from professional artists and archaeologists, trips to key sites and high profile events, access to archives and behind the scenes at historical sites, the chance join an excavation, and to develop and deliver their own interpretation of the project through creative arts, gallery installation, performance, writing, and much more!

CPAT are launching a group in Powys, which will be based in Centre Celf o Gwmpas, Llandrindod Wells. The launch for this group - featuring activities for all ages, a buffet, and a chance to sign up to be part of the project, is on Saturday 22nd September from 1-4pm at Celf o Gwmpas. This is a free event and no booking is required - turn up any time during the afternoon.

Facebook page for the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1916339588659695/>

More information on Celf o Gwmpas: www.celfogwmpas.org

CPAT Welshpool Community Room

There have been some exciting developments over the summer here at the Welshpool office, and I'm very pleased to say that our new community room is almost ready for its grand launch! This light, airy space will be a hub for a series of activities, training sessions, socials, charity events and more. We'll be hosting a Friends of CPAT opening party in September, which will also be the launch of the schedule of events, so please watch this space!

CPAT at CBA Wales Conference, Lampeter, 31.08.18 - 1.09.18

CPAT are very pleased to be at the Council for British Archaeology in Wales conference, held this year at Lampeter University. This weekend of talks, workshops, socials and trips promises to be an excellent way to find out what is happening in archaeology across Wales, and to pick up some new skills and knowledge along the way. There is even a quiz and guided walk of historic Lampeter. CPAT will be holding a stall here, so you can come and chat to me about our work, pick up our latest information leaflets, find out about upcoming projects, or grab some postcards!

More information can be found on CBA's website :

<https://councilforbritisharchaeologywales.wordpress.com/events/>

Volunteer Opportunities

A very big thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer at some of our upcoming excavations this year. A short reminder of what is coming up:

10th - 22nd September. Chirk Castle

Investigations into Offa's Dyke in the grounds of the National Trust's Grade I listed Chirk Castle. The site will be open to visitors with guided walks organised at regular intervals throughout each day. There are limited volunteer spaces available on this excavation.

1st - 8th October. Pentre Ffrwndan, Oakenholt near Flint