

How to Catch the Echoes



1. Pick up an MP3 player from the entrance kiosk to hear the stories. Loan a device free of charge.



2. Or if you prefer you can swipe your smart phone over the special QR markers around the park and access the echoes via our online soundfiles.
Appropriate reader app required

About the Project

Writer David Hughes has imagined a moment in the life of just six of the hundreds of people who have worked, visited or lived on the estate over the centuries.

In addition the writers from the Pontardawe Script Café and the Neath Port Talbot Young Writer's Squad have each created a montage of the voices that might have been heard at two other moments in the stories of the village of Margam.

In eight spots in the park, as you pause to take in your surroundings, you can listen to the villagers as they gossip, grumble, and confide their thoughts about their lives.

Recorded by actors from the area, with musical introductions specially composed and played by Andy Jones, the sequence combines to give us a unique and dramatic glimpse of Margam's story.

The eight stories are also available on the Neath Port Talbot website: catchtheechoes.com

While the eight stories form a sequence, if you prefer you can listen to just one, or hear the voices in any order.

Each story lasts approximately 6 - 7 minutes.

Available during all park opening times
(01639) 881635
www.catchtheechoes.com

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with contributions by the
**Neath Port Talbot Young Writers Squad and
The Pontardawe Arts Centre Script Café**

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Andy Jones

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Performed by
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at Margam Park

FREE



A digital
sound installation



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- 1 1181
The Archbishop visits Margam recruiting men to go on the Crusade. - **OWAIN'S STORY**
- 2 1538
After Henry V111's closure of the Abbey, the community up around the Abbey adjusts to a new world. - **RHIANNON'S STORY**
- 3 1630
After a storm a wreck is found on the beach. - **THE VILLAGER'S STORIES**
- 4 1802
Admiral Nelson accompanied by Emma Hamilton and her husband visit Margam. - **ARTHUR'S STORY**
- 5 1820
The Mansel family plan to return from Gower to their new House. The village of Margam is cleared to make way for a new road. - **THE VILLAGER'S STORIES**
- 6 1853
Guests at the castle take some of the first photographs. - **NANCY'S STORY**
- 7 1944
American troops are in residence at the castle training for D Day. - **GRIFF'S STORY**
- 8 2012 - **EILEEN'S STORY**



Who lived here?

Who worked in the park?

What stories might they have to tell?

As you explore the park eavesdrop on those who once walked where you are walking.

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1181

1538

1820

1944

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