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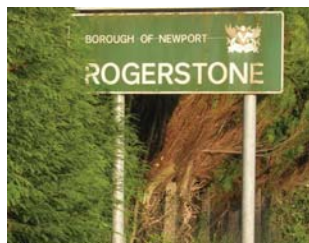
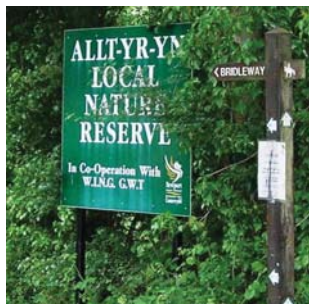


Place Names and Blind Spots

by Paul Minton

We all have blind spots: words that we think mean one thing but actually mean something else entirely. If indeed they exist at all. For example, I had been married for a few years when my wife informed me that if the rain poured from the heavens, it wasn't *tippling down*, it was *tipping down*. And so for this article, I had thought I might explore the entomology of various place names in Newport. However, this would have been impossible since I have now discovered that *entomology* is the study of insects whereas *etymology* concerns the origins of words. Like I said, we all have blind spots!

Many moons ago, I researched the name of Bassaleg, which was thought to arise from the word *basilica*, a church that housed the body of a saint (in this case St Gwladys). In much the same way, it transpires that St Julians takes its name from the chapel that kept the remains of St Julius of Caerleon. Along with St Aaron and St Alban, St Julius was one of only three Christian martyrs from Roman Britain. Unsurprisingly, lots of Newport place names are derived from Welsh words or their anglicised versions. For instance, Bettws takes its name from the word *betws* meaning chapel. This refers to the Church of St David, a 17th Century place of worship where John Frost is thought to have been married. The derivation of Pillgwenilly is particularly interesting as it is believed to come from *pwll* meaning pool or harbour and *gwenilly*, a corruption of Gwynnlyw, a local pirate who moored his ships nearby. Meanwhile, Maindee is the anglicised word for *maendy* (a stone house) and Liswerry is another English corruption, this



time for Llyswry, which might be translated as Maiden's Court. It is suggested that the name alludes to a former manor house owned by a Welsh king, whose daughter

had strong ties to the property. Although now called Maesglas, the district in south west Newport was originally known by the corresponding English, Greenfield. According to local author, Leslie Thomas, it was also affectionately called Moscow for when it was being built in the 1930s, the winter was so harsh that the half-frozen workmen gave it its Russian nickname. With all the evident English and Welsh heritage, it may come as a surprise to learn of a French influence in name Malpas. The word is said to come from *mal* meaning bad or poor and *pas* meaning way or passage. In fact, the location was identified as Le Malpas in many early documents. Other Newport places reveal a military pedigree. Thus, Gaer is Welsh for fort, a reference to the Iron Age stronghold that once stood atop the hill that overlooks Cardiff Road. In much the same way, Caerleon translates as fort of the (Roman) legion. Rogerstone takes a slightly different approach by honouring the Norman lord responsible for the construction of its now defunct castle, Roger de Brechrolles (or Roger de Haia depending on your preferred source).

The origin of Nash is both unexpected and ultimately, a bit of a let-down. It is said to be simply a contraction of "An ash", suggesting it was a place where such a tree existed. Another reference to ash trees occurs in the name, Allt-yr-yn, which is actually a misspelling of Allt-yr-ywn, meaning slope of ash trees. With Cat's Ash to the east of the city also in mind, it seems clear that certain people in Newport had a particular affinity for this type of wood. One can only imagine the awkwardness of the conversation whenever they met somebody from *Beechwood*!



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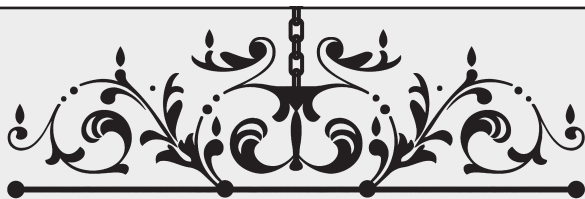


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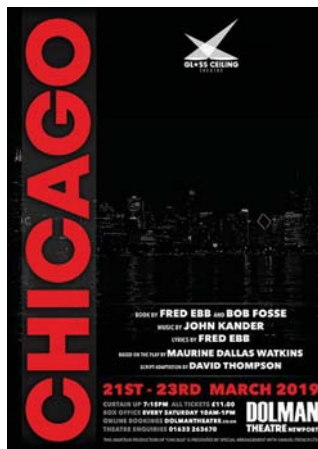
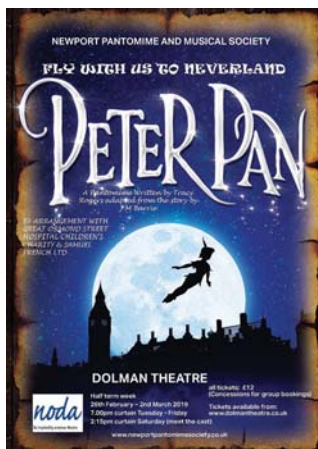
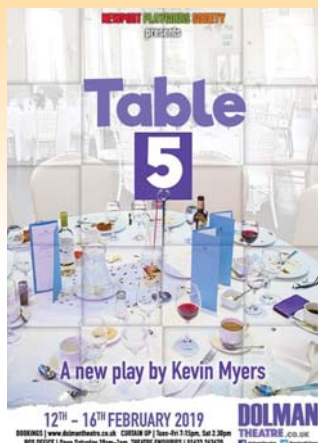
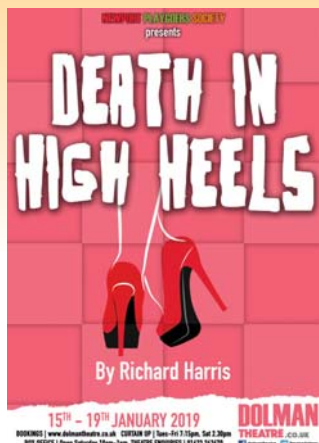
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An eventful year for the Newport U3A choir

Newport U3A Choir at Newport Cathedral. Musical Director Stephen Berry to left, one of our accompanists Pam Linton to right. Photograph – Tim Bowers

The Newport U3A Choir has had an eventful 2018. Because of the involvement of Musical Director Stephen Berry in a two-year project, ‘Steel Remembered’, which researched the histories of the employees of Lysaghts Orb Works who fought during WW1, the choir was heavily involved throughout the year, performing at the Welsh Government’s Senedd building in January and again in the final project event at The Lysaght in October.

From this involvement they were invited to take part in an all-day event, ‘Journey’s End’, organised by the Gwent branch of the Western Front Association and held at St Woolos Cathedral on 10th November. Common to all performances was the song ‘My Boy Jack’, with words written by Sarah Radford, formerly of Rogerstone but now living in Shropshire, and music composed by the choir’s Musical Director. It

describes the 90-mile walk that had been undertaken by the workforce of the works when it relocated from Wolverhampton to Newport in the years 1898 to 1914, contrasting this with the walk off to war. Both were initially full of expectation; sadly, this expectation did not materialise for over 120 men who never returned from the war.

The Wolverhampton – Newport link was strong, and Newport County AFC (initially made up of steel workers) adopted the colours worn by Wolverhampton Wanderers – Black and Amber. The South Wales Argus had a poet on its staff during WW1 and this gentleman, known as Dyfrig, penned verses about the Black and Amber Men, extolling their virtues and generally conveying the message that they were not to be trifled with! Stephen set these to music also, and this song was performed at the final project event and at the

Cathedral.

In a fitting finale to the project, the choir has been invited to sing this song at the Newport County AFC Carol Service this year, as Stephen has, for many years, been the organist for this event. ‘Black and Amber Men’ was performed at the event on 13th December at St John’s church, Maidee.

Newport U3A celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018 and the choir performed in the grand concert held on 20th November to mark the occasion.

All of these ‘extras’ have greatly enhanced our already hectic schedule of regular concerts to various groups within a 10 mile radius of Newport and our ‘singalong’ concerts at local residential and nursing homes and our local hospitals. Busy? Certainly, but the pleasure which we both give and receive from all of these events make it all worthwhile!

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Gwerinwyr Gwent Diary



While most of the team were dancing in the rain in Stroud on 22nd September (Nov/Dec issue), a couple of our members were in the rain in Caldicot at a mini-twmpath for Ysgol Gwmraeg Y Ffin, who were celebrating their 10th birthday. The age of participants ranged from 4 to 84, never too old!

On Friday 19th October GG paid a return visit to the Stow Park Church Centre to provide an evening's entertainment for Newport Welsh Society. Barbara Griffiths, although recovering from a hip replacement, had put together a survey to find the most popular place in Wales. GG members went through the alphabet with a brief description of Welsh places, and the audience then got to choose their favourite (St David's was the winner in case you were wondering). In between there was plenty of music and dancing with chances for audience participation. The evening finished with a lovely buffet. Now for something different, on Sunday 11th November, the 6 available dancers plus musicians Oly and Mike travelled to a blustery Cardiff Bay to be filmed outside the Millennium Centre, along with many other acts, for



the opening credits on the Welsh auditions of the next series of Britain's Got Talent. Regular readers may remember that in 2013 GG was filmed for the opening credits of the X Factor and shown for all of two seconds. I wonder how long we will get this time, or if we even make it to the screen!

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You all know that I'm referring to the wildfires that devastated vast areas of the Cwmcarn Forest and spread over the summit of Twmbarlwm causing extensive damage to the undergrowth and compromising the underlying archaeology.



The fires raged around Twmbarlwm for nearly two weeks and once it was over, CTS met on the mountain with field officers from Cadw to examine the damage.

Then with advice from CCBC's ecologist and a Cadw appointed landscape engineer it was decided that in the short term it was vital to attempt to stabilise the surface by re-seeding as much of the damaged area as possible before severe winter weather did further damage to the landscape.

Therefore the society set about raising the necessary money, primarily from Cadw and Trustees of the Llanarth Estates, to pay for a specialised mix of native species grass seed.

With just three days before the proposed day to sow the seed we put a call out on the internet for volunteers to help with the sowing - so it was a marvellous surprise on 7th October when over 40 people turned up to help. It was a glorious sunny day with just a small breeze - perfect sowing weather - and we had the whole top of the mountain covered within three hours - it was a marvellous day and illustrates how the Twmp holds a unique place in the hearts of the local community.

We have kept our eye on the Twmp to check on progress since the re-seeding. Unfortunately, storm Callum whipped through the area just a couple of days after re-seeding, this did us no favours in giving the seed a chance to germinate. The burnt areas had a real battering from the heavy rain and strong winds, and areas that were fine ash and dust hardened into a solid clay consistency - not a good base for the grass seed.

Much of the seed was also swept off the crest of the surrounding ditch leaving a few bare patches. So for the first few weeks our efforts seemed to be futile.



Some of the re-seeding volunteers show great sowing technique on Twmbarlwm



Despite some horrendous autumn weather some areas are showing signs of regrowth

However, a month further on, I visited the mountain in early December and I could see more promising signs. Now I'm no botanist, but even I could tell that there was plenty of evidence that our newly sown grass was starting to show through as well as some original, surviving grass stock - there are also new shoots of heather and wimberry coming up.

I await the experts' verdict but I believe we did a satisfactory rescue job and expect more re-seeding will be necessary in the spring - so watch our website for announcements and come and join us next time.●

CTS meet at the car park below Twmbarlwm's summit for a litter pick and volunteer workday on the last Sunday of every month to which everyone is invited, it's not all hard work and it's a great opportunity to find your way around up there. We organise walks and other events up the mountain and at Crosskeys RFC throughout the year so watch our website and Facebook page for details.

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An Introduction to Coal Mining in the Old Borough of Islwyn

The Borough of Islwyn lies on the south-eastern rim of the South Wales Coalfield. The eastern limits of both the coalfield and the borough roughly coincide, and the outcrop of coal seams runs from Risca to Pontypool.

Many fine seams of coal were discovered in this area and exploited to the full. From the shallow lying Mynyddislwyn seam to the deep lying Old Coal (Five-Foot/Gel-ledge) seam, the workings have varied from one man 'scratchings' to huge 2,000 men collieries. I have traced over one hundred such workings and have probably missed as many more.

By 1913, ten thousand eight hundred and sixty-five men were employed in coal mining within the confines of the modern borough. By 1927 there were 15 South Wales Miners' Federation Lodges: Celynen South, Prince of Wales, Crumlin Navigation, Abernant, Llanover, Oakdale Navigation, Rock, Gelli, Nine Mile Point, Risca, Argoed, Wyllie, Celynen North, Markham's Navigation and Cwmcarn.

Before Nationalisation in 1947, the area was dominated by three big companies: the Tredegar Iron and Coal Company in the northern Sirhowy Valley; the Ebbw Vale Steel, Iron and Coal Company (later Partridge Jones and John Paton and Company) in the Ebbw Valley; the United National and then the Ocean Coal Company in the south of the area.

When the National Coal Board took control of the nation's coal mines which employed more than 12 men underground, they then had the responsibility of employing 10,602 men in Islwyn.

This number remained fairly consistent with



10,303 men producing 2,500,000 tons of coal in 1960, until the massive closure policy of the 1960s.

In 1981, three thousand miners produced 1,500,000 tonnes of coal. A decade later all the borough's mines had passed into history.

I was born and bred in the borough and a miner for 25 years. I have witnessed the rapid decline of the industry to a stage where, soon, all traces of our heritage will have disappeared forever.

Finally, two requests. If you are researching local industrial history:

1. please do not trespass on anyone's property, you will find that most landowners are not only willing to let you cross their land, but will give you a wealth of information as well. If they refuse you access, please accept their decision.
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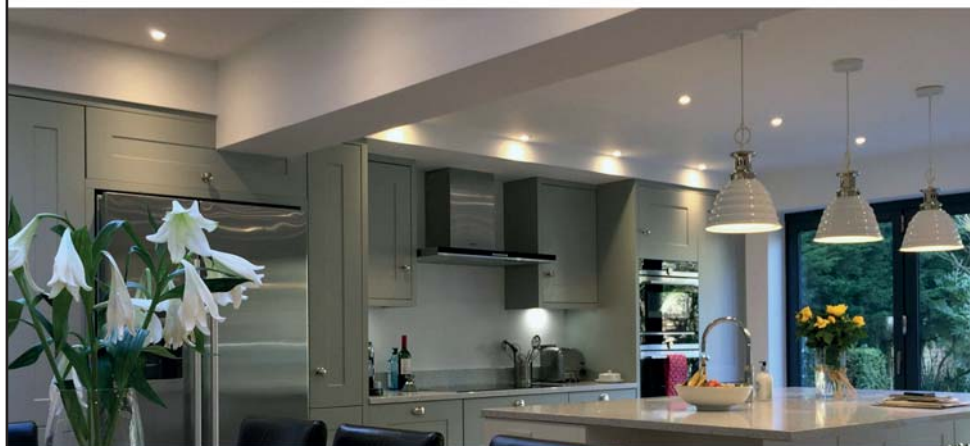


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Llantarnam Abbey Tithe Barn Restoration Project

Llantarnam Abbey was founded in 1179 as a Cistercian Monastery and daughter house of Strata Florida Abbey.

In 1554 the Abbey and its estate was bought by William Morgan, who built a house on the same site using abbey materials. William Morgan may also have been responsible for the construction of the barn. Edward Morgan added to the house in the early 17th century and then nothing more was done to it until the early 19th century when Reginald Blewitt inherited it. He restored the house, made alterations to the park and built the garden. The huge cost (£60,000) led to his bankruptcy and breakdown. In 1895 the house and park were bought by Sir Clifford Cory, who wanted 'atmosphere', and lived here as a recluse. His main alterations were to the garden, and it is possible that the addition of an arch in the eastern gable of the barn dates from this period.

During WW2 the house was used by the RAF and US troops, and the grounds and parkland were converted to temporary camps for US troops in the build-up to D-Day. In 1946 the Sisters of St. Joseph bought the Abbey and part of the park, and they are still in residence.

Aims and Objectives of the Project

The Llantarnam Tithe Barn Project has been devised with the primary aim of saving this nationally significant building from collapse and finding a new



and sustainable use for the former monastic and agricultural structure. The Friends group has a vision to create a space within the building that would be suitable for a range of events, activities, exhibitions etc., whilst also preserving the historic character of the structure. Discussions are at an early stage but have centred around proposals to create a roof covering over the western end of the barn to allow it to be used in all weathers, while consolidating the walls at the eastern end as a standing ruin.

The consolidation of the building will provide multiple

opportunities for training, upskilling and education. The use of traditional building techniques in the consolidation of the building will provide opportunities for apprenticeships and voluntary activities, and it is the ambition of the friends group that, where practical, trainees and volunteers will form the bulk of the workforce.

In order to understand more about the history of the building and its context as series of archaeological projects will be carried out. These will be supervised by professionals but carried out by volunteers and students, providing valuable opportunities for people to engage in research, survey and excavation. This will have the added benefit of enhancing the recorded history of the site and, potentially, informing new designations.

The friends group will work with local Wildlife Trusts to enhance the environment around the barn, creating new habitat, monitoring existing species and controlling invasive species, such as Himalayan balsam.

In order to consolidate ideas for future uses of the barn the Friends group will carry out a series of consultations with local people and local and national organisations to understand what kind of space they would be interested in using. Please contact us if you would like to help with the project or have a potential use for the building on [Llantarnam.abbey.tithe.barn@hotmail.com](mailto:barn@hotmail.com)



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Reservoirs in Wales

Caban Coch

The lowest of the dams in the sequence of four built in the valley of the Elan River is Caban Coch dam. It is the simplest and most functional in appearance of all the dams, resembling a natural waterfall when the reservoir is full and the dam.

The Birmingham Corporation agreed and an Act of Parliament was passed for the compulsory purchase of the total water catchment area of the Elan and Claerwen Valleys. In 1893 the building work began, a railway line was constructed to transport the workers and thousands of tonnes of building material each day, this took three years. Local rock was only suitable for use inside of the dams. The hand-chiselled facing stones were transported from Glamorgan. On 21st July 1904 King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra opened the Elan dams and water started flowing along 73 miles of pipeline to Birmingham. The whole of the Elan scheme had cost £6 million and employed 50,000 men in total.

An average of 360 million litres of water a day is extracted from the Foel Tower to the Severn Trent water treatment works. The Foel Tower stands 171 feet above the Frankley Reservoir in Birmingham. The gradient of the aqueduct maintains a flow of less than 2 miles per hour and the water takes one-and-a-half days to reach Birmingham. The River Elan is compensated with 68 million litres of water a day from Caban Coch. This can be increased to 232 million litres



per day so that South Wales can also benefit from this water as the River Elan flows into the River Wye from which water can be transferred in times of shortage.

I was fortunate to visit the Elan Valley on a beautiful sunny day last year, just after a prolonged period of heavy rainfall. The spectacular view of the water cascading over the dams together with the graceful Red Kites flying overhead was breathtaking. This really is a

peaceful and tranquil place that makes you feel grateful to be alive and privileged to experience the beauty all around us.

This spectacular scenery is slightly less than a two hour drive to from Newport and is well worth the effort. On an average it rains 235 days a year on the Elan Estate so, for the perfect day out make sure you check the local weather forecast before you leave.





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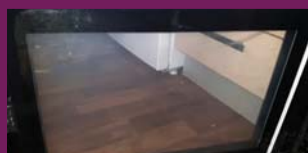
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26th Newport Scout Group

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Cubs - ages 8 to 10.5 - Wednesdays 6.45pm to 8.15pm

Shaftesbury Community Centre
Contact Paula on 07894 388340

La Leche of Newport

La Leche League Groups provide mother-to-mother support by holding regular meetings on various aspects of mothering through breastfeeding.

Location details or further information please contact Rhiannon 01633 892505

St. Joseph's (Casnewydd) RFC

Mini and junior rugby

New players welcome from age 7 to 15.

See www.stjosephsrfc.org.uk for details

Young Archaeologists' club

We are a group for young people aged 8-16 and their families. Further details can be found on www.yac-uk.org

Membership secretary: 07747 047909

Email: Surfingchick03@hotmail.com

Head Over Heels Gymnastics

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Rogerstone Junior RFC

We are holding Training Sessions for 10 to 16 year olds on Wednesday evenings,

6.30pm at Newport Fugitives Club, High Cross NP10 9AE. Please contact James on 07919

412221 to join the fun.

Friends of the John Frost School

We are the PTA for John Frost School - fundraising to support pupils.

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Tai Chi

Tydu Community Hall, Rogerstone NP10 9EQ
Monday 7.15pm. Contact Bill James 07814 571247

Email: bill.james@live.co.uk

Yoga Class

Introduction/Beginners Class

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Christchurch, Old Malpas Road, Malpas

www.christchurchnewport.org

For full details of all the activities contact:

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www.rotarynewport.org

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The Rotary Club of St Woolos Newport

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Gwent Family History Society (Newport Branch)

Help Desk at Newport Reference Library

2nd Wednesday of each month 2pm-4pm

Beginners Class at the Civic Centre

7.00pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Branch Meeting at the Civic Centre

7.00pm on the Last Wednesday of each month

Contact 01633 421378

Friends of Newport's Ornamental Parks

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Newport Central WI

We now meet in the Newport Centre, Emlyn 1 room, Kingsway, 2nd Monday of the month at 1.30 pm. New members welcome. For more information contact Gay Thomas, 01633 274527 or mgthomas@btinternet.com, or Gwent Federation office, 01633 864456 or Secretary gwentwi.org.uk

East Side Art Club

Eveswell Community Centre, Eveswell Street

Tuesday 7.00pm-9.00pm

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What's On

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www.bellevuebowlingclub.com

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Contact Malcolm Charnley on 07973 278932

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Roy Bentley. 01633 892410

Roybentley@mylundy.co.uk

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Martyn Brown 07896 284424

www.christchurchmusicsociety.co.uk

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Gary: 07967 146332 Linda: 07952 583827

lindajdaniels@btinternet.com

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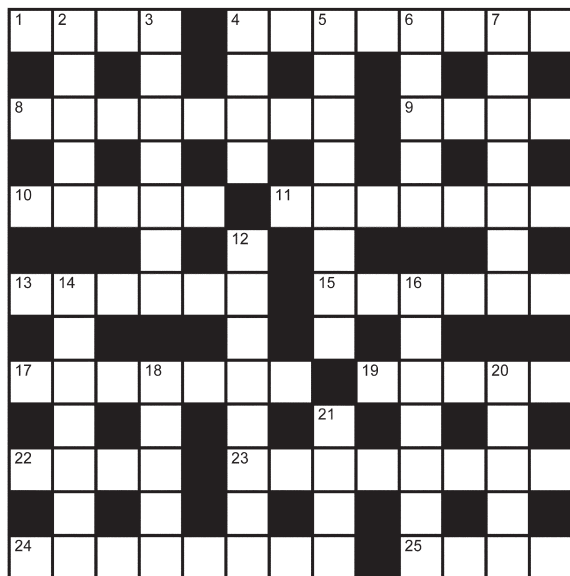
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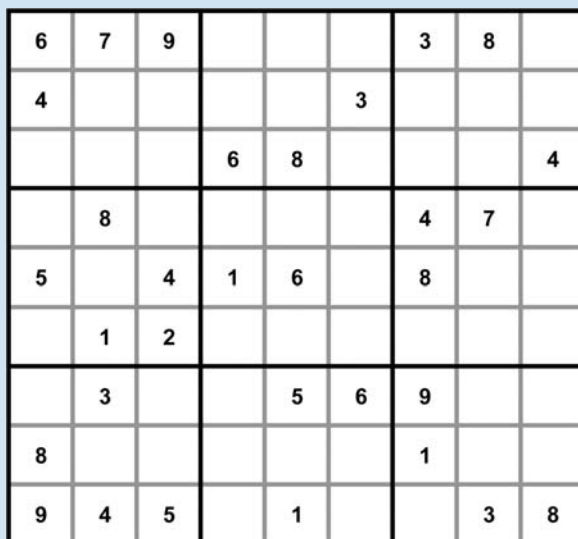
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- 1 "Beware the ___ of March", advice given to Julius Caesar (4)
- 4 Lake on which Chicago stands (8)
- 8 Royalist supporter of Charles I (8)
- 9 Hindu or Buddhist religious leader (4)
- 10 Divisions of the school year (5)
- 11 Plait of braided hair (7)
- 13 Protruding abdomen (6)
- 15 Computer application program that uses the client's web browser to provide a user interface (6)
- 17 Outlet of a river to the sea (7)
- 19 City, the capital of Ghana (5)
- 22 Threesome (4)
- 23 Spillage caused by exceeding capacity (4)
- 24 Medicated lozenge for the throat (8)
- 25 Dark greenish-blue colour (4)

Down

- 2 First Englishman to circumnavigate the globe (5)
- 3 Itinerant Australian labourer (7)
- 4 Female domestic (4)
- 5 Prominent bishop of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 6 Block of metal (5)
- 7 Flight-operating company (7)
- 12 Stick of black carbon material used for drawing (8)
- 14 Country, capital Vienna (7)
- 16 World's largest ocean (7)
- 18 German submarine in World War II (1-4)
- 20 Dry red table wine from Spain (5)
- 21 French for 'father' (4)

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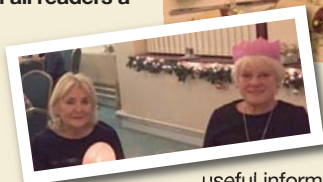
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Winter with the Roses

I find this the most difficult newsletter to write because everything seems out of order, by the time you read this, Christmas will be done and dusted, those beautiful cards once splendidly displayed already in the recycling along with wrapping paper and ribbon and New Year resolutions will have been made and quite probably broken. I can only speak for myself of course!!! However, I would like to wish all readers a healthy and peaceful New Year.

In W.I Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all aspects of the festival, there were of course the social celebrations, the shopping trip to Stratford Christmas markets, the informal party with a ukulele band playing Christmas songs and carols and us singing along with gusto; the formal dinner with traditional fare and of course the W.I. Carol Service, which is held in different churches throughout Gwent and is always a service encompassing music, verse and prose. As I often say something for everyone. At this time of year our own choir 'Singing for Pleasure' is particularly busy, they sing at the service and at other locations throughout the season, they sing beautifully and their repertoire is extensive. Our October and November meetings were just about as varied as they could be. Early in October Ann Pollard kindly stepped into the breach when our organised speaker was unable to attend, she gave us tips on how to manage stress and generally stay healthier. Later that month two delightful young ladies came from Monmouth and talked and



demonstrated on the correct way to wear a bra, very useful information and advice. No organisation could allow the centennial anniversary of the

more treats, a quiz to start the year, resolutions to ponder and debate, a talk on healthy eyes, natural products made from honey and the Air Ambulance are just a sample of what 2019 will deliver, if you think you might be interested in any of these do




ending of the first world war to go unmarked and we were no exception. Malcolm Roberts gave a talk about The Role of Women in WW1. This was extremely illuminating and was possibly the real beginning of women's emancipation, certainly the eventual outcome of the war would not have been possible without the women's efforts on the land, in factories and behind the front line as nurses. Our New Year programme has



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Sermon excerpt from: *JESUS CHRIST REVEALED BY SOMETHING MORE THAN FLESH AND BLOOD*

The last hymn we sang before the message, is one of the best Christmas songs that we sing during this time of year. It makes a connection between Christ's coming into the world to save **sinners**, and Christ's coming into our hearts to save **this** sinner:

Lord, You left Your throne and Your kingly crown,
when You came to this earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
for Your holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room when You come to me.

As we ponder these words and what focus we should have as we approach the Christmas season, perhaps the question we should ask is: "How do you make room in your heart for Christ?" Or, "How is the heart prepared to receive Jesus Christ?" This is a very basic and important question.

It is certainly important for those who don't yet have Jesus Christ dwelling in the heart. In Romans 8:9 we're told, "...if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." And not to belong to Jesus Christ is the greatest tragedy of both this life and eternity to come.

It is important for those of us who **do** have Jesus Christ dwelling in our heart, but don't yet have a full and clear understanding of **how** He came to be there. When we read the epistles of the Apostle Paul, all written for professing Christians, it is amazing that the apostle never tires of telling us how we came to be Christians.

In the *Epistle to the Romans*, Paul writes, "knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*...that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Romans 6:6).

In I Corinthians 1:26-27 he says, "See your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty".

In II Corinthians 3:3 he writes, "...ye *are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

In Galatians 3:2 he asks, "Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

In Ephesians 2:1 Paul writes, "...you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins".

Paul never grows weary of telling us how we became Christians. He reminds us over and over again of who we are by telling us how we came to be this way. Therefore, it must be very important that we be reminded over and over again of how we came to have Jesus Christ dwelling in our hearts. Christian friends, I submit to you that there are at least four effects of being reminded of how Christ came to dwell in my heart and your heart: (1) it elevates Jesus Christ in my affections; (2) it endears the Holy Spirit to me; (3) it deepens my security in the love of God; (4) it humbles me and makes me more eager and ready to entreat others to receive Christ into their hearts as well.

So, I'd like to ask the question over the next few weeks: "How do we make room in our hearts for Christ?" Or, "How is the heart prepared to receive Christ?" Each of the messages will give part of the answer.

Today's answer to the question about how the heart is prepared to receive Christ comes from Matthew 16:13-20. "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.** And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ."

In this passage Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" So, I'm going to observe, first of all, that we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus Christ by recognizing who He truly is. **It is very important that we know what it means to receive Jesus Christ for who He truly is.**

Suppose your doorbell rings, and you answer it to discover some famous person standing there - let's say Prime Minister Theresa May - and you swing the door wide and give her the best seat and serve her on your best china and generally make a big fuss over her...and then you discover that it really isn't Theresa May after all. And suppose she asks you why you're making such a big to-do out of her presence, and you answer, "Oh, I thought you were Theresa May." What have you just done to your guest? You've belittled her. She thought your honour was for her, but it was really for someone else, because you didn't recognize who she really was.

Folks, that's the way it is if we try to receive Jesus Christ into our hearts while not knowing who He really is. Christ isn't honoured by our ignorance. You cannot honour somebody by bestowing favours on that person when you mistake him or her for somebody else.

So, in order to receive Jesus Christ in a way that honours Him, in a way that saves, we must recognize who He truly is. We must see Christ's glory and agree in our heart of hearts that He is indeed worthy of all our trust and obedience.

In this passage, the Lord Jesus queries the disciples to see if they've arrived at that kind of knowledge of who He truly is. In verse 15 He asks: "...whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter answers for the group in verse 16: "Thou art the Christ [the long-awaited Messiah], the Son of the living God."

Jesus tells Peter that he is blessed for giving that answer. So now the question becomes, "How did Peter come to have this true insight into the identity of Jesus Christ - how did he know who Jesus really was?" That's our primary question today. How is the heart prepared to recognize Jesus so that He can be received for who He truly is?

Verse 17 gives the answer of Jesus Himself: "Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**"

So, the answer to our question is that to recognize Jesus Christ for who He truly is, you need something more than flesh and blood. Or to put it more positively, to recognize and receive Jesus Christ for who He truly is, God the Father must reveal it to you.

In order to make this passage and this message very personal today, every one of us should now ask, "Has God done this for me?" "How did God do it?" "What was it like in my experience when God revealed to me that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God?" "What difference has it made in my life that God the Father has revealed to me the true glory of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ?"

My guess is that some of you, as you sit there, are saying, "You know, I cannot answer those questions. I've never even thought of my conversion in those terms." Well, don't panic, because every person who has ever been converted to Jesus Christ was converted upon the basis of a very limited understanding of what was happening.

One person might say, "I believed on Jesus."

Another person might say, "I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

Another might say, "I confessed Jesus as Lord and believed in my heart that God raised Him from the dead."

Another person might say, "I was born again."

Still another might say, "I was crucified with Christ and now walk by faith."

Every person who has ever been converted to Jesus Christ was converted upon the basis of a limited understanding of what was really happening. So please don't be surprised that there may be biblical descriptions of what happened to you that you may not yet understand. It takes a lifetime to grasp the depth and wonder of the miracle of conversion to Jesus Christ.

So, I pray that what you'll do with the rest of this message is, first, test yourself to see if this has really happened to you, and then, if it has, let your trust in God ripen into a deeper affection and zeal because of His tremendous love to you described in this passage.

Now then, let's ask two questions to unfold the meaning of Matthew 16:17. First, what is being denied when Jesus says, "...flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee..."? And second, what is being affirmed when Jesus says that His Father in heaven has revealed it unto Peter? In other words, how does God reveal the true identity of His Son to an individual?

(to be continued in the next issue)

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We seek to be traditional in our message.

We hold to historical Baptist distinctives. Specifically, we are fond of The First London Baptist Confession of Faith, 1646 edition. We gladly accept broken, unaccomplished, needy sinners like ourselves; but we are not seeker-driven. We do not believe that 'doing church' is what God requires of people, and we do not believe that it is this or any other local church's responsibility to water down, nor add to, the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to create a more 'comfortable' environment. Do we want that gospel [good news] to be understandable? Yes. Do we ourselves want to be compassionate and inclusive? Yes. We want broken people - people like us - who know their sinfulness. We are here for those who know that they need something more than what this life has to offer. We seek not to offer more of the same, but to offer something different. The person and work of Jesus Christ is enough for us. We invite you to come see why.

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We maintain that the Bible is more than a collection of ancient writings, but rather, it contains everything we need to face the problems of life in today's culture. Consequently, our teaching and preaching will include practical application to help us live as we ought to live. We are not an elite group of those who have 'arrived' and we are committed to continual change. We rest on and submit to the absolute, unchanging truth of the Bible; and it in turn changes us. We hear and meditate on God's Word - and while we do that, we try to be doers of that Word, and not hearers only. We have found that the unchanging truths of the Bible affect our everyday lives, and we pray that we will become more and more like Jesus Christ as we submit to and obey His Word.

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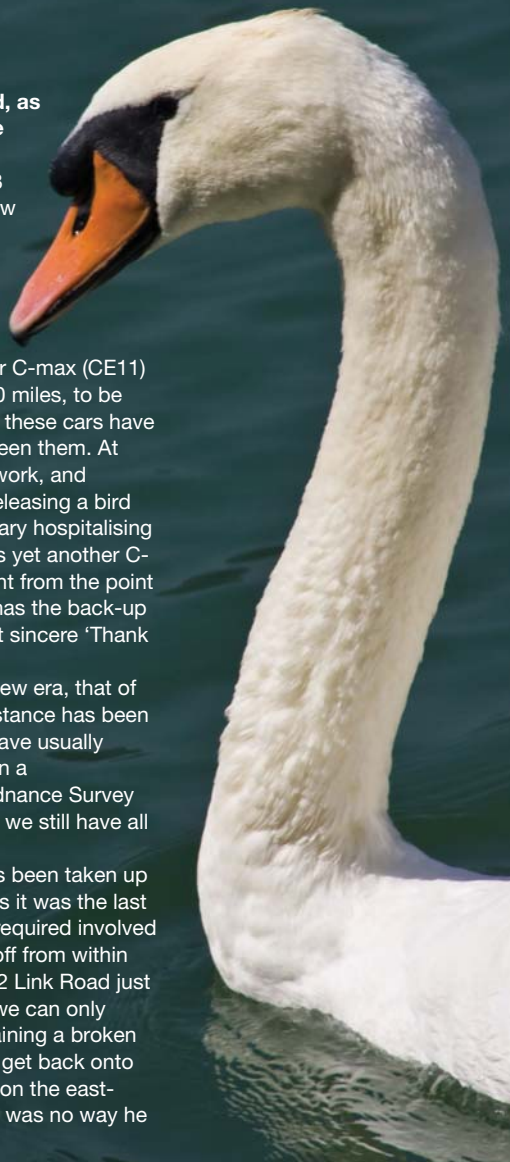
And So Another Year Ends; How Worrying Is That?

There we go! Another year is almost out, and, as usual, we're not stuck for something to write about!

One of us retired from the steel industry in 2003 after 40 years, and promptly bought a brand new car, an absolutely brilliant Ford Focus estate (CE03). That car had to be retired, exhausted, after about seven years and 273,000 miles. The stats relating to the next car, a Ford C-max are beyond recall, but from memory are not quite so frightening. There was then another C-max (CE11) which also was retired, in October after 193,000 miles, to be replaced by yet another one. One thing is clear, these cars have accumulated well over half a million miles between them. At least 80% of this relates directly to our rescue work, and includes 'the afters' by which we mean either releasing a bird into the most appropriate location, or, if necessary hospitalising it. The latest vehicle to join us on the treadmill is yet another C-max, we have to say they have all been excellent from the point of view of comfort, economy and reliability, as has the back-up received from the staff at Newport Ford. A most sincere 'Thank you' to all concerned for that.

With this latest car (CE67), we have entered a new era, that of satnav! A part of so many calls requesting assistance has been the offer of a postcode which, in the past, we have usually declined because we have depended entirely on a comprehensive collection of A-Z Street and Ordnance Survey maps and a lifetime of successful map reading; we still have all of those, but held in reserve.

Much of our time in October and November has been taken up dealing with this year's cygnets in distress. Thus it was the last mission for which the most recent old car was required involved a young (2018) cygnet which must have taken off from within the Cardiff Bay lagoon and landed on the A4232 Link Road just short of the Butetown Tunnels. At some point, we can only guess the details, it was seriously injured, sustaining a broken leg. By the time we arrived, it was struggling to get back onto the water through the railings on the pavement on the east-bound side of the carriageway; mercifully, there was no way he



SWAN RESCUE

could succeed; CE11's final trip was, therefore to take this poor little bird for treatment at the National Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton.

The following day, we parted with CE11 and took delivery of CE67, to be followed the very next day with a mission to the Teifi Estuary beyond Cardigan. Satnav came into its own on this very first trip mainly because of the road closures necessitated by the very heavy rain the week before. The story of the swan we had to rescue was peculiar to say the least. James

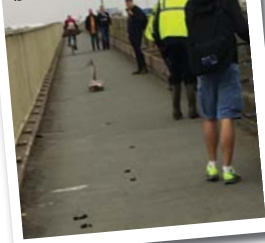
and his partner live on a boat moored in the estuary. A few months prior, they had rescued/befriended an adult swan they had spotted in a reed bed near their mooring. It appeared to be scruffy, in generally poor condition and underweight. Over the following weeks they fed him, it seems to the point at which the swan preferred their company to that of the other swans on the estuary. Crazy though it may sound, it seems he had forgotten how to be a wild swan. With James' travel plans for the forthcoming winter in mind spending it in Greece, it was agreed it would be best to relocate the bird to Shepperton which we duly did some few days later.

Excitement in the following days included, on two separate occasions, swans 'down' on the west-bound M4 and A48. In the latter case the bird had flown



Coed Kernew family before cob disappeared.

Cygnets which crash landed on Butetown Link Road and Subsequently suffered a broken leg.



before we arrived, but in the other there was a significant build up of traffic, potentially making it extremely difficult to progress quickly to the

precise location where our experience could be put to effective use. Needless to say, the Motorway Police and Traffic Officers were greatly relieved when we did finally turn up. In the event neither was too bad unlike on one occasion a few years ago when a major incident occurred on the A40 at Ross-on-Wye, on the bridge over the river itself; it took nearly an hour to complete the last mile to the scene.

With the benefit of hindsight, the implications of the case of the swan on the motorway are sad. A day later it was reported the adult male, the cob, from a family with its territory at Coed

Kernew had gone missing. This is a most unusual thing to have happened, a very well established family comprising an adult pair and four cygnets. This is the time of year when the young are starting to disperse, either of their own accord, or being 'encouraged' to do so especially by the cob. We've never come across a case of an adult leaving like this. Sadly, we've been left wondering whether or not the swan on the motorway could have been him. Having released this bird at Channel View in Grangetown, we have been hoping ever since he would fly back, something we do know a swan is well capable of, but so far it hasn't happened in this case. In the meantime, we continue to keep an eye on what is now a 'one parent family' resident near Coed Kernew.

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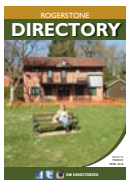
From Merthyr Tydfil, take the A465 to towards Hirwaun, then take the winding A4061 Rhigos Road to Blaenrhondda. Take the B4522 to Blaencwm and follow the signs for Waterfall car park. Follow the footpath along the left side of the stream up to the Nant Melyn waterfall. It is possible to see the Nant Carnfoesen waterfall from the path, but for the best view, cross the stream just upstream of the tiny reservoir and head up the left bank of the other stream that enters the reservoir. Follow it up to the waterfall but there is no proper path to this point.

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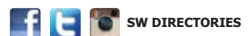


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