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FUNGAL INTERACTIONS

with animals



Fungi affect animals as well as people - the reader may be familiar with fungal conditions such as athlete's foot, Farmer's Lung and infections/infestations of the nether regions. I write infestations because fungi belong neither to the plant nor animal kingdoms, they are in a class of their own but are surprisingly more closely related to animal than plant. Fungi live in close association with organic material, both living and dead, and sometimes form a symbiotic relationship with other organisms (mycorrhizal fungi wrap around plant roots in order to extract sugars whilst at the same time donating nutrients that the plant is unable to acquire directly from the soil). They can range in size from microscopic to fantastically large, weighing tons, such as the Armillarela fungus found growing above and below the soil of the Blue Mountains of Oregon, USA, and is thousands of years old.

Despite its name, ringworm is not caused by worms. It is the most common fungal interaction with animals that vets encounter: crusty growths and hair loss on the faces of calves are obvious, while small circular or oval patches of hair loss

on the flanks of horses can be more challenging to diagnose. Dogs and cats have a variety of lesions including patches of hair loss, red raw areas of skin, and grey crusting. These are sometimes itchy and pets scratching and licking these areas complicate matters. Following recovery there is sometimes natural immunity, which assists in preventing or reducing the severity of future challenges. Ringworm spores can remain dormant and infective for a very long time, existing on the woodwork and feed barriers of buildings that have previously sheltered affected stock, ready to challenge naive animals the following season. Although ringworm tends to be species-specific there is some cross infestation and people can catch the disease from animals. One of the commoner areas of the body to be affected are the wrists because the cuffs of coats and overalls may pick up spores when handling diseased animals then these spores are rubbed into the skin: hands are washed but wrists aren't. During my college days one student picked up ringworm on his hairy chest (vet students can be subjected to all manner of ills as they negotiate their five or six

years of training). On learning this, our pathology lecturer encouraged the student to allow his torso to be illuminated with ultraviolet light in a darkened room (certain types of ringworm shine with an apple-green fluorescence when so subjected). We were not disappointed - a twinkling fluorescent constellation radiated out, prompting our lecturer to proclaim "and there you have it, New York at night!"

Lungworm, or 'husk', seriously compromises the health of farm animals and horses, sometimes contributing to their demise by infesting and destroying the lungs. This disease is caused by a worm, the immature stages of which need to pass through the intestine in order to continue the life cycle. With innate understanding that their host will not graze near faeces, lungworm larvae crawl up the filamentous hyphae of the *Pilobolus* fungus which grow on the same dung pats that they have both been excreted into. *Pilobolus* also needs to continue its life cycle through the cow's intestine, and has devised a method of spreading its seed far from the dung with a type of biological rocket launcher. In order to maximise the distance, the phototrophic fungal hyphae follow the sun and fire their seeds at it in the early morning when the sun is low in the sky. The lungworm larva merely 'piggy-backs' on the

seed as it is launched and waits for its new hosts to graze the herbage on which it has landed.

The fruiting bodies of many of the fungi that live below ground emerge into the daylight and are recognised as mushrooms and toadstools, some of which are edible. Truffles are the fruiting bodies of mycorrhizal fungi referred to earlier and remain underground close to the roots of trees with which they have formed symbiotic relationships. Their seed is spread by fungivores (animals that eat fungi) which include, inter alia, slugs and wild boar. They have been prized as a culinary delicacy for millennia and have been cultivated (with difficulty) for over a century. Traditionally, pigs were used to hunt truffles because they naturally root around and can sniff out the truffles that are more desirable for human palates, and can also discern when they are ripe to eat; however dogs are commonly used now as they are more biddable and do not compete for the prize! Sporting breeds such as Labrador, Springer, pointer and beagle are frequently used to hunt truffles, also the German Shepherd, but the Italian marsh dog Lagotto Romagnolo has been traditionally used for over 200 years.

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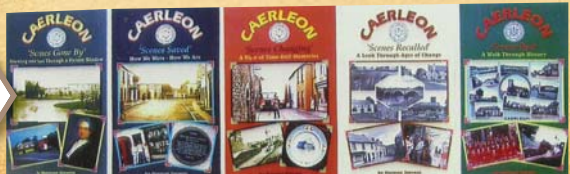
CAERLEON THEN & NOW



The stone built bridge was completed in the year 1810 to replace the old wooden construction which crossed the river via Bridge Street at the eastern side of the Hanbury to Ultra Poltern. This view is from a picture postcard. On the reverse the sender writes of having a "fine leave" at Caerleon and as the year is 1919. Below is the same view taken in 2014.



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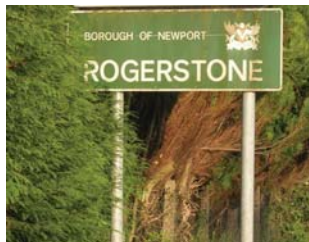
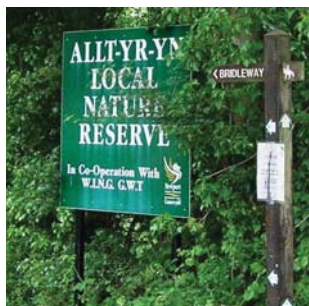


Place Names and Blind Spots

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 Gwynllyw, a local pirate who moored his ships nearby. Meanwhile, Maindee is the anglicised word for *maendy* (a stone house) and Lliswerry 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 Berechrolles (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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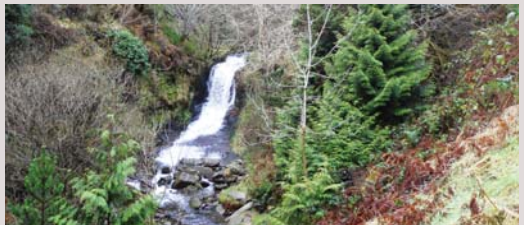
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In 1554 the Abbey and its estate was bought by William Morgan, who built a house on the same site using abbey materials. William Morgan may also have been responsible for the construction of the barn. Edward Morgan added to the house in the early 17th 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

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Pastor Pete Greasley 01633 822211
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Monday 7.30pm - Prayer & Thanksgiving

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Philip Herbert 01633 892434

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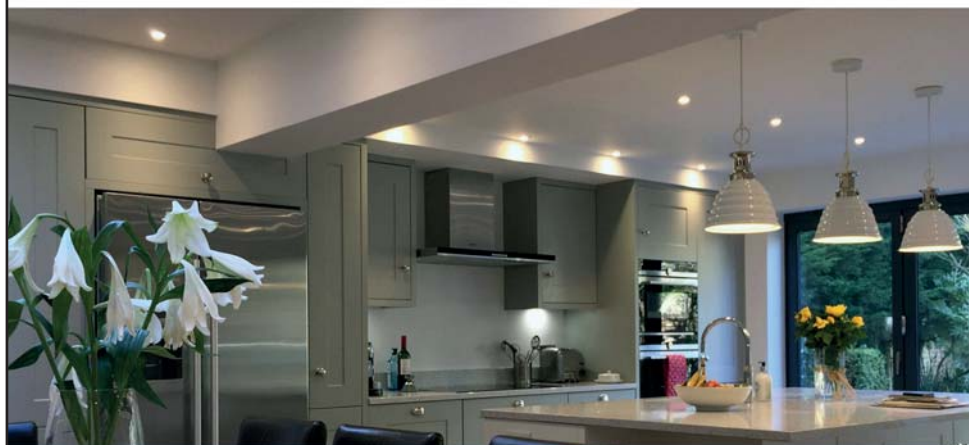


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Gwerinwyr Gwent Diary



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 Olly 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! Passing Welsh culture and dancing onto future generations is of prime importance to GG, so in 1981 we worked with primary schools from the former county of Gwent, enabling many schools to set up 'after school clubs' where hundreds/thousands of children have danced and enjoyed Welsh culture throughout the years. When some of these children became adults they even joined GG, bringing the average age of the members down considerably!!! As well as schools,

we invite any other children's organisations who meet on a weekly basis to join Gwyl Plant Gwent (translated: Gwent's children's festival). We have retired members who are always willing to give a helping hand to get you started.

Gwyl Plant festivals for 2019 are:
Newport - Newport Sports Village, Saturday 15th June 10am -12pm

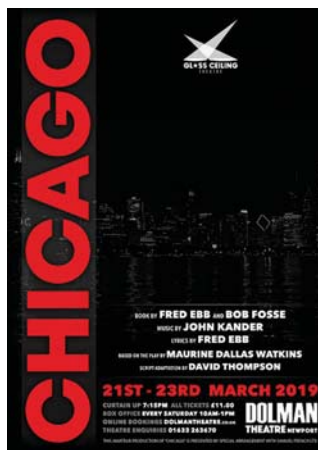
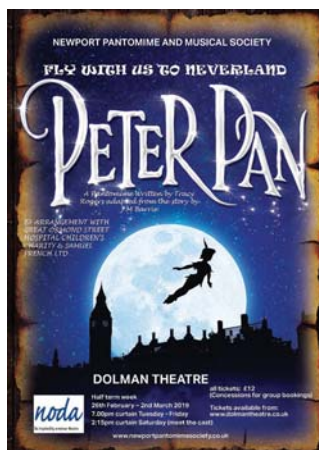
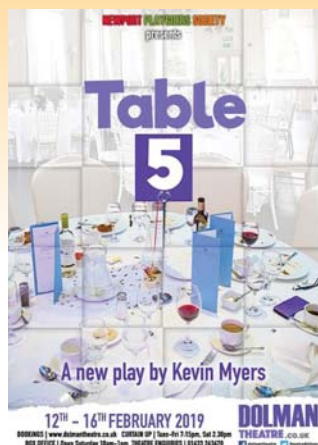
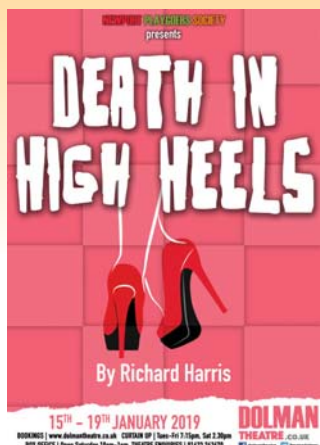
Cwmbran - Cwmbran Square, Saturday 22nd June 10am-12pm
Abergavenny - Abergavenny Castle, Saturday 29th June 11am-1pm

Mini Gwyl Plant - Tredegar House Folk Festival, Saturday 11th May 11am-12pm

If you are interested please ring 01633 892697 for further details. Come and join in with the children and parents, or if you prefer just come and watch.

Gwerinwyr Gwent is always looking for new members, and beginners or experienced dancers or musicians are very welcome. We meet on Thursdays from 8-10pm at the Graig Community Hall, Bassaleg, NP10 8LG (opposite the Ruperra PH). Just come along, or ring 01495 271953 for more details, also visit our website www.gwerinwyrghwent.org.uk

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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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Gavin Smith 01633 822211

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www.bellevuebowlingclub.com

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www.rotary-ribi.org/caerleon

email: gerryfulcher369@gmail.com

The Rotary Club of St Woolos Newport

Sec: Alan Thomas

email: stwoolosnewport@outlook.com

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Last Tuesday in the month at 2.30pm – Just turn up at the Hand Post Pub.

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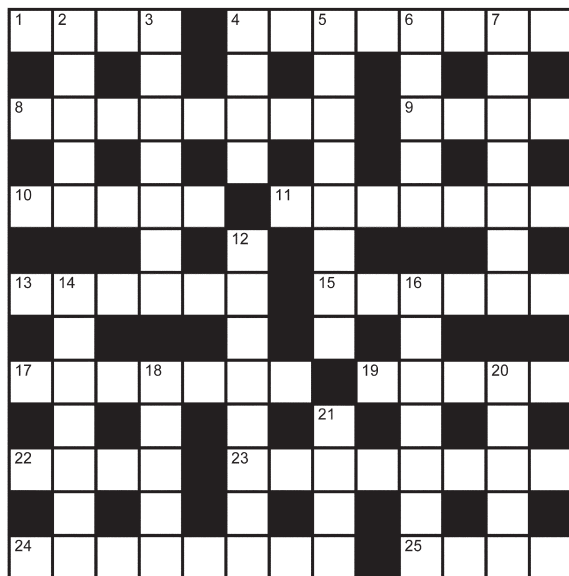
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Crossword



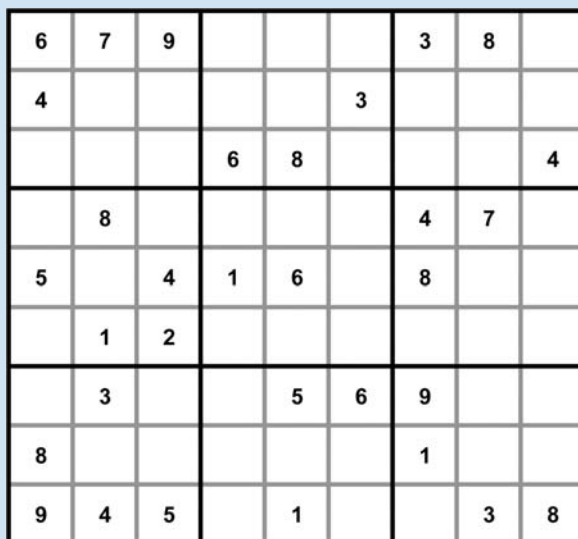
Across

- 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 (
- 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)

Sudoku



The object of sudoku is to insert the missing numbers in the boxes to satisfy just one condition: each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 through to 9 exactly once. This can be done by applying logic – you do not have to guess.

Solution on page 42



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LLANSANTFFRAED AND THE NARES FAMILY

(Part 4)

After our diversion in discussing American Presidential desks we will now return to the Nares Family and resume looking at the eventful career of George Strong Nares. Following his visit to the Arctic as mate on *HMS Resolute*, he returned back to this country and obtained merited promotion to Lieutenant. He was then sent on a gunnery course before being posted to the Crimea, where he served two years in *HMS Conqueror* mainly in the Mediterranean. In 1858 he joined the staff of a training ship *HMS Illustrious* and from her transferred to the larger *HMS Britannia*.

transit the canal. Laigle was the French Imperial Yacht and would be carrying the Empress Eugenie, wife of Emperor Napoleon the third.

When night fell, Commander Nares carefully conned and sneaked his 570 ton gun-ship, without the aid of any navigation lights, through the

Nares became married to Mary Grant, eldest daughter of a Portsmouth banker, in 1858. They eventually produced quite a large family of four sons and six daughters. In 1860 Nares wrote a manual named *The Navel Cadet's Guide*, which was published under the title of 'Seamanship' running to several editions and was regarded as the best manual of its day. In 1862 he was promoted to Commander and in then 1863 took over command of *HMS Boscawen* another training ship.



HMS Newport



Mrs Mary Grant

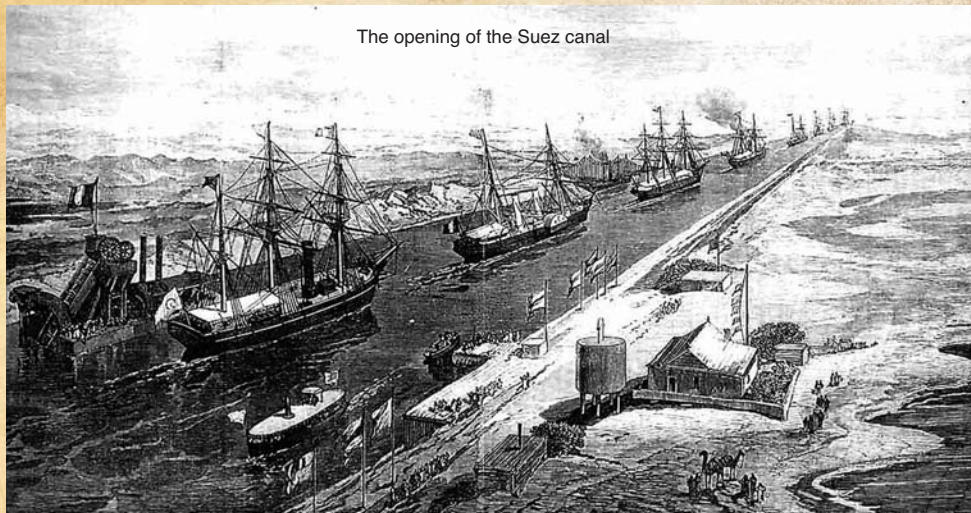
In 1865 Nares was appointed to command a small paddle steamer, *HMS Salamander* sailing off the east coast of Australia, where his duties included surveying. Next in

1868 he commanded *HMS Newport*, a small wooden three-masted screw driven gun-ship, for hydrographical work in the Mediterranean. This work includes a survey of the Gulf of Suez in 1869. The Suez Canal had been constructed between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea by the French under the supervision of Engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps. The official opening ceremony was planned for November 1869, and the night before a large group of ships of various nations gathered outside the Suez entrance to the canal, waiting to enter on the following day. First in line was the French vessel *Laigle* intended to be the very first ship to lead into and

dense mass of waiting ships to the very front. The following morning, to the dismay of the French, the very first vessel to enter the canal and leading the fleet was flying the British ensign. The name of this ship was *HMS Newport*.

The French were enraged that the very first ship to enter their canal and leading the procession make the first transit should be a British ship flying a British flag. The French, obviously, made a very strong complaint to Britain about this interruption and desecration of their ceremony. Commander Nares received a very strong rebuke from the Admiralty for his impertinence to the French. However, he was much admired for his skill and the

The opening of the Suez canal



seamanship that he had demonstrated. The Admiralty could not have been too disgusted by his action because, within a year, Nares was promoted to Captain and continued to advance in his naval career.

The ship, HMS Newport, was probably not named after our city of Newport, but as she was laid down in 1860 in Pembroke dock yard, her name, therefore, was almost certainly borrowed from Newport in Pembrokeshire. She was a small 570 ton three-masted ship, 145 feet long, fitted with a two-cylinder horizontal single steam expansion engine, developing just over 325 horsepower and driving a single screw propeller. As a gunship she was armed with one 68-pounder smooth bore gun and two 20-pounder breech loading guns. Her three masts wore a barque rigged sail plan. She was finally sold into civilian service in 1881. Following the Suez Canal incident Captain Nares continued his service in the Royal Navy. He was involved in much further hydrographical work and oceanographic exploration, going on to make many discoveries. We will discuss much of his future career which would eventually lead to his promotion to Rear Admiral in 1887 and Vice-Admiral in 1892.

HMS Newport after entering civilian service was re-named several times, changed owners and was used for Arctic exploration. She finally ended up in Russian ownership and was then named the



Commander Nares

Svyataya Anna (Saint Anne). The Russian explorer, Georgy Brusilov, employed her in 1912 to explore the North East passage between the Atlantic and Pacific. In October 1912 she became ice-locked in the Kara Sea off the Yamal Peninsula. The ship was well stocked with

supplies and the crew expected that they would be released in the next year's thaw. However, this did not happen and they remained trapped through 1913 into 1914. Supplies were now almost exhausted and scurvy broke out and their situation became desperate. Just one officer and a crewman attempted and succeeded in trekking to safety on foot, they were the sole survivors. The vessel and all her remaining crew completely disappeared, and not until 2010 was any trace discovered. Bones of a crew-member with various artefacts and a logbook were finally discovered on Franz Joseph Land. The unfortunate crew must have suffered a terrible fate resembling that of members of the better known Franklin expedition. Traditionally it has been held that to change the name of a ship would bring bad luck to that vessel. This seems to be confirmed by the present case, the ship that started life named Newport was first changed to Pandora II then became Blencathra and finally ended up as Svyataya Anna. In her final name she encountered a most unfortunate end.

(To Be Continued)

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Crossword

Across: 1 Ideas, 4 Michigan, 8 Cavalier, 9 Guru, 10 Terms, 11 Pigtail, 13 Paunch, 15 Applet, 17 Estuary, 19 Accra, 22 Trio, 23 Overthrow, 24 Pastille, 25 Cyan.

Down: 2 Drake, 3 Swagman, 4 Maid, 5 Cardinal, 6 Ingot, 7 Airline, 12 Charcoal, 14 Austria, 16 Pacific. 18 U-boat, 20 Rioja, 21 Péré

Sudoku

6	7	9	2	4	1	3	8	5
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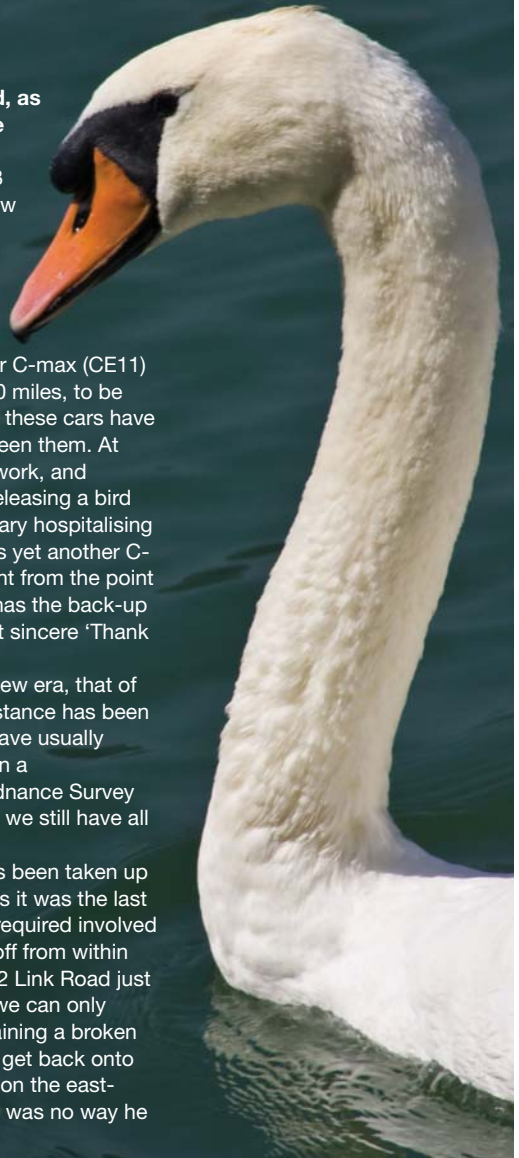
And So Another Year Ends; How Worrying Is That?

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

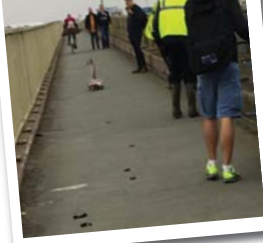
and his partner live on a boat moored in the estuary. A few months prior, they had rescued/befriended an adult swan they had spotted in a reed bed near their mooring. It appeared to be scruffy, in generally poor condition and underweight. Over the following weeks they fed him, it seems to the point at 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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