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My team and I are still working through the current COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss or bring to my attention, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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# THE MYSTERY OF THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE DISCOVERED IN RHIWDERIN

## (PART 1)

Leslie Woolford of SW Directories contacted me, by email last October, regarding a metal plaque that a lady living in Rhiwderin had discovered when clearing out her garage. Mrs Susanna Playle of Derin Cottage, Rhiwderin, in August, found this interesting plaque buried under a pile of old carpet tiles in a dusty corner of the garage. The plaque, size 14 inches x 7 inches, is in memory of A. Garland killed by enemy action on July 1st 1941, a copy of a photograph of the plaque is printed below.



In my investigations I first consulted Shaun Mcguire's Internet Website - *Newport's War Dead* and soon found details of the July 1941 bombing of Eveswell Street. This website give details of the number of people killed and injured - 35 people died and 46 survived injured. The dead included many women and children wiping out some families completely. Another bomb dropped at the same time, on Gaerwood a house in Kensington Place, exterminating Alfred Searle an 80 year old Newport Solicitor and his housekeeper Daisy Frances Pouncey age 61. I have a clear memory of this last bomb as I shall later explain. During World War 1 Mr. Searle

served in the Royal Navy as a Lt. Commander.

*Lt. Comander A. Searle R.N.*



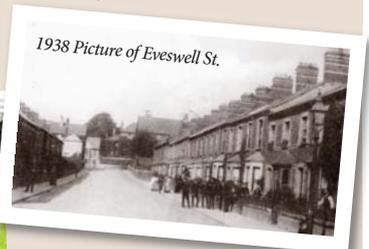
It was not possible to identify many of the dead when bodies and body parts were recovered from the demolished properties. Some, including the Gimlett family, were buried at St. Woolos Cemetery and others in a communal grave at Christchurch cemetery.



The powerful bombs that were dropped are often identified as Land Mines, as they were observed hanging from parachutes when falling. They were probably intended to land in the sea just off the port of Newport, but an unanticipated wind caught the parachutes and carried them inland over the town. The parachutes were intended to prevent the abrupt shock or impact of landing in the water from causing the mines to explode prematurely.

Of the houses in Eveswell Street at least nine were totally destroyed and never rebuilt, the 1946 Newport John's Directory lists them as vacant sites. These houses were all situated at the junction of Eveswell street with Archibald street. The site is now occupied by Maindee Fire Station. I can show a photograph of pre-war Eveswell Street and another of Archibald Street as damaged by the bombing.

*1938 Picture of Eveswell St.*



I am sufficiently old enough to remember the night when these bombs dropped on Newport. I would have been about 5 years old at that time, then living in Chaucer Road in the Beechwood area. I recollect that on the night of the 1st July 1941, when

Bomb damaged  
Archibald St.



the air raid siren began its disconsolate wail, as a family we left our beds to descend to the garden air raid shelter. But probably because my mother was very pregnant with my brother, we did not exit the house to go down steep external concrete steps to the shelter. Instead, we all crouched under the staircase which was open to the hallway on one side.

We heard the uneven drone of enemy bombers overhead, heard bombs dropping on the town and anti-aircraft guns firing at the bombers. My father decided to go down the hallway to look through the kitchen window over the town to try and see what was happening. All of a sudden

there was the noise of a tremendous explosion quite close to our location and I can recollect a vivid blue flash of light. My startled father hastened from the Kitchen back down the hallway on his hands and knees and re-joined us under the staircase, declaring ***“that was close, someone just on the other side of the hill has just copped it”.***

Finally the ***All-clear*** siren sounded and we thankfully returned to our beds. The following morning, when all was peaceful, my father decided to go and see the site where the bomb had landed and I went with him. Together, we walked through the local allotments up to Clevedon Road, then down to Eveswell Park Road, turned right to the Woodland Road area where other people were also making their way. We reached a spot where I remember looking down a slope on to a sea of brick and stone rubble debris, all that remained of Gaerwood house. In the middle of this debris stood a small yellow ridge tent, and in the tent entrance stood a uniformed police officer surveying

the scene.

In the overhead branches of an adjacent tree was deposited a Top Hat and a Long Tailed black coat, probably the only trace of the Searle residents. At this time we were not aware of the damage and casualties caused by the Eveswell Street bomb. I show a copy of a photograph of Gaerwood House taken before the war, unfortunately very poor quality as it is enlarged from a photograph taken from some distance away.



Gaerwood House before War

(To be continued)

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# Strange Times Indeed!

Coronavirus, the Motor Trade & Motorists...with a nod to DPFs



Extract from a Blog Post by Mike Joenn, Founding Director of AJ Garage Services, Ponthir

I'd already written an interesting piece about Diesel Particulate Filters (DPFs) for this month's Directory. But as we approach the deadline, it now seems strangely irrelevant to be discussing a device which removes tiny soot particles from the exhaust of a diesel engine when other more dangerous particles now seem to be far more important. Yes, I'm talking about the Coronavirus.

I asked my good friend *Mr Google* to help me make a comparison and he tells me that soot particles come in all shapes & sizes from 20 nanometres to 900 nanometres (nM) while Coronavirus units are pretty consistent at about 40nM, but it would be reasonable to conclude after two months of casual observation and monitoring the news broadcasts that Coronavirus has the capacity to kill humans (including motorists) far more efficiently than Diesel exhaust soot. So, I'll save the DPF article for another time and instead, do a quick round up on the impact of Coronavirus on motoring and the motorist. If you ARE interested in DPFs, you can find the article here <https://www.ajgarageservices.com/mike-joenn-says>

• **Building Vehicles** As I write, virtually every vehicle manufacturer in Europe has halted operations and there are fears that the UK Automotive



industry might never recover. It's not just the building of the vehicles. The factories throughout Europe that produce the parts are closed too, putting a pretty big lump of the UK & European economies in jeopardy.

• **MOT's.** Unless you've just arrived back from the dark side of the moon, you'll probably know that the government has extended ALL MOT certificates for 6 months. If your MOT was due in April, it has been extended to October. But BEWARE! The vehicle must still be road-worthy and if you are on the roads with an un-roadworthy vehicle during this six month period, you can still be prosecuted. We are strongly recommending that our customers arrange the MOT when it comes due and be comfortable in the knowledge that your tester has certified your vehicle as fully road worthy. You can also benefit from collect & return enhanced service that most MOT testers are now offering. We collect your car, MOT it and return it to you, having sanitised and cleaned it thoroughly.

• **Driving Tests:** Theory tests have been suspended for one month and driving tests have been suspended for 3 months. If you are a critical worker, you can still get a test.

• **If you MUST drive somewhere:** Go alone. Try not to share your car with anyone and if you do, make sure you have their contact details and they've washed their hands before they get into your car. Don't touch them! You can of course use your car to get around (in fact, it's better than public transport in terms of social distancing). If you breakdown: CALL US.

• **Avoid Coronavirus infection:** Clean & disinfect your vehicle interior thoroughly. Steering wheel, controls, window switches, door handles (inside & out) and Radio/Sat Nav.

• **At the filling station.** Use the plastic gloves that are normally provided before you touch the fuel pump or nozzle. Try to use contactless payment or mobile aps and thereby avoid going into the shop. Use alcohol sanitising gel when you get back in the car.

• **Don't touch your face** and wash your hands when you finish the journey.

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## More Swans in Unsuitable or Inappropriate Places

Sunday 8th March, 7.47pm, the phone rang as it tends to do! It's completely dark outside and we're just finishing our evening meal. The caller is from Dyfed Powys Police; she is reporting a grounded young swan on a busy main road in Felinfoel, Llanelli. We have to make it clear there is nothing any of us can do at this particular time, which maybe sounds somewhat unprofessional, but a compromise agreement was reached. This was that the police would 'shunt' the bird into the immediately adjacent Afon Lliedi. This they did successfully although concern was expressed that the stream was very fast flowing, as a result of what seemed like days of heavy and near continuous rain. And so this was the way it was left, but with the promise we would attend the following day, and assess what more needed to be done. The following day, Gary duly reported, as expected, the swan was still there but did not seem distressed by his predicament. He was holding his position in the stream, but clearly a rescue sooner rather than later was essential. Bread and poultry corn was given and accepted, but any thought of a rescue at this time had to be dismissed as much too dangerous. The fact the swan was fit and well was amply demonstrated by him attempting to take off a number of times by pattering along the water surface some 50-60 metres before running out of space. We joined Gary in Llanelli the following day when we took the first of our



*Afon Lliedi in full spate, no safe rescue possible*

photographs; it was still the case the water flow in this narrow and very deep channel was far too great to contemplate a rescue. The change in the character of the stream following two further days during which there was little or no rain was dramatic, as can be seen from our second photograph. From this point on the plan was very simple; Gary was in the stream below the swan to prevent him from escaping in that direction and your reporter, was on what was now a bit of a beach ready with a swan hook as Gary moved slowly upstream. And the rest, as they say, allegedly, is history. As a brief tailpiece to this story, and before the Coronavirus shutters went up, and a few days after the Llanelli episode, we received a call from Network Rail; a swan had 'alighted' in the middle of the tracks at Cardiff Central railway station and extraordinarily had survived to tell the tale, notwithstanding the 'cats cradle' of high voltage conductors which are now a very obvious feature of the main



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11,000 new sales listings were added to the Rightmove portal on the first day alone with the other leading house buying websites reporting similar figures.

## **Mortgage Market Responds Positively with More Products Available**

In response to the re-opening of the property market, many of the mortgage lenders have reinstated products they had temporarily removed due to the lockdown.

A popular website that compares mortgages reported an 18% uplift in the number of visitors comparing mortgages in the first week since the re-opening.

Another very important factor to remember is that due to the very low interest rates there are some incredible mortgage products currently available including fixed term deals.

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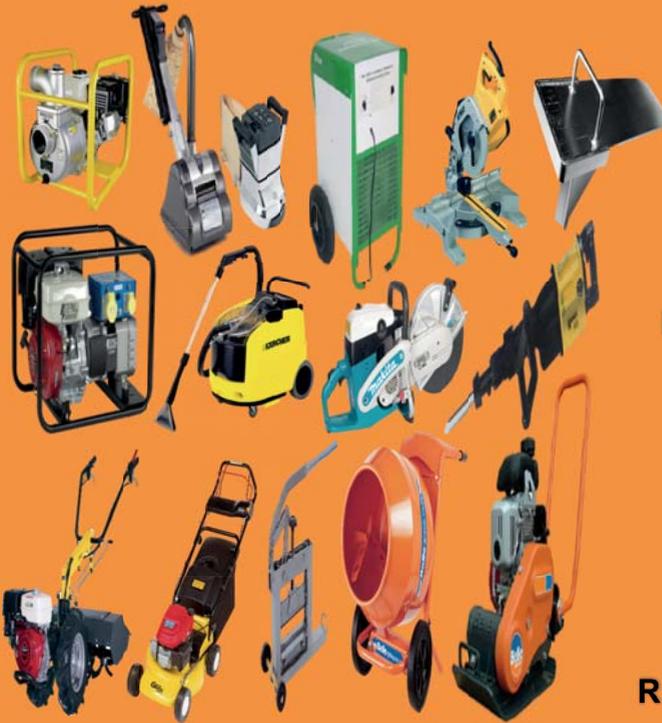
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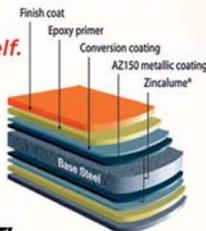
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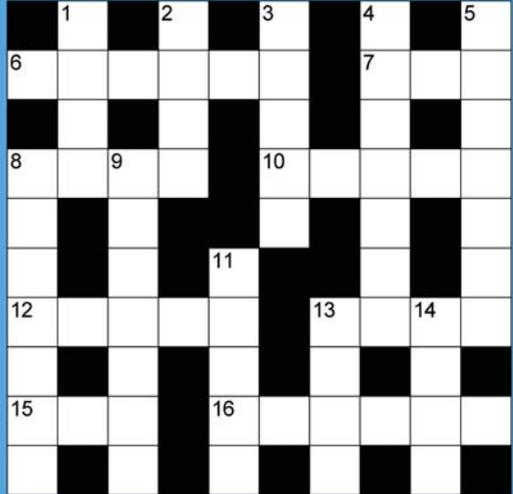
# Crossword

## Across

- 6. Rotten (6)
- 7. Small child (3)
- 8. London art gallery (4)
- 10. Depart (5)
- 12. Heavenly being (5)
- 13. Scottish loch (4)
- 15. Single number (3)
- 16. Horse barn (5)

## Down

- 1. Molten rock (4)
- 2. Land measurement (4)
- 3. Grown up (5)
- 4. Unusual (7)
- 5. Small rivers (7)
- 8. Crime against crown (7)
- 9. In a knot (7)
- 11. Deep cut (5)
- 13. Close to (4)
- 14. Condiment (4)



# Sudoku

	2	1				8	9	
	7						3	
3				7				2
			1	2	3			
	9			4			2	
			5	8	9			
5				1				3
	3						6	
	8	7				2	4	

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.

Puzzle solutions on page 27

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The fairy-tale tower houses fine mesh to filter the water before it begins a 68 mile trip by man-made aqueduct to Liverpool.

The original Lake Vyrnwy Hotel was built in 1890. In 1910 it was extended to coincide with the visit of the Prince of Wales (later that year to become King

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# Flying Sea Lions and Stone Roses

by Paul Minton

**One of my proudest moments was discovering that my family had a coat of arms. Admittedly, many surnames have their own heraldic shields, but it still came as a surprise nonetheless. We even have a motto, “Pro Deo et patria”, which, if your Latin is as non-existent as mine, means “For God and country”. Since my ancestors appear to have been mainly farm workers, I like to think of them shouting out these words as they heroically chased chickens and fed pigs their daily slop.**

Historically, the designs were used in battle or on seals for legal documents, so it was always important to verify their identity or credentials. This work was carried out by so-called “heralds” and thus, the related study became known as heraldry. With terms like “fess”, “gules”, and “ordinaries”, the field has its own unique language. Without help in navigating its otherwise impenetrable glossary, the novice would be left scratching their head so much people would think they had nits.

The Newport coat of arms is an interesting one. It has a downwardly-pointing red chevron on a gold shield or escutcheon, crowned by a cherub’s head with wings that seem to grow out of its face. Each side is accompanied by a “supporter”: there is a winged sea lion on one side and a sea dragon on the other. These fantastical beasts are meant to represent strength on land, water, and in the air – there’s nothing like covering all the



bases! In fact, Newport was the first authority to include a winged sea lion in their coat of arms but let me clarify that this is not a sea lion in the conventional sense but a half lion-half fish hybrid complete with webbed feet and scales. It would sooner rip your face off than balance a beachball on its nose. The current Newport City Council logo is also based on this dubious-looking creature, even though the image bears more than a passing resemblance to a sheep being hit by a flaming boomerang.

The shield was officially adopted in 1929 and the College of Arms, which regulates heraldic matters,

agreed to the addition of the supporters and the motto, “Terra Marique” (meaning “By land and sea”), in 1958. However, Newport had been using a basic design composed of the escutcheon and cherub since 1835. The emblem is actually adapted from the earlier Stafford crest of the Dukes of Buckingham, who held the Lordship of Newport during the Middle Ages. It is generally believed that the chevron was cunningly inverted to point downwards to avoid confusion with the family’s insignia but others have suggested that its reversal was indicative of disgrace: the 3rd Duke was executed for treason in 1521. Whatever the explanation, the chevron is intended to represent a roof so when it is upside down, someone definitely needs to get their house in order by phoning a builder.

Whilst recording their album, ‘Second Coming’, at Rockfield Studios near Monmouth, Manchester band, *The Stone Roses*, spent some time at the legendary TJ’s in Clarence Place. When it came to designing a cover for their 1994 single, ‘Love Spreads’, guitarist John Squire chose a photograph he had taken of the town’s coat of arms on Newport Bridge. The song proved to be their biggest hit and over-enthusiastic fans were later blamed for removing cherubs from the bridge in order to keep as mementoes. Although the cherubic image was to resurface on the album sleeve, the fate of those missing originals remains a mystery to this day.



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# Puzzle Solutions

## Sudoku

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9	7	8	2	6	1	5	3	4
3	5	4	9	7	8	6	1	2
7	4	6	1	2	3	9	5	8
8	9	5	7	4	6	3	2	1
2	1	3	5	8	9	4	7	6
5	6	9	4	1	2	7	8	3
4	3	2	8	9	7	1	6	5
1	8	7	6	3	5	2	4	9

### Crossword Solution

**Across:** 6 Rancid, 7 Tot, 8 Tate, 10 Leave, 12 Angel, 13 Ness, 15 One, 16 Stable.

**Down:** 1 Lava, 2 Acre, 3 Adult, 4 Strange, 5 Streams, 8 Treason, 9 Tangled, 11 Slash, 13 Near, 14 Salt.

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## Newport U3A

**I Hope by the time this article is published that the Coronavirus Crisis will be easing down and some sense of normality has return.**

Newport University of the Third Age is a self-help charitable organisation that aims to advance the education of retired people.

We have had to curtail our activities this Spring and self-isolate as many of us are in the vulnerable category. Staying at home was testing, wondering how to fill the time.

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