

Newport Philatelic Society April 2020.

A special communication Newsletter: Number 60 April 2020

Dear members, with all of our meetings cancelled for the short/medium term, this is a newsletter to all members to remind them about some of the things we got up to and similar things we can look forward to doing in the future. If anyone has any more pictures or anecdotes, and they are willing to share, please send them to me for inclusion in a future publication and/or to put on our society website.

Remember the March social event?

Held at the Parc Golf centre in Newport on the 23rd of March 2019. Can you see yourself in a picture? An excellent after dinner speech by our dealer member Roy Hollis and an opportunity to give a well-deserved special award to Martyn for his long service to the society.





Our Virtual Meeting:

At the meeting on the 6th of November when we had visitors from Bridgend we invited Terry to join us via Skype. It is with a sadness we remember Terry who passed away recently and we remember his contributions and his humour and he will be sorely missed at our society. This was a first for the Newport club but who knows maybe an option for use in these present times? The society purchased a conference camera for use by all members so we are ready and able if you feel “directorial” in the future.



A trip to Bristol Philatelic Society in November 2019.

As you may know Les and Neil are members of the Bristol club, across the water, international travellers to a different society no less! We do a reciprocal meeting where we give a display in Bristol and Bristol return the compliment at Newport usually later in the year. Here is a picture of a valiant “away” team of Martyn, Roy, Margaret and Alistair ready to do their presentations at Bristol.



A footnote:

In these isolation days we may have more time to look at our collections and maybe even go searching on line for those missing items. If you have not used it, I like to use www.stampworld.com which has the largest world collection of stamps, and some useful search tools, better than most that I have seen on the web, and interestingly the market for people to sell stamps generates an alternative to the catalogue value with a market “value” for the items listed. If you have any useful web-links or on-line collector sites please share them and I will put them on the society’s website for future reference.

Another alternative activity to consider is to put together that competition entry or if this is not of interest how about a short presentation of your collection to the other members of the society, it could any size from a couple of pages in an evening shared with others, to a full individual evening of 100+ pages, the choice is yours and all you need is to arrange it with the chairman or secretary and a slot will be found for you.

Conclusion:

In this difficult time, we can all help each other to get through it. So, if anyone needs help or just someone to talk to, please let us know and get in touch. The conversation could even not be related to stamps! Keep safe and well everyone, and we all look forward to our next society meeting in Newport Civic Centre in more settled times.

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