



# Merry Christmas

Newport Philatelic Society

## Newsletter 24th Release: Number 84 Christmas 2020

### Introduction:

Merry Christmas everyone and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. I hope you continue to be safe and well and are looking forward to Christmas in whatever form it will be! Here we are the 24<sup>th</sup> issue of this newsletter, I never imagined I would still be doing it but I am glad from the feedback I have received that you are enjoying the issues. In this issue we have Martyn to thank for some interesting Newport ship's postmarks, some flight covers from Lynne, and the results of Roger's "Christmas" mystery stamp quiz.

News of a possible Covid-19 vaccine has brought a new feeling of optimism, however, the tunnel is still long and dark but there just might well be a small light at the end of it? As always, I am looking for newsletter contributions from members, if you have something to share or would like any help sending in a picture(s) of some of your interesting stamps or covers please let me know as I would be glad to help.

I wish you all good health and look forward to hopefully meeting again soon. If anyone would like to participate in a society video meeting then please let me know as I believe we have enough members to try one to see how it goes.

<https://newportgwentphilatelic.weebly.com/>

Some stamp cracker jokes for your amusement:

A shy lad was at a party and got talking to a pretty girl. After a while he builds up the courage to tell her that she is gorgeous and asks if she would like to go back to his place to look at his stamp collection.....

**"Philately will get you nowhere!" the girl replies.**

How does a DNA molecule moisten a stamp?

**Helix it!**

## A selection of Newport Ship Postmarks from Martyn

Newport had 3 ship's cancellation, there was Mole Wrench, Newport - Mon and Newport - Gwent, here are some examples.

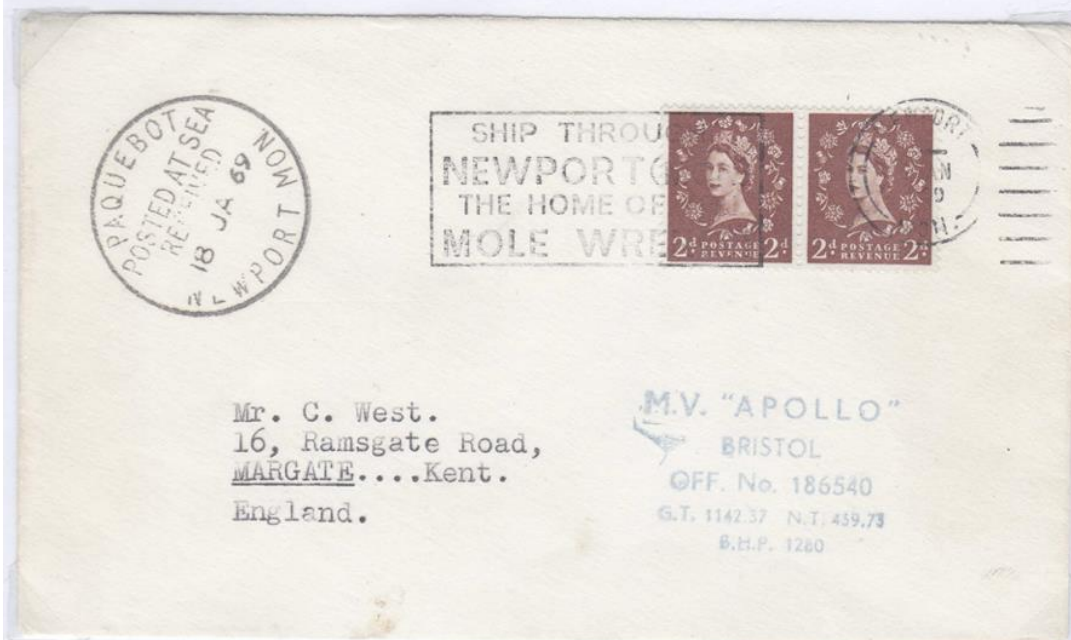




## POSTAL MARKING of NEWPORT mon

M/V APOLLO. NEWPORT mon. post mark 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 1969

General Cargo Built in 1954.

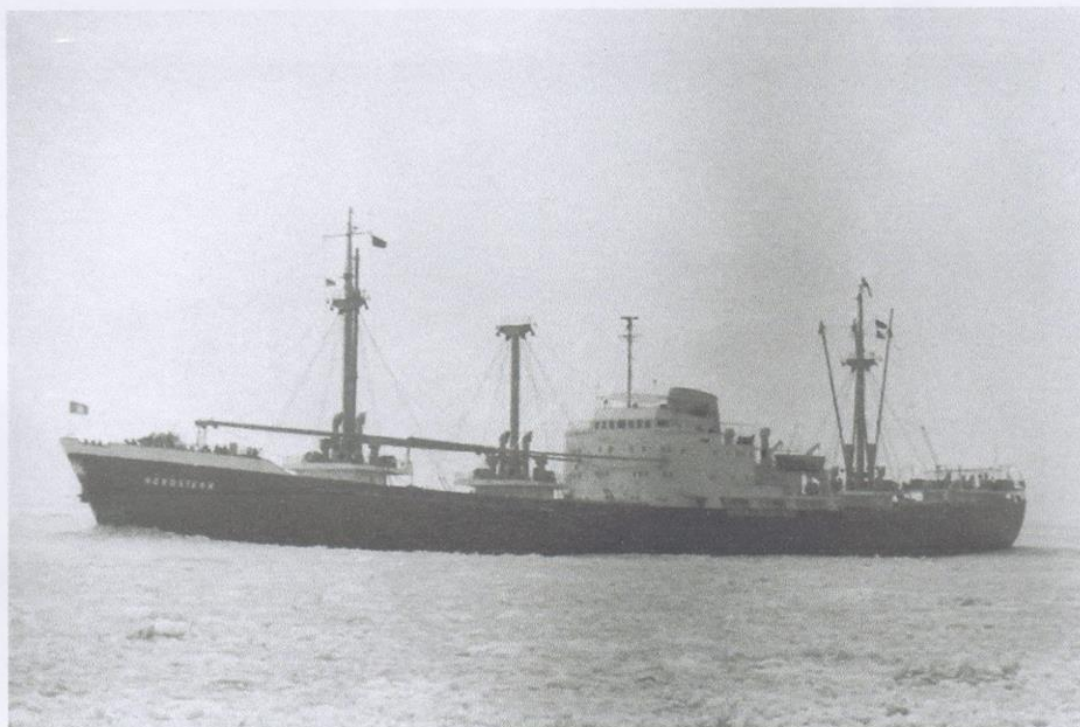






## POSTAL MARKING of NEWPORT mon

M/S NORDSTERN General Cargo ship  
NEWPORT mon Post Mark. 12<sup>TH</sup> July 78. Build in 1955. in Germany.





## POSTAL MARKING of NEWPORT mon

M/S. IJSSELMEER of HOLLAND

NEWPORT Paqubot post mark. 1963 General Cargo ship Build 1977

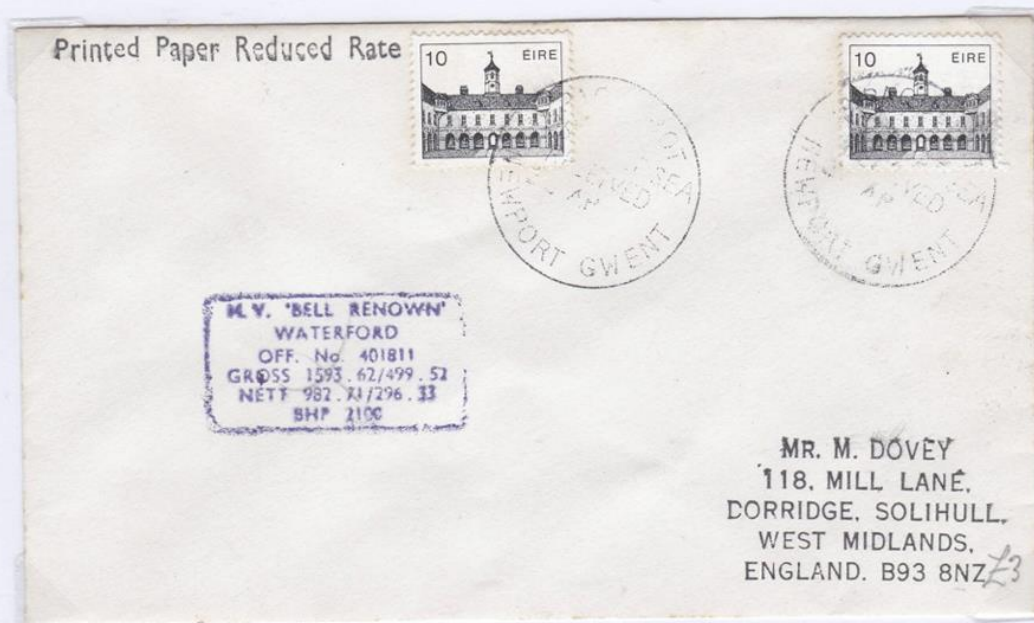






# **POSTAL MARKING of NEWPORT mon**

M.V.BELL RENOWN NEWPORT Gwent post mark  
CONTINERSHIPS Built in 1971 Kagoshima Japan .





## POSTAL MARKING of NEWPORT mon

M.V. BENLAVERS NEWPORT Gwent post mark 15<sup>ed</sup> March 76.  
General cargo ship Built in 1970 in Glasgow U K.





Lynne has sent in a selection of Flight covers for your interest.

Lynne has sent in some images of flight covers, many airlines no longer exist and in the current situation I wonder how many more airlines will be with us in 2021?







**DAN-AIR**

1953 - 1978



**Dan-Air Services Ltd.**  
**First Scheduled Flight**  
**Leeds - Jersey**  
**15th April 1978**

Carried in HS 748 G-BEXG  
 Leeds - Jersey Flight Time: 1 hr. 28 min.  
 Capt. P. Gordon F/O P. Johnston  
 A/S L. Baro A/H A. Mitchell

A.P.P.  
 Poste Restante  
 Jersey



**British Caledonian Airways**  
**First Scheduled Flight**  
**London (Gatwick) - Houston**  
**23rd October 1977**

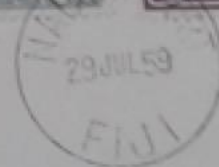
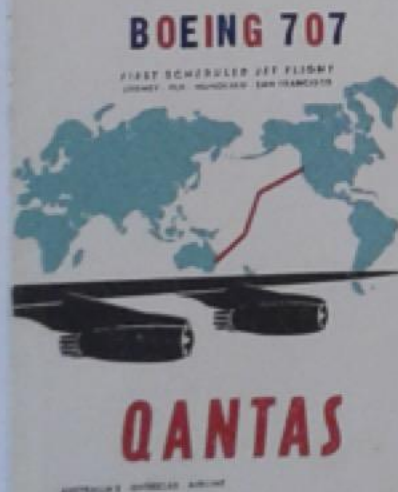
Carried in Boeing 707-365C G-AI20C "Loch Katrine"  
 London - Houston Flight Time: 10 hr. 12 min.  
 Capt. J. H. Moss Capt. R. Shilton  
 Capt. J. Hawkes F/E J. Jeffery N/O P. Moore

British Caledonian  
 Poste Restante  
 Houston, Texas



Qantas Empire Airways Limited,  
Buckingham Palace Road  
LONDON, SW.1

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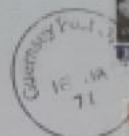
The Manager,  
Qantas Empire Airways Limited,  
350 Post Street,  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.,  
U.S.A.

# 20th ANNIVERSARY

FIRST ISSUE  
BRITISH AIR MAIL LETTER STAMP



First Issued by  
B.E.A.



TO BE POSTED  
ON ARRIVAL

C. Towers  
Flinch Cottage  
St. Peter Port

## BEA



B.E.A.  
1 OCT 1969  
JERSEY  
AIRPORT

Air Mail Manager  
West London Air Terminal  
Cromwell Road  
London S W 7



1st OCTOBER 1969  
British European Airways  
Commemorate the Inauguration  
of the States of Jersey  
Postal Administration.

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# British airways TriStar



Introducing European Space Travel

First Flight  
LONDON-BRUSSELS-LONDON

Flown  
Brussels/London  
On board  
TRISTAR  
Reg. G-BBAF  
Capt. Owens  
Time 50 mins.



Arrival Manager  
British Airways  
European Division  
Canton House  
Hampshire Airport  
London

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# British airways TriStar



Introducing European Space Travel

First flight  
London/Tel Aviv/London

Inaugural service  
Operated by  
TRISTAR  
Reg. G-BBAG  
Capt. Evans  
Dep. 09.36 hrs.  
Arr. 18.25 hrs.  
Overlaid to Athens en route



Arrival Manager  
British Airways  
European Division  
Canton House  
Hampshire Airport  
London

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Roger's Christmas Stamp quiz:

Thanks to Rodger for his stamp quiz, he has kindly supplied the answers below to put you out of your deliberations, it was a difficult quiz so well done if got any and a big congratulations to Alistair for winning the “Clever clogs” award.

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Answers from Rodger:

First row:

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|----|--------------------|------|--|
| 1a | Suez Canal Company | 1868 | Forgery                                      |
| 1b | Saxony             | 1863 | SACHSEN NEU-GROSCHEN                         |
| 1c | Spain              | 1873 | Used as telegraph stamp - single perforation |

2nd row:

- |    |                    |      |  |
|----|--------------------|------|--|
| 2a | Spain              | 1857 | Queen Isabella II (also used in Cuba and Puerto Rico but need appropriate cancellation mark to be claimed as such). Una Libra or "one pound" refers to the weight of the mail for which it was used. |
| 2b | Germany            | 1875 |  |
| 2c | Mozambique Company | 1895 |  |

3rd row

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|----|---------|------|--|
| 3a | Cuba    | 1857 |  |
| 3b | Austria | 1899 | Newspaper stamp  |
| 3c | Austria | 1877 | Journal stamp (postmark Verona - which belonged to the Austrian Empire at that time) |

4th row

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|----|---------------|------|------------------|
| 4a | Wurtemberg    | 1875 |                  |
| 4b | Thurn & Taxis | 1865 |                  |
| 4c | Finland       | 1862 | Possible forgery |

5th row

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|----|--------------|------|----------------|
| 5a | Papal states | 1852 |                |
| 5b | Italy        | 1870 | 5c Postage Due |
| 5c | Bavaria      | 1876 |                |

6th row

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|----|-------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 6a | Switzerland | 1854 | Altstadt is a suburb in Zurich |
| 6b | Naples      | 1858 |                                |
| 6c | Austria     | 1853 | Newspaper stamp                |

Some of these were quite difficult even if you have the original to hold up to the light etc. On occasion Roger has resorted to typing into Google whatever text could be seen on the stamp - with surprisingly good results. Roger is happy to be corrected if anyone has a different opinion.



### **Member Offers:**

The society has some albums with covers and stamps for sale to the highest bidder from the society. The albums are described below and available to view by arrangement.

Lot 1: A Mult-o lever album with used Australian stamps 1981-1992, a mixed collection with many complete sets.

Lot 2: A Mult-o lever album with used New Zealand stamps 1888 – 1978, a mixed collection with many complete sets.

Lot 3: A spring back album with mixed Commonwealth stamps, mostly used collection.

Lot 4: Ring binder with mixed FDC, mostly GB both definitives and commemoratives but also some Channel islands, around 36 covers.

Lot 5: Ring binder with mainly GB slogan postmarks: Starting from 1918 up to 1940, some Victorian and Edwardian town postmarks on pieces.

Lot 6: A hardback year book for the year of 1989 from Portugal.

### **Final Notes:**

Please keep safe and well everyone. A big thank you to Martyn, Lynne and Roger for their contributions to this issue. Merry Christmas and seasons greetings to all.

Any mistakes and errors are all down to me, so as before, my genuine apologies for every one of them! If anyone is receiving the newsletter in error or no longer wishes to receive it please let me know and I will remove you from the circulation list.

Did you hear that joke about the letter that didn't have a stamp?

No.

Never mind, you wouldn't get it.

Until next time.

Les Ashton-Smith

**P.S.**

A new addition to my Chepstow postal history collection. A pre-stamp cover sent in 1829 and the first year of issue of this postmark.

### Chepstow Postmarks (1829)

An entire "wrapper" letter posted from Robert Evans, solicitor, of Chepstow to a firm of solicitors in Cardiff on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1829. The letter has been endorsed with a rate of 1/2 (1s and 2d?) in manuscript. A light red Chepstow circular mileage removed handstamp. This was used from 1829 – 1834, so this is in the first year of use. Contents are shown overleaf and refer to an affidavit of serving notices and the request of payment of the solicitor charges involved.

