

## Newport Philatelic Society

### Newsletter Spring Twelfth Release: Number 72 June 2020

#### **Introduction:**

Dear members, welcome to issue twelve of the 2020 special newsletter. Please keep your suggestions for content coming and if you find something interesting please consider sending it to me so that I can share it with the other members of the club. As before, I have put all previous issues on our website.

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

In this edition we have some internet links you will hopefully find interesting, news of a future GB stamp issue with a local connection, Lynne has set us a challenge, and an idea that means everyone can make a contribution to this newsletter by telling the membership about the last philatelic item(s) you acquired.

## **Interesting Internet Links:**

This article has some of the internet links that our Chairman has found to interesting articles, sources of information and curios.

Number 1:

<https://www.stampprinters.info/>

A website with information on the process of stamp printing and the different printing companies in the world.

Number 2:

<https://www.postalmuseum.org/blog/stamp-products-explanation/>

A website from the Postal museum with a lot of useful explanations on stamp products. A well illustrated page with a clear segregation of the various stamp products which could be collected.

Number 3:

[http://bnaps.org/studygroups/newfie/newfie\\_intro.htm](http://bnaps.org/studygroups/newfie/newfie_intro.htm)

An interesting site albeit in a specialised area, this Newfoundland society website has a lot of knowledge about this fascinating area of the world. Shown below is one Newfoundland stamp with a “local” connection from my “Bristol” collection. I think is the oldest stamp I have with “Bristol” printed on it, if you have an earlier one please do tell me about it.

Number 4 and onwards:

This will depend on you, please send me your websites of philatelic interest to share with the other members.



## Bristol stamps



In 1910 Newfoundland issued a set of stamps commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the British colonisation of Canada in 1610. The 2C rose stamp has the coat of arms of the London and Bristol company. On May 2, 1610, the London and Bristol Company received a charter from King James I of England allowing them to start a settlement in Newfoundland. In August of the same year, a group of colonists led by John Guy arrived at Cupers Cove and began building the new colony. By this time, Newfoundland had been visited by fishermen from Europe every summer for over 100 years, but they arrived in the spring and sailed home at the end of the fishing season. Cupers Cove was the first European settlement in Newfoundland since the Vikings had visited the island over 600 years before. A mint version of the stamp is shown alongside the 1C green showing King James 1st. Cat: 77.



## **Local Connection:**

Next week there is a new GB stamp issue with a local connection.

<https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/roman-britain>

The Royal Mail has a Roman Britain issue with one stamp showing the Amffitheatr yng Nghaer Isca, the Caerllion Amphitheatre at Isca Fortress, Caerleon, near Newport. It is a first class stamp in a collection of eight special commemorative stamps featuring important sites and artefacts that illustrate the profound impact of the Roman occupation on our nation's life and culture. The stamps are shown below copyright belonging to the Royal Mail.



There is a Colchester First day of Issue Postmark, but I am sure one of the members of the Newport Philatelic Society can get a FDI postmark from Caerleon, if so, please can you get one for me when you do!

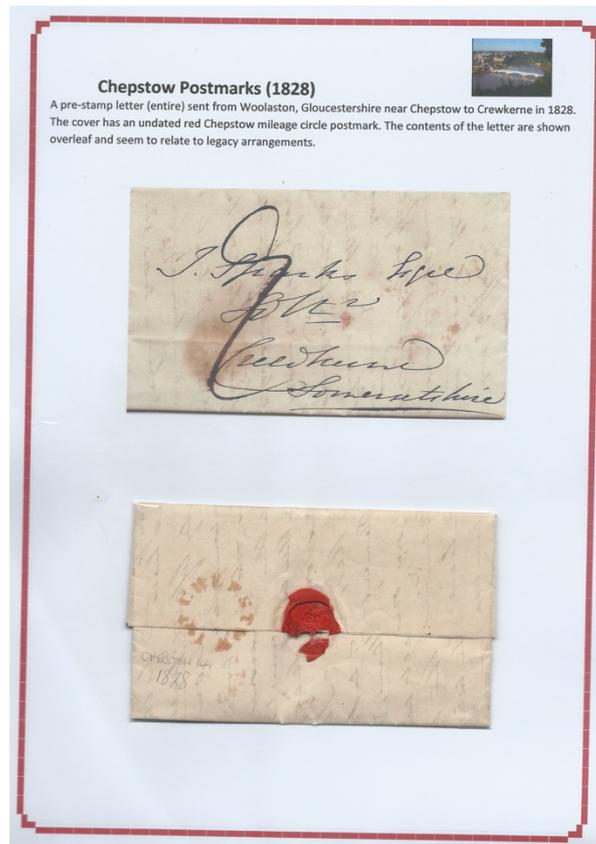
**Lynne's Conundrum:**

Lynne has set us all a challenge in this newsletter with some stamp identification help required. "When I was finished clearing up my stamps and transferring all the stamps to the stock book I was left with about 30 stamps which I could not recognise until I got out my XCLR stamp finder and now I'm down to 7 can you put them in the newsletter and get the club members to have a try and get them to their correct country." With the combined talent in the club I am sure we can help Lynne in this task. Please send all your suggestions to me via my email [les.ashtonsmith@gmail.com](mailto:les.ashtonsmith@gmail.com).



## Member Contribution:

As an opportunity to connect and share with the whole membership I ask every member to send me a photograph of the last stamp item they acquired. No need to write it up, you can if you want to, but please just send an image of the item. My last two items were a pre stamp letter from Woolaston to Crewkerne with a Chepstow postmark sent in 1828 and some MNH 1986 Leipzig fair stamps from the DDR.



## GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Leipzig Spring Fair

1986



## **Final Notes:**

Dear members, please look after yourselves and continue to keep safe and well.

Keep reaching out and making contact with your fellow society members, it is good to talk.

Please send me those useful website links and an image of your last stamp related acquisition. Do not forget Lynne also needs your help with some stamp identification. If anyone else wants to ask the rest of the societies help with a stamp item then please let me know and I will include it in a future newsletter.

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.

Les Ashton-Smith