



Newlyn Mission Joy Batten

The Newlyn Archive

The Newlyn Archive is a collection of material, written or digital about Newlyn. Anyone who has an interest in collecting, preserving, storing and sharing written, pictorial and oral materials relating to the history of Newlyn is invited to become a Friend of the Newlyn Archive.

The archive is open every Friday morning between 9.30 and 12 o'clock in the Mount's Bay Room at Trinity Centre, Chywoone Hill, Newlyn and is manned by volunteers who are **Friends of the Newlyn Archive**. The Archive contains almost 3000 items on paper or in digital form including documents, certificates, pamphlets, books, photographs, paintings and films.

There are periodic Archive Days, with free admission and refreshments, which take place in the main hall of Trinity Centre. These are based on a chosen theme and aim to show some of the materials held in the archive and to encourage people to donate papers, photos and other printed memorabilia to the archive.

The themes that are chosen are associated with an archive project, thus the Archive Day **Newlyn at War** on Monday June 28, 2010 generated stories about the war that have been recorded in the booklet **Newlyn at War 1939-1945** that was published at the end of 2010. The booklet costs £6.50 and all money from its sale goes to

support the Newlyn Archive. It is currently on sale at bookshops in Penzance and can be obtained from the Archive or from Dave Barron's Newsagents in Newlyn.

The following pages will give some idea of the success of the events promoted by Newlyn Archive in 2010. These would not have been possible without the generosity of our funders, Heritage Lottery Fund, Grassroots Grants, Cornwall Council Community Grants Scheme, Penzance Town Council and our sponsor David Lay.



Activity at the Archive Day, Newlyn at War. In the foreground, Tessa Garside talks to the Mayor of Penzance, Jan Ruhrmund. (Picture from Nicole Holmes)

Archive Open Days in 2010

Faces of Newlyn, Saturday January 30, 2010

The **Faces of Newlyn** Archive Day was the first one held and nearly 400 people visited in the five hours it was open. There were a number of activities for people to enjoy and also the opportunity for them to share information about people, places and events with the archive. The archive has a large number of photographs of Newlyn Rugby teams and a popular activity was filling in the names missing from the photographs.

On show at the Archive Day were photographic displays; films, videos and slide shows; a fishwife storyteller; original paintings on loan from private collectors; an activity for children provided by the Newlyn Art Gallery; and some real life Newlyners with their collections of old photographs and memorabilia.

At the Archive day, Jane Glasson née Tonkin, was identified as the fishwife in this postcard donated by Alan Shears. Since then we have learned that she was born in 1833 and married Thomas Glasson at Paul Church on January 18 1855.



Newlyn Fishing Boats, Fishing & People Saturday March 6, 2010

This Archive Day focused on fishing boats and included exhibitions about the historic voyages of the lugger *Mystery* to Australia in 1854, and the lugger *Rosebud* that sailed to Westminster in 1937. There were also displays about the fish market and the people that supported the fishing industry like the jousters, fishwives and fish dealers.

On display were some beautiful model boats lent by Billy Stevenson, Raymond Peake and Bernard Evans. There was also the opportunity to learn some of the Cornish language used by fishermen, and for children to participate in an art activity arranged by the Newlyn Gallery.

Below: Billy Stevenson looks at Jeff Richards' fine collection of fishing boat pictures. Just behind is a display of paintings by Newlyn artists, past and present.



Below: Julia Kerrison from the Newlyn Art Gallery is quite as absorbed as the child who is participating in the fishing boat activity.



Newlyn at War Monday June 28, 2010



The Corbeau des Mers in Newlyn Harbour 2010 was one of the boats that came in 1940.
Photo Didier Pecault

Newlyn at War was planned to coincide with the seventieth anniversary of the Free French movement, when French people fled to England, many by boat to Newlyn. To mark this anniversary, a flotilla of boats crossed the channel arriving at Newlyn on Monday June 28, 2010. Later in the day, the crews of the French boats visited the exhibition.

The Open Day included an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia about Newlyn and Newlyniers during the war - the fishing fleet, the homeguard, Breton and Belgian refugees, evacuees from London, war memorials and graves.

Patsy Plumbridge and 'Cornish Cream' entertained with songs from the war years. Children from Tolcarne School worked on war-related art at the Newlyn Gallery, visiting the exhibition in small groups to engage with the activity box provided by Penlee House, and leaving their work about the war to be displayed during the afternoon. There was a talk zone in which people shared their knowledge of the last war and this was recorded for inclusion in a booklet to be published by the Archive later in the year.



New Road, Newlyn. The left hand picture c1915 shows the railings in front of the houses that were removed as part of the war effort. The right hand picture shows the houses without the railings. Pictures from George Hoare

Newlyn Fish Festival Saturday August 30, 2010

At the Fish Festival, we displayed some of our material on fishing boats including lists of PZ numbers and their names with details of their owners, crews and activities, which led to some useful information from members of the public. We shared the Marquee with John Wallis and Elizabeth Harman from Penlee House Museum, who were in character as Newlyn fisherman and fishwife. In the harbour alongside the tent was the lugger, Barnabas.

Below: Visitors to the Archive Tent at the Fish Festival including one of the more famous visitors, Rick Stein



Newlyn Families Saturday November 13 2010



The last event in the 2010 Newlyn Archive calendar celebrated family history. The exhibition focused on some of the Newlyn families that are recorded in the archive. Visitors were able to add their information, documents and photographs about Newlyn families, past and present.

There was also a display of school photographs from the Board School, Trewarveneth Infants, Champion's Wesleyan School and Newlyn School (Tolcarne) for visitors to identify themselves, their parents and their grandparents.

Annual Lecture and Reception at the Newlyn Gallery

In the evening 6.30 – 8.30, the Newlyn Archive held the first of its annual lectures and receptions for Friends of the Archive. The venue was the Newlyn Gallery, a marvellous venue for this important event. The speaker was the freelance writer and historical researcher Andrew Gordon.

The talk focused on William Alexander Stanhope Forbes, the son of Stanhope and Elizabeth, who was born in Newlyn and died tragically in France in 1916. In his youth, Alex displayed a talent for drawing and became a prize-winning student at *The Architectural Association*. His short life reflects the aspirations, passions and interests of a generation of gallant young men and offers a unique insight into the domestic and emotional life of the 'father' of the Newlyn School.

Diary of Events 2011

Saturday January 29 2011, 10-3	Trinity Centre	Cousin Jack and Cousin Jill
Wednesday February 22, April 1, April 8 and April 15, 2-4	Newlyn Gallery	Come and share your knowledge of the Newlyn artists, their models and the Newlyn they painted.
Saturday April 30 2011, 10-3	Trinity Centre	Newlyn at Work
Saturday July 9 2011, 10-3	Trinity Centre	Newlyn and the Artists
Monday Aug 29 2011, All Day	At Fish Festival	Fishing Boats and Newlyn
Saturday Nov 19 2011, 10-2	Trinity Centre	Bygone Newlyn: Sense of Place

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