

## Guild of One Name Studies CIO

### 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference - Newport, Gwent 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Dear Guild Conference Delegate,

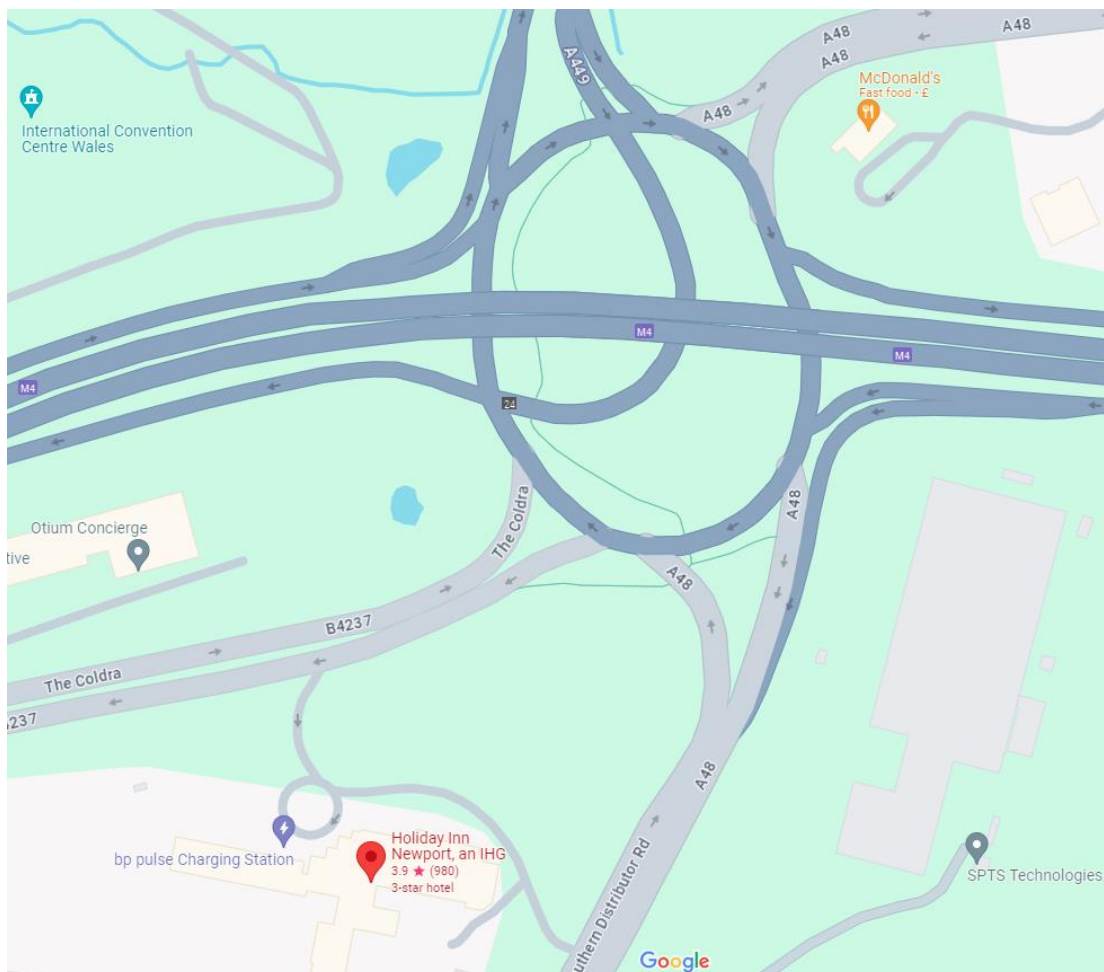
We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Guild's "Crossing Borders" Conference from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 at the Holiday Inn Newport, The Coldra, Newport, Gwent, NP18 2YG.

< <https://www.hinewport.co.uk/> >

Below are some additional details in advance of the conference that will help you get to the venue and enjoy your stay at the hotel.

#### Map and directions

Holiday Inn Newport is set in woodland just off junction 24 of the M4 motorway. It is a 10-minute drive from Newport city centre and railway station, where taxis are available, and less than an hour by car from Cardiff (CWL) and Bristol (BRS) airports.



Details of how to get to the Holiday Inn Newport are set out below for easy reference.

## By Road

The SatNav postcode is NP18 2YG

### From the M4 westbound:

Leave the M4 at junction 24 (signposted Newport (E) A48, Monmouth A449). At the roundabout, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto The Coldra/B4237 (brown signpost 'Celtic Manor'). A short way down this road a brown signpost indicates a left turn for the Holiday Inn.

### From the M4 eastbound:

At junction 24, take the A449/A48 exit (signposted (M50) A449 / A48). On the exit ramp, keep right (lane marked B4237), then at the roundabout take the 5<sup>th</sup> exit onto The Coldra/B4237 (brown signpost 'Celtic Manor'). Almost immediately down this road a brown signpost indicates a left turn for the Holiday Inn.

### From the M5 southbound:

Leave the M5 at junction 8 onto the M50 signed SOUTH WALES Ross. After 21 miles, at the roundabout at the end the M50 (junction 4) take the first exit A40 (signed South Wales, Ross-on-Wye, Monmouth). Stay on the A40 through Monmouth then after 7 miles, just after the Monmouth services, the A40 becomes the A449 (signed Newport, Cardiff M4). After 14 miles where the A449 meets the M4 follow Newport (E) B4237 City Centre A48 and take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit onto The Coldra/B4237 (brown signpost 'Celtic Manor'). Almost immediately down this road a brown signpost indicates a left turn for the Holiday Inn.

### From Newport city centre:

Follow signs for M4 along Malpas Road/A4051. At the M4 junction 26, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto the M4 ramp to London/Bristol. Leave the M4 at junction 24 (signposted Newport (E) A48, Monmouth A449). At the roundabout, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto The Coldra/B4237 (brown signpost 'Celtic Manor'). Almost immediately down this road a brown signpost indicates a left turn for the Holiday Inn.



## Car Parking

There are plenty of free parking spaces at the hotel.

## Train Station

Newport Railway Station (5.4 miles) is on the main line from London Paddington to Cardiff and Swansea. Journey time London-Newport is about 1 hour 40 minutes, and during the day trains run approximately every half-hour. Direct train services are also available between Newport and Manchester Piccadilly, Portsmouth and a range of other cross-country destinations. Information on services at Newport station is available here:

< <https://www.gwr.com/stations-and-destinations/stations/newport-south-wales> >

## Station Pick-up

If you are travelling by train and would like to be picked up at the station on Friday or Saturday please email us < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) > as soon as possible stating your arrival (and departure) time, the station you have travelled from (or changed trains at) and your contact mobile number so that we can co-ordinate station pick-ups. Please also advise us the details of your return train if you will need a lift back to the station. For those arriving early or late, or on Thursday, there are taxis at the station.

## By Bus

A bus service to The Coldra runs hourly, but the bus station is some distance from the railway station, and the nearest stop to the hotel is the Celtic Manor stop, again involving a longish walk. Details of local buses are here: < <https://www.newportbus.co.uk/services> >

## Arrivals

We will have a Guild Registration desk in the main hotel foyer. This will be staffed from 13.30 until 20.00 on Friday. It will open from 08.30 to 08.50 on Saturday morning and from 09.00 to 09.20 on Sunday morning. You will receive a welcome bag which will include your Conference Handbook giving full details of the programme for the weekend.

## Hotel Check-in

Hotel rooms will be available from **14.00** on the day of arrival and should be vacated by **12.00** on the day of departure. Facilities are available for storing luggage until you leave. If you wish to charge any additional purchases to your room you will need to provide the hotel with a debit/credit card on check-in. Please remember to settle your bill when you check out.

## Hotel Facilities

Holiday Inn Newport has a pool and gym, open between 6.30am and 10.00 pm. You will need to complete a waiver and collect a key from the main reception.

## Guests with mobility or other issues

Any reservations that have been marked with mobility issues or anything that may be of concern if there was an evacuation of the hotel have been noted by the hotel.

## Volunteers

We would welcome any offers of help during the weekend such as for

- erecting and dismantling equipment
- taking photographs of the event for the website
- staffing the registration desk on Sat and Sun
- station pick-ups on Friday afternoon or Saturday or Sunday mornings
- station returns on Saturday or Sunday afternoon
- writing an article on the conference for the Guild journal
- other ad-hoc support tasks

## Programme

The full programme will be printed in the Conference Handbook you receive on arrival and is also available on the Guild website < <https://one-name.org/guild-conference-agm/> >.

## Optional Friday visits

We have not arranged any group visits this year but encourage you to visit one or more of the many local attractions in the area before or after the conference. Full details and links are listed on the Guild website [here](#).

## Friday events at the Holiday Inn Newport

For those arriving by Friday afternoon we have arranged three sessions which will take place in the Tintern Suite on the ground floor.

14.30-15.30 - **Big Y Help Desk** - *David Stedman*

15.45-16.45 - **Have you overlooked something?**  
**Under-appreciated sources for your ONS** - *Paul Howes*

We always extend a special welcome to our “first timers” at a Guild Conference. To help you get to know you way around the weekend, we invite you to attend:

17.00-17.20 - **Introduction to Conference for First Timers** - Sue Thornton-Grimes

## Dinner on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Dinner on Friday evening will be an informal two-course hot and cold buffet in the open lobby restaurant between 17.30 and 18.45. Drinks may be purchased from the open lobby bar.

## Welcome to Wales / Croeso i Gymru

At 19.00 Fiona Peel OBE, DL, a Blue Badge Guide, will present a talk in the **Raglan Suite** on “What makes Wales different?” and will be pleased to answer your questions about Wales.

## The Quiz

After Fiona's talk, Alan Moorhouse will be hosting the Annual Conference Quiz in the **Tintern Suite** at ~20.00. Please come along and demonstrate your expertise and knowledge over a number of varied rounds. Quiz teams will consist of a **maximum of six** people, so plan to make up a team of six or come along and join others to create one. Prizes will be awarded to the best teams.

## The Conference

Conference sessions will start at 09.20 on Saturday, with a welcome by the President, and at 09.30 on Sunday.

## The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet on Saturday evening

This celebration event will be held in the **Raglan Suite**. Delegates are invited to a drinks reception hosted by the President, Vice-Presidents and Trustees in the **Tintern Suite** from 7.00pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. The hotel's open lobby bar will remain open throughout and after dinner.

Please sign up to join a table for the dinner: lists for table seating plans will be available in the **Tintern Suite** on Friday evening after the Welcome to Wales session and until 09.30 on Saturday morning.

You have made your menu selections and your place card will indicate these, along with any variation to the menu reflecting any specific dietary requirements you have advised.

There will be one bottle each of red and white wine placed on each table and fruit juice is also available for anyone not drinking wine. If you wish to pre-order additional wine or purchase other drinks for your table, these are available from the bar.

Dress code for the Saturday evening dinner is formal or smart casual - we therefore suggest lounge suits rather than jeans and a sweatshirt!

After the meal, York Herald and Guild Patron **Peter O'Donoghue**, will talk on "**LONDON BRIDGE and GOLDEN ORB - Reflections on a funeral and a coronation**".

**Your menu choice is being collected via SurveyMonkey and the link for this was sent out on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> and the hotel require the choices as soon as possible. Please let us know by return if you did not receive this link so we can resend this.**

## Ecumenical Service

There will be an Ecumenical Service on Sunday morning, led by Rev. David Gynes, from 8.45am to 9.15am in the **Caldicot Suite**.

## Tips, Tools and Techniques Session - Members Helping Members (Sunday 09.30)

A number of Guild members, including several Master Craftspersons of the Guild, have offered to chair round-table discussion, problem solving or knowledge sharing on various topics of interest. A full list of the (10/12) topics on offer will be in your conference bag.

In addition to the table host there are up to 9 places available on each table and we ask you to sign up to the session of your choice on Saturday by 18.00.

## Stalls and Displays

To make the conference weekend more interactive we encourage delegates to bring along details of their studies for display and sharing. Poster boards will be available for your use. Please email < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) > if you would like a poster board and/or table.

The following tables can be found in the **Tintern Suite**:

- Guild Bookstall
- Global Marriages and Datastore Indexes - scanning your own Birth, Marriage and Death certificates for uploading to the Global Marriages database and the Datastore Database
- DNA kits table - open during coffee breaks on Saturday and Sunday
- Name and Place

## Scanning certificates for the Global Marriage Index and the Datastore Indexes

During the weekend Cliff Kemball will scan your BMD certificates to his hard drive so that they can be then transcribed and subsequently uploaded to the Global Marriage Index and to the Datastore Indexes.

Scanned certificates will also be copied to your own USB drive for you to take away; there will be a supply of USB sticks for those members who have not brought one to the conference.

## DNA test kits

DNA kits (Y-37 and Family Finder) from FamilyTreeDNA will be available to purchase during the morning and afternoon coffee breaks on Saturday and Sunday.

We encourage you to buy your kits in advance for collection at Conference - go to the Guild DNA kits page < <https://one-name.org/dna-kits-available-from-the-guild> >, buy your kits entering the coupon code **P85X9YQB** for free shipping. This facility can be used up to and including the end of conference Sunday 21 April 2024. (All kits bought with free shipping must be collected at Conference. Shipping will be added if we subsequently have to post them out).

On the day, we can accept cards (very much preferred if you haven't already bought in advance), cheque or cash. The prices will be the same as for the online shop.

## **Guild Bookstall**

If you have any genealogy books or old maps that you no longer use, please bring them along to Conference and donate them to the Guild. They will be added to the Guild Book Stall - other members may find them useful

## **Special Requests**

If you have already advised us of any specific accessibility or room requirement, dietary requirement or that you have booked a room before or after the conference weekend we will have recently confirmed all this information with the hotel; if you have any concern about any of the above, please contact us < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) >

If you have any queries during the conference please speak directly to one of the conference organising team.

If you print out these instructions we recommend you double check the version number and date in the footer in case there have been any changes to these joining instructions.

We hope everyone has a most enjoyable conference weekend.

Kind regards from your conference organising team,

*Margaret Southgate*

*Sue Thornton-Grimes*

*Jean-Marc Bazzoni*

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