

## A Memory of Newport

On 3rd November, I gave a talk at the Royal British Legion in Newport to the Newport Rainbow Club, to an audience of over 60 older residents of Newport.

At the end of the talk, Mrs Reynolds of Summerhouse Grove, Newport, showed me the postcard below which portrays, in 1931, the Hay Boat that used to come each year from Edmond, collecting the hay. When it got to Newport and had unloaded, the children were given a ride up to Summerhouse Bridge, from where they would then run back to the warehouses. Her four sisters are on the boat although on this occasion, she was not present.

At the time of her parent's marriage in 1913 Mrs Reynolds' father was the Wharfinger at Newport and as a mark of respect from the boatmen, they presented her mother and father with two hand-painted plates.

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