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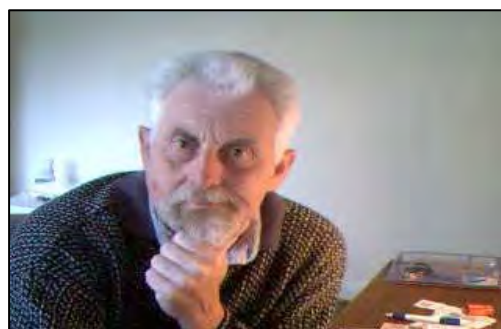
Editor.

Well we are still here and appreciative of Repro in London Custom House and NDSC at Erith for their continued availability and service to us..

I intend to get the next issue out in June carrying reports of the Annual Reunion/Morley Hayes Golf/RCSL Sports Day @ Exeter. I am not a typist so I would ask contributors to let me have their contributions if at all possible by e-mail if not to keep them brief. I have applied some editing to some items in this edition, and trust that contributors will find this acceptable.

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Paul J Houghton (PJH)



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Table Tennis

Dick Satchel now in his late 80's and who retired at the age of 57 has written to THE BOND at length about his Career and his Table Tennis exploits. I reproduce excerpts, which readers may find interesting.

" I reported to Kings Beam House in 1951 from the Post Office, which I entered as a Telegraph boy at the age of 14 I started to play Table Tennis in my Church Club and was soon organising it in the P.O. The Sorters were of a high class in the T.T. world and I was lucky to get involved. ... and was soon in the top league of the Civil Service, playing almost every Govt. Department. The first time we had to play C&E at Custom Housewe beat C&E We played up to 1940 when I went into the RAF. The Table Tennis bat was the most important item in my kit, it played everywhere. In 1942 I was put on draft for overseas and we were torpedoed , my Barma Bat went down. I did get another from home then I was lucky to be sent to 32 Sqn. I spent 3 years Algiers to Rome with table tennis on every station and town we served on, the longest was Faggia, where I won the weekly tournament 20 times.

After the war I went back to the P.O. took the exams for the Civil Service. On my first day (in C&E) I was seated on the outside seat of the Branch, when one of the table tennis players walked through, he was an SEO, he put the Secretary on to me and I was away. I played and organised T.T. having moved to City Gate House. The SEO, who had seen me, presented the singles cup "The Cousins Cup", which I won seven times and with the help of an International Ken Craigie, we won the C.S. Championship.

My happiest time was in the A&CG's to deal with the Payroll of the London Waterguardthe crews of the Launch Service. My dealings with Harry Chivers in C.H., Spen Jones on Harpy and the P.O. at Gravesend made the job so worthwhile the I.G.W. Cecil Porter always said I should have been in the Waterguard, playing many cricket matches with them when, Di Davies was an outstanding player.

To finish, at age 87 I went to Japan and came back with the SILVER for the over 85's sadly since then I've had a stroke guess it was due to playing so much Table Tennis!"



Chris Brown (No. 10) chris@ardrigh.co.uk writes:- " I was approached by my old region Mid South, or collection as many of us would prefer. We had played in this event before and done very well and as I like to do my bit I agreed to go.....Play started on Monday morning and went through to Tuesday evening. On the Monday we played:- **Yorkshire and won 14-9; Essex and London SE and won 16-7; London N & W and won 15-8** I'm pleased that we had seven players and that all of us got some bench time, the body seemed OK but my room was up three flights of stairs so that would test my legs later. That evening after our meal we participated in the quiz, we were not the winners and then there was a fancy dress disco, with a theme of cartoon characters. A great

time was had by all with Smurfs, 101 Dalmatians', Telly Tubbies and many individual characters. Getting up on Tuesday was not to big a problem although the legs were a bit stiff; a good warm up was required. We then played: **East Midlands and won 20-7; Wales/North West/ Newcastle and won 19-4; Scotland and won 19-4.** As we managed to win all our games, we made it to the final and had to play London N & W. We have played this team a number of times in the final of this event and although we had already beaten them we knew it would be hard game. Unfortunately we did not manage to win. **We Lost 9 – 11** and so became the Silver medallists. The day's play was followed by a presentation dinner and a disco in the town. It is amazing to see all those hot sweaty bodies clean and tidy. The body was by now feeling quite tired but I was pleased that I had survived as well as I did and all I had left to do was a big shop before returning to the island where shops and goods are limited. In between games there was a lot of chat which is great as the games are quite competitive but off court everyone is friendly and helpful. I have been going to this event since 1982 consequently I know many of the people who attend and as this is supposed to be the last one at Largs, where HMC&E always held the event, quite a few players from over the years turned up to ran around a bit. It was great to meet up with so many former colleagues and have such a good time. **Next year it is in Leeds if anyone interested."**

SOUTHAMPTON WATERGUARD REUNION ASSOCIATION.

The 57th. Luncheon of the ASSOCIATION will be held in the RED CARPET RESTAURANT at Eastleigh College, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh at 12.30pm on Wednesday 28th. April 2010. This event is held twice a year, in April and October, and invitations will be despatched soon to all those who attend regularly, but to those old colleagues who haven't been for quite some time, or perhaps have never attended this splendid reunion, I would say, "please think about it", and get in touch with our 'Supreme Secretariat' either MIKE JACKSON (Tel. No. 01579-363699) or DAVE LEAKEY (Tel. No. 023-80846922) for details. I promise you that you won't regret it, because the food, service and companionship are second to none. We average just over 40 souls at each luncheon, though numbers have inevitably fallen with the passing years, and we would like to get over 50 attending in April. A warm welcome is in store for everyone, so do put the date down in your diaries. I'll see you there then, but do drive carefully. Remember there is a bloke being knocked down in Britain every twenty seconds, and he is getting totally fed up with it!!

Brian Searle(Chairman, Southampton Waterguard Reunion Association)

THE GRAVESEND WATERGUARD REUNION

The Reunion will be held in the Function Room at The Old Prince of Orange, 1 Old Rd East, Gravesend, DA12 1NJ. Tel: 01474 365753 on **Friday, 3rd September, 2010.** Invitations will be sent to known addresses. All former Waterguard Officers, no matter where they served, are welcome.

The GWRA is a National Association & all are welcome with their ladies. Waterguard wives are invited to meet for pre-dinner drinks in the main bar of The Old Prince of Orange, at 6 p.m. where Shirley will greet you and where hopefully you will meet old friends. Dinner will be taken in the Carvery which is a few steps from the Bar. Further details from Ivor and Shirley Davis, at **Tel. 01474 352894 Email : ivorjdavis@blueyonder.co.uk or Mail to 16 The Rise, Gravesend Kent, DA12 4BX**

Ivor Davis. Honorary Secretary, G.W.R.A.



RCSL SPORTS DIARY 2010

Date	Event	Contact
30 March 2010	RCSL 10K race, Battersea Park	Gerry Trainer Email: gerry.trainer@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
16/17 April 2010	Winter Sports Weekend, Nottingham University	Viv Jones Email: Vivian.jones@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
29 April 2010	RCSL six a side football	Peter Morris: Tel: 01642 795246
Spring 2010	Cycling 1 st annual road event	Andre Dear Email: andre.dear@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
12 May 2010	RCSL national 11 a side Football final, Rushden and Diamonds FC	Paul Barnes Email: paul.barnes@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
20 May 2010	CSSC Beach Volleyball, Brighton	Bruno Giordan Email: bruno.giordan@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
21 May 2010	RCSL Beach Volleyball, Brighton	Bruno Giordan Email: bruno.giordan@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
28 May 2010	Spring Walk, Cheddar, Somerset	Phil Pearson Email: Philip.pearson@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
10 June 2010	Fly Fishing competition, Chew Valley Lake, near Bristol	Jerry Bolus Email: jerry.bolus@RCPO.GSI.GOV.UK
11 to 13 June 2010	Snowdon Challenge Plus, Snowdonia	Dave Airey Email: Airey, Dave (IMS Live Services)
23 to 25 June 2010	Devon Motorcycling Tour (to include National Sports Day at Exeter)	David Rillie Email: Rillie, David (CrimINV Strategy&Planning)
24 June 2010	National Sports Day, Exeter	Andrea Scott-Lewis Email: Andrea.Scott-Lewis@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
30 June to 3 July 2010	RCSL Tennis, Wrexham	Nigel Daniels Email: nigel.daniels@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
8 July 2010	Individual Coarse Angling, Mallory Park	Simon Japes Email: simon.japes@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
2/3 August 2010	Men's National Golf Championships, Belfast	John E Robson e-mail: john.e.robson@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
4/5 August 2010	Ladies National Golf Championships, Belfast	John E Robson e-mail: john.e.robson@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
12 August 2010	Individual Coarse Angling, Mallory Park	Simon Japes Email: simon.japes@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
2 September 2010	Lupton Cup 11 a side Ladies and veteran Men's Football, Bisham Abbey	Ken Dobbs Email: ken.dobbs@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
16/17 September 2010	Outdoor Bowls, Hamilton Caledonian Bowls Club	Brenda Bird: Email: Brenda.bird@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
24 September 2010	Autumn Walk	Phil Pearson Email: Philip.pearson@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
7 October 2010	National Swimming Gala, Gloucester	Denise Spencer Email: denise.spencer@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
8 and 9 October 2010	National Singles Darts, Reading	Rab Walker Email: robert.walker@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
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Colleagues Remembered.

Malcolm Holmes writes:- “ I attended the memorial service for Allan at Welling Baptist Church on Saturday 7th November 2009. I had known him as 'a very pleasant fellow' via occasional meetings of the London CERRSA. The service was so special and revealing that it occurred to me that London staff who commuted to the Home Counties and beyond did not benefit from the intimate knowledge of colleagues whose good works and character enlightened regional communities. I learned, for the first time, that Allan was so much more than a 'pleasant fellow'. A truly Christian family man with a great sense of humour. His voluntary work and charitable donations were legendary and his unselfish sacrifices were appreciated by family, acquaintances and good causes. The



service was devoid of excessive religious dogma and the family eulogies from siblings, children and grandchildren were truly touching. He was a speaker at Baptist services and conferences, a qualified tour guide for London areas of historical interest and a lover of music from times gone by (Glenn Miller, Boxcar Willy, Al Boley, and Old Time Music Hall). He caused me a little embarrassment after I submitted an article to the BOND about my National Service experience in the R.A.F. I incidentally referred to my nodding acquaintance with a 'Scruffy but very jovial airman' who, with hindsight, I wished I had got to know better - Roy Hudd. It transpired that Allan belonged to an appreciation society for addicts who favoured the old comedians and Music Hall. Roy Hudd was also a member and Allan passed a copy of my article to him. Roy was gracious enough to admit that he was, indeed, a scruffy specimen. (Whoops !)

Allan's C&E love was the Waterguard service (not his subsequent VAT experience).”

Paul Houghton writes:- At 79 Derek Wood died August last in Cumbria. I spoke to his widow today (15th March) and she reflected on his varied career, which started in the Waterguard at Hull and in which they saw service in N. Ireland, Bristol, London Airport, Hull and finally in Chesterfield VAT. A career, Mrs Wood said, that was recognised by the Department with the MBE. She would like Derek's former colleagues to be aware of his passing, but asked if all of the material Derek receives from Departmental associated sources could be discontinued. I have taken care of THE BOND & PULSE. If readers are aware of other material it would be appreciated if they could arrange cancellation. If anyone wishes to contact Mrs Wood I will be happy to forward items to her.”

Alastair Currie writes:- “Pat Furlong former A.P.O. Prestwick Airport. His obituary was published in “The Herald” last October and will be of great interest to those many who knew Pat in his days as an Assistant Preventive Officer at Heathrow & Prestwick Airport in the 60's. Part of Pat's duties included commuting between the two airports segregating inland and foreign passengers on the BOAC strato-cruisers on their inwards flight from the States. He was known as one of the flying APO's at Prestwick, which explains how his contacts helped smooth the passage of BBC personnel and equipment through LAP!

Although he left the job at the end of the 1960's he still had a flat in Troon and kept in touch with his former colleagues at Prestwick, playing golf occasionally in the Prestwick Waterguard Golf Competitions. On other occasions, when the Open Championships were being held at Turnberry or Troon, we would get a friendly wave from the top of the BBC “Cheery-picker”. By then Pat was wearing another uniform! He'll be sadly missed. “

“The Herald “ obituary Alastair refers to shows Pat as “TV Executive Born July 8th 1938 Died October 4th 2009 “ and goes on to say “an Ayrshire civil servant whose organisation skills led him into the more glamorous world of television and professional sport.”

Around the Regions. (to give a flavour of 2010 activities)

- East Midlands Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum Wednesday 14th April at 11.00a.m.
- **Liverpool** 27th April, 2010 – Tuesday – A visit has been planned to St Deiniol's Library in Hawarden. This library was founded by William Ewart Gladstone and this year is the 200th anniversary of his birth.
- **CEMARS (Manchester)** Wednesday 19th May 2010 Pub lunch and visit to Gawsorth Hall nr Macclesfield
- **London Docklands** Walk 11th May 11.00 The walk will be led by Peter Lawrence, a Blue Badge guide and retired former Royal Protection officer.
- **Dorset. Autumn Break** Tuesday 21.9.2010 to Friday 24.9.2010 The Royal George Hotel, Tintern www.bw-royalgeorgehotel.co.uk All welcome. **
- **Heathrow** Interesting Visits and Lunches
- **Ayr** The "Lads" still play as much golf as possible.... As well as golf, we are a gregarious lot, and our interests include Jazz, Classical concerts, History classes, Amateur Drama, Sailing, Walking, sampling the local cuisine.. So we are not just sitting around waiting for lunch!!
- **West Midlands** We start 2010 with lunch at the College of Food Birmingham
- **Leeds** Regular visits walks and lunches
- **Nero (Tyneside)** Walks. On the last Wednesday of each month except December. Classed as "EASY" of about 7/8 miles. Contact Alan Storey, 29 Wellridge Close, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE25 9PN 01912535748

For full details contact the Secretary of the branch shown on page 6. Some programme details are also shown on our web page www.focersa.org.uk **

ANGLING

Venue: CHEW VALLEY LAKE Date: 10th June 2010

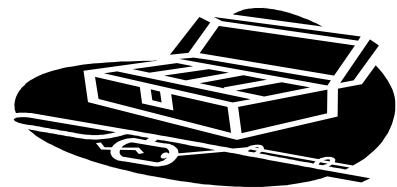
Start time : TBA

Location: Just south of Bristol between the A368 and B3114.

Web site: www.bristolwater.co.uk/fishing

Application forms for all anglers - teams - individuals - retired - will be published in February 2010.

Contact keith.williams2@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk if you require more information.



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Association contacts/ reps 2009/10

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