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Retired Staff Associations &
The Retired Members Section of the
RCSL .

Editor.

Some errors last time out for which I apologise.

- The obituary should have read Hodgson not Hodson.
- Inaccuracies re National and Regional Memorials are now addressed at page 1 Thanks to all who informed me.

Future production of THE BOND is in doubt, but solutions are being sought.

Regards **Paul J Houghton (PJH)**



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National & Regional Memorials:-In the note concerning National & Regional Memorials, **July Bond**, the tragic deaths of Peter Bennett and Alistair Souter were wrongly attributed to events on the Border and that they were not shown on the National Memorial in the London Custom House. Both deaths in fact occurred during anti drug smuggling operations and both these Officers are remembered at the Custom House site and a Departmental Building was also named after Peter . I do not know if it is still occupied as such. What is not shown on the National Memorial is mention of the several Officers who were killed on the Border, one, I believe, directly following action by a serving member of the Department. Are they suitably remembered elsewhere in the Province? **Ken Travers** (elspeth.kentrav@btinternet.com)

Colleagues Remembered

Ian Hankin	27	November	1971
Jimmy O'Neill	27	November	1971
Marshall Lawrence	22	August	1972
Patrick Murphy	22	August	1972
Frank Quinn	22	August	1972
Michael Gilleece	22	August	1972
Ivan Toombs	16	January	1981
Charles Spence	10	November	1982



HM Customs & Excise
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COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY
10 May 2001

Editor.

There were several other letters/e-mails received concerning the error in the July BOND. I am particularly grateful for the contribution from Keith Ayton (M.B.E.). Keith wrote:- *"I enclose a booklet detailing a Commemorative Ceremony for those killed on duty in Northern Ireland. There is a sculpture in the Custom House, Belfast, with their names inscribed."*

Extracts from the booklet are shown here and so answer the question originally posed by Ken Travers.

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Christmas Lunches.

A bit early but planning is of the essence and organisers like to know what to expect. If you want to join them then the CERRSA contact is on the back page. If you are an RMS member then support is customary. Last year it was £10.00 a head.

Liverpool Wednesday 25th November 2009 at 12 noon. It will be on the Barge at the Mill Hotel, Chester.

East Midlands Monday 16th November Horse and Plough Bingham.

NERO (North East) Contact Jennie Baker. Last year it was the 4th Year at the Grand Hotel Tynemouth.

CEMARS (Manchester) Thursday 10th December Egerton House Hotel in Blackburn.

Dorset Wednesday 9th December Hinton Firs Hotel, Bournemouth 12.00 onwards.

London Friday 15 January 2010 at the Westminster Kingsway College Vincent Room restaurant. The College students always provide an excellent three course meal in convivial surroundings, providing a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues. Contact for those interested in attending is Roger Sanbrook, email roger.sanbrook@btopenworld.com or telephone 01525 713931.

Heathrow Monday 7th December Winning Post -@- Whitton. (Contact Mohinder 01189 773623)

Surrey and Hants. Early New year 2010 . Contact Peter Trevett for details.

Ayr Thursday 10th December at The Old Racecourse Hotel, Racecourse Road, Ayr.

Southend Thursday 10 December at the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club at 12.00 for 12.30.

West Midlands Contact Eric Hudson .usually in the New Year.

Southampton Waterguard Reunion Association 'Christmas Buffet for the Ladies' at the CLAUSENTUM MASONIC HALL, MANOR ROAD SOUTH, WOOLSTON, SOUTHAMPTON on Tuesday 8th.December 2009 at 12 noon. Details from, MIKE JACKSON (Tel:-01579-363699) or DAVE LEAKEY (Tel :- 023 80846922)

Congratulations to Trevor Tomasin an ex-customs officer living in Clevedon, Somerset founder and 'owner' of the web site <http://www.hm-waterguard.org.uk> dedicated to the memory of the Preventive Service of HM Customs & Excise and covering its History, the Officers and their Work - which has now been selected for archiving by The British Library. Trevor said *'I consider selection for archiving by The British Library to be great honour for the site, to its many contributors to the site and to all past Waterguard colleagues to whom the site is dedicated'*. Trevor maintains copies of THE BOND on his site and also circulates electronic copies to those who request it. **Thank you Trevor.**

Southampton "Waterguard Ladies" Initiative (Devon Reunion Luncheon)



Brian Searle writes:- "The brainchild of Jane Bennett and Lyn Claxton, this is the second occasion on which we have met in the same location, and we hope to continue long after the 2012 Olympics have been forgotten!! We would like to share our pleasure with all our old friends and colleagues through The Bond, The photograph taken on Phil Claxton's Brownie Box, shows ten very happy people at play at the Devon Hotel. The left hand side of the picture shows John Bennett, Yvonne Pope, Phil Claxton, Jane Bennett and Brian Searle. On the right is Ann Searle, John Pope, Lyn Claxton, Jeff Green and Shirley Green. "

RCSL NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2009

RCSL National Sports Day 2009 was held at Stanley Park Track, Blackpool on Thursday 16th July. It was overcast with occasional showers, but warm and not very windy. Competitors had the luxury of staying at the Norbreck Castle Hotel on the seafront as opposed to the usual student rooms in previous years. This will be the last year at RCSL Sports Day for some competitors, who become part of the UK Border Agency in September 2009. The events were athletics, rounders, touch rugby, mixed netball, tug of war, & park volleyball. There were over 200 entries for the Track & Field. The main events for retired members were the 1500/3,000metres Super Vets (over50 & over 60) and the 100 metres Veterans Handicap men & women. There were a few drop outs and omissions due to the fact that the World Police & Fire Games start on the 31st July in Vancouver and the older participants wanted to avoid injury. In the 1500 metres over 50 **Rod Burton** (East Midlands) won in 5mins 8secs from M.Baggott (Yorkshire) 5 mins 16.2 secs, and Robert Lands (London N&W) 5 mins 31.6secs. **J.Towers** (Yorkshire) 5 mins 43secs and **Nigel Lee** (West Midlands) 5mins 48secs, both retired, took 4th & 5th places. In the 1500metres over 60s **Ted Wingrove** Mid South won in 5min 58secs from **Reg Armstrong**, North West in 7mins 21 secs. In the 3,000metres over 60s Barry Peatfield (North West) won in 11min 09.1 secs, (beating his record from 2008 of 11mins 14.5secs) from John Cottrell (North West) in 11mins 45secs. Neither is retired and they both beat Ted Wingrove's time over 1500metres x 2. In the 3,000metres over 50s M.Baggott (Yorkshire) 11Mins 2 secs beat **Rod Burton** (East Midlands) 11mins 11.2secs, overturning the 1500 metres result. **J.Towers & Nigel Lee** finished 4th & 5th respectively in 11mins 55secs and 12mins 12secs. The highlit names are those known to be retired. There were apparently no retired runners in either the Mens or Womens 100metres handicaps. A mention must go to Val Mountford (Essex), who whilst not retired continues to defy the years and finished a creditable third in the Womens 1500metres Walk in 11mins 06secs **Alan Hollingsworth** was the Athletics Meeting Manager and that he made a presentation of a bottle of champagne to **Bob Pitts**, who was retiring as Starter after many years officiating at National Sports Day. **Ted Wingrove**, Chairman of the Retired Members Society of RCSL presided over the medal & trophy presentations on the track. The full results can be seen on the CSAA website at www.csaa.org.uk. plus photos, but not of any retired members. . **Ted Wingrove**.



World Police & Fireman's Games Vancouver August 2009

There are several RMS members who are "regular attendees" at this event which is open to ex C&E retired staff and which circulates around the GLOBE (2007 Adelaide Australia and next in New York 2011). Reports at going to press concern the swimmers . Notably Mike Voles Retired Customs Surveyor (68), member of the Winchester City Penguins Masters Swimming Team who won 2 silver and a bronze in his age bracket. Mike said " *I was a bit disappointed not to retain my 3 Titles ...from Adelaide.*" However, he faced a retired fireman from Finland of World Masters Ranking. " *It was a bit like an amateur club footballer playing against Wayne Rooney. Nevertheless I managed to beat several Australians.*" **Congratulations Mike.**

Brian Waring writes: "These were the eighth games that I have attended in support of what used to be the UK Customs team but which is now just an acronym! My other half, Christine McIntyre, is a swimmer



so watching the swimming is a given..... However these are probably the biggest amateur games in the world with 10,000 plus "athletes" taking part so there are plenty of other sports to watch. The swimming: as usual there were medals for all of the (sadly) diminishing numbers in our teamSo "very well done" to all the swimmers and to all the others in the "customs" party. See you all in New York?" Mike's photograph shows left to right Tessa Hamilton, Christina Brown, Daphne Pugh and Christine McIntyre with their medals .

Congratulations Ladies.

Obituaries.

Jack Hagan 1926 - 2009

Alec Green writes:- "Jack joined the Waterguard at North Shields in 1948, often working in Dover during the summer months. He was promoted to Preventive Officer in 1957, going on detached duty for two years. This was followed by four years at London Airport before returning to North Shields. Whilst at North Shields he played football and cricket in Lupton Cup matches. Also playing football against a Customs team in Oslo with a return match in North Shields. On promotion to Chief Preventive Officer he took up the post of Chief Clerk at the Custom House, Newcastle where he remained until he retired in 1985. Evelyn and Jack had two sons, Nicholas and Timothy, and two granddaughters. Sadly, Nicholas died in 2003. In retirement he was an enthusiastic supporter of NERO." (**Alec Green** green-a18@sky.com)

K G E (Ken) Crossley

George Dunn writes:-Ken was born in Southport in 1928 and later attended Manchester Grammar School, together with his two younger brothers, Roger and Bob, until joining the RAF sometime in 1947/48. After demob in 1951 he entered the Waterguard, when we understand his first posting was Methil. He got a fixed post at Grimsby where he remained the rest of his APO service. He was promoted in the early 1960's to Dover and later spent some time at Lakenheath and Mildenhall. Eventually, he was fixed at LAP where he stayed for 6 or 7 years, until his final move to London Port, retiring in 1988. Having been an eligible bachelor for many years he finally met his 'match' when in 1966 Eve came into his life. Together, they became very loyal supporters of Essex County Cricket Club. Sadly Eve passed away in 2008 and that indeed was a great loss to Ken. He loved good food and wine, swimming, his garden and Manchester United, not necessarily in that order! He had had major heart surgery in 1999 and when the problem returned it was decided that his system could not cope with another operation. After a number of short spells in hospital he passed away peacefully at his home in Highfields, Galleywood Essex on 18th June this year. Ken was a diligent and loyal servant to the Customs and Excise Department, a good colleague and friend and above all 'a gentleman'. (**George Dunn** gadunn26@yahoo.co.uk)

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