

## HM Waterguard - Web Site Newsletter - April 2008

Hi Everyone

I have redesigned this Newsletter once again. I have done away with the links to the amended parts of the site in an attempt to make it more readable. You can use the 'search the site' menu buttons instead.

My thanks to all those who have helped me 'correctly' identify the WTC course and class photos for 1967. The recent postings about the 'Last APO' are of interest - as a subject for the web site - I would be interested to know the out come defined as 'The last person to retire from HMRC who had seen service as an APO in the Waterguard at some point in his career'.

Since the last Newsletter the following web pages have had the type of attention indicated in the brackets ( ):

# Help & FAQ Pages - Have been amended to reflect the 'Staff list PDFs' changes explained below.

# History Page (added-PDF) - A link to an article in Esso Newslite submitted by Ted Ashill and published in 1965. It gives an insight into the customs work at the Fawley oil terminal and puts into an historical perspective.

# PDF-Index Page - Has been amended to reflect the 'Green Book' changes explained below.

# People Page - (change) - I have now moved all the links to 'Staff list PDFs' from the Structure pages to this page - under the 'Colleagues' section. The PDF links now have an individual introduction explaining what that PDF contains, its original owner and probable amendments. The PDFs themselves have all been tidied up and some now contain additional detail.

# People Page - Colleagues (added-PDF) - A 1965 Green Book once belonging to John Cheer has been added to the section. Also added is a hand written list of officers serving in the Waterguard at 1st April 1911 with their dates of birth and the date they joined the service. It has been made available by Tony Gilbert who, whilst not being 'in the job' himself, is the son, grandson & great-grandson of Customs officers - Harold, George & William Gilbert. It appears to have been written by a Mr Henry Coulls - Preventive Officer - for subsequent publication by HMSO. If you have any ideas as to where it originally came from, why it was written or by who then please let me know.

# People-Anecdotes Pages (added) - David Bowie has provide 3 anecdotes from Aberdeen, Dover and the WTC.

# People-Colleagues Pages (added) - Ray Esdaile, Geoff Robinson, Norman Templeman, Phil Thick (now Thorpe), George King and Colin Young have all submitted their Cvs.

# People-Faces Groups Page (added) - Images of Northolt Waterguard staff c1950 from The Bond, and an image of Hull Waterguard staff c1937 and a relaxing 1950s Southampton Boarding staff has been submitted by Tony Gilbert.

# People-Faces Individuals Page (added-photos) - Harold Edward Gilbert, from Tony Gilbert, and Norman Templeman

# Structure Pages - see People - Colleagues page above.# Stores Pages (added) - Mike Smith has submitted photos of a spare torch bulb holder and Brian Russell has submitted images of various date stamps - Grangemouth, LAP, Leith & Liverpool - a Commission Case.

# Training Pages (added-PDF) - Phil Thick (now Thorpe) has allowed me to copy his Initial Course booklet (1967)

# Training-WTC Photos Pages (added-photos) - Brian Russell has submitted his class picture (1966), Phil Thick (now Thorpe) has submitted his course and class pictures (1967-Palmeira), Geoff Robinson and Paul Dobson have submitted their class pictures (1967-Carby), Colin Young has submitted his course and class pictures (1957) and the course photos, with names, for October 1957 & January 1958 have been copied from February 2008 edition of The Bond.

# Training-WTC Photos Pages (added-names) - More names have been added to the 1956 photo.

# Work-Official Forms Page (added) - Two wartime (?) Forms have been submitted by Mike Smith - S12 & S23.

# Work-Fellow Travellers Page (added-PDF) - SBA officers flying to Ankara and memoirs of the Dover train APOs from Mike Smith

# Work Page (added-photos) - Bob Dover has submitted a photo of the Portsmouth rummage crew examining a Royal Navy Blackburn S1s Buccaneer at RAF Thorny Island.

# Work-Land Boundary Page (added-photos) - Bob Dover has submitted a picture of the Irish Land Boundary Post at Lower Fathom, on the Newry - Ometh Road.

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