

## HM Waterguard - Web Site Newsletter - April 2009

Hi Everyone

Thank you to all those who responded to my request for details of the Waterguard Controlling Grades Association, we now have a new section on the People page.

Some of the many of the photographs reproduced on the site are from a less than perfect original. If you have a better copy you can send me for scanning, my address can be found at [www.hm-waterguard.org.uk/Contributions.htm#HOW](http://www.hm-waterguard.org.uk/Contributions.htm#HOW). Also, some of the captions/details/notes to the photographs are rather sparse - if you know more names or more specific dates please send that information to me at [trevor.tomasin@hm-waterguard.org.uk](mailto:trevor.tomasin@hm-waterguard.org.uk).

Since the last Waterguard Web Site Newsletter the following pages have received some attention:

### # The Bond Page - amended layout & text and new PDFs

The inclusion of Volume and Issue Numbers to help identifying the months when the newsletter was not published has been suggested by Peter Billing - and my thanks to Peter for the addition of the:

February 1998 edition

December 1999 edition

February, April, June & August 2000 editions

February, June, October & December 2001 editions

February, April, June, August, October & December 2002 editions

February, June & December 2003 editions

February, March, April, August & December 2004 editions

February 2005 edition

February & April 2006 editions

And thanks to Paul Houghton for the addition of the:

Autumn & December 1996 editions

And thanks to Brian Searl for the addition of the:

April, July 1997 & October 2000 editions

Only the 1st and 2nd editions for 1996 & the 1st edition for 1997 remain to be tracked down. The existence of the January, February, March and December 1997 editions, and November and December 2000 editions is still speculative - were they ever published?

### # Credits & Contributions Pages- Updated

### # The Customs Journal Page - additional PDFs

Thanks to Ron Woodland, the addition of the:

March, May, June, July & October 1954 editions

May 1955 edition

March 1958 edition

January 1969 edition

February/April 1971 edition.

And thanks to Hywel Davies the addition of the:

September & October 1967 editions

May, June, July, August 1968 editions

# History-Snippets Sub-Page - additional text

Two new snippets, one from 1832 about officers thwarting the landing of smuggled goods at Mount Charles/Inver Bay in Ireland, and the other in 1832 concerning the fatal wounding of officers by smugglers at Worthing.

# Official Instructions Page - additional text & PDF

A reference to *Green Book Tariff & Supplement* & a PDF of an edition date stamped 1948, with many manuscript amendments by it's then owner, believed to be HB Bevan Preventive Officer In Charge at Neyland Pembrokeshire thanks to Hywel Davies

# Pay & Conditions Page - additional text

The 1954 increase in APO's and PO's overtime rates, and corrections to APO's and PO's 1961 'Schemed time off duty and overtime conditions' (OWO 19/1961) entry.

# People Page - amended sections & new and amended text

The page has been re-worked to include a new sub-page entitled *Colleagues' Awarded for Acts of Bravery - 1905-1972* and two new sections entitled *Awards for Bravery & Cartoons*, which now includes the link to Pete's cartoons sub-page. The *Preventive Staff Association* section has been renamed *Waterguard Staff Association* and a new *Waterguard Controlling Grades Association* sub-section has been included.

# People-Colleague 1922-1939 Sub-Page Sub-Page - additional text & images

Cecil Porter APO - PO taken from the August 1968 Customs Journal.

# People-Colleague 1945-1972 Sub-Page - additional text & images

Cecil Porter APO - IGW and Albert E Fry APO - DIGW, taken from the August and September 1968 Customs Journals. Charlie Beckett has also supplied photos of:

Albert L'Anson at Hull circa 1954

Bill Auty at Hull circa 1954

Geoff Wooldridge also at Hull circa 1954

# People-PSA Sub-Page - amended text and PDF

A PDF of the *Green Book Tariff & Supplement*, date stamped 1948, with many manuscript amendments by it's then owner, believed to be HB Bevan Preventive Officer In Charge at Neyland Pembrokeshire thanks to Hywel Davies

# Pictures-Groups Sub-Page - amended and new images

The unattributed photo of Charlie Beckett and others celebrating New Year's Eve in Trafalgar Square has now been attributed to the Pictures-WTC Course & Class Photos Pages for 1951.

Thanks to Steve Hill photos of the Waterguard Staff at:

Newhaven in 1948

The Customs Dinner at Lewes in 1948.

Contributed by Ray Harbidge, photos of the:

Waterguard Dance at Enniskillen in 1956

Officers and wives at Kings Lynn circa 1958.

Photo taken from a Customs Journal:

Of J Thomas PO & GE Thompson APO after receiving their BEMs for bravery for attempting to rescue Gilbert Hornby from the River Mersey in 1958.

# Pictures-Irish Land Boundary Sub-Page - additional text & image

Photos contributed by Ray Harbidge:

Destruction by the IRA of the Clontvirim Boarder Post in 1956

Enniskillen patrol crew - Norman Saville, Ray Harbidge & Jerry Redman

# Pictures-Sports & Pastimes Sub Page - additional text & images

Re-working of the football section & a photo of the 1953/54 Hull Football Team - thanks to Ray Harbidge. Dover Carnival entry for 1967 extracted from the October 1967 Customs Journal & the WTC Course No 77 Cricket Team from the July 1968 Customs Journal.

# Pictures-WTC Course & Class Photos Sub-Pages - additional images & text

The previously unattributed photo of Charlie Beckett and others celebrating New Year's Eve in Trafalgar Square has now been attributed to the 1951 page, and the undated photo for 1954 has been identified as March 1954 - Course No33 - thanks to Steve Hill. The unattributed photo of Tom Hill and his students at LAP has been identified to Autumn/Winter 1959 thanks to Eric Preedy. The Instructors 1959 - month unknown - photo has been re-assigned to November 1960 - Course 48, and the late 1960 or early 1961 course photo has been re-assigned to January 1961 - Course 49 - both thanks to Steve Hill.

New photos contributed by Steve Hill:

February 1947 course with his father Tom Hill APO as a student

March 1956 class with Tom Hill is the PO Tutor

Month unknown 1957 - Tom Hill is a PO Tutor

January 1957 x 2 - Tom Hill is a PO Tutor

April 1957 class - Tom Hill is the PO Tutor

January 1958 class A x 2 - Tom Hill is the PO Tutor

November 1958 course & class x 3 - Tom Hill is a PO Tutor

March 1961 - Mr Maxwell & Mr Obiri with Dick Jenkins PO & Tom Hill CPO.

Photos contributed by Ray Harbidge:

Course number 34 (?) - January 1954.

Photos contributed by Charlie Beckett:

October 1965 class - Charlies boys in the classroom

Geoff Caulton has sheds more light on the Carby House/Palmeira Towers confusion and provided a new photo of the students in Group A of the May 1967 course - No 73. Many other photos have minor amendments and additions.

# Pictures-WTC Instructors Photos Sub-Pages - additional image & text

Thanks to Steve Hill:

March 1954

Month unknown 1957

# Stationery & Stores Page - additional section & PDFs

Now includes the link to the Public Notice Sub-Page and an image of a 1950 Neyland, Pembroke C&E date stamp.

# Stationery & Stores-Public Notice Sub-Page - Was the Work-Public Notice Sub-Page

# Uniforms Page - additional images

The Badges, Buttons & Caps section have been reworked and Geoff Caulton has provide images of:

A post 1923 CPM cap badge

An 'economy' WW2 cap badge circa 1940

A rummage APO's cap badge circa 1967

A WSOs cap and badge circa 1970

A Regency Period, circa 1820 button

A pre 1953 button

# Work-Launch Service Sub-Page - additional images

HMCL Dauntless - Gravesend 1970s.

# Work-Smuggling Sub-Page - amended lay-out & additional section

To better accommodate Smuggling Circulars.

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