

Hi Everyone

Please 'bear with me'. I have upgraded my computer – motherboard, processor, RAM and migrated to Windows 7 - despite my earlier misgivings! I have also had to invest in a new A3 scanner and download a W7 driver for my printer! I am finding it all a steep learning curve . . . . !

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that when replying to e-mail's you check that you have selected the correct recipient! E-mail's broadcast by myself via the Waterguard Mailing List - hm-waterguard@hm-waterguard.org.uk - are often forwarded from another person, or even another organisation. Any reply might be proper to them, in which case you should address it to them. If you think your reply is of interest to all members of the Waterguard Mailing List you can always copy the reply to the list and me.

I am currently scanning copies of WW2 Customs Journals for display on the site. They are a spotlight on historical and social memories of what must have been a terrible time to live through - I was born in 1942 but remember very little before the end of sweet rationing! I thought petrol rationing kept most vehicles off the road but I'm surprised the Journal still contained adverts for Motor Insurance . . . . And I am also surprised to learn that Waterguard officers had to hand in some of their clothing coupons to the value of their uniforms!

Do any of you know the names of Waterguard officers who were decorated during WW2? If so can you contribute to the list being compiled on the People Awarded Honours page - hm-waterguard.org.uk/People>>>Awarded Military Decorations & Civil Honours - with as much detail as possible.

New Pages Added :: A 'Work Related Illness in the Waterguard & Subsequent Services Page' has been added. This new page contains details of such illnesses, their symptoms and risks to Waterguard officers together with some personal histories.

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

Credits Page :: Has been updated

Customs & Excise Signage Page :: additional section & image :: This page has been re-titled to include Artefacts and now includes an image of a 17 century Fireback once part of the Brixham Custom House.

Offices & Buildings Pages :: additional text :: Brixham on the English page has details of 17th century Custom House added to the entry.

People Page :: additional text :: amended text :: This page has been edited by me. The contents remain unaltered.

People-Awarded Honours Page :: amended title & additional section :: The title of this page has been altered to reflect the addition of a new section devoted to colleagues who were awarded decorations during WW2. The new section has been initial populated with:

Arthur Cheyney - APO Southampton - Distinguished Service Cross and two Bars!  
Desmond Booker - APO Barry - Distinguished Service Cross  
John HALL - Southampton - Distinguished Flying Cross  
Dudley Percey Heal - Southampton - Distinguished Flying Medal  
Ian Reginald Hoar - MBE Military Division  
Geoffrey Horace Gilbert - APO - Distinguished Flying Cross & Bar  
Maurice Stacey Steel - APO - Distinguished Flying Cross  
Maurice William Stott - APO - Distinguished Flying Cross  
Stanley Wandlass - Military Cross

People-Colleagues - CV Pages :: additional entries & images ::

Paul Brett  
Frank Bromley - thanks to Eric Preedy's research  
Henry Maurice Bullock - thanks to Eric Preedy's research  
John William Fotheringham  
Eric Edward Langmaid - thanks to Eric Preedy's research  
Geoffrey Newmann  
Horace Charles Palmer - thanks to Eric Preedy's research  
Foster Peat Smith - thanks to Eric Preedy's research  
Bill Streeter  
Ernest Walter Thomas - thanks to Eric Preedy's research

People-Colleagues in Harms Way Page :: additional entry ::

Brian Hoppes APO - who was injured in 1962 when a bag of cement burst in his face whilst rummaging a Elder Dempster vessels.  
Fred Precious APO - who was killed in 1942 when he fell in the dock and drowned during the blackout.

People-Obituaries Page :: additional entry ::

Henry Maurice Bullock - Died 23 April 1944 - thanks to Eric Preedy's research  
Horace Palmer - Died 11 November 1966 - thanks to Eric Preedy's research.

People-PSA Page :: additional text & image :: The photograph that was numbered PO 007 on the Waterguard Workshop Page has now been correctly identified as from the 1951 PSA Conference held at Newcastle upon Tyne, when on the 16 October, a service was held at the Cathedral Church of St Nicholas, Newcastle upon Tyne dedicated to the memory of those members of the Preventive Staff who gave their lives in both World Wars. Research by Eric Preedy.

People-Sports & Pastimes Page :: additional text & image :: A photograph of the 1966 Aberdeen Football Team, and details of London Airport Waterguard Golf Society, thanks to Bill Streeter.

Pictures-Groups Pages :: additional image :: A photograph of the Waterguard Reunion on the 4 November 1966 at the closure of the old Custom House, 35 Regents Quay, Aberdeen, thanks to

Alex Hayworth and more photos of HMRC Valient's - 1969 - and HMRC Venturous' - 1964 & 1967 - crews, thanks to Phil Atkinson.

Recent Additions Page :: Has been updated.

The Customs Journal Page :: additional entry :: The Customs Journal's for 1941, 1942, 1943 & 1944 have been added thanks to the UKBA Museum - was the HMC&E Museum - at Liverpool.

The Work Page :: images :: This page has been edited by myself and the layout has been altered. An image of a page of a 1908 'publication' showing a vessel being rummaged has been added to the Rummage section of the page

The Work-Cutter Service Page :: additional text & images :: The 'Work of the Cutters' section of this page now has 4 photos of Cutters being used to dump goods in the Thames Estuary c1960.

The Work-Launch Service Page :: additional text & images :: This page has been edited by myself and the layout has been altered. Another image of HMCL Vulcan - patrolling in the River Mersey – has been added to the vessels section of the page.

Tools & Equipment Page :: additional image :: This page has been edited by myself and the layout has been altered. A pre-Waterguard lead seal from the reign of Queen Mary - 19 July 1553-17 November 1558 has been included.

Tools & Equipment - Other Page :: additional image :: This page has been edited by myself and the layout has been altered. Images of a Butter, cheese & grain spit and a Sinker Jar - Used for obtaining a sample from barrels & tanks etc. have been added.

Training-WTC Course & Group Photographs Pages :: additional text :: The 1952, 1961 and 1968 pages have additional names added to the captions thanks to Gerrard Parnham, Douglas Thomson and Eric Preedy.

Uniform Page :: additional image :: Images of a post 1952 – 1997 Hong Kong and a Nigerian cap badge have been added to the Cap Badges - Other – British Commonwealth section, and an image of a post Victorian South African uniform button has been added to the Jacket Buttons – Other section.

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