

HM Waterguard - Web Site Newsletter - July 2008

Hi Everyone

I am indebted to Eric Preedy who regularly combs the Waterguard web site for spelling, grammatical and factual errors - thanks Eric.

I have embarked on a total rebuild of the site - which will take a few weeks, if not months. The present site has grown a bit untidy as it has developed in response to contributions. Now I have had time to review the site as a whole and decided it needs a 'make over'. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the layout or content of the site now would be a good time to speak up!

I recently asked for opinions on what to do with the contributions and memorabilia that have been sent to the site on a non-return basis - should I sell them on eBay to defray the cost of running the site? - most of the replies involved a museum! The museum at Liverpool don't appear interested. If any of you can find a museum that is you are free to start negotiations with them. I will not intend to dispose of any of it until the rebuilt site is up and running.

Since the last Newsletter the following web pages have received attention:

History Page (additional PDF) - Mark Bullen has contributed his copy of The Coast-guard Service Act 1856.

People-Anecdotes-Aberdeen Page (addition) - A new story from David Bowie

People-Colleagues Pages (additions)- Dennis Dewell & Raymond Walter Stanford have submitted their Cvs.

People-Faces Pages (additions) - Neil Bailey as contributed images of himself, Derek Bishop, Bill Simpson & Alan Nicholls POs, Ray Smith & Jon Hamlyn APOs and John Crawford, Mike Summers and Jon Hamly - with stewardesses - at Lympne Airport in 1967.

People-Pete Shea Page (additions) - From a Portcullis dated August 1987 contributed by Dennis Dewell.

Stores Page - Date Stamps section (redesign & additional images) - Eric Preedy has supplied images of date stamps, both Waterguard and non-Waterguard, which has prompted the redesign of this section.

Structure Page (addition text & PDF s) - Extracts on 'Sunday as Monday' and the Five-Day Week from the Customs Journal contributed by Dennis Dewell.

Training Page (altered text & additional PDF) - Mark Bullen has contributed a copy of the (WTC) Waterguard Handbook and Dennis Dewell has contributed the Civil Service Commissions Introduction to the March 1955 Open Competition, the 1952, 1953 & 1954 Exam papers and the 1955 Exam results.

Training-WTC Photos Pages (additions) - Images on the 1961, 1962, 1964, 1967 & Instructors pages. Dennis Dewell has submitted his 1956 Course photo.

Training-WTC Photos Pages (improvements) - Images of the October 1957 and January 1958 courses submitted by Malcolm McLearn.

Work-Land Boundary Page (altered text & a new PDF) - Eric Preedy has contributed the RUCs patrol instruction (1933).

Work-Launches Page (additions) - Neil Bailey as contributed images of HMCL Panther on the Thames.

Work-Offices Page (additions) - Neil Bailey as contributed an image of the baggage hall at Lympne Airport in 1967.

Cheers

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