

HM Waterguard - Web Site Newsletter - July 2010

Hi Everyone

I have been put in touch again with Mike Clifford, my thanks to Peter Billing, only George Mahoney left to find. The 'Workshop' page - www.workshop.hm-waterguard.org.uk - has been brought up to date.

I have attempted to contact Gary Bowers - reference the recent correspondence about 'Inter Departmental Offshore Racing' - as a possible source of 'WATERGUARD' polo shirts. Unfortunately the attempt was not successful. He wishes to remain ex-directory!

I have decided to allow contributions by FTP. Files of almost unlimited size can be transferred by this method - if the contributor has FTP software. The latest version of the Mozilla Firefox browser has free FTP software as an 'add on' - FireFTP - that is easy to use. Any one wishing to use this method will require access to my FTP account, which I can arrange on specific request. The Contributions Page has been amended accordingly.

Since the last Waterguard Web Site Newsletter the following pages have received some attention - those marked (EP Edits) include editing by Eric Preedy:

Home Page (EP Edits)

Anecdotes-Cardiff Sub-Page (EP Edits)

Anecdotes-London Sub-Page - additional text

An anecdote in the Harpy section about searching for the escaped soviet spy George Blake in October 1966 by Trevor Tomasin.

Anecdotes-LAP Sub-Page (EP Edits)

Anecdotes-Waterguard 'Digs' Sub-Page (EP Edits)

(The) Bond Page - additional PDFs

The July 2010 edition - Volume 15 Issue 3 - has been added.

Contributions Page - additional section, text & PDF

Contributions are now allowed by FTP and the page has been amended accordingly.

Credits, Recent Editions & Search the Site Pages

Have all been updated.

(The) Customs Journal Page (EP Edits)

History Page (EP Edits)

History-Reviews, Reorganisation & Demise Sub-Page - additional PDF

This page has now been incorporated in the revised Management Structures Page.

(The) History Network Page - additional PDF

Newsletter 28 - Spring/Summer 2010 - has been added.

Official Instructions Page - additional PDFs

(EP Edits) The addition of GO 36/1918 concerning Smuggling Rewards and GO 35/1922 concerning the supervisory duties of Waterguard Superintendents and Chief Preventive Officers, thanks to Eric Preedy's latest Kew visit.

Office & Buildings - England Sub-Page - amended text & additional images

Images of Leigh-on-Sea Custom House, Terminal 1 Baggage Hall at LAP, circa 1968, and the Custom House, now Droit House, and the Preventive Station, circa 1810, at Margate have been added.

Office & Buildings - Coastguard Sub-Page (EP Edits)

Office & Buildings - Scotland Sub-Page - additional images

Images of the 'old' and 'new' Custom Houses at Longhope, Hoy and an image of the old Granton Custom House has been included thanks to George Smith in Canada.

Management Structures Page - amended page with additional text, sections & PDFs

(EP Edits) This page now incorporates what was the History-Reviews, Reorganisation & Demise Sub-Page and the 'Inspector Generals of Waterguard' section from the People Page, together with the additional note on the proposed 1922 reorganisation of the Waterguard based on the division of the work into two grades - the Rank and File grades and the Supervising grades thanks to Eric Preedy's latest Kew visit.

Management Structures-1809-1890 Page - deleted page

This page is now incorporated within the Management Structures Page

Management Structures-1890-1921 Sub-Page

Renamed Management Structures as at 1905 Sub-Page

Management Structures-1922-WWII Sub-Page

Renamed Management Structures as at 1937 Sub-Page

Management Structures- WWII-1972 Sub-Page

Renamed Management Structures circa 1960 Sub-Page

Pay & Conditions Page - additional PDFs /section/text.

The addition of three PDFs, including GO 36/1918, concerning Smuggling Rewards thanks to Eric Preedy's latest Kew visit.

People Page - additional section, text & PDFs

(EP Edits)) Transfer of the 'Inspector Generals of Waterguard' section from the Management Structures Page. The addition of a new section - 'Waterguard Staff Negotiations' - complete with and a 1919 draft of the Boards counter-statement to the Waterguard Federation's current claims, the Boards counter-statement to the Preventive Officers' and Preventive Men's' Pay and Allowances claims then before the Civil Service Arbitration Board and a report dated 24 January 1923 after a deputation of staff met the 'Official Side' to discuss their grievances over pay and conditions, thanks to Eric Preedy's latest Kew visit.

#People-Colleagues Awarded Honours Sub-Page (EP Edits)

People-Colleague CVs Sub-Page E-H - additional text

Harry Hobbs has supplied his CV.

People-Colleague CVs Sub-Page M-P - additional image

A photograph of David Pace APO painting the hull of HMRC Venturous thanks to Harry Hobbs.

People-Colleague CVs Sub-Page Q-T - additional/amended image/PDF/section/text

A photograph of Vic Roberts PO painting the hull of HMRC Venturous thanks to Harry Hobbs.

People-PSA Sub-Page (EP Edits)

People-Sports & Pastimes Sub-Page (EP Edits)

Pictures-Groups-Cadiff Sub-Page (EP Edits)

Pictures-Groups-Southampton Sub-Page - additional image

A picture of Frank Bedall, Gary Denbow, John Avery and Graham Morris APO's at Hurn Airport on D/D from Southampton - circa 1964

Pictures-WTC Course & Class Photos Sub-Pages - amended pages

(EP Edits) The photo on the 'Date and/or Location not yet known' page has been identified as including Dave Parker and Terry Wayland at their studies during 1965 and transferred to that page.

Recruitment Page - additional PDF & section

(EP Edits) Addition of a new section - 'Patronage' - and a PDF note of the answer to a Parliamentary question on the subject.

Staffing & Promotion Page - additional section & PDFs

(EP Edits) The addition of a return to the 'House of Commons' showing the number of officers employed in the Customs Department, together with staff costs, for the year ended 6th April 1853, and a new section - 'Efficiency Bars' - together with a 1918 Staff Report form regarding efficiency. The addition of General Order 35/1922 in the 'Supervision of Staff' section, all thanks to Eric Preedy's latest Kew visit.

Stationery & Stores Page (EP Edits)

Tools & Equipment Page (EP Edits)

Training Page (EP Edits)

Work Page - additional PDF

(EP Edits) The addition of the Deputy Chairman of the Board of C&E memo entitled 'Passengers' Baggage - duty-free concessions' dated 16 January 1924, setting out his thinking on making the practice of allowing passengers to import small quantities of spirits and tobacco goods for their personal use 'free of duty' a formal concession.

Work-Cutter Service Sub-Page - additional image, amended sections & text

A redesign of the page and an additional images of HMRC Valiant & HMRC Venturous thanks to Harry Hobbs.

Work-Launch Service Sub-Page (EP Edits)

Work-Maldon & Burnham On Crouch . . . Correspondence Sub-Page (EP Edits)

Cheers

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