

HM Waterguard - Web Site Newsletter - June/July 2011

Hi Everyone

First of all, heart felt gratitude to all those who donated to the 'whip round' to help me pay the damages incurred by my infringement of copy write earlier in the year. With the help of ex-colleagues, both members of this e-mailing list and members of FOCERSA, CERSA and the Retired Members Section's of Revenue & Customs Sports & Leisure Clubs and Waterguard Reunion groups, I have received some 60 donations totalling £500. Thank you!

Thank you to all those of you who have helped me these last two months with the many requests I have made for assistance. Whilst I was an APO, many aspects of 'the job' away from LAP passed me by

I chanced on a new piece of software that enhances some pages of the site - Flip Builder's Flip PDF. After consultation with a small team of six of our number, two of the site's pages - 'The Bond' and the 'History Network' - now use this software.

At the end of May/begining of June, we changed Internet hosts as the previous one could not increase our web space - we are now with justhost.com. Unlimited web space AND its cheaper!

Having embarked on my recent 'Cricket Trophy hunt', it follows that there were many more cups and trophies for many more sports and pastimes in the Waterguard. So I am extending my search for details and images of these cups and trophies, and the completion's themselves including lists of winners and dates. So if you know of any or can point me in the right direction, I would be obliged. Those I already know of by name, but require details and images of, are listed below:

Bowls - The Elrick Cup

Bridge - The Bushell Cup & The Dick West Waterguard Cup

Chess - The Egan Cup & The Silver Rook (inter-port tournament)

Cricket - The Chief Inspectors Cup & Customs Fund Trophy.

Golf - The George Morrison Trophy & The Carlile Cup

Sailing - The Portcullis Trophy

Swimming - The Salmon Shield

If you know of any other cups or trophies that were competed for in the Waterguard please let me know the sport and pastime involved, the name of the cup or trophy, the winners and dates. If you have any cuttings or photos of the cup or trophy then please pass them on to me.

Following the 'chat incident' and the subsequent mailing list changes - Rootsweb.com to JustHost.com - some mailing list subscribers have unsubscribed, but have not informed me of their reasons for doing so. Although they were in no way obliged to, I would like to know why - in case it was my fault. I do listen.

May I remind you that I never respond to invitations to join Social or Commercial networking sites - I personally think they are dangerous and, potentially, a tool for scammers So don't ask!

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

All Pages :: amended banner heading :: I have removed the Rootsweb mailing list from the banner heading.

Anecdotes-Cardiff Page:: additional text & image :: Peter Hopkins tells the tale of The Exploding Cake complete with a cartoon.

Anecdotes-LAP Page :: additional section & text :: Gerry Parnham recalls his first visit to Croydon in 1953.

Contributions Page :: amended section :: A Financial subsection has been added to the 'How to Contribute' section covering donations.

Directory of Sports-Social Clubs Page :: Updated with new web site addresses.

Help & FAQs Page :: additional text :: Navigation 'Arrow' Buttons indicating a link to an 'external' site added to the 'Navigating the Site' section.

History Network Page :: amended :: This page has had a complete 'make over'. As well as PDFs, the new page also displays the History Network Newsletters in a 'Flip Book' format.

History Page :: additional text & PDFs :: Inclusion of OWO 40/1971 Item 1 and OWO 27/1972 Part 2 getting the staffing ready and in post for a 'reorganised' and amalgamated HMCE post 1972.

Home (index) Page :: additional section & text :: EP Edits. A new section 'Donations' and a justhost.com addition to the 'Web Site Statistics' section.

Offices & Buildings-Coastguard Page :: additional images :: Coastguard Cottages - East Preston, Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex - c1956 and Pett Levels near Hastings - pre 1945

Offices & Buildings-Wales Page :: additional images :: Charlie Beckett has supplied photos of the Holyhead Waterguard office.

Pay & Conditions Page :: additional section, text & PDF :: The Mechanics of Salary Payments

People Page :: amended & additional sections, text & additional images & PDF :: EP Edits. This page has been redesigned. A new section 'Colleagues-Initial Appointments' has been added with a PDF list of APO appointments from 1923-1939 supplied by Eric Preedy. A PDF extract of the names of preventive staff listed by rank and seniority from the 1915 edition of 'Ham's Customs Year Book' has been supplied by Lukman Sinclair and Susan Restorick-Banks has supplied a 1932 edition of the Green Book.

People-Awarded Honours Page :: additional text :: Mark Bernard has supplied recipients of the Imperial Service Medal.

People-Bravery Awards 1905-1972 Page :: additional text :: Mark Bernard has helped with identifying some initials and has added the names of some of those who were awarded the Imperial Service Medal.

People-Colleagues - CVs (A-D) Page :: additional text & image :: EP Edits and Chris Barbour, Charlie Beckett, John Neille Crellin and Dave I'Anson have all supplied their CVs Peter Hopkins has supplied Cyril Davies CV and Eric Preedy has supplied one for Ron Bayly.

People-Colleagues - CVs (E-H) Page :: EP Edits

People-Colleagues - CVs (I-L) Page :: additional text & image :: Dave I'Anson has supplied his CV.

People-Colleagues - CVs (M-P) Page :: EP Edits

People-Colleagues - CVs (Q-T) Page :: additional text :: John Rose and Mike Smith have submitted their CVs, and Neil Baily has supplied by Peter Restorick's daughter.

People-Colleagues - Initial Appointments Page :: PDFs :: A new page for the PDFs supplied by Eric Preedy.

People-Obituaries Page :: additional text & PDF :: This page has been redesigned and Ray Mears obituary from the Burton Times is now included.

People-Pete Shea Cartoons Page :: additional link :: A link to Pete's Cartoonist Guild web page.

People-PSA Page :: additional text & PDF :: Susan Restorick-Banks has supplied a 1932 edition of the Green Book.

People-Sports & Pastimes Page :: additional sections, text & image :: New Cricket sections - Alec Brown Cup, Otto Mundy Trophy and Chief Inspector's Cup - have been added and an image of the Otto Mundy Trophy and the list of winners has been added thanks to Mike White.

Pictures-Groups-Cardiff Page :: additional images :: Peter Hopkins has supplied photos of Cyril Davis and others at Swansea c1947-1949.

Pictures-Rummage Crews Page :: additional images :: A 1967 image of the Gladstone Dock, Liverpool Crew on the Isle of Mann, and a 1970 image of the Southampton Mobile Crew at Blackgang on the Isle of Wight.

Pictures-Sports & Pastimes Page :: additional images :: A photo of Cyril Davies, Les Jones, Alan Douglas & Spencer Freeman playing cards in the retirement room at Swansea in about 1970 has been supplied by Peter Hopkins. Garry Bowers, Billy Gray and "Tic" Hamilton are the 'Morrismen' c1970 at Dover, St. Margaret's and

the Dover Cricket Team of 1970 who won the last Chief Inspector's Cup match in the photos supplied by Cliff Davies.

Recent Additions Page :: Has been updated.

Recruitment Page :: additional PDFs :: Notification of an officers staff number. Results of the 1964 APO Open Competition thanks to Dave I'Anson. A copy of a 1947 copy of a Declaration regarding the Official Secrets Act and the 1946-1947 (3rd) Reconstruction APO Examination - Written and Interview results from Susan Restorick-Banks fathers papers

Staffing & Promotion Page :: additional PDFs :: Portcullis' c1975 article 'The Old Preventive Exam' in the APO to PO Examination section and Susan Restorick-Banks has supplied a copies of OWOs 28/1949 and 24/1950 for the APO to PO Examination section, and OWOs 14/1971 - items 3 and 4 - and 46/1971 part 1, from her fathers papers.

Stationery & Stores-Date Stamps - The Outdoor Service Page :: additional image :: EP Edits. A Salford Custom House - Establishments circa 1961 - date stamp thanks to Charlie Beckett.

Subscriptions Page :: amended section, text & links :: This page has been completely rewritten to reflect the mailing list changes - Rootsweb.com to JustHost.com

The Bond Page :: amended :: This page has had a complete 'make over'. As well as PDFs, the new page also displays the Bond in a 'Flip Book' format.

The Customs Journal Page :: additional PDF :: Susan Restorick-Banks has supplied a copy of the April 1964 - Diamond Jubilee edition from her fathers papers.

The Work-Smuggling Page :: additional text, PDF & images :: EP Edits. Concealment spaces in the lining of a cabin on RMS. 'Pendennis Castle', sent in by Phil Wadley and a PDF of a booklet by George Bishop dated 1783 - 'Observations, Remarks and Means to Prevent Smuggling addressed to The Rt. Honourable the House of Peers and The Honourable House of Commons in Parliament Assembled' - sent in by Susan Restorick-Banks.

Tools & Equipment Page :: additional section & images :: Brass Seal - LAP No 2037 - has been include in the Brass and Wax Seals section, and drug dog 'Max' has been included in a new section - Drug Dogs.

Training Page :: EP Edits.

Training-WTC Course & Group Photographs - 1966 Page :: EP Edits.

Training-WTC Course & Group Photographs - 1967 Page :: additional image :: Phil Wadley has supplied his group photo.

Uniform Page :: amended section & additional images :: The page has been redesigned with WSO's uniforms now included. A Jersey (CI) Customs & Excise button - circa George VI, a new Victorian Customs button and a Palestinian Customs & Excise jacket button and a Coast Guard button - pre 1952, have also been included. The 'Cap Badges - Other' section has been renamed 'Cap Badges - Other - British Commonwealth' and two images of Singapore cap badges have been included.