

HM Waterguard - Web Site Newsletter - November 2009

Hi Everyone

My apologies for the delay in getting this edition out on time. I thought I would upgrade to Windows 7 - but what a disaster, I should have known better!

There is no built in upgrade path from Windows XP to 7 - only from Vista to 7. So I had to completely replace XP with a new install of 7. It took me a week to discover that most of my application programs wouldn't work properly and that there were no suitable upgrades or 'patches' for them.

So then, I thought, back to XP. But Windows 7 doesn't have a down grade path to XP and wouldn't let me reformat my hard disk. I had to change the BIOS of my PC to allow me to boot-up from the original XP DVD. This then allowed me to reformat the hard drive and reinstall XP. Luckily I have two hard disks in my machine and all my data is written to the second - and backed up to an external drive!

I'm in the process of reinstalling all my application software. It will be a day or two before I can update the web site beyond what follows, but my Internet connection and e-mail were re-established late yesterday afternoon. If you have e-mailed me in the last two weeks, it's probably a good idea to send the message again to be sure.

Back to the web site. Were you a Waterguard Morrisman? If so, I would like a photo of you in your dancing attire and a few words about your dancing days for inclusion on the site.

Just a reminder that you can access the HM Waterguard e-mailing list archive at <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/index?list=hm-customs-waterguard> to see what we've been chatting about since 2006.

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

Home Page - additional text

The inclusion of a tally of the number of computer files that comprise the site and its size in megabits of disk space with the date of the latest update.

Credits, Recent Editions & Search the Site Pages

Have all been updated.

Help & FAQs-Family History Sub-Page - additional PDF & text

The addition of an introductory booklet describing HMC&E for new entrants in 1946.

History Page - amended text

A clarification of text in the 'Postscript' section.

Office & Buildings - England Sub-Page - additional images

Eric Preedy has supplied images of the Coat of Arms above the entrance to Falmouth Custom House & the building claiming to be the 'old Custom House' at St Ives, Cornwall.

Pay & Conditions Page - additional text & PDF

Dave Bowman APO has supplied a pay slip for April 1970.

People-Colleague 1945-1972 - A-N Sub-Page - additional text & images

Additional details for Raymond Beswick, Ralph Colling, Charles M Douglas CBE, Albert E Fry & Owen Mort, all provided thanks to Eric Preedy. David Bowman has supplied his details and a photo.

People-Sports & Pastimes Sub-Page - additional & amended sections & additional images

A new section has been added - Morrismen - and includes a 1970 image of the St Margaret's Morrismen supplied by Cliff Davies. The Lupton Cup section has been up to dated, and improved by an image of the actual trophy, curtesy of Brian Searle.

Pictures-Rummage Crews Sub Page - additional image

The Aberdeen Crew c1967/68, with Murdo McLeod CPM, thanks to David Bowman

Pictures-WTC Course & Class Photos Sub-Pages - additional image

An image of Dave Weaver's June 1958 course at the London Custom House, pictures of David Bowman's September 1966 class & Colin Polard's July 1970 course and class with some signatures.

Recruitment Page - additional PDF & text

The inclusion of the 1966 results of APO recruitment of GCE candidates and David Bowman's Initial Appointment & Confirmation of Appointment letters.

Staffing & Promotion Page - additional & amended text

The inclusion of LPMs & Launch Crew, and a clarification regarding Watchers & WSOs in relation to the Waterguard grades, in the Ranks & Grading section & a copy of David Bowman's letter sending him on DD to LAP in 1966.

Stationery & Stores- Date Stamps Sub-Page - additional image

Addition of the Collector Aberdeen's date stamp of 1967 thanks to David Bowman.

Training Page - additional text & PDFs

The addition of an introductory booklet describing HMC&E for new entrants in 1946, and a WTC Group Exercise calculating Deck Cargo on the SS Halizones thanks to David Bowman.

Work Page - additional PDF & text

David Bowman's letter of appointment as Superintendent of Mercantile Marine for Kirkwall.

Cheers

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