

Hi Everyone

Thanks to all those of you who responded to my request for help with the list of Collections pre 1972, Hailing Stations, Prayer Meetings and to the idea of an 'Obituary' page. A new section has been created on the 'Sports & Pastimes' page and a new 'People-Obituaries' sub-page has been created. Neil Bailey - neilhbailey@gmail.com - has agreed to be the 'point of contact', managing the liaison with the 'next of kin' and ensuring that submissions are accurate and in keeping with the relatives wishes etc. Past obituaries are now invited for the new page.

The 'Copycats' page and sub-pages have now become part of a new Smuggling Circulars & 'Copycats' page

The 'Date Stamp' sub-Page has now become four sub-Pages - HQ, Cutters, Outdoor and Waterguard.

All the pages & sub-Pages below have had a general tidy-up and been given a common format in the layout of the pictures and text that has allowed for a larger, standardised picture sizes.

- # Office & Buildings
- # Pictures-Groups
- # Pictures-Irish Land Boundary
- # Pictures-Rummage Crews
- # Pictures-Sports & Pastimes
- # Work-Cutter Service
- # Work-Launch Service
- # Pictures-WTC Course & Class Photos'

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

All Anecdotes Sub-Pages - amended text

A general tidy-up and the implementation of a standardised format.

Anecdotes-Cardiff Sub-Page - additional image & text

The sign outside the door of the Waterguard Office at Kings Dock Swansea up to 1972 - thrown on the tip by some over zealous OCX on Reorganisation day - recounted by Peter Hopkins.

Contributions Page - additional section & text

A new section for Obituaries.

Credits, Recent Editions & Search the Site Pages

Have all been updated.

History Page - additional text & PDF

The addition of a 1907 document in PDF form - Historical Notes on the Coastguard Service - a document compiled mainly from Parliamentary Papers and other printed documents that does not claim to be more than a very general survey from which it is possible to obtain an impression of the Constitution, Duties, and Personnel of that Service - thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

History-Snippets Sub-Page - additional text

Inclusion of 'Cooperage' on the North Sea from the Wines & Spirits Trader Record of 14 August 1924, a Lloyds Sunday News article - Smuggling Revival - of 19 August 1925, a Telegraph article - Gun-Running Prisoner - of 3 September 1925 and 5 Times, all thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew

Official Instructions Page - amended sections & text

The 'Smuggling Circulars' section has been incorporated into a 'Smuggling Circulars & Copycats' section. Addition of Boards Circular C 31835/1920 of 20 October 1920 - Option of 'deposit' of treble duty-paid value

Office & Buildings - England Sub-Page - additional image & text

A correction to the Grimsby entry - my apologies Grimsby is in Lincolnshire not Yorkshire! - and the addition of the Grimsby Waterguard Offices housed in the Pekin Buildings - thanks to Roger Swindells. Four new entries - Barrow-in-Furness Custom House and the Aberdeen, Portsmouth harbour & the Newcastle upon Tyne Waterguard Hailing Stations.

Office & Buildings - Coastguard Sub-Page - additional image

A 'finished' photo of Belmullet Coastguard Station, has been supplied by Laurence Howard - the owner.

Office & Buildings - Harpy Sub-Page - additional images

The addition of the 1913 plans for the increase in office space on the upper level - thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Management Structures Page - additional section

A section detailing the Outdoor Service management structure for pre 1950, 1958 and 1971 has been added thanks to Eric Preedy.

Pay & Conditions Page - amended text

Pay rates for 1954 & 1959 have been amended thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

People Page - additional sections & text

The addition of two new sections - 'People-Obituaries' & 'Prayer Meetings'

People-Colleague CVs Sub-Page I-L - additional image & text

A CV and photo for Les Jones supplied by Peter Hopkins

People-Colleague CVs Sub-Page U-X - additional image & text.

A CV and photo of Barry 'Baz' Wilson supplied by Ian Francis

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

Pictures-Groups-Cadiff Sub-Page - additional and amended images & text

A photo of Les Jones PO - Retirement 'Do' with David Gronow (Milford Haven), Nigel Oxenham (Milford Haven), Steve Pope (Milford Haven), Derek Peet, Peter Hopkins, Ron Woodland, Les Jones, Eric Davis (LAP), Mike Luxton, Bryn Jones & Howell Davies (Milford Haven) supplied by Peter Hopkins

Pictures-Groups-HQ, Cutters, WTC & Multi Div Sub-Page - additional images

Images of HMRC Vigilant's crew of 1906 & 1920 have been added thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Smuggling Circulars & 'Copycats' page - additional/amended image/PDF/section/text

A new page replacing the Smuggling Circulars sections of the 'Work-Smuggling' page and the Official Instructions Page, and 'Copycats' main page and including three new Circulars about an hermetically sealed metal drum placed in a fresh water tank in a ship's galley (1909), Cocaine and Opium (1916) and Arms and ammunition (1921) - thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Stationery & Stores Page - additional images

Addition of two embossed stamps for HM C&E Library & HM Customs Secretary's Office - again thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Stationery & Stores-Date Stamps Sub-Page

This sub-page has now been divided into four sub pages - HQ, Cutters, Outdoor and Waterguard.

Stationery & Stores-Public Notices Sub-Page - additional PDFs & text

Notices No 2 - 1921 and 1924, Notice No 2a - 1924 and Notice No 2b - 1924, all thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Work Page - additional text & PDF

A 'Customs Manual of Waterguard and Waterside Duties' - 1897 - by MJ Cahill, a Customs Officer in Liverpool has been added - curtesy of Brian Conway - and the C&E Annual Report Seizure Summaries for the years 1904, 1914 and 1917 have been added - thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Work-Cutter Service Sub-Page - amended text, PDF & link

HMRC Vigilant is currently being restored to her original 1902 condition by The Medway Maritime Trust and the text and link have been altered to reflect that.

A list of the Revenue Cruizers around the coast of the United Kingdom in 1848 and images of HMRC Vigilant - 1906 & 1920 - and a Parliamentary question asked about the Vigilant in March 1922 - have been added thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Work-Irish Land Boundary Sub-Page - additional/amended image/PDF/section/text

The implementation of a standardised format for the anecdotes in the 'View from the other side' section.

Work-Launch Service Sub-Page - additional images, PDFs & text

The inclusion of images of HMCL Lapwing at Newcastle, HMCL Swift at Plymouth - both c1911 - an image and PDF of a cutter rigged cruising yacht to be stationed at Ryde, Isle of Wight in 1920, an image and PDF of a 'Motorboat' article about HMCLs Albatross and Osprey (1922), plus a list of the launches around the coast of the United Kingdom in 1848 has been added- thanks to Eric Preedy's latest visit to Kew.

Cheers

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