

## SMUGGLING: OLD ACTIVITY, NEW PHASE

Smuggling contraband 0) \_\_\_\_\_ the sea 1) \_\_\_\_\_ an active business for centuries. Until recently, it involved 2) \_\_\_\_\_ in goods such as spirits and tobacco. Today, smuggling into Britain is more about drugs and human 3) \_\_\_\_\_. "People trafficking" is the modern face of smuggling, and as always it is a profitable business for criminal gangs.

March 28th 1690. It is dead of night; near Dymchurch, a village on Romney Marsh, a dark boat approaches a well-hidden landing stage. It moves 4) \_\_\_\_\_ across the water, slows down, and ties up. Immediately, but without a sound, some thirty figures emerge from the bushes and approach the water. A horse and cart 5) \_\_\_\_\_ from nowhere, and the work begins. In the space of 6) \_\_\_\_\_ hour, the boat's cargo is totally unloaded, carried up the bank and loaded onto the cart, and onto another one that follows it. Twenty minutes later, the boat, with darkened sail, is turning round and heading back out to sea where it had come 7) \_\_\_\_\_. Its cargo, a hundred barrels of finest cognac, is on its way to a hiding place, for later transport to London.

The smugglers 8) \_\_\_\_\_ again; as they usually 9) \_\_\_\_\_. For in this part of south east England, smuggling is a lucrative business, and has been so for centuries. In fact, in the seventeenth century, it is one of the most profitable professions in the region.

From the eleventh to the eighteenth century, cross-Channel smuggling was a 10) \_\_\_\_\_ activity, providing 11) \_\_\_\_\_ for hundreds of people round the English coast. It began shortly after the Norman conquest of England in 1066, when William the Conqueror brought over thousands of his men from France. They brought with them a taste for French wine and other continental products, and these tastes soon spread 12) \_\_\_\_\_ the English population.

13) \_\_\_\_\_ their own tables and those of their courts, the Norman kings imposed a duty on imported products, taking 14) \_\_\_\_\_ of everything that came in. It was 15) \_\_\_\_\_ avoid this loss that smuggling first developed.

Long before the seventeenth century, smuggling 16) \_\_\_\_\_ a major industry; and indeed, until this period, there was virtually nothing that could 17) \_\_\_\_\_ to effectively stop it. Tax collectors were not generally well respected people in those days, and whole communities, from the local priest to the ordinary 18) \_\_\_\_\_, would work together to outwit any officials who came along.

The eighteenth century saw the 19) \_\_\_\_\_ of the smuggling 20) \_\_\_\_\_; it also saw its worst horrors. During this century, when Britain really began to expand as an inter-national trading nation, the rise 21) \_\_\_\_\_ imported goods was spectacular; 22) \_\_\_\_\_ too was the number of products on which the government imposed taxes. Tea, 23) \_\_\_\_\_, silk, spices, tobacco, and other 24) \_\_\_\_\_ from round the world, all 25) \_\_\_\_\_ subject to 26) \_\_\_\_\_.

With so much at stake, it was not surprising therefore that smugglers went to great lengths to ensure that their operations ran smoothly. Armed gangs of men

were paid to keep the King's officers well away from what they were looking for. They did not hesitate to beat up, or even torture or kill those who tried to 27) \_\_\_\_\_ their way; and customs officers soon realised that it was not in their interest to intervene, 28) \_\_\_\_\_ they wanted to get into trouble.

It was Napoleon, in the end, who brought the great age of English smuggling 29) \_\_\_\_\_. Fear of invasion from France led the government to establish a permanent watch round the south east coast of England, which later developed into the Coast Guard service. 30) \_\_\_\_\_ this alert and respected force, smugglers were no longer able to succeed as they 31) \_\_\_\_\_ for so long; and clever tricks came to replace force and threats. From then on, organised smuggling became a minor activity, perceived more and more as a criminal activity 32) \_\_\_\_\_ any other.

Of course, smuggling has never stopped, and today 33) \_\_\_\_\_ still active smugglers in operation; their methods, however, 34) \_\_\_\_\_. From time to time, the odd small boat still comes in 35) \_\_\_\_\_ to a small English harbour, to discharge a cargo of brandy, or more likely drugs or arms; but most contraband now comes in hidden in personal 36) \_\_\_\_\_, or in legally imported goods; in containers from Columbia, or trailers from Turkey, for instance.

But the worst 37) \_\_\_\_\_ of modern smuggling across the Channel is the smuggling of people, or "people trafficking" as it is often called. The last twenty years 38) \_\_\_\_\_ a massive increase in the number of people from distant countries trying 39) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain illegally. They come from 40) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. Some speak a couple of words of English, others speak good English, and they all imagine that a life in Britain will be their paradise.

But these are people who have no visa; often they have paid lots of money to criminal gangs 41) \_\_\_\_\_ have promised 42) \_\_\_\_\_ them into England. Occasionally, the people-traffickers succeed, but for many of the would-be immigrants, the 43) \_\_\_\_\_ to England 44) \_\_\_\_\_ disaster, sometimes death. Customs and immigration officials are increasingly vigilant in their fight against this kind of contraband, and "illegal immigrants" cannot hope to live normal 45) \_\_\_\_\_ if they reach England. At best, they will live a life in the shadows, hiding 46) \_\_\_\_\_ the authorities, hoping that no-one will 47) \_\_\_\_\_ them. At worst, they will end up in a life of misery, exploited as virtual slaves by the gangs that brought them to England in the first place. The men will be used as cheap labour, 48) \_\_\_\_\_ paid, and living and working in bad conditions. The women will be forced to work as prostitutes, if they are young, or work and live in miserable conditions if they are older.

The coming of the Single European Market has changed the nature of smuggling, and the customs men still remain active. So do the coast guards. The fight against smugglers may not be the same as it once was; but if the coast guards 49) \_\_\_\_\_ to exist, the door 50) \_\_\_\_\_ open to the new age of smuggling.

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