

SYNOPSIS FOR 'PLEASE WIPE YOUR BOOTS'

By Stanley George

It's the 1960s, it's London and anything goes. This is a memoir of the first year of a GPO apprentice as he struggles with the chaos and mayhem found in a London telephone exchange. His 'learning' experience becomes an introduction to incompetence, laziness and thankfully some dedication to the workings of the telephone network. He quickly discovers that this scenario is not just limited to the telephone exchange, it is most of the GPO; welcome to the Civil Service.

From 'listening in' to subscriber calls, to questionable activities in the cable chamber. From scams and pranks, to a wages delivery gone wrong; this book exposes the truth behind a nationalised industry where customer service struggled to exist.

It is funny, irreverent, shocking but true. And to add to his 'education' he subsidises his income by selling very questionable paraffin to an unsuspecting Stoke Newington public at the weekend. What could possibly go wrong?

- * Hard hitting and truthful account
- * Controversial but funny
- * Exposes the incompetence of Civil Service organisation
- * Highlights the real characters that made it all work

Author Background

Stanley George started as an apprentice engineer, and after a long career in telecommunications lasting 33 years, he retired from BT as Head of Human Resources for BT Networks. Interestingly the later part of his career was spent undoing the misdeeds of his earlier experiences!

Reflection on the humorous events that followed this career led to the memoir 'Please Wipe Your Boots'. The chaos that was the GPO in the 1960s was not encountered again until Stanley moved to live in a small village in France. This is providing the ammunition for a similar irreverent account of French village life.

It is hard for anyone today to believe the laid back attitude that was a telephone exchange in those days and Stanley's experiences will cause laughter but also some concern. However, there is no one better placed to tell the story.

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