



ON WATCH 20

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The newsletter of NCI National Coastwatch Ingoldmells Point Team
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Ancient postcard of early
Coast watchers
(Look closely – is it E & V ???)

Hi watch!

Welcome to another Newsletter!

A **BIG** THANK YOU TO:

- **Sophie Claddingbowl**, daughter of you-know-who, for kindly securing our complimentary trade stand place at the Revesby Country Fair.
- Thanks also to **Chris** for some excellent parental guidance in this important matter- hope to see all the team there for a great day out and lots of PR.
- Also many thanks to **Roger Gilburd** and **Geoff Packman** for the splendid window display at the Skegness Volunteer Bureaux in Drummond road – a lot of hard work, and an excellent display. It is hoped to transfer this display to the Library in Roman Bank when the Bureaux space expires.
- Thanks to **Vera and Eric** for a most generous donation from Vera's late Mother Maud who took so much interest in the work of Ingoldmells Coastwatch.
- Thanks to **Roger, Eileen, John Frost, John Holmes, Chris North, Pauline** and **Keith, Barry, Mike, Peter, Eric P, Peter** and **Simon** for all doing at least one collecting stint at TESCO's last month and in two days raising the staggering sum of £ 672.03 and an Irish 5p towards our funds. Well done all – absolutely brilliant!
- Well done to all of you who have taken up Beach safety initiative – this again brings in money for our funds.
- Thanks to **Sharon** and her husband for a COASTWATCH publicity stall at her caravan park – again most welcome funds – full story next month!(and it's a beaut!).
- Thanks to **Eric, Vera** and **John Frost** for another excellent boot sale at Orby – another £100, plus another last weekend raising 3p (There was more but Vera spent it on buying a superb generator as a power standby for the winter and to use at Shows.
- Thanks also to **John Frost** and **John Holmes** for catching the boot sale bug and raising another excellent sum last week-end.
- Thanks also to MICK FEAR a neighbour of **John Frost** who very kindly increased the security fixings of our shutters with some expert welding, which he kindly did for free! Thank you **Mick & John**, I have written a letter of thanks to Mick. Hope I have covered all the thanks due, if I have missed any out, sorry – bend my ear and I will include next month.!

BURGH SHOW

Another magnificent effort from the team including, **Pauline, Sharon, John Frost, Roger & Eileen & Geoff Packman** another enjoyable day and £100 raised towards our funds – well done all!

REVESBY SHOW

Revesby show will shortly be upon us – this takes place next Sunday 6th August, **Pauline** and **Keef** will be towing their Caravan there on the Friday evening to commence setting up, ready for an early start. Please make every effort to attend, door open 8am, COASTWATCH can make quite an impact there on local publicity and fund raising – brilliant sunshine has been ordered! Pauline has very kindly offered to be chef Supreme for day, so there will be plenty of food- Pauline's all day breakfast takes all day to eat!

999 SHOW – SKEGNESS

This is on August 16th, right on the heels of Revesby: It is a Wednesday, and if past years are anything to go by a really enjoyable and fun day: Please do your best to attend. Set up from 08.30hrs in the field next to Skeggy Pier – park behind the COASTWATCH stand – doors open 9am

INGOLDMELLS WEB SITE - <http://www.nci.ingoldmells.org.uk/>

Many thanks to the brilliant **Sue Bride** of DC-PC Solutions in Australia for her generosity and on-going hard work in constructing and hosting our web site. It is better than we ever could have hoped for, and still keeps improving every time I look at it: Please make the address known to family and friends. Thanks also to **Keef** for overseeing the pommy end of the operation. It is still being built, so keep visiting to see the latest. If you know of anyone who wishes to make a donation, this can now be done on the web site. Brilliant site – if you have any suggestions for improvements please tell **Keith** or **Mike**. As a

small token of our gratitude we sent a flower arrangement by Interflora, and Sue was delighted. Also don't forget to visit the national NCI web site: www.nci.org.UK

RADIO LICENCE

At the beginning of July we applied for a General UK Radio Licence from Ofcom, as soon as this is received we are licensed to operate our domestic VHF radio system. There will be handsets available for members requiring them, this is optional of course.

OUR NEW STATION WINDOWS

.... Have apparently been made and are available: However the window donator is exceptionally busy at present and will commence the installation as soon as they can find a vacant slot. Be patient !

VISITORS TO THE TOWER

Visitors may be shown around the station at their request, and own risk, and if convenient to the duty crew. Apart from our equipment please ensure you show them the yellow box on their way out!

The whole Ingoldmells Borough Council descended on the beach and our Tower on Monday 24th July to see at first hand the reasons for all the complaint the Council had received from many authorities and interested parties. To say they went away shocked is an understatement: I think we can see by-laws being enforced in the near future.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity saga continues, with the Team Officers meeting Lee Whittaker the beach manager, when he told (not asked) that the new franchises downstairs would take their electricity supply from our meter. Needless to say we were extremely worried by this heavy handedness, and have written them a letter laying down terms and conditions of use. They are allowed to draw 4 amps only as any more would jeopardise our supply demand. Roger will look after invoicing and money collection. ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL REFER IMMEDIATELY TO OFFICERS.

Suffice it to say we are not pleased with yet another abrasive assault on our serenity and independence. Yes, we are almost suffering a siege mentality from the Beach management, heaven only knows what problem we will be pressured with next*. I reiterate do not get into any discussion with anyone about anything – your officers will deal with any problems which must be referred to them immediately. Thank you.

RADIO BADGES

The radio badges are now in stock – please contact Quartermaster Barry Ainsworth for supplies. Also if you require any shirts please let him know

SEASAFE CAMPAIGN

As we go to press, we are excited to learn that the national store chain of HALFORDS has withdrawn all their inflatables from their shops. We see this as a major move by a major store and they are to be congratulated; Mike was interviewed on BBC Radio Lincolnshire, but dwarfed by Keith's massive airtime exposure which on the same subject, and much column inches in the local papers: Right whose next ???

ALMONER

Many thanks to our brilliant EILEEN who does our Almoners job so efficiently and quietly, you are not forgotten – Thank you for all you do behind the scenes. If you know of any member who needs help support or just a few kind words, please inform Eileen, Roger or Mike in confidence and the matter will be dealt with.

DISPLAY

The super window display by Roger and Geoff has now completed its display period at the Volunteer Bureau, and will hopefully be transferred to the Skegness Library in Roman Bank as a window feature.

IN CLOSING:

All crews beware of unknown persons asking leading questions about beach cleanliness, general litter is not our remit, and no concern ours; DO NOT COMMENT refer any enquires to an Officer, thank you.

STOP PRESS – Why was collecting box number 8 taken into custody by Skegness Police – don't miss the report in next months issue!

OUR DIARY 2006 –put it in yours!

- Aug 6th - **Revesby Show** – Tombola, publicity and a jolly good day out together. Entry to this show is strictly controlled: Only NCI Members working on stand admitted free, but all others must be paid for.
- Aug 16th - 999 Emergency Services Show-Skegness–fun day out for all the team–and raise some dosh
- Sep 13th - Team Meeting
- Oct 14th - MORRISON'S Skegness Charity collection - you have enough notice to book this date !#
- Nov - RADIO COURSE – date to be arranged: All day for new radio candidates, PM for those with DSC for refresher course
- Nov 18th - Co-Op Collection at Skegness
- Dec 9th - KWIK-SAVE Skegness Charity Collection – put it in your diary now!
- Dec - Christmas meal/social/get together, somewhere, somehow, sometime! Any ideas ?

NCI Ingoldmells Team Posts

Station Manager:	<i>Mike Newbold:</i>	Dep Station Managers:	<i>Eric Garner</i>
Deputy Station Manager:	<i>Roger Gilburd:</i>	Watch Rota Officer :	<i>Simon Walker</i>
Training Officer/Quartermaster:	<i>Barry Ainsworth:</i>	Technical Adviser:	<i>Chris Cladingbowl</i>
Recruitment Officer:	<i>Jeff Packman:</i>	Press & Publicity :	<i>Keith Arthey</i>
Team Secretary:	<i>Pauline Arthey:</i>	Almoner:	<i>Eileen Gilburd</i>
Honorary Treasurer:	<i>Roger Gilburd:</i>	IT Team:	<i>Simon Walker, Keith Arthey & Mike Newbold</i>



Station Management Team Representatives: Vera Garner and Geoff Packman

Co-opted members: Barry Ainsworth and Sharon Ellis

If you have anything you would like to see in ON WATCH or would like to make a contribution please see Mike Newbold
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