



ON WATCH 21

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The newsletter of NCI National Coastwatch Ingoldmells Point Team
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BEWARE WATCHDOG!
Latest potent NCI
fund raising weapon
-see story below

Hi watch! Welcome to another Newsletter – 21 issues and still going strong!

LOTTERY GRANT AWARDED!

Our 'Awards for all' application to the National Lottery have won us the grand sum of £3800 for our CCTV surveillance installation and new radio equipment. This exciting news came at the start of the Revesby week-end, and put us all in a good mood!

REVESBY SHOW

Revesby Show was another excellent and successful publicity outing by the team, and a really enjoyable day. Thanks to **Pauline** for providing the caravan, to **Sharon** joining **Pauline** to set the stand up on the Saturday evening, and to **Simon** for collecting and towing the Caravan to Revesby. Thanks to all those who attended on the day, **Barry P, Don** and his wife **Maria** (great to see the wives so interested and supportive), **Simon, Eric** and **Vera, Roger** and **Mike**. Thanks to **Pauline** for catering in her usual banqueting fashion, and to **E & V** for a super Tombola raising £ 125, plus more ticket sales for the Grand Holiday raffle to be drawn at the Skegness 999 show.



WOADMAN

In the evening, after an exhausting day at Revesby we all went of to the Woadman Inn in Boston, who had invited us there to receive a donation. We were all made most welcome and presented with a cheque for £1000 from the Sunday Charity savers group who raise the money for charity by quizzes, bingo and raffles. Just to make us smile even more, the local fishing club the Boston Unity Sea Fishing club also made a donation to us of £200. **Mike** received the cheques on behalf of the team, and was supported by **Roger** and **Eileen, Pauline** and **Barry P**, so all in all a very exhausting, enjoyable and financially pleasing week-end. Certificates of appreciation and a framed photograph are being produced by **Keith Arthey** to express our thanks, and will be presented shortly

999 EMERGENCY SERVICES SHOW – SKEGNESS

This was on August 16th, right on the heels of Revesby – and what a brilliant day it was! I told you I had ordered SUN - was I wrong? Those of you who did not make it missed a really great day out with your colleagues. Those of you who did make it, enjoyed some more deliciously magnificent catering by **Keith** and **Pauline**, (we even fed the Coastguard!) Many thanks to you all and well done! A magnificent total sum of £341 was raised on the Holiday Raffle, the prize being generously donated by our own **John** and **Madeline Holmes**, and **E & Vs** brilliant Tombola raised a super £274 excellent prizes and Seymour's cousin 'Grockle Bear' in full NCI uniform (kindly birthed and donated by **Pauline**) drew lots of admiration and interest. Grockle survived the Tombola all day and was not won until closing time when Mike had the last £1 worth of tickets – and guess what? Grockle now has a new home with Cadet **Louise!** - Promotional sales also added a valuable £36.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Roger, Eileen, Eric** and **Vera, Keith** and **Pauline, Sharon, John Frost, Barry Pugwash, Geoff, Bill, Don** and **Maria, Mike** and our new Cadet **Louise Teader with Lex** AKA 'Watchdog' in his smart new uniform. **Lex** assisted by his handler collected a magnificent sum of £15 for Coastwatch. A good few enquiries for membership were received, which our recruitment officer **Geoff** will hopefully turn into new members.

Our picture shows Cadet Louise with 'Watchdog' and some new friends who made quite a fuss of him!



COASTWATCH CADET SCHEME

NCI Ingoldmells has reacted quickly to the Board of Trustees request that Coastwatch Stations consider recruiting Cadets at 16-18 years old to train as watchkeepers. All Cadet Applications will need a sponsor, and will undergo the normal membership selection process. We will also be looking for a Cadet Officer to oversee and promote the Cadet project at Ingoldmells – any offers? Louise has now been registered with HQ and is NCI Cadet 001!

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

Our webmaster or should it be (mistress)? SUE BRIDE continues building our web site – address as above, and a great job it is too! - highly professional, very informative and something to be proud of: Latest additions are Beach Safety and distress signals. This is all set to become a major site in the SAR world! Please support it just by visiting regularly – and please, invite all your internet contacts to make a visit - there have been over **8500** hits so far! LETS SPREAD THE COASTWATCH message!

RADIO LICENCE: At the beginning of July we applied for a General UK Radio Licence from Ofcom, if this is ever 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.... September is here and still waiting....!

OUR NEW STATION WINDOWS

Ah! There is good news and bad news! – First the bad news : After waiting all this time I regret having to tell you all that the company that was to donate the windows has been sold!: Now the good news: Roger went to see the new owner and he will support us with the promised windows, installed by mid September

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

We have received a mandatory rates relief review from ELDC, and I have dealt with this. Hopefully we will have concessionary rates as last year.

Roger and Mike was invited to attend East Lindsey District Council Beach Management Meeting at North Sommercoats on Monday 21st August to provide input into their beach usage review.

SEASAFE CAMPAIGN

Just after we went to press with the August newsletter, we were excited to learn that the national store chain of HALFORDS has withdrawn all their inflatables from their shops due to pressure from NCI Ingoldmells and RNLI. 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 who's next ???

CCTV

As you have already seen we have received a grant towards our safety surveillance CCTV system, and we are currently reviewing the final specification: If you have any input that requires consideration please see Mike. The Police and East Lindsey are already interested in discussing a partnership whereby the Camera will be used by them at nights when we do not require it. **Mike** and **Roger** are due to meet them on Monday 11th September for further discussions.

Say welcome and Hello to:

Patrick Naughton, Bill Watson and **Carl Short** who join us as Watchkeepers under training and to our new Cadet **Louise Teader** we hope you enjoy our work and your service with us.

DISPLAY

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

A BIG THANK YOU TO: E & V – As if all the money collected above was not enough, we record our special thanks and appreciation for £83 from a Skeggy Stadium boot sale, £60 from Burgh Boot sale and £28 from collecting box – terrific effort – THANK YOU BOTH: Also to **Eileen** for procurement and production of the story leaflets, please put these into the Caravan sites and shops – it puts out our message. Also to Roger for all his hard work in compiling the Christmas Quiz – these will sell at £1 each and should raise some funds: Supplies available at the next team meeting.

IN CLOSING:

All crews beware of unknown/unidentified persons asking leading questions about beach cleanliness, general litter is not our remit unless dangerous, and is not our concern; DO NOT COMMENT but refer any enquires to an Officer, thank you. Collection box number 8 remains in police custody as two undesirables apparently thought they needed the money more than us and were apprehended whilst removing the box from its chained position: Result of prosecution not yet known.

There is one collecting day per month starting October – **PLEASE** do all possible to give something back to your team, don't leave it to others – come along, we have a good time, and raise funds!

SEE YOU ON 13th SEPTEMBER AT THE TEAM MEETING

OUR DIARY 2006/7 –put it in yours!

Sep 13th – Team Meeting – please be there, lots to talk about

Oct 11th - Training evening – Spot, plot and report - practical chart work,

Oct 14th - MORRISON'S Skegness Charity collection - you have enough notice to book this date !#

Oct ? DFS Assessment –date to be agreed

Nov 8th - Team Meeting

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 13th – Team Christmas get-together – a meal at the Ship Inn

Jan 9th – Team Meeting – Back to basics – so you know it all Eh?

NCI Ingoldmells Team Posts

Station Manager	<i>Mike Newbold</i>	Recruitment Officer
Deputy Station Manager	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>	Watch Rota Officer :
Training Officer/Quartermaster	<i>Barry Ainsworth</i>	Technical Adviser:
Press & Publicity :	<i>Keith Arthey</i>	Honorary Treasurer:
Team Secretary:	<i>Pauline Arthey</i>	Almoner:
IT Team:	<i>Simon Walker, Keith Arthey & Mike Newbold</i> Optical official:	
Station Management Team Representatives:	Vera Garner and Geoff Packman	
Co-opted members:	Barry Ainsworth and Sharon Ellis	

Jeff Packman
Simon Walker
Chris Cladingbowl
Roger Gilburd
Eileen Gilburd
Peter Latham



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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