



# On Watch 22

The Newsletter of the Ingoldmells Point Coastwatch Team



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*Hi watch!* Welcome to another Newsletter– 22 issues and still going strong !

## WINDOWS ARE IN !

After two hard and long days, the new windows have been installed at the tower, and a great benefit they are too. A big **thank you** to the new owners of **Ambassador Windows** for honouring the promises made by the previous owners, and many thanks to **Roger Gilburd** for keeping the contact going and seeing this important project through to fruition. Please be tolerant if you are on watch, not all equipment will be reinstalled for a few days – there will be a mess and lots of rewiring to do!

## Say Welcome and Hello to:

**Carl Short** who joins us from Alford, and **Terry Rhodes** (ex Coastguard) from Chapel St Leonards, **Captain Christopher Lines** who joins us with much marine experience you all are most welcome: Terry brings some excellent knowledge with him, **Captain Christopher Lines** brings marine experience and **Carl** brings some excellent cakes Also good to see **George Walker** back on rota and **E & V** back after a much needed world tour of Wales, welcome home! We say a fond farewell to **Terry Smith** who for some reason is moving south, we wish him and his wife every happiness in their new location. We also say goodbye to Chris North who leaves for personal reasons.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO

**Simon Walker**, who, upon his return from a well earned holiday had many technical problems to sort, not the least of which was procure and install a new hub and printer as the existing ones were written off by a lightening strike. AIS was back in business within a few days of his return. Well done and thank you Simon. **Bill Watson** has kindly put up new shelves and modified the existing ones to get the computer off the floor and out of feet's way! More thanks to **Simon** for getting all the cables and moving the Computer. Thanks also to **Roger** for building the new station console, an absolutely excellent professional job. Also to **Eileen Gilburd** who quietly does the all important Almoners Job, and writes volumes of letters for donations.

## WATCH ROTA

*Nerves-of-steel* **Simon Walker** continues to administer the ever changing watch rota with a cool calm and expertise! If you receive an email from him you must respond even if negative as it saves everyone a lot of work. Please make every effort to look at the forward rota and fill in any blank spaces. Single person watches are acceptable, but ensure you nominate a telephone buddy and check each other on an hourly basis, or we will shortly be able to use the new domestic radio system for this purpose.

## MEETING WITH THE COASTGUARD 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Roger and Mike met with HM Coastguard Great Yarmouth MRCC Manager Colin Tomlinson and Lincolnshire Coastguard Sector Manager Samantha Jessop to clarify the full potential of our future working relationship. After full and frank discussions, a new mutual working agreement has been formulated. We are now looking at building a close working relationship again, and I would ask that all of you welcome any of HMCG into our tower for professional or social reasons. It is essential that we all operate on a professional basis

## COASTWATCH CADET SCHEME

The Cadet scheme whilst in its infancy has attracted much interest: Our Cadet Louise Tedder is the first registered in the country. The trustees have agreed that cadets will wear light Blue shirts with special blue epaulettes to distinguish them from the adult sector. Cadets will study and progress on the standard watchkeepers assessment form, and hopefully be ready to qualify on their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Please give Cadets every help and encouragement, they are our future. If you know of any youngsters aged between 16 and 18 who might be interested please bring them along to meet us.

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

Our web site goes from strength to strength: SUE BRIDE continues building our web site – address as above, Please support it just by visiting it regularly- news and information are added daily – and please, invite all your internet contacts to make a visit - there has been a massive **11,400** hits so far! LET'S GET THE COASTWATCH MESSAGE ACROSS! If you have lost your personal sign-in details to access the member's only section please contact Keith or Mike

## DOMESTIC RADIO SYSTEM

All components and equipment are now in stock and installation should follow shortly. You will be given an introduction at the next team meeting. Please use the system as it is excellent training in radio procedure and familiarisation. Personal handsets should be available for each member wanting one, please give a note to Mike if you do. Regrettably, as yet there are not enough individual chargers for every one to have one on loan, but a 6 way charger will be installed at the station. Each member will be given a personal Call sign when the radio is issued.

## COMING UP

...is the MORRISONS Store collection on 16<sup>th</sup> October in Skegness– and another chance for **ALL** of us to make a contribution towards our team. Will ALL members make a special effort to put a least an hour or two in and not leave

it to the others. Funds are needed if you want a well equipped and comfortable station, and running costs to take us through the winter. Thank you

## FIRE INSPECTION

The Coastwatch Tower underwent a gruelling fire compliance inspection by the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and we passed with flying colours, and a compliance Certificate issued. Thanks to Watchkeeper **Don Walker** for making all the arrangements

## CCTV

**Mike** and **Roger** met East Lindsey District Council and the Police at Skegness Police Station to discuss partnership in CCTV installation. It is evident that they are in no position to make any contribution, financial or otherwise towards our CCTV, or are imminently available to complete discussions or agreement, so we will go it alone. The CCTV order has now been placed with BUSINESSWATCH UK of Peterborough: Their Managing Director and installers visited the Tower on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept and were met by **Roger** and **Mike** at 21.00hrs (Quite a different outlook from the Tower at that time of night!): Installation is scheduled for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2006.

## 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. We now also have a small professional Marler-Haley type collapsible stand for displays and shows; **Roger** is putting all the display together. If you wish to borrow it for a local show or recruitment drives please see **Roger**. If you have any photographs that might be useful for NCI publicity please let us have a copy

## NCI SOLENT

**Dennis Whyte**, one of our Watchkeepers who moved to Gosport a few months ago, has been making great efforts to establish an NCI Solent Coastwatch Team. We have already given him some support with leaflets and posters and hopefully can help him along until his dream becomes reality: Best of luck to **Dennis** and **Bette** in this venture. Jon Gifford has already visited them and offered Headquarters support and recognition. Well done both of you.

## 999 Show

Message from Graham Dovey – Organiser of the 999 Show Skegness:

Hi Guys, Many thanks for attending the various events in Carnival week, we hope the ladies enjoyed their "camping out". We will be planning next year's events in the spring but if you want an early diary entry then Carnival week will be from Sunday 12th August to Friday 17th August. 999 day will be Wednesday 15th August. We look forward to seeing you next year. Many thanks Graham Dovey

## Email received from Beth Garner – winner of the Grand raffle holiday prize

On Behalf of Beth Garner, I would like to take this opportunity to thank **John & Marlene Homes** for the donation of a fantastic week's holiday in your caravan at Coastfield's Caravan Park. I would also like to thank everyone at NCI, I know how much time and commitment you all put in to make Ingoldmells a safer place. Well Done and thanks again. Regards **Russ Garner (Beth's father)** Ed Note: I have sent Mr Garner a reply thank you email.

## SEE YOU ON 11<sup>th</sup> October AT THE TEAM MEETING

- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - Managers Meeting in London MN & RG
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Formal Team Meeting,
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - **MORRISON'S Skegness Charity collection - you have enough notice to book this date !#**
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - Technical training (Computer, AIS, Radar etc) at the Tower 18.00 hrs – names to Barry Ainsworth please.
- Oct ? - DFS Assessment –date to be agreed
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - Training evening – Spot, plot and report - practical chart work
- Nov ??? - RADIO COURSE – date to be arranged: All day for new radio candidates, PM for those with DSC for refresher course
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - Co-Op Collection at Skegness – Hildreds Centre
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Co-Op Mablethorpe Charity Collection –
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Team Christmas get-together – a meal at the Ship Inn
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> BOAT SHOW in London–anyone want to get a party together?
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Team Meeting
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Team Meeting
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - Team Meeting
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebrations



## NCI Ingoldmells Team Posts

Station Manager	<i>Mike Newbold</i>	Technical Adviser:	<i>Chris Cladingbowl</i>
Deputy Station Manager	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>	Training Officer/Quartermaster	<i>Barry Ainsworth</i>
Press & Publicity :	<i>Keith Arthey</i>	Almoner:	<i>Eileen Gilburd</i>
Team Secretary:	<i>Pauline Arthey</i>	Watch Rota Officer :	<i>Simon Walker</i>
IT Team:	<i>Simon Walker, Keith Arthey &amp; Mike Newbold</i>	Recruitment Officer	<i>Jeff Packman</i>
Station Management Team Representative:	<i>Geoff Packman</i>	Honorary Treasurer:	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>
Co-opted members:	<i>Barry Ainsworth and Sharon Ellis</i>		

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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