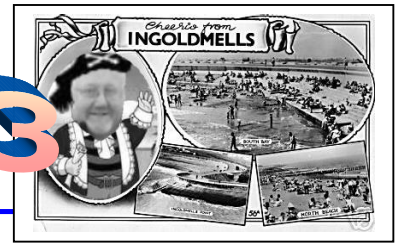




# on Watch 23

The Newsletter of the Ingoldmells Pont Coastwatch Team



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*Hi watch!* Welcome to another Newsletter– 23 issues and still going strong !

## STATION REFIT A SUCCESS!

The month of October descended upon us and in the very first week saw the installation of the new panoramic UPC windows and door fitted with the new Pilkington stay-clean glass. New keys have now been issued to all QW's: The first Monday in the month was supposed to see the new CCTV system being installed and commissioned by Businesswatch of Peterborough, but due to poor communication on their part this was not installed until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The superb new control centre radio and pylorus console made by **Roger Gilburd** was also installed, wired up and commissioned. Hot on the heels of this major advance, and following a begging letter from **Eileen**, a flooring contractor from Horncastle offered and has already laid a super new floor for us. A letter of thanks has been sent.

## National Coastwatch Institution Station Managers Meeting – London

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October Deputy Station Manager Roger Gilburd and Station Manager Mike Newbold had a very early start and travelled to Union Jack Club at Waterloo in London for a Managers meeting Chaired by Jon Gifford. A full day ensued when many points were discussed including finance, Per Capita levies, National Web Site, New station programme, DFS progress. An open forum followed a buffet lunch, an enjoyable day allowing interaction with other stations.



## A **BIG BIG** humongous THANK YOU TO

To **Eric Garner** for installing all the electrics required to run the new CCTV system, and installing the red night lighting, a brilliant professional job. To **Roger Gilburd** for building the new front console: again to **Roger** for giving up 6 consecutive days to Coastwatch, supervising the CCTV installation, and fitting cable trunking, electrics, new tiling, woodwork, shelving and plastering and an additional pylorus. Also to **John Frost** and **John Holmes** for their promenade car boot sales to raise welcome funds for Coastwatch. To **Eileen Gilburd** for sending out lots of begging letters, a soul destroying task as 99% never even get the courtesy of a reply- however it is the odd one that often does get very welcome results! **Eric** again for turning out at short notice to refit the CCTV camera some brainless wonder had climbed on the roof, risked his life, and had kicked it off the wall. To **Roger** again for conversion of the newly donated Captains Chairs to suit our requirements, is there no limit to this mans skills, energy and enthusiasm?.



**THANK YOU** to **Mike, Roger, Eric, Vera, Barry, Simon, Pauline, Sharon, George, John F, John H, Bill Watson, Eileen Gilburd** and **Cadet Louise Tedder** who made a superb effort on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October for the Morrison Supermarket Tombola and Collection and raised £304.00 from the Tombola, £14 promo sales and a staggering £536.00 from the box collection, a grand total of £854. To those of you who missed the day, we do hope you will make a special effort for the next collection which is November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Co-Op store, Hildreds Centre Skegness. Please do not leave all the collecting to the faithful few. If you want a great station with excellent equipment and training courses paid for they all cost money. We need your input and participation to meet the bills and our running costs!. Thank you to Rogfer and Eileen for the use of their home for management meetings – greatly appreciated 9and nice cakes too!) As we close for press **Pauline** was last seen

prostrate on the balcony painting the station railings, her thank you will be next month!

## Declared Facility Status

The Ingoldmells Station DFS assessment date has been set for Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2007. The Chief NCI DFS Assessor Colin Neason will be in attendance, as well as Trustee Raymond Prain, so now is the time to really polish our operation to professional status. Each member has been issued with a pre brief which details the format the assessment will take and what is required. If you have any doubts or known shortcomings NOW IS THE TIME TO TALK TO BARRY!

*Colin Neason NCI Chief DFS Assessor*





## Reflective Badges

The new reflective silver/blue National Coastwatch name label badges for Yellow Fluorescent jackets are now in stock. They come as a pair, small for the front and large for the rear, professional style. Small above left breast: large rear between shoulder blades. Quite a few members now have these fitted  
These are available from Mike Newbold

## WATCH ROTA

**Simon Walker** continues to administer the ever changing watch rota with a cool calm and expertise, and the patience of a saint! However I was not at all pleased that one of you out there saw fit to have an extended marathon whinge because your watch date had been changed. Whinging is not acceptable. If you feel you can provide a better rota service than Simon, just say the word, I am sure he will be more than pleased to let you show us all how you can do it better. **Once again** you are reminded that all **second and third month** advance ROTAS issued are a **proposal document** for your approval and agreement and adjustment; surely we do not have to keep on and on emphasizing this point. However if you would like your name left off and risk someone else taking 'your' normal watch please inform Simon.

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

Please keep on visiting our site as there is regularly updated articles and reports: 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 **14,500** hits so far!

## Geoff Packman

We were very pleased to hear from our **Geoffrey** that his operation for new knee joints went well and that he is currently running them in. As soon as they new fitments are ticking over nicely we will try and get him up the tower again – Bosun's chair at the ready!

## NCI SOLENT

We are in regular touch with **ex Ingoldmells Watchkeeper Dennis & Bette Whyte**, who moved to Gosport a few months ago, and has been making great efforts to establish an NCI Solent Coastwatch Team, and so far has done a great job of recruiting 10 new members. We are offering what help and assistance we can and anxiously look forward to seeing his new team registered. Well Done Dennis & Bette, we watch with great interest.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

as we go to press Capt Chris Lines passed his assessment to Watchkeeper – well done Chris and welcome!

## SEE YOU ON 8<sup>th</sup> November AT THE TEAM MEETING

### OUR DIARY 2006/7 –put it in yours!

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - **TECHNICAL TRAINING** at tower 18.00hrs - 4 persons only names to Barry or Simon  
 Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - **Team Meeting** 19.00hrs  
 Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - **Co-Op Charity Collection Skegness** - 08.30hrs Please make an effort.  
 Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - **TECHNICAL TRAINING** at tower 18.00hrs - persons only names to Barry or Simon  
 Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Fri- **VHF SRC/DSC RADIO COURSE** 09.30hrs  
 All day for new radio candidates, PM  
 for those with DSC for refresher  
 Dec 9th- **Co-Op Mablethorpe Charity Collection**  
 08.30hrs put it in your diary now!  
 Team Christmas get-together – a festive 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** – pre DFS discussion and preparation  
 Feb 11<sup>th</sup> - DFS evening pre brief –officers  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - **DFS assessment ALL DAY**  
 Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - **Team Meeting**- Post DFS wake or celebration ?  
 Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - **Team Meeting** – prep for new season  
 Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebrations



### NCI Ingoldmells Team Posts

Station Manager	<i>Mike Newbold</i>	Recruitment Officer	<i>Jeff Packman</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>		
Station Management Team Representative:	<i>Geoff Packman &amp; Vera Garner</i>		
Co-opted members:	<i>Barry Ainsworth and Sharon Ellis</i>	Honorary Treasurer:	<i>Roger Gilburd</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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