

On Watch 24



The first of three new Griffon 8100TD stretched twin engined hovercraft destined for the Swedish Navy passing Ingoldmells Point National COASTWATCH tower en route from the Griffon factory in Southampton to the Port of Goole for trans-shipment to Sweden. Despite all attempts to contact the pilot on Ch16, he went straight through Donna Nook (Lincs) bombing range, apparently happily listening to Humber VTS on Ch14! Keep your eyes open - the other two have to come this way when they are completed in February and May next year.

Photograph by Mike Newbold
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The Newsletter of the Ingoldmells Point Coastwatch Team



Editor: Mike Newbold

Hi watch! Welcome to another packed Newsletter – *two dozen* issues and still going strong !

Well, here we are in December already, Christmas just a few days away, just where has the year gone? Lots of news this month – please read it all as I am continually asked for information that is contained in this newsletter – especially dates !

NATIONAL COASTWATCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our CHRISTMAS PARTY celebrations take place on 13th December at The Ship Inn, Sea Lane, Ingoldmells, you should have booked by now, if not try and appeal to Pauline's better nature !

VHF SRC RADIO COURSE

As we go to press ten of our members take the VHF SRC Course on 1st December and most of last years successful candidates have elected to refresh their own knowledge as well as support the new candidates – that's enthusiasm and camaraderie for you!. Very best of luck to you all; Hopefully it should be another successful day for the team, with many more qualified VHF SRC radio operators in our ranks.

BINGO!

Following a most welcome telephone call, the Team were invited to Skegness **NORTH SHORE BINGO CLUB** on a bitter Halloween night and presented with a very generous donation of £500 towards our funds. Not only that, but we were treated to a complimentary meal of Pie and Peas! Thanks to **Sharon, Pauline, Eileen, Louise, Roger, Barry, Simon** and **Mike** for turning out on a bitter cold night to represent National Coastwatch.

Declared Facility Status

The Ingoldmells Station DFS assessment date will take place on **Monday February 12th 2007**. Chief NCI DFS Assessor Colin Neason will be leading the assessment, with an evening pre-brief the night before. Also National Coastwatch Trustee Raymond Prain and HMCG Watch Manager and NCI Liaison Officer Mario Siano should join us PM. Each member has been issued with a pre-brief which details the format the assessment will take, and what is expected and required. If you have any doubts NOW IS THE TIME !

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE AT THE JAN 9th TEAM MEETING WITHOUT FAIL !

THANKS VERY MUCH!

Following the generous donation in October of the Sunday Savers Charity Club and the Boston Unity Sea Anglers who meet at the Woad Man Public House in Boston, **Mike, Roger** and **Eileen, Keith** and **Pauline** made a return visit on Sunday 12th November to show our gratitude and thanks by presenting Certificates of Appreciation and a framed photograph of the event. After a short speech of thanks by Mike, your team representatives took part in the evenings general knowledge charity quiz and came first (just say that again – FIRST!) out of 9 teams with a very respectable 28 out of 30 points, and won £10 towards our funds!.

Gossip Snippet : Good to see a very mobile Geoff Packman back visiting the Tower again after his new knees have been run-in. We hope to see him on watch again real soon



COMPETITION TIME

Captured at a recent Team training meeting, a prize will be given for the most amusing caption for this photograph

Entries in writing, preferably on a £5 note, to Mike for presentation to our International Panel of Judges to consider

The winner will be announced in the January

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A massive extraordinary THANK YOU TO:

Our **Pauline** for prostrating herself on our balcony and painting our rusty railings, a long and most uncomfortable cold task, done with love, care and litres of Hammerite paint!



John Frost (shown here hard at it) for the interior preparation and decorating of the whole interior of the watch tower, a super professional job! Well done and thank you John. **Eric Garner** for stripping down the weather station sensors, reloading with new batteries and re-rigging. **Roger**



Gilburd for transporting our recruitment and publicity stand to the Skegness Library for a further airing. Our Cadet **Louise Tedder** who toured Skegness with a

Coastwatch collecting box on Halloween and raised a tidy sum for our funds, who has also produced some great calendars for sale- well done Louise! Thank you to a distant Australian Lady who bid and won the bottle of Lincolnshire air auctioned for us on **Ebay** – I wonder who that could be? Thanks also to **ERIC G, Keith Arthey and his son Jeremy** for working tirelessly in a biting wind erecting the new base antenna. To **E & V's** relatives for their small change collection amounting to £40, a grateful thank you. Thanks also to Trainee Watchkeeper and master baker **Carl Short** for a continued supply of scrumptious cakes and delicious pastries

NCI 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 excellent 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 **17000** hits so far!

➔ Grateful thanks to Sue Bride for all her hard work. Talking of distant Australian ladies.....

Co-Op Skegness Collection 18th November 2006

Another magnificent achievement by the team: A super £ 548.90 collected at the Co-op Hildreds Centre including £250 from another of **E & V's** great tombolas. Thanks to **Roger & Eileen, Eric & Vera, Pat, Baz, Sharon, Pauline** and Cadet **Louise Tedder** who braved a cold day to collect and enhance our future! Now, how about some more of you helping out at the next collections – you will be welcome.

Scout movement visit. (This is our first report submitted by a member- well done!)

I am pleased to be able to report that the above presentation went very well. A PowerPoint presentation (computer based presentation projected on to a large screen) was made to around 20 cub scouts and 4 adult leaders. The presentation covered who and what is NCI, what is its role, some typical rescue scenarios, our work with wildlife and some of the technology we use. The Cubs were very enthusiastic and asked some excellent questions. The presentation culminated in a quiz, consisting of ten questions on the presentation, prizes were given to the winning team.

At the Cubs closing ceremony Akela (Pack Leader) thanked NCI for the presentation and again emphasised the fact that our work is entirely voluntary. As the Cubs went home they were given various handouts, including the MCA activity book.

Many thanks to **Keith Arthey** for providing a copy of the photo archive and for copies of previous presentations.

This presentation is available for use by others and it at least provides a good starting point for future presentations for this age group. I am a firm believer in promoting NCI within schools etc and would be more than happy to assist with the development and delivery of future presentations aimed at this age group.

Submitted by **Simon Walker** Watchkeeper NCI Ingoldmells



BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE

Our friendly reporter at BBC Radio Lincolnshire followed up a press release from **Keith** regarding the bottle of Bracing Skegness Air on Ebay which resulted in a live interview with many plugs for NCI Ingoldmells and a further appeal for new members.

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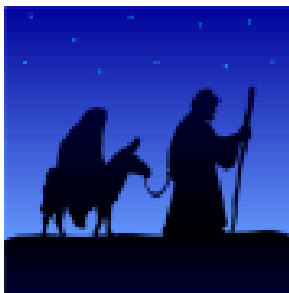
Ex Ingoldmells **Watchkeeper Dennis & Bette Whyte**, who moved to Gosport a few months ago, are progressing very well. They recently held an inaugural meeting of the proposed National Coastwatch Solent team with 12 person present, many of whom signed up for training. They are very fortunate in having the help and assistance of the local Coastguard who is extremely pleased to be able to help them get going and offer them accommodation for training and meeting. Shame that positive fraternal attitude does not exist right round the coast ? Well Done Dennis & Bette, we continue to watch your progress with great interest.

Farewell:

As we meet and greet new members, so we loose our friends. We sadly say goodbye to George Walker who has reluctantly found it necessary to retire for personal reasons and to our Senior Watchkeeper Sharon Ellis whose life and work takes her to bonny Scotland and an NCI designated holiday spot conveniently in a prime position overlooking the Firth of Forth. Best of luck to you both.

As we close: Following contact being made by Mike, The trustees of the benevolent fund of the provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire Freemasons has positively responded to our appeal for support with a magnificent donation of £500 towards our work. Thanks to all freemasons throughout the County for this kindness. Did you know that UK Freemasons are the second biggest donator to Charity in the UK, beaten only by the National Lottery – do they deserve the media bad press and hype?

A happy Christmas note from me to you-



My grateful thanks to you all at this very special time of year, thank you to all those who have made our team what it is today – a family. To those of you who work tirelessly to support us, raise funds and do the work. To all those of you who enjoy your coast watching, and to those at home who let us do it! To those of you who support us from both near and afar...

May I take this opportunity to wish you, your family and loved ones and all those around you, a wonderful Christmas, and a happy, peaceful, and safe new year. As next year approaches, lets all work with love and harmony to make a great team ever better. God bless you all and thanks for all your support camaraderie and friendship. Mike

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

SEE YOU 9th Dec AT THE Co-Op Mablethorpe

OUR DIARY 2006/7 –put it in yours!

Dec 1 st Fri-	VHF SRC/DSC RADIO COURSE 09.30hrs All day for new radio candidates, PM for those with DSC for refresher
Dec 5 th Tues	Management Meeting at Cygnus Tea Rooms, Mumby @ 19.00hrs
Dec 9 th -	Co-Op Mablethorpe Charity Collection Father Christmas in attendance Ho Ho Ho ! 08.30hrs put it in your diary now!
Dec 13 th –	Team Christmas get-together – a festive meal at the Ship Inn see Pauline
Dec 15 th AM-	Informal Visit to the Tower by NCI Chairman Jon Gifford – come up and say hello!
Jan 6 th -	National COASTWATCH TEAM LEADERS meet H M Coastguard at Yarmouth
Jan 9 th –	Team Meeting – pre DFS discussion and preparation
Feb 11 th -	DFS evening pre brief –officers
Feb 12 th -	DFS assessment ALL DAY
Feb 14 th -	Team Meeting - Post DFS wake or celebration ?
Mar 13 th -	Team Meeting – prep for new season
Mar 14 th & 15 th	TESCO Skegness Collection – don't say you haven't enough time to book this one !
Mar 22 nd –	2 nd 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 & Mike Newbold</i>		
Station Management Team Representatives:	<i>Geoff Packman & Vera Garner</i>		
Co-opted members:	<i>Barry Ainsworth and Simon Walker</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 Ingoldmells 11/2006