



# ON WATCH 26

Newsletter of Ingoldmells Point National Coastwatch

1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 Editor: Mike Newbold



SPITFIRE – see story below

*Hi watch!* - Another Newsletter – 26 issues and still going strong!

## DFS ASSESMENT

OK Guys and girls - the DFS assessment is now only **12 days away**, and the NCI Chief Assessor **Colin Neason** will be in attendance at the station early on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, to be joined by NCI Trustee Raymond Prain in the afternoon. The prestigious SOUTHVIEW PARK HOTEL in Skegness has kindly donated accommodation on Sunday evening for Colin, so that's one expense less for us! The Officers will be meeting Colin at The Hotel on the Sunday evening for a DFS Pre-brief. Those members who have been chosen will shortly be given attendance times. Please no others visitors to the tower on the day (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February) as space is limited, and with a duty crew a minimum of 6 persons will be in the tower all day. There will be a de-brief at approximately 16.00 hrs on the day, when it is hoped the result will be made known.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Congratulations to **Bill Watson** and **Pat Naughton** on passing their assessment to Qualified Watchkeeper, both with High passes. Well done both, welcome to the ranks of the qualified. It really is good to see new member join and progress to qualification level. Also to **Simon Walker** for passing his assessment to Senior Watchkeeper, well done, well deserved

## THE GREAT MUMBY QUIZ

The famous Great Mumby Christmas Quiz devised, written and marketed by DSM **Roger Gilburd** raised a magnificent £ 200 towards our funds. What a great idea, and some really great questions. Thanks Roger for all your hared work writing, printing, collating and distributing these, and thanks to all who sold copies - brilliant result !

## THANKS TO

**Simon Walker** for keeping the rota working well and all watches covered, and thanks to all those who have volunteered to do extra watches to cover holidays and sickness. Thanks also to Simon for a lot of hard work rewriting the training manual, the test run item looks exceptional!, well done and thank you **Simon**. Whilst on the subject of ROTA – all are reminded that the cut off time for rota alterations is Friday each week, and any alterations/additions/deletions on the station rota's **MUST**, repeat **MUST** be notified to Simon- he cannot see them from Cranwell! Thanks also to Simon for securing the donation of the SOB software that we use for charting, our subscription expired so he wrote to them and they agreed to waive this year's fee! Thank you Simon

Thanks also to **Eric Garner** for giving up a day to meet and supervise the installation of the new replacement CCTV camera and modification to the supporting mast...and more thanks for roof surfing again to fit the new weather station sensors assisted by **Vera**

Thanks also to **Eileen Gilburd** who works tirelessly as our Almoner, and in her slack periods writes letters requesting donations from companies, and secures, arranges and liases with the stores for our all important charity collections

## NCI PUBLICITY

Our publicity display stand spent a week in the Window of the Liberal Democrats office in a prominent position on Roman Bank, Skegness, immediately followed by a week at Alford Library. Many thanks to Roger Gilburd for reconstructing it, updating all the photos, transporting and setting it all up, and thanks to all who volunteered to man the stand at Alford for the week. Many thanks to Alford Library staff who made us all most welcome and supplied refreshments, and thanks to Carl for visiting the Library staff afterwards and taking them a box of biscuits in thanks for their kind hospitality.



Coastwatch volunteers Carl Short, from Alford, left, and John Frost, from Ingoldmells, pictured in front of the display in Alford Library.

# Coastwatch will buy new life-saving gear thanks to donation



Skegness Freemasons have donated £1,000 to National Coastwatch Institution. Pictured at NCI Ingoldmells Point lookout are, from left, watch keeper Chris Lyons, Freemason Tony Brockbanks, Freemasons lodge charity steward Derek Stevenson, Worshipful Master of St Clement Lodge David Muirhead, and duty officer Barry Ainsworth. Photo Steve Gould.

SKEGNESS Freemasons' latest donation of £1,000 to National Coastwatch Institution will help save lives.

Ingoldmells Point station manager Mike Newbold accepted the cheque on behalf of the charity, from David Muirhead, Worshipful Master of St Clement Lodge.

Mr Newbold expressed his thanks and admiration for the generous financial support by the Freemasons, which will go toward buying essential new equipment to upgrade safety services to the public.

Mr Muirhead was joined by Freemasons' lodge charity steward Derek Stevenson and

Tony Brockbanks.

Also welcoming them at Ingoldmells Point were deputy station manager Roger Gilburd, duty officer Barry Ainsworth, and watch keepers Chris Lyons, Pat Naughton, Keith Arthey, Pauline Arthey and Don Walker.

For more information about Freemasonry in Lincolnshire, tel 01472 870042, and to find out more about National Coastwatch contact Mr Newbold, tel 01754 880960, or visit [www.nci.ingoldmells.org](http://www.nci.ingoldmells.org)

● NCI Ingoldmells could soon be given permission to use HM Coastguard working channel frequency.

This will allow the team to inform the local rescue

coordination centre when the lookout is manned, report weather and relay information regarding any incident they become aware of.

HM Coastguard can also call upon NCI Ingoldmells to supply information to Coastguard units on the ground, RAF, RNLI and any other rescue personnel.

NCI Ingoldmells has been working towards achieving the required criteria.

On February 12, team members will be assessed by the accredited NCI inspection team to see if they have met the standards required by HM Coastguard.

● Tell us your organisation's news. Email the Editor at [john.cowpe@jpress.co.uk](mailto:john.cowpe@jpress.co.uk)

## Lincolnshire Freemasons are impressed with NCI!

Some excellent publicity followed the recent presentation of the Skegness Freemasons donation to National Coastwatch, excellent local press coverage and no less than three reports in the two International Freemasons Magazines 'MQ' and 'Freemasonry Today' and it will be also carried in the next edition of the regional Masonic Newsletter 'Lincolnshire Link'. Also some good coverage in Alford and Skegness Standards. *To our readers in other counties* - why not approach your local Freemasons and ask for financial assistance? For details of your local Masonic County HQ visit [www.ugle.co.uk](http://www.ugle.co.uk)



Our picture above shows the presenting freemasons enjoying their visit to our tower totally unaware of Pauline's unfortunate hand gesture caught by the camera.

Thinking of our Pauline as she goes into hospital for a long awaited knee operation.

*Press cutting from the Alford and Skegness Standards*

## MEETING WITH HM COASTGUARD at Great Yarmouth

Roger and Mike made a very early start to travel to Great Yarmouth responding to an invitation from Colin Tomlinson, Manager MRCC to an all parties sea safety group meeting in January. A disappointing one-sided meeting chaired and dominated by Mr Tomlinson, more a penny lecture (*someone else's observation not mine!*), of little interest or consequence but many reminders made that this branch of HM Coastguard at least does not consider National Coastwatch or the Sea Safety group of much significance or use in their operational area, despite their massive amount of work and many lives saved by these groups.

The only item of any interest is that HMCG now only want BEARING AND DISTANCE of any casualty, not Latitude and Longitude. However we feel it is still wise to Chart any sighting and have L & L readily available should they ask!

With immediate effect weather reports to HMCG should not include any code numbers, as they no longer recognised them

## DOMESTIC RADIO

Following the long-awaited receipt of the new Ofcom VHF Private Radio Licence, the base equipment has now been installed (thanks to **Roger** for the console), and we are now able to use our domestic radio system for messages to and from each other, both at Home and mobile. If you are interested in having a handset/car set to talk in to base or to your colleagues, please make your equipment wishes known to Mike.

## NCI Year Book

**Eric and Vera Garner** have been working exceptionally hard on his new laptop computer putting together a yearbook to sell to raise funds for NCI. Thanks to those who have helped by forwarding photos for the new publication. We look to all members to sell these when they are printed.

## Donation received.

Many thanks to Chris Cladingbowl for recommending National Coastwatch receive a donation from the organisers of the 2006 Revesby County Fair. A cheque for £250 was received with their best wishes.

## Appointments

**Carl Short** has kindly offered to supervise the placing, distribution and emptying of our Charity collecting boxes, so all offers for placements or to help with this important task please speak to Carl. **Bill Watson** has agreed to administer our beach safety function, please find time to volunteer in the season for leaflet distribution – talk to Bill



## SPITFIRE

Not much of a story really just that the tower enjoyed being 'buzzed' by a Spitfire from the Conningsby based RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight one day in January for an hour or so

**Hear that Merlin engine!**

## OUR DIARY 2007 –put it in yours!

- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - DFS Pre Brief for all those involved
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> - DFS evening pre brief – Station officers only
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - **DFS assessment ALL DAY**
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>? - Team Meeting – Post-DFS wake or celebration Its also valentines day dare you attend ?
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - Team Meeting – prep for new season
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - TESCO Skegness Collection – don't say you haven't enough time to book this one !
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebrations
- Apr 6<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday – Season starts – Here comes the grackles - it's Easter again!
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup> - Team Meeting
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup> - Training evening at Tower
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - May Bank Holiday
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Team Meeting
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - Spring Bank Holiday
- Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - 999 Show Skegness – Display and tombola (*and breakfast??*)



*Photo:  
Our Roger at Alford Library with the NCI  
Publicity stand*

## **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>		<i>Geoff Packman &amp; Vera Garner</i>
Station Management Team Representatives:			<i>Barry Ainsworth and Simon Walker</i>
Co-opted members:			
Honorary Treasurer:	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>	Beach safety :	<i>Bill Watson</i>
Charity Collecting Boxes:	<i>Carl Short</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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