



On Watch 27

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Hi watch! – Another Newsletter – 27 issues and still going strong!

DFS ASSESSMENT PASSED !

After months of training and preparation we have achieved the ultimate DFS accreditation on 12th February 2007: Well done Ingoldmells National Coastwatch Team!

Incredibly, the following communication was received less than 2 hours after passing DFS accreditation, and reflects the support, interest and encouragement we enjoy from NCI Chairman **Jon Gifford**, our man at the top. Thank you Jon.

Dear Mike

May I congratulate you and the whole team at Ingoldmells for achieving Declared Facility Status today!

This reflects great credit on the management team and volunteers and I am very proud to have been associated with the re-formation and development of the Station, which is so important to NCI and the public you all serve with skill, enthusiasm and generosity. Well done and thank you! Yours sincerely

Jon Gifford Chair of Trustees

Other congratulation received:

1) **Colin Neason** Chairman DFS Assessment Team

Can I add my congratulations to you and your Team for achieving the Standard, both Ray Prain and I were very impressed with the level of competence generally shown during the Assessment.

2) **David Fletcher Nottingham** Great news Mike! A big pat on the back to yourself and all involved...

3) **Keith Arthey** - Wow

4) **Joan Gross, Editor Shorewatch** Congratulations Ingoldmells team on gaining DFS status. I shall certainly include your success in Shorewatch Spring issue but cannot print the whole piece, as there are quite a number of other stations also in the frame. However I shall keep it for some other time when I have more space. Well done and kind regards to all -

5) **Sharon Tedder (Ellis)**: just a note to congratulate you and your team on gaining DFS. You have taught the team well, long may the success of N.C.I Ingoldmells continue -please pass on my congratulations to the team.

6) **Scott Dalton BBC Radio Lincolnshire** Brilliant achievement! We will interview you soon.

7) **Raymond Prain (DFS Assessment team)** Dear Mike, Having let the dust settle after the DFS Assessment and the station back to normality I would like to thank you and the team for the welcome and hospitality shown, it was gratifying to see the transformation of the station from its unfortunate beginning to a well equipped and fully functioning base. I thought very well of the chart corrections folio and the display of relevant information plus the electronics, I wondered at how it could all be fitted in to such a confined area. Well once again I wish all my best regards and hope you save the radar up and running soon

8) **George (Barnes)** calling from NCI Stepper Point. Congratulations on your achievement. You have come a long way from the Hitler regime, those were desperate days

9) **Roy Ireland** – Brilliant!

Needless to say, I have written to the Assessment Team thanking them for their dedication, expertise and time they have given for our assessment, also to the Director of the prestigious Southview Park Hotel in Skegness who kindly donated the accommodation for our chief assessor on the Sunday evening prior to our DFS day. I have also acknowledged all good wishes received All I can say team, is I make no apology for blowing our own trumpet - you know you are brilliant why do you need me to confirm it? Well Done to the whole Ingoldmells Team. Now let's build on it!



Her Majesty's

Coastguard

is pleased to award

**DECLARED FACILITY
STATUS**

to the

*National Coastwatch Institution
Station at*

Ingoldmells

on successful completion of its DFS Assessment

*Peter Dymond
Chief Coastguard*

CONGRATULATIONS and COMISERATIONS

Following the rapid progress, dedicated service and commitment to NCI I am pleased to announce that with immediate effect I am promoting Cadet **Louise Tedder** to Cadet Leader; Congratulations to **John Frost** for passing to Senior Watchkeeper Well done John a great effort ! Unfortunately we say goodbye to **John Richards** as he feels his shifts will not allow him to serve us the way he feels he should. Well done **Carl Short** for attaining Watchkeeper status.

NEW TRAINING MANUAL

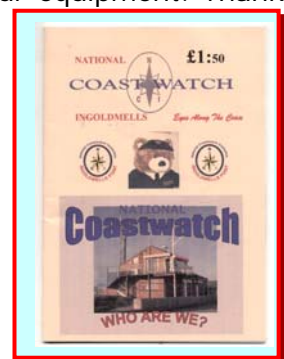
Grateful thanks to **Simon Walker** for many hours of work in rewriting, proofing, printing, collating and distribution the excellent new Training Manual. If you have not got your copy please talk to **Simon**. It will be an on-going project being continually updated with updates being available to team meetings. Make sure you have the latest issues of forms etc.

THANKS TO

Eric and Vera, a great start to the Car Boot sale season with a stonking £120 raised at the first sale and a very respectable £ 77 at the second. We all appreciate your magnificent efforts: Thanks also to **Simon Walker** for managing to extort a free service from DIGIBOAT SOB (Software on Board) the excellent navigational software, also for the further extortion from C-MAP for detailed electronic charts of our area, and excellent addition to our equipment. Thanks also to **Carl Short** for the continued supply of fresh cakes from his bakery, and for taking the responsibility for placement of the Collecting Boxes.

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. Many have already been sold, and we look to all members to sell these to friends and relatives as they are printed.



A SAD TRUE STORY

I hate sad stories, and cannot tolerate cruelty to animals, so this terrible story must be made public! – This story concerns a certain Watchkeeper on duty in the Tower on a nice quiet morning, when a distressed member of the public attracted his attention. Apparently she had witnessed a most horrific and distressing sight of the body of a dead dog with its legs cut off about 700 yards south of the tower.

As you know, we NEVER leave the tower but this dastardly deed demanded further urgent investigation. Leaving his colleague on duty in the tower, our Watchkeeper braced himself for the sickening and gruesome sight he was about to witness, proceeded towards the reported location of the gruesome carcass and stopped some 20 feet away from it in total disbelief of what he saw.

Returning to the tower with a blank dazed expression, our Watchkeeper reported his findings to the distressed waiting member of the public. "Madam, we really do appreciate your report of the dead dog with its legs cut off, but I MUST TELL YOU THAT ROUND HERE WE CALL THEM SEALS and the little chappie has just woken up and gone back into the sea!" *Stop laughing it's not funny!*

Question: Does this merit a log book entry?

NEW NAME BADGES

Following many requests from team members for an identification name badge, we are please to introduce the new individually engraved badge that has been donated by an anonymously

A new badge was ordered for each member, and will replace the ID card, which should not now be worn. The ID card should of course be carried at all times whilst you are on NCI duty. All members should by now have received theirs, if not please contact Roger.



TECHNICAL

February saw the installation and commission of a new weather station – a Davis Vantage Pro 2, and we are now enjoying the luxury of accurate and reliable weather forecasting and recording, so please no button pushers! The Natex Weather receiver has now been reinstalled and is working reasonably well but antenna needs raising slightly.

SATNAV – NATIONAL COASTWATCH

For those of you who have satellite navigation in your cars: From **Simon Walker**:

I can now confirm that the NCI station waypoints (locations) are now available for download, from "http://www.pocketgpsworld.com" You have to be registered (free) and then you get access to thousands of waypoints. If you go to Points of interest on the right hand side and then select download POI's, you then get a menu system. The NCI stations are listed under "Special Interest ".Currently they can be downloaded for Garmin and Tom-Tom Sat-Nav systems.

ICCS – what s that?

ICCS is HMCG's teleconnect conference call facility whereby they will when necessary connect the Watchkeeper direct through to the lifeboat on the telephone to allow the Watchkeeper to direct the ILB to a target. This is something we ALL must master. Barry will be calling in to see duty crews over the next few weeks and give instruction in this major advance in our operational relationship with HMCG.

WHO SAID?

"two years I've been training on this chart now someone has moved the red dot!???"

Pub Talk

The landlord and landlady, Paul and Many of The Red Lion Public house at Mumby have asked if we can be their charity for 2007. Of course we are delighted to accept, and Roger was given £40 recently raised. We will be invited to all NCI events at the pub, and hopefully we ca all attend and make a social evening out of it for ourselves – and raise funds!

BBC RADIO Lincolnshire

Following our DFS accreditation BBC Radio Lincolnshire called at our Tower and Interviewed Deputy Station Manager Roger Gilburd. This went out live on Friday last and we believe at other times as well: Excellent publicity and well responded to by Roger

CRB

Thanks to all members who volunteered for CRB checks and the accompanying lecture on recognising the signs of sexual abuse in children. I have been in touch with the Derwent Initiative proposing a date of April 13th at The Ship Inn. Once this is under our belt, we will hold a very high quality accreditation to do the work we volunteer for: Well done all and thanks again.

OUR DIARY 2007 –put it in yours!

- Mar 6th - Team Management meeting – Cygnus tea rooms
- Mar 13th - **Team Meeting** – prep for new season
- Mar 14th & 15th **TESCO Skegness Collection** – names on the board please I am sure everyone can find a slot in 48 hours to do a shift – you can even do a night shift if you want to !???
- Mar 22nd – 2nd Anniversary celebrations at The Ship Inn Sea Lane, Buffet £ 4 head
- Apr 6th - Good Friday – Season starts – so does Summer watch timings!
Here comes the grockles - it's Easter again!
- Apr 10th - Team Meeting
- Apr 13th – **CRB Training** and lecture at The Ship Inn. Names on notice board please.
- Apr 25th - Training evening at Tower – you choose what you need !
- May 7th - May Bank Holiday
- May 15th - Team Meeting
- May 28th - Spring Bank Holiday
- Jul 28th - INGOLDMELLS street collection & display
- Aug 15th - **999 Show** Skegness – Display and tombola (*and breakfast??*)
- Nov 24th - Morrisons Skegness collection- 9 months notice – **YOU** will be there won't you ?

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>	<i>Barry Ainsworth and Simon Walker</i>	
Co-opted members:			
Honorary Treasurer:	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>		
Charity Collecting Boxes	<i>Carl Short</i>	<i>Beach safety :</i>	<i>Bill Watson</i>
IT Team: <i>Simon Walker, Keith Arthey & Mike Newbold</i>		Watch Rota Officer :	<i>Simon Walker</i>
Station Management Team Representatives:		<i>Geoff Packman & Vera Garner</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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