



On Watch 28

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Hi watch! – Another Newsletter – 28 issues and still going strong!

The new beach patrol cars arrive at Ingoldmells Point
(sorry what's the date today?)



ITS OFFICIAL!

Stephen Ladyman

(Minister of State, Department for Transport) states:

"The Department for Transport and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency value the contribution the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) make in informing Her Majesty's Coastguard about any potential or actual incidents relating to safety at sea and on the coast. The Coastguard will take appropriate action in response to reports of people in difficulty received from the NCI."

Can we let Yarmouth know?

Ingoldmells Web Site.

From Keith: Can you put in the news letter about the new Forum in the Web Members section on the Ingoldmells Web Site www.nci.ingoldmells.org.uk just log onto the members section of the web site and click on Forum and we can exchange ideas gripes etc with everyone else in the group - keep it clean is all I ask - It is another way of talking to each other. Thanks to Sue Bride for looking after us.

More DFS Congratulations

Many congratulations to you and your Team on attaining DFS accreditation. Well done all.- Dai NCI Worms Head

Mike Congratulations from all at Charlestown. We know the feeling having been there last December, Well done Gerry Stockwell SM NCI Charlestown

Collection

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the Team who turned out for the Tesco Skegness stores charity collection on Wed/Thursday 14/15th March. A magnificent sum of £502.20 was raised and was collected by – **Peter Matthews, Barry Ainsworth, John Frost, Pat Naughton, Eileen and Roger Gilburd, Eric and Vera Garner, Bill Watson, Chris Lines**

Thanks also to **E & V** for their continued Boot sales, they work quietly but very hard in the background making welcome funds for us. Please support them with unwanted gifts and anything saleable for the stall. Thanks

Even more thanks to **Eric** for finding and procuring a new storage box for the balcony: this will house our standby generator, so that it is available in case of power cuts.

National Coastwatch



The Ingoldmells Point 'A' TEAM
- Vera and Eric Garner

WELCOME

Welcome to our new members **Emma Baker**, who joins as a Cadet, and to **Cliff Leedell, Eric Haines** and **Steeley Jagger** – all of you are most welcome, and we look forward to you becoming part of our family. We say goodbye and best of luck to HMC Sector Manager Samantha Jessop who leaves to take up a new post in HNCG Thames region in the MRCC there.

NCI Supplies

NCI Supplies is currently run by Dave Helyar who is 75 years young, and feels he can only run it until next year. Therefore the trustees of NCI are looking for a volunteer with a little space to take over the NCI Supplies and look after purchasing stock and despatching orders. This would ideally suit a Husband and wife team. If you would like to know more, please contact our NCI Chairman Jon Gifford or speak to Mike Newbold for more details

Second Anniversary celebrations

The stations second anniversary celebrations took place at the Ship Inn on Thursday 22nd March, attended by 24 partygoers. Eric and Vera held one of their famous raffles, and thanks to all those who donated prizes, with over £55 being raised (and I got the chocolate cake thanks to Pat Naunton)

Happy BIRTHDAY TEAM -Congratulations on your second birthday from all at North Berwick.

Hope all is well on the Ingoldmells coast and not too many of those blow up death traps appearing. wishing you all a quiet, relaxing, event free summer season

love and best wishes to all the team

Sharon

Technology

Two sets of new equipment has appeared in the station this month _ GPS positioning equipment for this years dredging operation, and a GPS positional transmitter and beam antenna for the survey company involved with the foundations for the new wind farm. This give us the opportunity to make NCI known in the area and a very acceptable income for the next few months

Recent Newspaper quotes *(blame Keith for supplying these)*

From **The Times**:

A man on an inflatable lobster rescued a young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth. A Coastguard spokesman commented, "This sort of thing is all too common".

From **Aberdeen Evening Express**

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover over the cliff.

The way forward

The board of Trustees has received representation from some stations that along with our own thinking, a new rank is required between Senior Watchkeeper and Deputy Station Manager. Our Chairman Jon Gifford has asked that we pilot this idea at Ingoldmells for six months and submit a report to the board after that time on it's viability, success or otherwise. For the evaluation period the new rank will be regarded akin to a Warrant Officer or Chief Petty Officer, Subordinate to Deputy Station Manager, and will be referred to as Watch Officer. As this dovetails exactly with our duty officer system, the existing duty supervisor, **Barry Ainsworth** will hold the rank of **Watch Officer** until the end of the trial period.

DUTY ROTA

Our grateful thanks to **Eric Garner** for stepping into the Duty Rota breach as Simons work will be taking up more of his time for about 4/6 months. All watch changes, shortages and adjustments and holidays to be notified to Eric please on 01754 874798 or 07968 430468 or email. Remember it is YOUR OWN PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement if you are unable to do your appointed watch then notify Eric – NOT just dump the problem and walk away – we do not consider that acceptable or professional.

Note the new summer watch timings have now started– 09.30 open –close at 18.00 hrs watch change at 14.00 Hrs: I know Eric will make a good job of it as Simon taught him all he knows!

A note from E: All Watchkeepers please read and Note Pink boxes added to rota's, these are indicating extra shifts added to cover Sunday and Wednesday PM. shifts. If you do find these dates are unacceptable, try and change with other watch keeper's. But please inform your watch co-ordinator Eric Garner of any such changes so he can keep rota's updated.THANKYOU. Regards E

NEW FLEECES

We are purchasing new navy blue fleeces with embroidered badges for all the team – please make sure your name is on the list in the tower by April 10th latest with your size.

GPS EQUIPMENT

Please do not touch the new equipment located above the sink – it is GPS positioning radio equipment for both the dredging operation and the foundations of the new wind farm. Please ensure the power supply is maintained. Thank You

DIVERT YOUR COURSE – thanks to Pat Naunton for this gem

This is the actual radio conversation of a US Naval Ship with Canadian Authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995 The transcript of the Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10 October 1995

CANADIANS:

Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision

AMERICANS:

Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision

CANADIANS:

Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS:

This is the captain a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course

CANADIANS:

No, I say again, YOU divert YOUR course

AMERICANS:

This is the Aircraft Carrier USS LINCOLN, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic Fleet. We are accompanied with three Destroyers, three Cruisers and numerous support vessels. I **DEMAND** that you change your course 15 degrees north, I say again that is, one-five degrees north, or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

CANADIANS:

This is a lighthouse, - your call! - *There is a lesson to be learnt here!*

Finally, a Quote from *Coastguard News* ...

National Coastwatch, like Auxiliary Coastguard are staffed by dedicated volunteers who offer their time FREE to the service of others. However, some really do push this dedication to the limit (Now, who would do a thing like that?)

If you are doing nowt at Easter, please consider doing an extra few hours, especially if the weather is fine. Bill Watson always needs staff for Beach Safety initiative – call him

New car stickers available from Roger – get one now!

EMERGENCY

As we go to press NCI Ingoldmells has just dealt with a large Phosphor bomb washed up on the beach requiring the attendance of the MOD Emergency Ordnance Unit – full report next month, and in the meantime don't touch anything rusty on the shore, and hey! Lets be careful out there!!

OUR DIARY 2007 –put it in yours!

- 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 14th - **Morison's Skegness Collection**- Lets see those who have not been before please!
- Apr 25th - Training evening at Tower – you choose what you need !
- May 7th - May Bank Holiday
- May 15th - Team Meeting
- May 19th - Hildreds Centre Collection
- 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>		
Deputy Station Manager	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>		
Watch Officers	<i>Simon Walker & Barry Ainsworth</i>		
Recruitment Officer	<i>Jeff Packman</i>		
Press & Publicity :	<i>Keith Arthey</i>		
Team Secretary:	<i>Pauline Arthey</i>	Almoner:	<i>Eileen Gilburd</i>
Honorary Treasurer:	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>	Training Officer/Quartermaster	<i>Barry Ainsworth</i>
Charity Collecting Boxes	<i>Carl Short</i>	Beach safety :	<i>Bill Watson</i>
IT Team:	<i>Simon Walker, Keith Arthey & Mike Newbold</i>	Watch Rota Officer :	<i>Eric Garner</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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