



On Watch 29

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East Coast Region
INGOLDMELLS POINT
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Another Newsletter– 29 issues and still going strong!

HOVERCRAFT GOODWILL VISIT TO NATIONAL COASTWATCH INGOLDMELLS POINT

The Griffon Hovercraft, number two in an order of three, arrived at National Coastwatch Ingoldmells Point for a courtesy visit having flown round the coast from the factory at Southampton, via Harwich where it refuelled. (*Hovercraft journeys are referred to as 'flights'*). Hovercraft 303 beached overnight at Hunstanton in Norfolk, due to loss of light.

With ten National Coastwatch Ingoldmells Point members on duty, eight members descended to the beach to ask the general public to co-operate by leaving the beach clear south of the tower for the arriving craft. All happily responded and eagerly awaited the arrival of this technological monster rarely seen in our waters. The hovercraft appeared on the horizon and the watch keepers in Fluorescent Jackets lined up on the beach to provide John Gifford, the pilot of the craft and Managing Director of Griffon Hovercraft (No relation to you know who!) with a clear indication of where he could safely land.

The hovercraft came straight in after negotiating the dredging operations half a mile south of the tower. Small eddies of sand were blown around as the craft settled majestically onto the sand. The three-man crew were welcomed by Watch Officer Barry Ainsworth and escorted to the Watchtower for refreshments. Just prior to departure Barry was shown around the inside of the craft and the cockpit. Hands were shaken and the craft departed on it's way to Goole to be transported by cargo vessel to Sweden where it will be commissioned into the Swedish Navy. This event generated much local publicity and interest. For the technical ones amongst us who want to know more about this unusual craft go to : <http://www.griffonhovercraft.com/8000.html>. Bon Voyage



Photograph courtesy of Pauline Arthey

TEAM PHOTO

The 2007 Team Photo will now be taken at the Team Meeting on 12th June and NOT at the next meeting: This has been delayed as many are away on holiday.

WELCOME

To new recruits **Ian Grady** and **Patrick (Shamus) O'Dowd** and **Jill Caine** all of you are most welcome, and we look forward to you becoming part of our family. Please ensure our new colleagues are given a warm Ingoldmells welcome and every assistance with training

NEXT TEAM MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 15th – THE SHIP INN, INGOLDMELLS

THANKS

To **Eric and Vera** –as we went to press last month on 31st March they had completed another successful boot sale raising a magnificent £120, then to cap that another £ 100 for the following bank holiday week-end – plus another £100 recently-superb effort. It takes a lot of time and effort to produce these sales, and all they ask in return your support in donating saleable items: Ornaments. Videos and DVDs, nick-nacs, and unwanted gifts.



Spot Carl hard at it what dedication!

Carl Short was also busy in his new role on Beach Safety, distributing the all-important safety leaflets and collecting over £180 during the same bank-holiday week-end. A week later **Carl** assisted by Steele collected another £ 97 in one day, and another £45 a week later, and other sums. What a magnificent dedication! **Carl** welcomes any help in beach safety leaflets distribution, please find a few hours to help in this worthwhile task.

The Morison's supermarket collection on 14th April realised the sum of £482 in tins and **E & V's** tombola £304.00 thanks to **Eric and Vera, Roger and Eileen, Barry, Carl, John, Bill, Steeley, Pauline, Eric P, Cliff, Peter and Mike.**



Seymour strikes again! He wrote to Seymour caravan park Skegness and received £50 donation in return!! regards Eileen

Collections

HELP - You all obviously want a well-appointed Coastwatch Station, you obviously want refreshments, you obviously want comfort and decent facilities and equipment, so why wont some of you come out and collect – is it fair to leave it to all your colleagues?- Go on give it a try – it's a fun day!

NEXT COLLECTION May 19th at Hildreds Centre –Please help.

RECRUITMENT

We still need recruits – Roger recently recorded an interview appealing for new members with BBC Radio Lincolnshire. This broadcast has gone out three times per day for the past week – lets hope we get some results!

HM COASTGUARD CORPORATE VIDEO

A new supply of HMCG corporate videos are now available at the station. Would all new recruits please take one home and watch it through: Also new recruits should also ask to see HMCG Yarmouth PowerPoint presentation VAPP1 as it gives an interesting insight as to the expected interaction between our two organisations. Most informative please watch. *(Some of us oldies should also watch it again to refresh our memories!)*

LYNN WIND FARM

It must now be obvious to you all that construction of the LYNN WIND FARM started on 26th April with MV Resolution sinking the first pile in front of our station. This event does bring some excitement as we now have much more to monitor. It is also beneficial to us as the main Contractors **Centrica** have asked us to house their VHF talk-through radio equipment, which is currently being installed *(Thanks to **Eric G** for installing the new shelf and electricity points)*. The placement of this equipments will give us a small but acceptable regular income for the next three years.

UNWANTED GIFTS AND VIDEOS REQUIRED FOR BOOT SALES
PLEASE PASS TO ERIC AND VERA

GOODBYE From HMCG Sector Manager *Samantha Jessop*,

Morning all, With today really being my last day before I move onto pastures new, I would like to thank you all for your support over the past 2 and a half years. I know the summer is nearly upon us, so may I wish you all well and lets hope this year is a nice safe one.

I am not leaving the agency, but I am leaving the area, I have been promoted, to take up the position of Rescue Co-ordination Centre Manager at MRCC Thames in Essex (no jokes about white high heel shoes!!!!).I'm sure our paths will cross again in the future, so keep up the good work. Good luck in everything you do, I will be thinking of you all.

NEW FLEECES

New fleeces are now in and have been distributed to all who ordered them. They may be worn both as uniform and casually to advertise NCI !

ROTAS

E & V are off on a well-earned holiday so it falls to Mike to continue the rota. Don't forget it is YOUR responsibility to find replacements if you cannot fulfil your watch, and Mike must be informed of all changes. Also the holiday lists are on the notice board – please ensure yours is entered so we do not put you on watch whilst you are away. Have a good holiday E & V !

NCI-AGM

On Sunday 20th May, **Mike Roger** and **Barry** will travel to London for the National Coastwatch Annual General Meeting. If you have anything you want raised at the meeting please contact any of the above. As you know **Barry** is standing for election as Trustee to the Institution and we all wish him well.

UNIFORM

If you need any items of uniform please see Barry Ainsworth, and if you require any car stickers or promotional items please see Roger whilst E & V are on holiday – thanks.

In Closing

Did you know NCI Ingoldmells Station has been manned for **5364** hours requiring **12264** man (person) hours to end of March 2007 since it opened in March 2005?

OUR DIARY 2007 –put it in yours!

May 7th - May Bank Holiday
May 15th - Team Meeting uniform not required
May 19th - Hildreds Centre Collection
May 19th - NCI AGM London – Officers
May 26th - Collection – Co-Op Mablethorpe
May 28th - Spring Bank Holiday
Jun 12th - Team Meeting CHARTWORK **IN UNIFORM - TEAM PHOTO TIME!**
Jun 23rd - Collection – Hildreds Centre, Skegness
Jul 10th - 3rd Annual General Meeting
Jul 28th - INGOLDMELLS street collection & display
Aug 15th - **999 Show** Skegness – Display and tombola (*and breakfast??*)**FUN DAY - BE THERE!**
Aug 21st - Team Meeting
Sept 22nd - Collection Hildreds Centre, Skegness
October 27th - Co-Op Mablethorpe Collection
Nov 24th - Morrisons Skegness collection- 9 months notice – YOU will be there won't you ?
(*Need a volunteer for Father Christmas, thanks Chris!*)

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 & Carl Short</i>
IT Team:	<i>Simon Walker, Keith Arthey & Mike Newbold</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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