



On Watch 31

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Hi watch! – Another Newsletter– 31 issues and still going strong!

Team Photo 2007



Thanks to all who turned up for the 2007 Team Photo.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Terry Brown** for passing out as Watchkeeper. Passing is the first major step, followed by a period of confidence building so that you can run a watch on your own. Also congratulations to **Chris White** on his elevation to Senior Watchkeeper.

WELCOME

To new recruit Leonard David (Dave) BELL who joins us, and to the other new recruits mentioned last month who are now enjoying training.

DID'NT THEY DO WELL?

Brilliant effort by **Pauline** and **Eileen** who took time out to tour Skegness visiting shops and businesses blagging donations for our tombolas and Christmas raffle – They were given no less than 53 Donated prizes with many further promises. Not satisfied with that, they went out again and blagged a second lot – we now have some excellent prizes for the Christmas Raffle, and for a few tombolas in between. Now all you have to do is sell some tickets.

NCI National Supplies Department

Eric and Vera Garner has kindly offered to support NCI Headquarters by volunteering to run the NCI Supplies department when Dave Helyar retires from the post in October. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the Trustees, and hope that they will enjoy this essential work for NCI.

ROTAS

Don't forget it is **YOUR** responsibility to find replacements if you cannot fulfil your watch, and the duty officer and the rota officer must be informed of all changes. Three times recently Mike has had the non attendance problem dumped (yes dumped) on him despite all the information as to how we do things. FIRST **YOU** find a replacement, the **YOU** phone the Duty Officer then **YOU** phone the rota officer: It is not acceptable to dump **YOUR** problem on someone else and walk away-it is unprofessional and not acceptable. 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. Thank you.

Collection

A return visit to the Hildreds Centre raised a magnificent sum of £ 600 for the day. In attendance was E & V, Pauline, John, Terry, Mike, Roger & Eileen, Seamus and Gill, Ian and Louise, well done all and thanks. I was astounded to receive a copy email from E & V advising their monies collected by them for NCI for the month of June amounting to a staggering £ 586 what a pair! I would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication in boot sales, collecting tins, donations and raffles and tombolas, thank you both so much, an absolute credit.

K9 Emergency

Recently a bull mastiff dog was delivered to the Tower by a member of the public proclaiming it found. It is obvious we do not want to get involved in Canine rescue as it precludes us from our appointed work of surveillance. Please do your utmost to refuse any such offer and refer them to Ingoldmells Police Station. It is especially difficult to dispose of found canines at week-ends as the council Dog Warden does not work Sat & Sun and the Police will not collect: Therefore it will be **YOUR** responsibility to feed and water the animal, and it will be **YOUR** responsibility to transport the animal to Ingoldmells Police Station, or if closed, to Skegness Police Station at the END OF YOUR WATCH - YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

COASTWATCH BAR B Q



National Coastwatch members and their families were invited to a BBQ at Mike and Jacqui Newbolds on Sunday 10th June. Despite regularly changing weather reports during the week the rain kept off and we were blessed with some lovely sun shine later in the day.

It was an excellent chance to meet Coastwatch colleagues socially away from the tower and its duties.

Alas only half the team took advantage of this event, but many of those who did attend were reluctant to go home, having enjoyed the ambiance and the company sitting around the open fire into the late evening (a South African tradition!) supping some excellent vintage. An enjoyable time was had by all with superb company, and excess excellent food, wine and beer. Hard to imagine that flash flooding put the garden under three feet of water a week later!

From E & V

We were approached on Saturday at the car boot, by the local councillor Mrs Christine Young, she told us about a local fun day event in Chapel and would we be interested in doing a NCI stall on that day, Sunday 29th July.

It would be just a stall Car Boot, Tombola, Promotions no collection boxes as the event is to raise sports funds for the local under 16's, there will be small stall fee. Set up around 8am. and all day, so we will need some helpers through out the day. THANKS: names to E & V please Regards V & E

Thanks (again) to –

John Frost for repainting the station stair case, after vandals had graffitied his excellent previous efforts within 24 hours of completion..

UNIFORM

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

VHF SRC Radio Course

A Marine SRC VHF Radio course has been booked for November – date to be arranged for the new trainees and those who have not yet taken it. Existing holders are invited for the refresher, lunch will be provided

CENTRICA

AS we go to press CENTRICA are about to install the PMR Repeater Base Station serving the new Wind Farm Construction area Please do not touch, please ensure it remains switched ON at all times. For those who are nosey and have scanners the frequency is 161.250 MHz

In Closing

Did you know **NCI Ingoldmells Station** was been manned for **279** hours in May 2007 making a total of **5893** hours requiring **14618** man (person) hours to end of May 2007 since it opened in March 2005?

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

OUR DIARY 2007 –put it in yours!

Jul 4th - Management Meeting – Cygnus tea rooms
Jul 11th - 3rd Annual General Meeting NOTE DAY CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY
Jul 28th - INGOLDMELLS street collection & display
Jul 29th - Chapel St Leonard's Fun Day – details from and names to E & V please
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 (awaiting confirmation)
Nov ?? - VHF SRC Radio course (pre study papers available September)
Nov 24th - Morrison's Skegness collection- 4 months notice – YOU will be there won't you ?
Dec 15th - Co-Op Skegness collection (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 & tea room proprietor:	<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>
Watch Rota Officer :	<i>Eric Garner</i>		
IT Team:	<i>Simon Walker, Seamus O'Dowd, 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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