



# On Watch 35



*Hi Watch!* – Another Newsletter – 35 issues and still going strong!

## WELCOME

To new members Paul Fretwell and John Parker – both are now doing regular watches – please offer them all the help they need.

## PARKING

Regrettably a further plea to the Ingoldmells Beach owners to reconsider their decision of withdrawing our parking has, as expected, fallen on deaf ears. Somehow they seem to think we should be thrilled at losing our parking spaces to provide a children's crazy golf 'attraction' right under a Cellnet radio mast, six feet from a heavily used public toilet and right next to a deep river with little or no fence – makes you wonder about some peoples selfish idea of progress or commitment to public safety. I have written to the Environmental Agency regional office for their views and requesting any help they can give, and we will also be in touch with Laver Leisure during this month to see if any help can be given.

Best the beach owners can come up with is that we park at Watermeads at Chapel St Leonards (where they park the trains overnight) and catch the Land Train up to the tower (honest, its not a joke) – two problems – the train does not normally run after 5pm, and secondly they rarely return to Watermeads during the day – so what about our midday change over? Any other legal ideas regarding parking please contact Roger or Mike

## TRAINING DAY

Our Training Officer Barry Ainsworth is arranging a whole day training session on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008** which will take place at the Ship Inn. Many topics will be covered and we hope to have guest speakers. I would like to see you ALL attend as some of you are getting behind with your training by not attending our regular monthly meetings.

## Channel Zero

The use of Channel 0 will shortly come into force and there are very strict rules regarding use. We will NOT book on or off on Channel 0 but will be required to use it under the direction of HMCG. A list of do's and don'ts is on the notice board and instruction at the team meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> – please be there!

## DFS – It could be YOU!

As you all know we worked very hard to achieve our Declared facility Status, and we must maintain that level of professional efficiency. From 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 we are eligible for a yearly unannounced visit from the DFS inspectors for a DFS-MOT – they can quite literally arrive at the station at any time and test YOUR response to 'Spot plot and report' and much more. Therefore please continue to practice your Chartwork and emergency procedures every time you are on watch, and work to test each other. If you need help please ask!

## VHF SRC Radio Course

The next Marine RYA SRC- VHF Radio operator's course is on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 09.00hrs – at The Ship Inn, Sea Lane, Ingoldmells. There are 12 Candidates, 10 of our own, and two guests from another NCI Station – most welcome! **Please bring a passport photo identified on the rear in pencil.** Existing holders are invited for the refresher, lunch will be provided. All those who already hold a SRC cert are invited to attend to refresh their knowledge, and support their colleagues. Best of luck to you all

## Mablethorpe Co-Op Collection

The Mablethorpe Co-Op Collection on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October realised £243.00 on the Tombola and the Charity Box collection £453.18 – a super total – well done all those who supported their colleagues in this collection. Was the attraction was the magnificent Halloween display put on by the Co-Op or Pauline sitting in the pseudo Halloween graveyard wailing??? – Anyway it sure brought in a tidy sum.

## ROTAS

**Seamus O'Dowd** is doing an excellent job with the Rotas, please help him all you can. Don't forget it is **YOUR** responsibility to find replacements if you cannot fulfil your appointed watch. Please **READ** your rotas – **NO SHOW is not an option**, and is NOT acceptable nor is the excuse 'I didn't read the rota' When are YOU next on watch?

## THANKS

To **Terry Brown** for climbing up on the roof to lower the weather sensors for repair, and thanks to **Roger** for arranging despatch back to the supplier. Now for the wait – urgency does not seem to exist with some suppliers, and I fear this is one of them.

## DERWENT INITIATIVE – CRB LECTURES

The second batch of lectures took place on **18<sup>th</sup> of October** and was well attended. A formal CRB check follows. This now gives us some protection when dealing with Lost and found children. We now have 80% qualified – well done all who participated. Certificates have been awarded.

## FLEECES & POLO SHIRTS

I still have a few embroidered Fleeces and some spare navy Polo shirts in various sizes for sale, if anyone is interested. Please see Mike

**TEAS AND CAKES NEED PAYING FOR** – please do so! – Some of you still have short arms, a voracious appetite but very long pockets!

## In Closing

Did you know **NCI Ingoldmells Station** was manned for **270** hours in September 2007 making a total of **7012 to date** hours requiring **17296** man (person) hours to end of September 2007 since it opened in March 2005? Something to be proud of !

*Next collection for our funds*  
**Nov 24th - Morrison's Skegness collection**

## OUR DIARY 2007 –put it in yours!

- Nov 9th - VHF SRC Radio course at the Ship Inn 09.00hrs
- Nov 14th - TEAM MEETING – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells – training Channel 0 – be there!
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> - Management Meeting – Cygnus Tea Rooms
- Nov 24th - Morrison's Skegness collection– YOU will be there won't you ?**
- Dec 12th Christmas meal together at CROWN HOTEL** – Monies to Roger by 14<sup>th</sup> November please
- Dec 15th - Co-Op Skegness collection (Need a volunteer for Father Christmas, thanks Chris!)**
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
- Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - Management Meeting – Cygnus Tea Rooms
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Management Meeting – Cygnus Tea Rooms
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells – pre season briefing.
- Mar 19th - NCI Ingoldmells Annual Birthday Celebrations – 3 years old!

## NCI Ingoldmells Team Posts

Station Manager	<i>Mike Newbold</i>	Deputy Station Manager	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>
Watch Officer	<i>Barry Ainsworth</i>	Watch Rota Coordinator :	<i>Seamus O'Dowd</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>Carl Short</i>
IT Team:	<i>Simon Walker, Seamus O'Dowd, Keith Arthey &amp; Mike Newbold</i>		

Station Management Team Representatives: *Geoff Packman & John Frost*

**NEXT TEAM MEETING: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**  
*If you have anything you would like to make a contribution to please see Mike Newbold*  
**IMPORTANT TRAINING -The use of Channel 0**  
**PLEASE BRING YOURSELF and your monies for the Christmas Dinner**