



Hi Watch!

Issue 36 and still going strong!

December 2007

Merry Christmas

Perhaps a little early I know, but this is your last newsletter before Christmas Day - So Happy Christmas to you all and your families. May Santa bring you all you desire and I wish you all peace, Health and happiness for coming year.

WELCOME

Good to see new members **Peter Preston, David Howden** and **Jack Wise**— all are now doing regular watches – please offer them all the help they need. Our numbers are growing steadily but we all need to try and recruit a few more members

VHF SRC Radio Certificate.

Following our latest RYA VHF SRC Radio operators course on 9th November, we are pleased to report all 10 candidates passed bringing our total VHF SRC Certificate holders in the team to 24. NCI certificates have been received and distributed to all. Congratulations also to John Booth and John Turlington from Mundesley who also passed.

Collection

The Morrison's collection on 24th November raised £158 on the Tombola plus £418 from the charity boxes, plus £10 promotional. In addition Carl presented £119 from all the charity boxes in local shops and pubs - thanks to all who took part. Those that didn't think about it !

TRAINING DAY

A whole day training session on **Wednesday 13th February 2008** will take place at the Ship Inn Ingoldmells commencing at 09.30. Most NCI topics will be covered and we will have guest speakers. May I request that **ALL** Watchkeepers ATTEND? A notice will be on the board shortly

Statistics

Thanks to Simon Walker for accepting the responsibility for the station statistics return to Headquarters: This is a tedious but vital job which allows NCI Headquarters to use station figures for press, publicity and fund raising purposes.

Channel Zero

The use of Channel 0 will be available on station from 1st January 2008 and may be used at the permission of HM Coastguard, and **only** by QUALIFIED RADIO OPERATORS holding VHF SRC Certificate. There are very strict rules regarding use these have already been notified and published to you all. Any unauthorised or misuse will result in loss of this facility for the station. The equipment is ready and radio tests will take place end of December

DFS – It could be YOU!

You are reminded that as from 13th 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' request you take part in an exercise, and much more. Therefore please continue to practice your Chartwork and emergency procedures every time you are on watch, and work to teach and test each other. If you need help please ask!



MUMBY NCI QUIZ

Roger has put together another fund raising quiz - booklets are just £1 each - please sell some to friends and relatives - ideals for post Christmas dinner boredom All proceeds to NCI.

ROTAS

Seamus O'Dowd is doing an excellent job with the Rotas, please help him all you can. The rotas will be on the board two months firm and one month projected: Also available on the web from:

THIS MONTH: <http://www.skegness-computers.co.uk/coastwatch/first.html>

NEXT MONTH: <http://www.skegness-computers.co.uk/coastwatch/first.html>

THIRD MONTH: <http://www.skegness-computers.co.uk/coastwatch/first.html>

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?

PLEASE BE PREPARED

I have recently had a few calls from people who are away from home and wish to contact other members. Be prepared - put all your colleagues' names and numbers in your Mobile Phone memory- you know it makes sense!

THANKS

To **Terry Brown** for climbing up on the roof to reinstall the weather sensors after repair, and thanks to **Bill Isherwood** for all his hard drilling of the Telescope swing out arm for the South purview- works very well doesn't it?, and for the installation of the bell.

FLEECES & POLO SHIRTS

I still have a few embroidered Fleecees 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! The situation has not improved, so the benefactor might well withdraw his generosity - your choice !

In Closing

Did you know **NCI Ingoldmells Station** was manned for **240** hours in October 2007 making a total of **7252 to date** hours requiring **17916** man (person) hours to end of October 2007 since it opened in March 2005? Something to be proud of ! Well done all !

Next collection for our funds

December 15th - Co Op Skegness collection



OUR DIARY 2007/8 –put it in yours!

- Dec 12th Christmas meal together at CROWN HOTEL, Drummond Road: smart casual NOT UNIFORM!
Dec 15th - Co-Op Skegness collection (Need a volunteer for Father Christmas, thanks Chris!)
Jan 9th - TEAM MEETING – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
Jan 16th - Management Meeting – Cygnus Tea Rooms
Feb 13th - **TEAM TRAINING DAY** – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
Feb 20th - Management Meeting – Cygnus Tea Rooms
Mar 12th - 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 Officers	<i>Barry Ainsworth & Simon Walker</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 & Mike Newbold</i>		
Station Management Team Representatives:	<i>Geoff Packman & John Frost</i>		
Statistics	<i>Simon Walker</i>		

PEACE  ON  EARTH