



# On Watch 37

January 2008

*Hi Watch!* – 37 issues and still going strong!

*Happy New Year to you all*



## INGOLDMELLS HELPS FLEETWOOD

At the request of NCI Chairman Jon Gifford NCI Ingoldmells Point has been asked to help establish the new station at Rossall Point, Fleetwood, Lancashire.

NCI have been offered the Old Coastguard lookout at Rossall Point, a strategic location near to Fleetwood, and an excellent premises. Roger Gilburd and Mike Newbold accepted the challenge on behalf of the Ingoldmells team and travelled across country over the Pennines to Fleetwood to help present a public meeting which was attended by 19 persons, 17 of whom volunteered, the other two were RNLI and an incognito Coastguard who wished for some reason to remain anonymous although wearing an HMCG tie ! Roger and Mike, along with NCI Chairman Jon Gifford visited the tower to assess the work that needs doing to refurbish it to NCI level, and a report was made. The new Fleetwood team will need help with formation and training and Roger and Mike are due back there again to start things off on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> January and provide them with paperwork, training and a way-forward plan.

### WELCOME

Just two months ago I welcomed **PAUL FRETWELL** - and here I am offering congratulations for his passing his Watchkeepers certificate. Well done Paul, and thank you for the watches you are doing.

### PARKING

Situation still unresolved, but I have written to Brian Bell owner of the new two storey car park in Sea Lane for help and Laver Leisure who own the shops in Sea Lane that has ample parking at rear, forever hopeful but not holding my breath!.

### 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 starting at 09.30. 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 not keeping up to date with your training by not attending our regular monthly meetings.

### Channel Zero arrives (at last)

The use of Channel 0 will come into force tomorrow morning 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 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 by the radio and there will be further 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!

## **NEXT TEAM MEETING: WEDNESDAY 9th January 2008**

**PLEASE BRING YOURSELF and a friend ?**

### **VHF SRC Radio Course**

Well done to all those that took the VHF Radio course all passed and we now have 23 qualified RYA SRC certificates - well done all

### **Skegness Co-Op Collection**

The Skegness Co-Op Collection on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> realised £ 254 on the Tombola and the Charity Box collection £ 288, plus 224 for the Christmas Draw and £16 in promotional sales-a super total of £ 782 – well done all those who supported their colleagues in this collection.

### **ROTAS**

I have just had a call from **Seamus** who admits to getting old, and requests that ALL rota changes are advised to him in writing or email as he cannot remember lots of verbal changes.

**Seamus** 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** the Weather Station is up and running again - nice to be able to use our manual weather recoding skills for a few weeks wasn't it ?

### **COMPUTER**

The station computer is due for a complete service and memory update which will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, and some new updates. Simon, Seamus and Mike will undertake this work

### **TEAS AND CAKES NEED PAYING FOR**

Despite my repeated requests for you to pay for cakes I regret that it has made no difference. Accordingly the benefactor who used to supply these out of his own pocket has understandably withdrawn his generosity. Tea and coffee will continue to be available but if it is no being paid for then we must look again at this facility.

### **OUR DIARY 2007 –put it in yours!**

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 19<sup>th</sup> - 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:		<i>Geoff Packman &amp; John Frost</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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