



On Watch 38

February 2008

Hi Watch! – 38 issues and still going strong!

Baz on the back-burner

Due to the ever increasing demands on **Barry Ainsworths** personal time and work commitments, he has, quite understandably, found it necessary to relinquish the positions of Team Training Officer and Team Quartermaster. Our thanks go to Barry for all the hard work he has put in over the past two years, he has now been placed on reserve, and will hopefully do a few watches and attend a few team meeting when possible to keep up to date..

We are pleased to welcome **SIMON WALKER** as our new **Training Officer** and our new **Quartermaster** is **Bill Isherwood**. Thanks to both for taking on these important roles.



STATION COMPUTER UPGRADED

Thanks to **Simon Walker** and **Seamus O'Dowd** the Station PC has been thoroughly hovered out and cleaned, memory upgraded to 1GB and a second hard-disk installed for backup. (Seamus to talk to suppliers as a 160mByte HDD was ordered, on installation found to be only 80mB) New optical mouse fitted with extension cable. New speakers fitted: Automatic back-up of the whole machine will regularly take place on a weekly basis to the new Hard Disk Drive. Ethernet link added to radio console, laptop installed and remote monitor. System proved but Ethernet card at laptop damaged. SJW has a new one and will arrive early on Saturday to install and complete installation) A thorough tidy up resulted in 5 bags of rubbish going to the skip, this clean-up will hopefully put us in good shape for the new year ,

Channel Zero arrives (at last)

The use of Channel 0 came into force with installation and a live radio check on the morning of 1st January 2008. Please read the orders posted near the set: This is only to be used by those holding a RYA SRC VHF Certificate or under the direct instruction of a Certificate holder.

PARKING

Last month I wrote: 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 local caravan parks.

We received a reply from Laver who have kindly offered to help with the possible provision of parking, albeit some 300 metres away. There are conditions; we are due to meet their company secretary on site at Easter or thereabouts. Further information regarding this site will be imparted at the February team meeting.

WELCOME

To new trainee member **Daniel Boycott** from Skegness. Please make Paul welcome in the traditional Coastwatch manner. Paul has just left the Armed Forces after a spell in the Middle East, so Ingoldmells might seem a bit quiet to start with. However a warm welcome, enjoy our work.



SURFING the WEB?

There is a web search engine that pays fees to charities for persons searching the web through their site . The address is : <http://ncingoldmellspoint.easyssearch.org.uk/>

PLEASE add this and use it for your web searches as we gain funds from your efforts and it costs you nothing.

TRAINING DAY

Due to circumstances beyond our control the training day originally scheduled for **Wednesday 13th February 2008** is postponed, and will now be rescheduled. However there will be a regular team meeting as usual on the evening of 13th at the Ship Inn when our new Training Officer will speak !

What a surprise!

We recently received a letter addressed National Coastwatch, The prom, Ingoldmells Point - and it contained an anonymous donation of £1,000. This is of course gratefully received and will be faithfully applied, a very generous gesture.

We have just received Invoices for over £ 400 capitation, and over £350 for Electricity and £ 110 telephone - that's a staggering total of £ 860 within a week. Which raises the questions: Is everyone on the muster role performing the required number of watches to make them viable and pulling their weight? Is everyone doing their part, however small, to raise funds for us to exist? Or are we carrying dead wood that's costing us money?

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 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' 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!

UNIFORM

As reported elsewhere, Bill Isherwood is now our team quartermaster and all requests for uniform items and badges to him please

NEXT TEAM MEETING: WEDNESDAY 13th February Pre Season brief and update on Laver Leisure

Even you Peter ! (Thanks for coming to last meeting but you were in the wrong Bar!!!)

PLEASE BRING YOURSELF and a friend ?

ROTAS

ALL rota changes are to be advised to Seamus in writing or email please as he cannot remember lots of verbal changes. All current Rotas are available on line - please see foot of newsletter.

OUR DIARY 2008 –put it in yours!

- Feb 13th - TEAM MEETING – 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!
- Mar 22nd - **TESCOS COLLECTION - can EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE A TURN ?**
- Apr 10th - TEAM MEETING – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
- Apr 17th - Management Meeting – Cygnus Tea Rooms
- May 8th - TEAM MEETING – Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
- May 15th - Management Meeting – Cygnus Tea Rooms
- June 28th - Morrison's Skegness collection can **everyone** do a couple of hours please?

NCI Ingoldmells Team Posts

POSTITON	HOLDER	POSITION	HOLDER
Station Manager	<i>Mike Newbold</i>	Press and Publicity	<i>Keith Arthey</i>
Deputy Station Manager And Hon Treasurer	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>	Beach Safety coordinator Charity Collecting boxes	<i>Carl Short</i>
Watch Officer -Training	<i>Simon Walker</i>	Quartermaster	<i>Bill Isherwood</i>
Recruitment Officer	<i>Jeff Packman</i>	Flag master	<i>Chris Lines</i>
Watch Rota Coordinator	<i>Seamus O'Dowd</i>		
Hon Team Secretary	<i>Pauline Arthey</i>	Almoner & tea room proprietor:	<i>Eileen Gilburd</i>
IT Team	<i>Simon Walker, Seamus O'Dowd, Keith Arthey</i>	Station Management Team Representatives	<i>Geoff Packman & John Frost</i>

WATCH ROTA ACCESS:

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

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

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

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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