



# On Watch 39

March 2008

*Hi Watch!* - 39 issues and still going strong!

## CONGRATULATIONS

To **Cliff Leedell** for attaining the Rank of Senior Watchkeeper - well done. A Happy Birthday to us all - NCI Ingoldmells is Three Years old this month - join us for our celebration Birthday dinner at the Crown Hotel, Skegness on March 19<sup>th</sup>



## THANKS BILL ....

Our grateful thanks to NCI Ingoldmells Watchkeeper **Bill Isherwood** for taking the time to study, invent, design and expertly construct a new station Pelorus fitted with a highly accurate rifle site. A brilliant piece of kit that replaces our ancient brass arm enamelled apparatus. Bill has also



The Isherwood Mk1 Pelorus© NCI

recently taken the arduous job of Station Quartermaster.

## Thanks Terry

Thanks also to Watchkeeper Terry Brown who wrote an article about National Coastwatch, and had a half page spread in a Derbyshire newspaper whilst on his winter retreat back home. We look forward to seeing him migrate from Derby back to Skegness ready for summer season watch again by time you read this.



## Collection

The TESCO collection takes place Easter Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - only two collectors at a time - please let Roger know what hours you can do - can **everyone** please do an hour or two please? Anytime on 23<sup>rd</sup> as they are open from 00.01 until 20.00 hrs. If you want a new station it has to be worked for!

## Welcome

To **John Bradley** from Skegness who joins us as a trainee John has his own boat at Boston - a RYA Day Skipper and an RYA SRC VHF Radio Certificate, so he is well up on most of our subjects, but admits to being 'a little rusty' on Chartwork'. Welcome John, we hope you enjoy being with us.



## Congratulations

To Jack Wise for passing the NCI Watchkeepers assessment. Jack has studied hard, and done many watches to achieve his rank in time for the new season. Well done Jack. Jack admits to taking NCI very seriously and is rightly proud of his excellent achievement - welcome to the team Jack.

## New ID Badge

The new Standard NCI ID Badge is now available from Quartermaster **Bill Isherwood**. These have a changeable name panel - this will save a costly update every time someone passes an assessment or gets promotion! Please ensure your name and rank appears in type not written by hand. See Simon or Seamus if you need help creating your slide in!



## 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.easysearch.org.uk/>  
PLEASE add this and use it for your web searches as we gain funds from your efforts and it costs you nothing.

## 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. We are now 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!

## ROSSALL POINT

NCI Ingoldmells **Roger Gilburd**, **Simon Walker** and **Mike Newbold** travelled over the Pennines on the week-end of Feb 23/24 to Fleetwood to provide a whole-days turbo-training for our new colleagues at NCI Rossall Point. The venue was the Blackpool and Fylde Marine College where all the Merchant marine entrants train, and a highly successful day ensued using five new training powerpoint modules put together by Simon, Roger and Mike. These will be used for our Ingoldmells training in the next few weeks. The Rossall team were most receptive, and it promises to be another good NCI Station.

As a thank you to Ingoldmells, we were presented with a new up to date 108 Admiralty Chart which has now been installed in our tower.

Mike took this photo which shows what has turned up on a beach next to Fleetwood four weeks ago ! According to AIS this 116 metre ferry is at N 53°52.342' Name Riverdance Longitude W 003°03.248' Last seen at 1/2/2008 3:30:15 UTC and apparently is 'moored'



## Channel Zero arrives (at last)

The use of Channel 0 came into force with installation and a live radio check on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The channel will require an 'on air' radio check on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month by the am Watchkeepers (Follow correct procedure - and LOG IT!).

## **NEXT TEAM MEETING: WEDNESDAY 12th March** **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 ?**

## UNIFORM

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

## 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.

## PARKING

We have solved our parking problem through the generosity of Laver Leisure. Mike met their Company Group Secretary on site in February and discussed the proposals we had put to them. They are very happy to grant us permission to park on their land to the South of the Cafeteria, right next to the promenade. Parking authority badges must be displayed, and it must be made clear to anyone else who might try to park there that it is NCI Emergency vehicle parking only. Two weeks before Easter we need to spend a day up there clearing the patch and cutting the grass to the area we will be using. We need volunteers and some grass cutters.

Roger will be arranging notices to be put up as requested by Laver.. This facility is to be treated with the utmost respect and all parking should be straight and orderly. Entrance is off of Roman bank at Laver Offices, and SITE SPEED LIMIT OF 10 MPH MAX must be strictly adhered to, as must their one-way system. More details at team meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - be there!

Note: At a recent trustee meeting in London the title of the new rank was agreed to be Station Officer replacing the temporary Watch Officer. Therefore Simon Walker is the first Station Officer in NCI - congratulations!

The NCI Ingoldmells Web site visitor count had exceeded 92,000 - brilliant, we all need to visit it and use it!

Batteries had run out on the Loudhailer - yet it was not reported or logged - do it before you need it!

## BOOK MISSING FROM STATION

Someone out there has forgotten they have the stations **RYA SRC Radio Manual** in their possession, and it is urgently required please: If you will kindly return it as soon as possible, we will probably forgo the usual customary punishment, unless you object?



## OUR DIARY 2008 -put it in yours!

- Mar 12<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING - Ship Inn, Ingoldmells - **pre season briefing & Log Book training.**
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - NCI Ingoldmells Annual Birthday Celebrations at Crown Hotel, Skegness.- 3 years old!
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> - **TESCOS COLLECTION - can EVERYONE PLEASE do an hour at least - yes even you!**
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING - Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
- Apr 17<sup>th</sup> - Management Meeting - Cygnus Tea Rooms
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - NCI AGM London
- May 8<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING - Ship Inn, Ingoldmells
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Management Meeting - Cygnus Tea Rooms
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - 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>
Station 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 &amp; 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 2/2008*