

NCI Hengistbury Head – News Archive 2019

A Thank you to the Burley Literary Club

On the 17th December, a wonderfully atmospheric lamp-lit Burley Village Hall was transported back in time, as a packed audience enjoyed "A Thomas Hardy Christmas", presented by The Burley Literary Club. The atmosphere was further enhanced by mulled wine and mince pies, as the West Gallery Quire gave a joyful lively mixture of carols, folk and dance tunes, which was enjoyed by all. Profits raised on the evening were donated to Hengistbury Head NCI. £687 on the night, Vodafone added a further £350, bringing the total for the evening to over £1000. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Unusual and delightful 'first' to share with you

A couple of weeks ago Gavin Townson asked if we would be willing to place some words that he had written in the Lookout Window; he wanted to propose to his girlfriend outside. We said Yes!



On the 21st December the sun shone at just the right moment and Gavin proposed to Katie in front of the Lookout. Thankfully Katie said 'yes' and we invited them in to share their moment and raise a glass to toast this very special occasion.

Gavin and Katie are a local couple and Katie has very special memories of spending time at the Head as a youngster. I'm sure today will be added to that 'Special Memories' bank. HHNCI wish Gavin and Katie a wonderful, happy and healthy life together.

It just so happens that two Dorset Marine Police Officers decided to visit at the same time – and they were very impressed that we drink bubbly on Saturday mornings! (They were good – teas and coffees only).

Congratulations and Merry Christmas

Hengistbury Head NCI Christmas Carol Service Book the date now.

Bring family and friends. Some of our Watchkeepers have compiled a special nautical version of The 12 Days of Christmas (what could possibly go wrong) 🤪 and the service is being officiated by our very own Watchkeeper Rev. Chris Colledge. Please RSVP: revdchriscolledge@gmail.com. We look forward to sharing our mince pies with you (and we don't share our mince pies lightly!)

NAUTICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

137 BROADWAY, BOURNEMOUTH, BH6 4EP
READERS INCLUDE

THE MAYOR OF BOURNEMOUTH

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MUDEFORD LIFEBOAT

REPRESENTATIVE FROM POOLE LIFEBOAT

COUNCILLOR DAVID FLAGG

(CHRISTCHURCH & BCP CHAIRMAN)

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER, 7.00p.m

FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS CHEER



**Broadcast on BBC
South Today –
Lunch Time News,
4th December
2019**



A full version of the broadcast can be seen on our [Facebook page](#).

(c) BBC MMXIX



BBC South Today have been filming at the Lookout 28 Nov

The BBC have been up at the Lookout filming us for a short piece on South Today. The item is being aired in various forms throughout today 4th December, on BBC1 in the South Today Region.

Visit by Dorset Freemasons Lodge of Meridian

On Thursday 7th November we were pleased to welcome members of the Dorset Freemasons Lodge of Meridian. Peter Meade and Rob Bury brought with them a cheque for £250, HHNCI being one of their 2019 charitable causes. Their donation and support to HHNCI is greatly appreciated.

After the obligatory photo call Chris gave our visitors a brief overview of our operations, the specialist equipment we use and how the work of the Watchkeepers is carried out.



Photo: Rob Bury (Lodge of Meridian Charity Steward), Peter Holway (Acting Station Manager), Peter Meade (Lodge of Meridian Assistant Director of Ceremonies), Chris Lloyd-Smith (Deputy Station Manager)



Winter Operating Hours

To coincide with the clocks going back on Sunday we are altering our operating hours for the winter - 0800 to 1700 (or end of daylight) seven days a week.



Hengistbury Head a Winner

Last night (16th) saw the 36th Bournemouth in Bloom Awards Ceremony at the West Cliff Hotel in Bournemouth. This year Hengistbury Head was the winner of the Bournemouth Chamber of Trade and Commerce Cup which is presented to a group of people who give their time, either by employment or in a voluntary capacity, for the well-being and advancement of Bournemouth. The cup was accepted by Brian Heppenstall, Hengistbury Head Senior Ranger, on behalf of all BCP staff and volunteers, including NCI, who make Hengistbury Head the special place that it is. Huge congratulations to Brian and his team - and thank you for letting us hold the cup for a photo! Pictured are (l-r) David Wilkins, Ed Essery and Station Manager Peter Holway.

Hengistbury Head NCI 2020 Calendars Now Available



All images have been taken by Hengistbury Head Watchkeepers. Every penny of profit will go towards ensuring our continued vital community service.

By buying our calendars you will be helping us to continue to assist in the protection and preservation of life on our local waters, cliff paths and shoreline. They make great Christmas presents too!

Message us on [Facebook](#) to order your copy for £5.00 each (+p&p)

Calendars are also available from the Regent Centre shop in Christchurch High Street and Newsagent/Post Office on Broadway. From these locations the cost of the calendars is £6.

14th September 2019 - National Coastwatch Day

It is National Coastwatch Day and, also, the 25th anniversary of the National Coastwatch Institution. To commemorate the event, we decided to assemble a flotilla of small boats in the area below the Lookout and, hopefully, form the letters "HH" for Hengistbury Head. After several attempts, and despite some pretty tricky conditions for all the vessels taking part. We did it!

Well done to all who manoeuvred their vessels magnificently and those coordinating everything from the Lookout.





Brian presents Peter with the Station Manager Epaulettes.

Change at the Helm

At our first AGM there was some big news; our station manager, Brian Roberts has stood down and Peter Holway has taken over as Acting Station Manager. Brian has worked tirelessly for 4 years (with Ed and Chris) to bring Hengistbury Head from a pipe dream to the reality of an established NCI station. Brian was fundamental in creating such an awesome station. Thank you, Brian.

But Brian is not leaving, he is going to be Watchkeeping and training whilst Peter, who has been a Watchkeeper and our H&S Officer HHNCI since we started, leads us onwards and upwards.

First AGM on 2nd September 2019

We met for our first AGM and could not have asked for a more beautiful backdrop, Hengistbury Head and a dramatic sunset.



On 25th August 2019, some of our Watchkeepers attended a service at The Priory in Christchurch which recognised the work of HengistburyHead NCI. The Priory is such a stunning building and we were warmly welcomed and greatly supported by both the church and its parishioners, for which we were very grateful. Our Station Manager, Brian, gave a great talk too! Our information stand and drawing competition will be in the Priory for another week so there's still time to pay a visit.





A Brave Walk in Windy Conditions

These lovely ladies from Tesco braved a very windy day and walked up to the Lookout on 19th August 2019. They presented us with a fabulous cheque for £1,000 following our inclusion in Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. Thank you so much to everyone who voted for us. Here Donna and Sally from Tesco present the cheque to Chris, one of our deputy Station managers.

An excellent item by Meridian News was aired on 15th August 2019. This excerpt from the piece relates to HHNCI Lookout. If you would like to watch the entire Meridian News item it can be viewed on our [Facebook Page](#).



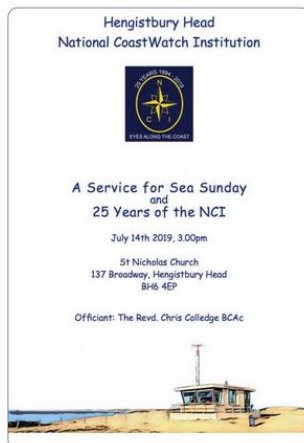
A Fabulous Donation from our Friends at Waitrose Christchurch

On 3rd August 2019 our Station Manager, Brian, received a donation from Christchurch Waitrose through their Community Matters scheme. Thank you so much everyone who voted for us. Every penny will go towards keeping Hengistbury Head NCI operational.



Meridian TV News Filming at Hengistbury Head

On 10th July 2019, Richard Slee from Meridian TV was filming at the Head. He interviewed Ed, one of our duty station managers, also Adele, one of our trainees. We understand the item will be aired on the Meridian News slot one day next week at 18.00, from Tuesday 16th onwards.



A Service for Sea Sunday

Please feel free to join us for our Sea Sunday celebration at St Nicholas' church, Broadway, Hengistbury Head on 14th July at 3:00pm.

Thank You Cadenza Choir

What an amazing evening the Cadenza Choir event in aid of Hengistbury Head NCI turned out to be! A cheque for £987 was presented to Station Manager Brian Roberts by Dr Jane Oakland, Cadenza Music Director and with a last-minute donation of £15, a grand total of £1002 has been donated by Cadenza for which HHNCI are extremely grateful.



Hengistbury Head NCI & Cadenza Choir of Christchurch

Invite you to a concert on 10th July 2019 at 7.30pm at St Katharine's Church,
Southbourne, BH6 4AR



Cadenza Choir

Coast to Coast

A concert in aid of
Hengistbury Head Coast Watch

Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm
St Katharine's Church
Southbourne BH6 4AR

Tickets £8 each including wine and nibbles
from Brian Roberts at hengistbury.head@nci.org.uk



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Please join us for an evening of great music, good company and wine and nibbles. We are holding an evening concert to raise much needed funds to enable us to maintain and develop our 364 days a year operation. We can't do it without you lovely people so please support us. Invest in us so that we may continue to invest in the lives of everyone who uses the local waters and cliff paths.



*The lovely people at Waitrose in Christchurch
Have entered us into their
Token Scheme for the month of June!*

And don't forget that we're still in the Tesco token scheme until the end of June as well.
Spread the word. Spread the shopping.



NCI Hengistbury Head and Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

We're delighted to announce that from May 1st to June 30th we are one of three Charities to benefit from the Tesco token scheme.

Simply shop in one of the Tesco stores listed, and you will receive a token to place in a slot to vote for your Charity of choice. We will receive a donation of up to £4,000 from Tesco to put towards binoculars for the Station.

Binoculars are the one piece of potential life saving equipment that every Watchkeeper uses each time they are on Watch and this donation will go towards adding to, updating or replacing equipment.

What are you waiting for? Let's go Tesco shopping!

This is the list of stores taking part in the voting on our project, please feel free to share this list of stores amongst our supporters and within our/your community.

2164 BOURNEMOUTH BH7 7DY.
 2282 CHRISTCHURCH EXPRESS
 3075 NORTHBOURNE BNMTH EXP
 4413 BOURNEMOUTH TUCKTN RD BH6 3AA EXPRESS
 4423 KINSON BH10 7BB SUPERSTORE
 5027 MUSCLIFFE BRNMTH EXP BH9 3PE
 5073 MOORDOWN BOURNMTH EXP BH9 2EG EXPRESS
 BH23 2AY EXPRESS
 BH10 7AG EXPRESS
 5352 POKESDOWN EXP BH7 6DW EXPRESS

5394 CHARMNSTR RD BMTH EXP
 5631 SOUTHBOURNE GROVE EXP
 6202 WEST PARLEY EXP BH22 8EB
 6316 BRNMOUT HOLDEN RD EXP
 6533 BOURNEMOUTH DOLPH EXP
 BH8 8UE EXPRESS
 BH6 3RA EXPRESS
 BH8 8FT EXPRESS
 BH8 8AY EXPRESS

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