

NCI Hengistbury Head – News Archive 2022



The Christchurch Living Advent Calendar A Fantastic Day

The Christchurch Living Advent Calendar event on the 19th December was a festive, enjoyable occasion. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day – those who donated to our bucket rattling volunteers on a very inclement Christchurch high street, or bought raffle tickets and calendars, and to everyone who came along to support us at the Captain's Club Hotel for the evening event. In total, the sum raised for NCI Hengistbury Head was over £1400, including £500 from our event sponsor – The Primrose Trust, for which we are extremely grateful. The photograph shows Pippa Medley-Jones from The Primrose Trust presenting our Station Manager Peter Holway with a cheque for £500.

To see Christmas cards received from our NCI colleagues across the country, click on the jolly Santa.

NCI Hengistbury Head wish all our NCI colleagues, emergency services partners, local agencies we work with and our supporters and friends a peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas, and very best wishes for 2023. Thank you for everything you've done that has made it possible for us to continue to assist HMCG in protecting lives at sea and around the coastline.



*19th December 2022 - A date for your Christmas diary
Living Advent Calendar returns to Christchurch
with NCI Hengistbury Head once again a chosen charity*



Christchurch Living Advent Calendar

At the invitation of Christchurch Rotary Club, NCI Hengistbury Head is once again honoured to be one of the 24 local charities to benefit from the Christchurch Living Advent Calendar (CLAC).

Our day in the CLAC schedule is Monday 19th December



**Our venue is Captain's Club Hotel, BH23 1HU.
There will be entertainment! All to be revealed when the doors open at 18:15!**

The concept of a Living Advent Calendar was born in Sweden in 2005 and came to the UK, initially in Henley-on-Thames, eleven years ago. You can read all about this event which runs from the 1st to 24th December at <https://christchurchlivingadventcalendar.org.uk/>

**There will be a fabulous raffle with prices including
Pamper Hamper**

A slightly more alcoholic hamper

**an indulgent Italian hamper
Raffle tickets will cost £1 each or £5 a strip.**

These can be purchased at the event or from our smiling, uniformed, volunteer Watchkeepers outside the Regent Centre in Christchurch on the morning of the 19th December. We will also have some calendars and cards for sale. What's not to love! We look forward to seeing you all on the day and thank you for your continued support of our Station.



We will be receiving a donation from our sponsor for the day, The Primrose Fund, for which we are extremely grateful.

**FROM SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER 22 OUR WINTER OPERATING HOURS ARE
0800 UNTIL 1700 (OR END OF DAYLIGHT HOURS) EVERY DAY**



Mayor visits Hengistbury Head National Coastwatch

The Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor Bob Lawton, paid a visit to the Lookout on Monday 3rd October. He heard about the organisation, the work of NCI Hengistbury Head and its team of 100+ volunteers in keeping Watch over Poole & Christchurch Bays. The Mayor, being a past member of the Merchant Navy, was very appreciative of the value of the team that ensures the Lookout maintains a Watch during daylight hours 364 days per year. Station Manager, Peter Holway, presented the Mayor with a commemorative NCI pen in recognition of the visit and the fact that in 2017, as a local Ward Councillor, Councillor Lawton had been instrumental in helping the National Coastwatch Institution charity get permission to re-open the Lookout as an NCI Station. The Mayor thanked all those who volunteer at what is now one of the NCI's busiest Stations for doing a "superb job" and did so "on behalf of the people of Bournemouth".



The Mayor of Bournemouth left this note in our visitors book after his recent tour of the Lookout.

Name	Address
Mayor of Bournemouth Robert Lawton	
Wonderful visit Super Job well done to All present My thanks on behalf of the people of Bournemouth!	

Southampton Boat Show 16th - 25th September (closed on 19th)

Hengistbury Head Watchkeepers will be manning our stand on Tuesday 20th



Once again NCI will have a stand at the Southampton Boat Show which, this year, runs from 16-25 September (closed on the 19th) at Mayflower Park.

Hengistbury Head Watchkeepers will be manning the stand on Tuesday 20th (it will be manned by a different station each day) do please come along, have a chat with our volunteers and show your support.

For more information on the boat show visit www.southamptonboatshow.com.

We look forward to seeing you.



 National Coastwatch Institution

Your Royal Highness, HRH the Princess Royal

The Chairman, Board of Trustees and Watchkeepers of the National Coastwatch Institution wish to express to Your Royal Highness our deep and profound sadness and our condolences on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts and prayers are with Your Royal Highness and the members of your family.

Now That The Beaches Are Starting To Get Busier, Know The RNLI Beach Flags And Warning Signs

Lifeboats

 Beware of rip currents	 Beware of large breaking waves	 Swim in Lifeguard patrolled area	 Surf board and water craft zone
 Do not swim in boating lane	 Do not kite surf	 Do not swim when red flags are present	 Do not use inflatables

☎ 999 in an Emergency and ask for Coastguard
Lifeguard service July to September, 10am to 6pm

Thurlestone Sands

 Swim in Lifeguard patrolled area	<p>FLARES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find the red and yellow flags and swim between them Look at the safety signs Ask a Lifeguard for advice Get a friend to swim with you Stick your hand up for help if in difficulty
 Surf board and water craft zone	
 Do not swim when red flags are present	
 Do not use inflatables	

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Lifeguard Service

For More Information Visit The RNLI [Coastal Safety Page](#)

Our 2023 Calendar is sold out! Sorry.

We are very excited to be able to tell you that our NCI Hengistbury Head 2023 calendar is now available.

As in previous years, every penny of profit from sales is ploughed back into our Station - enabling us to continue, and improve, our vital service.

Once again a huge thanks go to our camera wielding Watchkeepers who have provided all the photos, to @cobwoodstudio for generously giving his time and expertise to put the calendar together and to PP Printing in Christchurch for doing an amazing job of printing the calendars for us at an amazing price.



Printing & Design

Printing: PP Printing, 31A Bargates, Christchurch - T: 01202 480700

Design: Cobwood Studio, www.cobwood.co.uk

See below for a list of our wonderful stockists

BH6 Books and Home, 69 Southbourne Grove, Southbourne, - T: 01202 418403 — [Click for Facebook page.](#)

Castle Cameras, 329 Wimborne Road, Winton - T: 01202 526606 — [Click for website.](#)

Christchurch Regent Centre, 51 High Street, Christchurch - T: 01202 499199 — [Click for website.](#)

Hengistbury Head Post Office & News, 106 Broadway, Hengistbury Head - T: 01202 424889 — [Click for Facebook page](#)

Occasions Cards and Post Office, 348 Lymington Road, Highcliffe - T: 01425 277822 — [Click for Facebook page.](#)

PP Printing, 31A Bargates, Christchurch - T: 01202 480700 — [Click for Facebook page.](#)

Southbourne General Store, 47 Southbourne Grove, Southbourne, - T: 01202 420141 — [Click for website.](#)

Westbourne Bookshop, 65 Poole Road, Westbourne - T: 01202 768626 — [Click for website.](#)

Please show your appreciation of our Station, which is run entirely by volunteers and funded entirely by the generosity of our supporters, and buy our calendar. Thank You.

Win A £1,000 Currys PC World Voucher!

Be in the draw on the 27th August 2022 and you could win a £1,000 Currys eGift Card



Remember there are weekly Cash Prizes up to the £25,000 jackpot too!

To be in with a chance of winning and also support our Lookout, click here:- [BH Coastal Lottery](#), see the *Current Offer* - Win A £1,000 Currys eGift Card.

From kitchen appliances to TVs, laptops to iPhones, there's something for everyone. Buy your tickets, for your chance to win a £1,000 Currys PC World Voucher!

(Please read the T&Cs - you need to be happy with the publicity that's going to follow the win.)

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However you support us, thank you!

National NCI Day coincides with Blue Light Day – Sunday 24th July

NCI HH is going to be on the Green at Mudeford Quay from 10 am as part of RNLI Blue Light Day

There will be over 20 organisations, some from our search and rescue family including, RNLI (obviously), HM Coastguard, and Air Ambulance.

Please do come along and say hello!



RNLI Mudeford Fundraising Crew
and neighbouring branches



BLUE LIGHT DAY 24 July 2022

MUDEFORD QUAY GREEN
Christchurch
10 am to 4 pm

Admission Free (but donations very welcome)

A chance to meet local Police, Fire Brigade and other emergency Search and Rescue services and the brilliant teams who run them

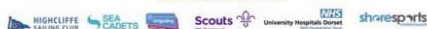
A special thanks to Hoburne Park for sponsoring this event



If you would like further information, please contact: adele.orr.63@gmail.com



We are also pleased to welcome:



NATIONAL COASTWATCH DAY Sunday 24th July



#NCIday2022

NCI HH is going to be on the Green at Mudeford Quay from 10am, as part of RNLI Blue Light Day, visit us on our stand and say hello.

Look out for the Fun Days and Fundraising Events organised by our NCI stations to celebrate National Coastwatch Day this Sunday.

Check with your local station to see what they're putting on or attending.

SEA SUNDAY SERVICE
ALL WELCOME – PLEASE JOIN US



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, HENGISTBURY HEAD

10 JULY 2022 AT 3PM

NCI Hengistbury Head will be observing Sea Sunday, as others will be doing throughout the world, with a commemoration service.

The observance is about coming together to pay respect to all those who work at sea, as well as those who play a role in assisting and supporting the safety of seafarers.

Together with HHNCI Watchkeepers, there will be representatives from NCI National Trustees, the RNLi and our supporters and Friends. Also in attendance will be the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth.

This will be the first time we have been able to hold our Sea Sunday Service since the start of the pandemic and we very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Win A £1000 Staycation With Forest Holidays!

Be in the draw on the 25th June and you could win luxurious staycation .



Remember there are weekly Cash Prizes up to the £25,000 Jackpot too!

To be in with a chance of winning and also support our Lookout, click here:- [BH Coastal Lottery](#), see the *Current Offer* - 'Win a £1000 Forest Holiday!'

Then buy your tickets, for your chance to win a fabulous Forest Holiday to the value of £1000! Choose from 12 different locations throughout the UK.

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NCI Presentation At Red House Museum, Christchurch Wednesday 25th May



A date for your diary - For one afternoon only, a solo presentation by Watchkeeper Peter - open to the public!

The talk covers NCI and in particular, NCI Hengistbury Head, it will last approximately 1 hour and there will be time for questions (anyone who's ever heard Peter speak will know that that's a real bargain - no awkward silences guaranteed).

Tickets cost just £4.50 from [The Red House](#). One not to be missed!

More New NCI Hengistbury Head VHF CH 65 Signs Being Installed

The more water users call the NCI for radio checks, the more it frees up Ch16 for emergency calls.

Our new NCI Hengistbury Head VHF Ch65 signs are being put up in various locations. Recently signs have been installed at Christchurch Sailing Club and Elkins Boat Yard.



If you know of a marina, boat yard, sailing or yacht club that would benefit from displaying our sign, please contact us:- [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#). Thank you for your support.

Fabulous Turn Out For The St George's Day Charity Walk

The charity walk was organised by the *Rotary Club of Westbourne* who were raising funds for NCI Hengistbury Head and Macmillan Caring Locally. There were some fabulous costumes amongst the gathering and lots of flag waving, thank you for participating you are all stars!

We really appreciate the support and hope you everyone enjoyed the day.

As you can see, The Mayor of Bournemouth really entered in the spirit of St. George.



Watchkeepers spend informal evening with RNLI Mudeford



Thank you to Ian (helm) and Steve (launch authority) for hosting some of our Watchkeepers yesterday evening, 12th April. We had a very valuable, informal and progressive meeting to further understand each other's roles and practices, with the aim of working ever more closely together to ensure the safety of those using our local waters.

With 100 Watchkeepers, we thought it best to limit numbers so as not to put too big a strain on Mudeford Lifeboat teabag supplies. Future sessions are booked, so that as many of our Watchkeepers as possible can benefit from the wealth of experience and knowledge at [RNLI Mudeford](#).

RNLI Mudeford's helm Ian is second from the right, showing our Watchkeepers the Mudeford Servant. Learning about the comms equipment on board gives us, and the lifeboat crew, a better understanding of how to effectively communicate with each other in the event of an incident.

Thank you RNLI Mudeford.

Win A £1,000 B&Q Voucher

Be in the draw on the 23rd April and you could win £1,000 B&Q Voucher

Remember there are weekly Cash Prizes up to the £25,000 Jackpot too!

To be in with a chance of winning and also support our Lookout, click here:- [BH Coastal Lottery](#), see the *Current Offer* - 'Win A £1,000 B&Q Voucher. - DIY Season is upon us!'

Then buy your tickets, for your chance to win a £1,000 B&Q Voucher!

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Thank You Dorset Morris Minor Owners Club

For Nominating NCI Hengistbury Head As Your Charity Of The Year

When our presentation team gave a talk to the **Dorset Morris Minor Owners Club** on 7th April, they were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £400.


We are extremely grateful that the Club chose NCI Hengistbury Head to be their charity of the year. Thank you so much. We really appreciate your generosity.

This donation will make a real difference to our Station - helping us to continue keeping 'eyes along the coast'.



HHNCI Commences Summer Operating Hours - 0800 until 1900 Every Day

NCI HENGISTBURY HEAD



Summer operating hours
from 27th March 2022

0800 - 1900
(or dusk if earlier)
Everyday

And on
VHF Ch65

Presentation To The Christchurch Tangent Club



Our Station Manager Peter and Training Officer Brian, gave a presentation to the Christchurch Tangent Club. **Tangent Clubs** are part of the Round Table family. We understand that a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

In the photograph, Joy Eveleigh hands Peter a much-appreciated donation.

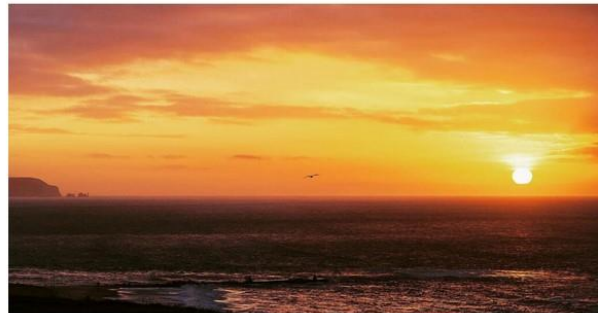
Thank you, Christchurch Tangent Club. This donation will help us to continue keeping 'eyes along the coast'.

**Have you
Seen Our New
Local
Information
Signs?**



**Look out for our smart
new signs. This one has
been put up at the
entrance to Bailey
Bridge Marina.**

STORM EUNICE



Yesterday 18th February, it was necessary to close the Station for the safety of our volunteer Watchkeepers.

This morning we have reopened and intend to remain open until 1700hrs. We still have high winds and a lot of water around, so everyone should remain vigilant and take care.

Win A £1,000 Sainsbury's eGift Card!

Be in the draw on the 26th February and you could win £1,000 Sainsbury's eGift Card

Remember there are weekly Cash Prizes up to the £25,000 Jackpot too!

To be in with a chance of winning and also support our Lookout, click here:- [BH Coastal Lottery](#), see the *Current Offer* - 'Win A £1,000 Sainsbury's Gift Voucher To Kick Off The New Year!'

Then buy your tickets, for your chance to win a £1,000 Sainsbury's Gift Voucher! From Tu clothing and Habitat homewares to groceries, there's something for everyone.!

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