

Gunthorpe Newsletter

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£2500 Reward Offered

During the night of Sunday 3rd July a 70 meter high mast, erected on land near to the Trent, north east of Gunthorpe Lock, fell to the ground. The mast was being used to monitor wind speeds to establish whether a proposed 122 meter high wind turbine would be a viable development on the site.

Stuart Barnes, Communications Manager for Partnerships for Renewables, (Pfr) has blamed vandals for the incident and has expressed great regret at what he believes to have been the result of persons taking matters into their own hands instead of making objections through the planning process.

If vandalism is indeed the case then this a highly dangerous criminal act causing risk of injury not only to the offenders but to others nearby and farm animals.

Reports in the Nottingham Evening Post suggested that people were fishing on the riverbank when the mast fell.

Pfr are to erect a replacement mast and introduce enhanced security. The company have offered a reward of £2500 to anyone who is able to provide information leading to the identification and conviction of those responsible.

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It is obvious that there are mixed feelings within Gunthorpe about whether a wind turbine is welcome or not. The Parish Council want to establish the levels of objection or support and have designed a referendum form which is distributed with this newsletter.

In a similar way to the method used in the Parish Plan survey of 2007, households will be able to register their view. The 2007 Parish Plan registered a 60% support for appropriate wind turbines. The Parish Council are mindful that this may have changed and want to represent the view of residents as it now stands in 2011.

Please use the referendum form and respond as requested. Your view is important whether or not you support the issue. Be very careful when completing the form.

Understand the question before answering.

You will hear of a proposed £5000 per year being given to the community if the wind turbine is built and operated. The community does not necessarily mean Gunthorpe alone. It could include several villages.

Objectors

A meeting has been called by a resident of East Bridgford, Lisa Worthington, who is opposed to the plan for a wind turbine being built in East Bridgford and now Gunthorpe. The meeting will be held at East Bridgford Village Hall on 25th July at 8pm.

Everyone from surrounding villages are welcome.

Local East Bridgford Councillor Nigel Lawrence has been invited along with BBC News and Notts Anglers Association, who are also concerned about a planned hydro generator at Gunthorpe Lock.

Local drop in session.

Stuart Barnes from Pfr will be working from the Committee Room at Gunthorpe's Village Hall between 12 - 7pm - on Friday 5th August.

People can drop in to see him to make comment and ask questions. This is all part of the company's Public consultation and will, perhaps, be the final session. He can also be contacted by phone. See front page for details.

Future Newsletter's

It is anticipated that the newsletter will once again become a regular feature of parish life. To make it a success we welcome letters, articles, or advertisements.

Please forward items to pwjeffery@btinternet.com



At this year's summer fair the children of Gunthorpe School took the lead in the community with the launch of the 'Greening Gunthorpe' campaign.

The Greening Campaign is about local people taking local action about climate change. Instead of people feeling helpless in front of such a frightening topic, we believe that if individuals in a community take small actions, all these will add up to make a big difference. We also believe that if lots of communities join together to take action, then the difference we make may start to reduce the effects of climate change. So far 140 communities are running The Greening Campaign. To find out more please visit www.greening-campaign.co.uk. It is supported by many local councils, including Newark and Sherwood.

The launch focuses on eight challenges chosen by the community. These are:

1. Turn off lights when leaving a room
2. Turn off all standbys

3. Wash laundry at 30'c
4. Walk if journey is less than a mile
5. Boil only the amount of water needed
6. Turn the thermostat down by 1'c
7. Turn off taps when brushing teeth
8. Reduce shower time by 1 minute

Being distributed with this newsletter are special cards that can be used by residents to record their response to the challenges. Once you have committed to five of these challenges, display the logo side of the card in your window by Sunday 11 September 2011.

Already doing 5 challenges? Put your card up in the window and see how many other people you can get to join in!

Organisers will be counting the cards between the 12 - 16 September to calculate how much CO2 we have saved together, so please can you ensure the card is displayed where it can be easily seen, i.e. in a front window.

Supported by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Village Hall

The AGM for the committee has been held and now comprises of Paul Jeffery, Chairman of the Committee, David Ellis is the treasurer and Karen Waldron is the secretary. Also on the committee are, Lynne Cope, Jaine Chappel, Trish Ellis, Andrea Preston, Pip Milbourne, Football rep is Mike Coney and Church Rep Elsie Reed. Parish Council rep is Lesley Jeffery.

We would welcome any help and assistance with our committee work. If this is something you could help with please contact one of the members.

A recent meeting discussed the use of the hall during the day and a proposal was put forward to open the hall for one day a week probably on a Friday.

The format of what will be on offer is still being considered but a library where people can exchange books, a computer terminal for internet access, daily newspapers, refreshments, a table tennis table, Carpet bowls and a Pool Table are amongst some of the suggestions.

With this in mind the Village Hall Committee would welcome contact

from anyone who is able to donate any of the above items.

Contact Paul Jeffery on 07966910201.

Gunthorpe 200 Club

A big thank you goes out to all those who joined this year's 200 club. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help secure the maintenance programme and development of the Village Hall and Playing Fields.

The first and second 200 club draws have been made and the winners are as follows:

Draw 1

1st Lindsey Johnson
2nd Stuart Hill
3rd Beryl Johnson
4th Pauline Turner

Draw 2

1st John Simpson
2nd Jen Dakin
3rd Malcolm Cope
4th Josie and Ray Cox

We had 111 members registered which are a few less than last year but we are still collecting and this figure will be higher by the time the next draw is made.