

# WEST HADDLESEY NEWS

(IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT DOGS' MUCK AND LAMPOSTS)

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## **No power to the people!**

It will have been hard not to notice the two large-scale power outages we have experienced in recent weeks. Both were caused by the theft of high-voltage electricity lines from within the village, an attractive target for thieves (despite the obvious dangers) because of the high price that can be obtained for the copper they're made of. The thieves strike in the middle of the night, exceedingly quickly, and are generally gone before anyone's noticed anything's wrong. The second theft was of the cable put up to replace the very cable stolen in the first theft!

Please keep any eye out for any strange or suspicious cars or people in the village, and report them to Eggborough Police Station (on the non-emergency number 0845 6060 247, rather than the 999 emergency number).

There is also, however, an on-going issue of temporary power outages of which last only a second, or less. The outages are, apparently, caused by a system-protection device. When it detects something touching a high-voltage line, such as a tree branch blowing in the wind, then it shuts off the current until it's safe – usually just a second or so later.

Whilst these usually don't cause anything more than a momentary inconvenience, they are still somewhat annoying, as they can occasionally affect or break electronic devices, such as televisions or computers, and having to go around setting all the clocks again can get a bit tedious when it's the third time in a week!

Expensive electronic equipment should always be plugged in via a surge-protective extension lead or adaptor, which will ensure that the device isn't adversely affected by the sudden fluctuations in power – it's often a requirement of home insurance policies that these devices be used, and if they're not, and your computer breaks as a result, then you may not be entitled to claim a new one.

If the outages continue then we shall ask Yorkshire Electricity Distribution Limited (who are responsible for the cables) to walk the line seeing what's causing them.

## **The main Parish Meeting**

The law requires that at least one main Parish Meeting be held in each year, between April and June. The committee likes to hold two in a year (even though all residents are invited to come along to all committee meetings), and the second one for this year will be held in the George and Dragon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 8.00 pm. Please do come along to take part, listen in, or if you have any issues about life in the village which you'd like to raise.

## **Christmas Tree**

A big thank you to Paul and Shirley at the George and Dragon for kindly donating £200.00 to the Christmas Tree Fund. We've sourced a permanent Christmas Tree for the village, but once planted it'll need a few years to grow to a suitably majestic size, so we'll still get annual ones in the mean time.

If you have anything you want covered in the next issue of the newsletter (whenever that may be) then drop any member of the committee a line, or email [newsletter@westhaddlesey.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@westhaddlesey.org.uk).

### **Selby Globe Community Cinema**

We have been asked to bring this to the attention of residents. A charitable organisation, the SGCC puts on contemporary, and classic, films in Selby Town Hall.

Upcoming films include Toy Story 3 (7.00pm on October 18<sup>th</sup>), "Some like it hot" (10.30am on October 21<sup>st</sup>), Whisky Galore! (10.30am on November 18<sup>th</sup>) and The Blues Brothers Singalong (7.30pm on December 13<sup>th</sup>).

Entry is £3.00 per person, or £10.00 for yearly membership plus £1.75 per film. Full details of all films shown can be found on their website at [www.selbyglobe.co.uk](http://www.selbyglobe.co.uk).

The organisation is looking to expand – at present they have a Monday night screening every month, and a Silver Screen (50+) morning screening every month. They are looking to add to this by including a Mother and Toddler, After School and Teen Cinemas – as well as looking at potential venues around and about at which to show films. If this is something you're interested in, then take a look at their website, or call them on (01757) 708 449.

### **Mobile Library**

News has reached us that the Mobile Library service, which currently stops in the village every three weeks, will be stopped by North Yorkshire County Council in 2010 – the Council claims that mobile libraries are so infrequently used that each book borrowed costs them £6.00, and that it's a luxury that cannot be afforded in the current climate.

Thought is being given to setting up a replacement "book corner" in the village, and it is something that will be discussed at the forthcoming committee meeting. If it's something that you'd be interested in seeing in the village then please do let any of the committee know your views.

### **The wind farm**

All has gone very quiet on the wind farm front. From what we understand, Selby District Council instructed external consultants, who raised queries to be answered by the three applicants behind the three most advanced applications (Cleek Hall, Bishopwood, and our own Wood Lane).

These questions were, we believe, answered at the end of August. We also understand that there are objections to Wood Lane from the Ministry of Defence (due to issues with their radar). Whilst not permanent, as a solution to the issues would probably be developed in time, it is something which could significantly delay matters. We're getting conflicting reports on whether or not, because of the MoD objection, ProWind are going ahead.

So it continues to rumble on – it's into its third year, now. We'll keep you posted on any more information as we receive it.

### **The committee**

The committee currently consists of :

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If you are interested in helping out then why not get in touch and come along to our next meeting – we won't bite...probably! Although we haven't got any other committee meetings scheduled for the rest of the year, there's the main meeting (overleaf) on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 pm in the George and Dragon, which all are warmly welcomed to.