

# THE TOWER

July/August 2018



## EDITORIAL

At the time of writing this, the sky is virtually cloudless and it is about 25 degrees outside. Whilst we are enjoying the sunshine and hot weather, please spare a thought for the birds in your garden and make sure that they have easy access to water, not only for bathing, but for drinking. A large flat tray of water about 2" deep will have the birds flocking to your garden for a drink and a bath.

We note that Lincolnshire Highways are in the process of repairing the road from the village to the A17. Whilst it is a nuisance having to make a rather long detour to get to the A17 to travel East, it is bliss at having a fairly quiet village and no speeding traffic.

Work should start on the water access point (by the kingfisher memorial sculpture) and mooring/landing stage at the beginning of July. When completed, it will afford disabled access to the edge of the river and mooring positions for visiting (narrow) boats and hopefully encourage more use of the river for leisure activities.

*Mervyn & Judy Head*

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### **SOUTH KYME WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

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### **SOUTH KYME PETANQUE (BOULES) CLUB**

We are now well into the new season and the clanging of boules can be heard from behind the Village Hall from 7pm on Monday evenings. Its a great way to spend an hour or so on a pleasant Summer evening. We have plenty of spare boules and sessions only cost £1.50 so why not try it?

### **SOUTH KYME SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

The club meets in the village hall at 7.15-10.00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session/match fee of £2.00. New members will be most welcome.

### **SOUTH KYME LADIES KEEP FIT GROUP**

The ladies keep fit group sessions are now on each Friday afternoon (unless otherwise announced) from 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm. The fee is £15.00/month, so please do come along and experience a work out tailored to suit your individual needs by the qualified fitness instructor. For further details, please contact Josie on 01526 860645.

### **THE GAME OF NOVUS**

Novus is a 2 player game of physical skill which is closely related to billiards. It is played on a metre square table and is a national sport in Latvia. On the Sunday of late May's Bank Holiday weekend a couple of tables were set up in the Village Hall and we were shown how the game is played. A group of us enjoyed several games. The people who showed us Novus are keen to provide other opportunities for villagers to play the game if there is an interest. It's worth 'Googling' the game for more details.



At the time of writing we have just begun the last half term of another school year. I am not quite sure where all the time goes and we have a lot to pack into a few weeks before we break up for the summer holidays on Friday 20 July.



Congratulations to our team of Year 6 pupils who won the Jaguar Primary Schools Challenge Regional Final in May. They are now preparing their presentation for the National Final in Nottingham in June. The Jaguar Primary Challenge is a STEM project (designed to inspire young children to take part in science, technology, engineering and maths activities) that is run nationwide. Our pupils designed and built their own car, working as part of a team.

The whole school celebrated the Royal Wedding in May. We got together as a school and held a 'street party'. The children also learned about the Church of England's role in key national events, about respect for the Royal Family and the importance of red, white and blue in the Union Jack (the dress theme was red, white and blue).

There are a number of different induction events taking place this term for pupils new to school in Reception 2018. We look forward to working with all our new parents and children over the coming weeks to ensure all our new children have a smooth and happy transition into our reception class in September.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to continued success in the final term of the school year.

With best wishes

Mr R Allen, Headteacher

### **THE THREE RIVERS CHALLENGE 2018**

Calling all runners! The Three Rivers Challenge race will be run on Sunday 4th November 2018 and will start at, 10.00am from The Coronation Hall, High Street, South Kyme.

The race is a circular route of approximately 15 miles along the banks of the rivers Slea, Skirth and Witham. There will be hot refreshments at the finish line.

Visit [3rc.south-kyme.co.uk](http://3rc.south-kyme.co.uk) or visit our Facebook page for further details, photos and to download an entry form.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
1 July	11.00 am	Holy Communion
15 July	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
29 July	10.00 am	Group Service at Holy Trinity, Martin
5 August	10.00 am	Group service to celebrate St Oswald's Patronal festival , Walcott
19 August 1	3.00 pm	Pet Service - Bring your pet along for a blessing

## Letter from the Vicar

St Oswald was King of Northumbria from 634 until his death. He introduced Celtic Christian missionaries to his kingdom from the Scottish island of Iona. Oswestry in Shropshire is named after King Oswald who was killed in a battle near there in 642. Because of his conversion to Christianity and missionary work amongst his people, Oswald was made a saint.

Anyone needing to urgently contact the church now the vicar has left should contact the Revd. Canon Christine Pennock on 01526-832463

With blessings The Ministry Team.

## LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES

### MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

The library van will be outside South Kyme village hall from 10.30 - 11.00 am on the following dates - always on a Monday:

**2 July, 30 July, 24 September, 22 October, 19 November**

### HECKINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library is situated on the ground floor of the parish council building in St Andrews Street, Heckington, opposite the church. The library is open to residents of South Kyme and has computers installed for public use.

Opening hours are:	Monday - Saturday	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Wednesday	10.00 am - 4.30 pm

## **SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL**

After the sunniest May on record, June has been somewhat disappointing in comparison so let us hope that the recent predictions of a heat-wave beginning at the end of June turns out to be right. B-B-Q's at the ready. Well done to Councillor Mervyn Head in being elected as the Independent candidate for Kirby La Thorpe and South Kyme Ward in the recent district council elections. With one foot now in each metaphorical camp this should hopefully prove to be advantageous for the PC. Furthermore, thank you to all the residents who turned out in numbers to attend the annual Village Meeting and May village fete, and of course, not forgetting all the dedicated people in the background who assisted with the preparation and execution of the event. Next year we will have a larger team to help with the planning and we are hopeful in seeing the return of the narrow boats given that the Sleaford Navigation slipway and platform work will have been completed. The latest information is that they will start to install the 2 x 20 metre platforms and slipway near the Kingfisher statue commencing 9 July 18 and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. Please be patient with any temporary road obstructions as they undertake this work.

Regarding the Heckington Fen Windfarm proposals, as you are all aware 'Ecotricity' left it until just before the planning deadline of 8 Feb 18 to ask for a 5-year extension on the planning timeline (i.e. up until 8 Feb 2023). Meanwhile, Government asked for further information from Ecotricity which has now been completed. In what was considered a blatant attempt to circumvent the planning process we wrote letters of concern to our local MP, NKDC and DBEIS. The 'Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth (as part of DBEIS) has just replied to our MP (Caroline Johnson) and copied ourselves on what is effectively a holding reply, stating they are considering all the facts and will decide soon. If the application is suitable for publication we will then have the opportunity to make further representations to the Secretary of State. The story continues!

The reaction from the audience at the village meeting to our proposals to adopt the Community Speed Watch (CSW) mobile radar (Radar Gun) to prevent speeding in South Kyme was very positive and we have written to the CSW team to take this further. This will include briefings and an assessment by CSW of the best spots to prevent speeding. I will keep you all updated. We are also in the process of finalising a 'welcome letter' for all new parish residents who will receive this when they move into the village. On a less savoury note, dog fouling, by I believe one or two unscrupulous and lazy individuals who thoughtlessly refuse to pick up after their dog is spoiling the riverbank walk for many residents. Everyone is on notice and if we spot you stand-by for a whopping fine (and we will push for the maximum £1000). You have been warned. Meanwhile a 'Dogs on Leads' area is about to be established on the riverbank from the Church to New Bridge; the notices will be erected shortly.



Don't forget the Village Tidy Group (VTG) fundraiser event kindly sponsored by Rod/Sue on Sat 7 July commencing at 1400 and consisting of a BBQ, drinks (PIMMS-beer), Cream Teas and Raffle etc. More details to be advised nearer the time. Whilst on the subject, the VTG continues to do a fantastic job in presenting the village to a high standard for the benefit of all. Volunteers are always welcome, and we meet at 0830 behind the village hall usually on the last Saturday of the month. Volunteers either strim/mow the grass or litter pick for about 3 hours and thereafter retire to the 'Hume' for a well-earned lunch (kindly provided by VJ/Maeve subject to your booking in by the previous Wed) and a few drinks. The next VTG's are tentatively Saturday 28 Jul & 25 Aug. Please note that we are entered in the best kept village competition again this year and preliminary judging has already started with the next rounds in Jul/Aug – so please keep the village immaculate.

The next PC meeting and public forum will commence at 7:30 PM Thursday 26 July in the Coronation Hall.

E S Langley - Chairman



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## **South Kyme Golf Club**

South Kyme Golf Club was founded in 1990 by village landowner/farmer Mr Ted Maplethorpe. In 1998 the Members of the club managed to purchase the club from Ted. From that day on it has operated as a “not for profit” Members Club. Since 2007 the Club has operated as a “Community Amateur Sports Club” which means the club cannot be sold off by the Members for financial gain of any description. There are no shareholders; each playing member has one vote at an AGM or EGM. The club is run by a Management Committee and a group of sub-committees, Committee Members are volunteer members who are voted into position. Minutes are taken and available for Members to view ensuring transparency. The club currently employs around 15 staff with a large percentage of those living in South Kyme.

Each year the club raises money for charity. SKGC supports local charities such as The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, Butterfly Hospice, LEMR ( Lincolnshire Emergency Medical Response). Over the past few years the Seniors Section alone have raised over £45,000 for charity. As the host venue for The Willow Foundation Chris Curtis Memorial Golf Day, SKGC has helped to raise nearly £100,000 for this very worthy charity.

Up until the past 3 years the club made a small surplus each year which helped buy more second hand machinery and keep on top of clubhouse repairs and renewal. In 2014 HMRC made a VAT ruling which affected golf clubs especially small members clubs like SKGC. The ruling turned a sound financial basis into one that struggles. Bad weather affecting trade and a small national decline in golf participation have had further impact. It is incumbent on the SKGC Committees to look at all avenues to ensure financial viability of South Kyme Golf Club. Ensuring that golf continues to be played in the village and safeguarding jobs are driving forces. After much discussion at Club Committee level the decision was made to look into trying to sell a relatively narrow strip of land on the golf course for four building plots, a not uncommon practice amongst golf clubs in this day and age. Opinion was sought from NKDC & LCC officials and given the recent changes in planning regulations the club were advised of the distinct possibility that planning permission may be approved.

The Club Chairman and President attended a Parish Council meeting on 22nd March 18 to discuss the potential for a planning application. The Club held an Open Evening on 6th April which was advertised in The March/April Tower Newsletter and event was created on the S.K. Parish Council Facebook page. The evening was open to all villagers and the planning application was discussed with those present.

In order for SKGC to proceed with a planning application/sale of land a motion will need to be passed by a Members Extraordinary General Meeting, where one playing Member gets one vote. Plans will be available in the clubhouse and on our website [www.skgc.co.uk](http://www.skgc.co.uk) should this happen.

Should South Kyme Golf Club seek planning, no one will profit by a successful application. The club will simply raise funds which will secure its short/medium term future. Given that there is the potential for a number building plots to be developed in the village over the coming years SKGC Committee feels that a development of four houses off Skinners Lane will have minimal impact on the area.

A successful application will result in a Community Infrastructure Levy of many thousands of pounds being charged, which may benefit the local area.

## **SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL**

Our usual weekly activities of Monday Dance Groups, Tuesday Table Tennis, Wednesday Bowls and Friday Keep Fit continue. The Boules season is also now well under way and this is always a pleasant way to spend a warm early Monday evening (please see separate details). Why not try one of these activities?

We are also looking at the possibility of organising Novus sessions. Some of us tried this game during the Bank Holiday activities (please see separate details).

Cafe Kyme mornings are always popular, which is hardly surprising when you can get a hot drink and cake for £1.50. Home made soup is also available if you want an extra course. These mornings are a great opportunity to meet up with your fellow villagers whilst scoffing delicious home baked cakes. There is always a great variety of cakes and soup available. You might even pick up a bag of onions! These coffee mornings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1pm. and are an important source of money for the Hall, so please come and support us. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd July (there will not be one in August).

The monthly Thursday evening Country and Western shows continue with John Grant on 19th July and Warren Dewitt on 9th August. These evenings are proving to be popular and are well attended. Steve Carnel returns for a show on Sat. 28th July. He plays a mixture of Sixties songs as well as Irish and Country music. These popular shows attract people from both in and outside the Village and they raise a lot of money for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance Service.

We do try to arrange a variety of entertainment in the Hall; some events have been more successful than others. Please let us know if you have any ideas for future events or how the Hall, as an important local facility, could be enhanced. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions. You may have a particular skill, knowledge or interest that could make an important contribution to YOUR Village Hall.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held in The Hume starting at 7.30pm on Mon 20th August. You are welcome to attend.

Josie Philips (Chairman)

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### MACMILLAN CANCER COFFEE MORNING

Brownlow Close will again host an afternoon tea and coffee event from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 7 August to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer.

The event was very well attended last year and we are hoping that you will all come and support us this year to raise even more money for this very worthwhile charity. Any offers to bake cakes for the event will be very much appreciated.

### GARDEN PARTY FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 7 July, Rod and Sue Howes will host a BBQ at 19 High Street South Kyme, starting at 2.00 pm to raise money for The Village Tidy Group.

Coffee, tea, cakes and the world renowned 'Jim's Pimms' will also be on sale and there will be a raffle - donations of prizes for the raffle would be most welcome.

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