THE TOWER

May/June 2018



EDITORIAL

Spring has finally arrived after a pretty dull and dismal winter and all of a sudden, we have gone from most plants being dormant to a riot of greenery and blossom in our gardens. Hopefully the wide swings in temperature and the heavy rain showers will not be a feature of the weather as we go through the next couple of months and everything will catch up and 'normal service' will be resumed.

Is it just our garden, or are there fewer Blue Tits and Great Tits around this year. We always hang containers of dog fur brushings out for the tits to use as nest lining material. This year so far, the fur has hardly been touched! You will see details later in this issue for the annual South Kyme duck race, but the real ducks , or rather ducklings seem to be in short supply on the river at the moment - have they we wonder been badly affected by the cold spring, or are we gradually losing our resident duck population, maybe to Mink?

I would like to announce that I have been invited to stand for the vacant position of District Councillor for our Ward on behalf of Lincolnshire Independents. On 24 May there is a by-election to elect a new District Councillor as a result of the resignation of the previous councillor due to ill health. Voting for your local District Councillor is probably more important than voting for your MP, and I believe that it is important to have a representative who lives locally and understands local problems. I will be delivering my election material in the coming days which will give more details.

No doubt most of you have noticed the flag pole outside the village hall that will fly the Lincolnshire flag as a norm and a change of flags to mark various national events. I believe that it is important for us to celebrate these events as part of our national identity and it also sets our village apart from the majority of our neighbours. I would also like to thank Bernard (Jim) Phillips for giving his time to raise and lower the various flags as required.

You will also notice in this issue that the usual activities for the Mayday weekend have been re-scheduled to take place at the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May. Hopefully the weather will be warmer and less windy then so that my entry in the duck race will manage to finish the course this year instead of ending up (as usual) entangled in the vegetation of the river bank and have to be recovered after the race has finished!

Mervyn & Judy Head

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SOUTH KYME WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

South Kyme WI meet in the village hall at 7-30 on the first Thursday of the month, why not come and join us? The yearly membership fee is £41. You are welcome to come along to a meeting to see if you like us and want to join us. For further detail please contact Mary Jackson on 01526 860489 or Pam Bunker on 01526 861323 or go on our website at http.www.skwi.weebly.com

May Meeting: We are having a Beetle Drive which is open to all. **June Meeting**: We are having a talk about JOSEPH BANKS, an English naturalist, botanist and patron of the natural sciences. When he turned 21 after the death of his father, he inherited the impressive estate of REVESBY ABBEY in Lincolnshire. This should be a very interesting evening.

SOUTH KYME PETANQUE (BOULES) CLUB

The new season is upon us so come and join us. We play behind the Village Hall starting at 7pm on Monday evenings. We have plenty of spare boules and sessions only cost £1.50 so 'a bientot'.

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.

DESPERATE TIMES

I was driving home and worrying about all the stuff going on in my life, my family's lives, my friends' lives, and what's happening in Washington, Moscow, North Korea, the Middle East, Hillary Clinton's scandals, Donald Trump, BREXIT, The BBC, the Windrush scandal, the downgrading of our military, the terrorists infiltrating our borders, the illegals, refugees, the total disrespect for law & order and how our country is rapidly losing it's sanity and it's Christianity. Then I saw a yard sign that said:

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|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 6 May | 11.00 am | Boat Service |
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| 3 June | 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| 17 June | 11.00 am | Morning Prayer |

Letter from the Vicar

For Christians the season of Eastertide lasts from sunset on Easter Eve until Pentecost. This year Pentecost (Whit Sunday) is on 20 May. Pentecost is when the gift of the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples after Jesus ascended into heaven and the birth of the church is celebrated.

Eastertide also coincides with the arrival of spring. This year after what seems an exceptionally cold and wet winter the warmth and colour of Spring is very welcome. From the churchyard looking out across the fertile fields towards the tissue thin line where heaven meets Earth the sense of creation and its beauty under the wide sky is awe inspiring.

The ministry team wish you a very peaceful Eastertide.

Tina Clark

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:

4 June, 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

Before I give a quick overview of recent Parish Council business I would like to take the opportunity to advertise both the new Parish Council Facebook members page (administered by Cllr Alex Alexander) and also the Official Parish Council Website (type in your browser: parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/southkyme) where anyone can view all the documentation supporting PC business. Between the two communications mediums we hope to ensure that information is now readily available to all age groups across the parish.

All too often I highlight dog fouling as a continuing problem and have, in the past, suggested we might adopt a 'Dogs-on-Leads' restriction (Public Space Protection Order) along the river bank. We have just written to NKDC requesting that this indeed be investigated and I will keep you in the picture should this be implemented. Furthermore, the dog warden position still remains vacant. With the initial planning for the proposed Heckington Fen Wind Farm having expired in February 2018, we have written to the government to ask for clarification that it has indeed been refused. You will all have noticed the new flag pole erected outside the village hall and after some light-hearted debate (as an ex naval man I suggested the Jolly Roger might be fun!) we decided on 7 different flags and a number of commemorative dates. The default position will be to fly the Lincolnshire Standard as the daily norm.

At a recent meeting, the issue of parking on the grass verges along the high street (primarily by visiting fisherman) was raised and it has been resolved to procure no parking signs to alleviate the problem. If you do see cars on the grass please kindly ask the owners to park them on the high street as this also helps with slowing the traffic. Whilst on the subject of roads we also have a village 'highways' walk-round planned with senior LCC management and our county councillor on 1 May. You can be sure we will raise all the recent representations (pot holes, dangerous state of Clay Bank with suggestions for speed/weight limits and, speeding on Low Road and High Street etc).

The Lincolnshire County Council decision to re-visit their policy on grass cutting (the subject of many a Tower comment last year) has resulted in the Parish seeing an uplift of funds for amenity grass cutting by some £160 to approximately £230 for this year. This is a welcome increase in the face of many current and planned cuts in council budgets. Staying with 'grass' the first full Village Tidy Group (VTG) will convene on Saturday 28 April and thereafter 19 May to avoid the Spring Bank holiday. However, please be flexible as the weather may dictate otherwise. We are still light on volunteers so please come along and help your village to maintain its normally immaculate state of presentation. All safety equipment will be provided and if you needed further incentive, we are once again entered in this year's best kept village competition. Everyone should aim to congregate behind the village hall by 8.30 am - we normally finish at by 11.30 am whence a social lunch at the 'Hume' is the norm.

I trust many of you attended the South Kyme Golf Club open evening held on Friday 6 April where the club outlined plans to construct 4 executive houses along skinners lane. The PC will make an official response to this proposal at the appropriate time in the formal planning process.

You will be pleased to know that work will now start on the Sleaford Navigation Trust proposed landing stage/slipway sometime in late April/early May and with the lack of narrowboats this year and the suggestion to delay the festivities (The Tower - March/April edition), the decision has been taken to hold a Village Fete on Sunday 27 May. The village (Parish) annual meeting will also take place between 4pm and 5pm on the Sunday and will be preceded on Saturday 26 May by an evening fund-raising function. Full details will be advertised separately by the South Kyme Festival Committee.

Finally, the next Parish Concil meeting will commence with the AGM at 7.15pm on Thursday 24 May immediately followed by the public forum and Parish Council meeting proper at 7.30 pm in the Coronation Hall.

E S Langley - Chairman

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Ayre, DMA - Clerk to the Council.
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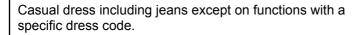
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WHITSUN WEEKEND EVENTS

All monies raised from the weekend's events will be split between Saint Barnabas Hospice and St. Mary & All Saints Church

SOUTH KYME ANNUAL SCARECROW COMPETITION

The theme for this year's competition is 'Pantomime Characters'. Entries For Scarecrows should be made to Elsie Coy at 32 High Street, South Kyme, Entry fee £2.00. Scarecrows must be ready for judging by 9.00 am on Saturday 28 May. A prize for the best scarecrow will be awarded after judging by the panel of judges after the annual Duck Race.

SOUTH KYME ANNUAL DUCK RACE

The annual Duck Race will start at 4.00 pm on Saturday 28 May. Entry to the Duck Race is £1.00 per duck and this will go towards the prize money for the winning ducks.

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SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL

Our usual weekly activities of Monday Dance Groups, Tuesday Table Tennis, Wednesday Bowls and Friday Keep Fit will continue. The Boules season has also begun and we play behind the Hall on Monday evenings (please see separate details). Why not try one of these activities?

Cafe Kyme mornings are always popular and why not? - where else could you get a hot drink and cake for £1.50 plus the chance to get a bag of Onions? These mornings are a great opportunity to meet up with your fellow villagers whilst munching on some delicious home baked cakes. There is always a great variety of cakes available plus yummy home made Soup. These coffee mornings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm and are an important source of money for the Hall so please come and support us. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 1 May and Tuesday 5 June.

During the last two months we have had two Saturday evenings of entertainment. Rag Mama Rag and the ABBA Tribute Band were both popular events and we would like to thank all those people who attended and helped out during the evenings. These shows are arranged first and foremost to provide an opportunity for members of our small community to get together and enjoy an evening of entertainment but they also raise important money for the Hall, the Air Ambulance and our Church. If you were not able to get to these latest two, we hope to see you in the future.

The monthly Thursday evening Country and Western shows continue with Travis Logan on 31 May and John Grant on 21 June. These evenings have proved to be popular and are well attended. 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 which could make an important contribution. South Kyme Village Hall is YOUR Village Hall.

The Hall will be used as a polling station on Thursday 24 May.

Our next Committee Meeting, which will include the Annual General Meeting, will be held on Monday 14 May in The Hume starting at 7.30pm. Please come along, you are always welcome.

Josie Philips (Chairman)

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