THE TOWER

March/April 2018



EDITORIAL

At the time of writing, the sun is shining, but it is still cold outside as winter refuses to loosen its cold grip, confirming the old adage of 'As the days lengthen, the cold strengthens'. It is however nice to hear the resurgence of The Dawn and Evening Chorus, with Robins and Blackbirds being the first and last in song and for those of you that want a real early morning treat, there are skylarks up in the air and singing from about 6.15 am.

Spring and summer means a busy period for the village tidy group, cutting the grass verges and footpaths and keeping the village clear of litter and rubbish thrown from passing vehicles. The river bank footpath in particular is an amenity that is used and enjoyed by many and yet it is only a small number of volunteers that give their time to keep this amenity in good shape. It is not just enough to commend the village tidy group for doing a good job, it requires more people to get out there on a Saturday morning to share the load, for as the saying goes - 'Many hands makes light work'

Mervyn & Judy Head

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

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P D Ayre Clerk and Proper Officer

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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

March Meeting: We will be having a talk on early farming by one of our members

April Meeting : AGM

May Meeting: We are having a Beetle Drive - see ad below.

SOUTH KYME PETANQUE (BOULES) CLUB

We look forward to the 2018 season for Boules. An announcement of the start of the new season will be announced in the next issue of The Tower.

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.

SOUTH KYME WI presents...

BEETLE DRIVE

Thursday 3 May in the South Kyme Coronation Hall, starting at 7.30 pm

Can you be the first to build a beetle? It is a great game for meeting people, old friends, new friends, family and neighbours. All are welcome - £5.00 per person, nibbles and tea/coffee are included. Please note, no tickets sold at the door.

Please feel free to bring your own drinks and glasses if you want something stronger!

Please contact Elsie on 01526 860790, or Pam on 01526 861323

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Church Comices

Church Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
2 March	7.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer, Walcott
4 March	11.00 am	Holy Communion
18 March	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
25 March	9.30 am	Palm Sunday - Joint Anglican/Methodist service at
		St Andrews
29 March	7.00 pm	Tenebrae Service - Maunday Thursday
30 March	10.00 am	Celtic Prayer - Good Friday
30 March	2.00 pm	The Final Hour
1 April	10.00 am	Easter Holy Communion Group Service at Billinghay
15 April	11.00 am	Family Service
29 April	10.00 am	Holy Communion Group Service

Letter from the Vicar

Lent is a special time for the Church. We are given the opportunity to reflect deeply upon our own personal faith and the life of the Church. We will have plenty of opportunities in our Parishes to join together as a community leading up to Easter and beyond to give thanks for all that is good in our lives, and to seek God's help where things are difficult for us.

Sadly the Boaters will not be able to traverse the rivers up to South Kyme this year so there will be no Boat Service this year.

A Prayer for Lent:

"Support us, O Lord, with your gracious favour through the fast we have begun; that as we observe it by bodily self-denial, so we may fulfil it with inner sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen".

May God be with you.

Every blessing,

Your Vicar, Revd. Mike Rose

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

With a much colder winter this year than of late, and a cold snap forecast for the next week, I think we are all looking forward to the first signs of spring although I have spotted a few daffodils making an early entrance! Maybe they know something we don't. On to more mundane matters. Whilst the Heckington Fen wind farm original planning application deadline expired 8 Feb 2018, and therefore the likelihood of its instigation is now very slim, we haven't yet had official confirmation from the Secretary of State (DBEIS). Until that is received we should not count our chickens just yet, but it is looking very good for a positive outcome.

Due to increasing business commitments the Dog Warden has had to step down from her role and this now leaves a vacancy. Furthermore, the Parish Council still has a vacant slot for one more councillor. Anyone interested in either of these roles please contact the Clerk to the Council. Of note to those with young children, at the last Village cluster meeting in January this year the Chairman of North Kyme offered to extend the use of their new children's play area to the residents of South Kyme which, given the current lack of support for a South Kyme Activity Group, may help ameliorate the shortfall in our facilities. The installation of a South Kyme 'flagpole' outside the village hall has been agreed and will be installed in the next few months. This will enable us to pay our respects in a fitting manner and help us to commemorate a variety of official days and historical events.

Whilst last year's 'May Day Bank Holiday Festival' was a success, the declining number of narrow boats attending was disappointing. Unfortunately, this year, due to the uncertainty of planned maintenance of a bridge at Chapel Hill, and hopefully the building of our landing stage/slipway by the Sleaford Navigation Trust, there will be no organised boat gathering. At the wash-up after last years festival it was also requested that we look at the possibility of delaying the festival, including the annual village meeting, to the end of May (Spring Bank Holiday) to take advantage of the hopefully better weather and to also consider condensing into a one-day format. This has been mentioned to the Festival Committee and a variety of options are currently being explored. We should have a decision after the next council meeting in March once everyone has been consulted.

Our gratitude goes to Mr Andrew Mitchell and his professional team of arborists for all their work in early Feb for pollarding many of the trees along the riverbank. The VTG are also indebted and will meet as usual normally on the final Saturday of each month starting from behind the village hall at 0830 until about 1130 whence they retire to the 'Hume' for well-earned refreshments and team bonding (putting the world to rights over several beers!). New volunteers are always welcome. The next full tidy group meetings are scheduled for Saturday 24 March and Saturday 28 April.

The next parish council meeting and public forum will commence at 7.30 pm Thursday 22 March 2018 in the Coronation Hall. **Note**: Any items raised in the public forum should not take longer than approx. 3 minutes per representation to ensure that all attendees get the opportunity to raise issues within the allotted time (which when you consider Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address in 1863 consisted of merely 272 words and took exactly 2 minutes to deliver gives everyone ample time).

E S Langley - Chairman



BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome! As I write we are now just over half way through another academic year at school.

We have recently used some of our Sports Premium funding to purchase outdoor fitness equipment for our pupils: an air walker, cross rider, workout arm bike and skier. On a sporting theme our pupils from Year 1 to 6 have represented the school and taken part in a number of sporting competitions over the past terms including taekwondo, volleyball, goal ball, tri golf and table tennis.

During a busy half term since Christmas:

- We had a mobile planetarium in our hall.
- As part of the Carres Outreach Inspire Programme (funded through the Sports Premium) we had a Paralympian visiting school for half a day inc leading workshops with classes in November and an Olympian working with Year 4-6 in January. These are designed to inspire our children to show them that they can achieve their ambitions.
- The Bishop of Lincoln visited school on the 31st January to meet our pupils and take part in an act of worship in school.
- We are continuing to enhance our provision for maths by taking part in an action research project on maths mastery with the East Midlands East Maths Hub.
- Our children are planning how they will develop our new wildlife area in school.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you can follow what each class at school has been doing on our Twitter page @BillinghayCE

We look forward to continued success in the remainder of the spring term and the lead up to Easter.

With best wishes Mr Richard Allen, Headteacher

SOUTH KYME OIL SYNDICATE

The Syndicate order for February 2018 was 22,000 litres @ 45p/litre. At the time of ordering, this represented a total syndicate saving of £720.72 compared with the price from Boiler Juice.

If you are not already in the scheme and would like join and take advantage of the syndicate's buying power to reduce your heating oil costs, please let me have your email address, your name, full postal address and telephone number, or if you do not have an email address, please contact me on the number below.

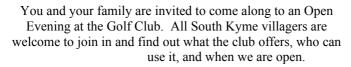
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Open Evening

Friday 6th April 2018 from 6pm





Free Welcome Drink & Nibbles, Village Quiz Sheet, putting game (putters provided), Dominoes, Cards.

Children welcome. Casual Dress including Jeans & Trainers.

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NOTICES

THE HUME

The next coffee mornings will take place from 11 am on Wednesday 14 March and Wednesday 11 April. A selection of cakes will be available.

JOSIE PHILIPS PROUDLY PRESENTS

An evening of entertainment at The Coronation Hall, South Kyme

Saturday 21 April ABBA TRIBUTE - Music of the 60's & 70's Saturday 28 July STEVE CARNEL - Sixties music + Irish + Country Saturday 22 September DAVE SHERIFF - All round musician and entertainer

For all shows: The doors open at 7.00pm and the shows start at 7.30pm. There will be a licensed bar, teas, Coffee and a raffle. Tickets are are £7.50 each and advanced booking can be made by contacting Josie on 01526 860645. **All proceeds** from the shows are for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance Service.

HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

Update: Much to my surprise Hearing Dogs for the Deaf have reluctantly taken the decision to no longer continue collecting used stamps and cartridges.

The charity was able to raise £6,566 during 2017 thanks to the efforts of our supporters however most of this was raised during the first half of the year and recent months have seen a significant drop not only in the value of the stamps but also in the quality of service that supporters were receiving.

As all indications are that we are unlikely to see a marked improvement we feel that our efforts should take a different direction.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported this charity by saving stamps and cartridges. Many thanks,

Ann Hobbs

SOUTH KYME ANNUAL MAYDAY 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. A prize for the best scarecrow will be awarded after judging by the panel of judges on Saturday 5 May.

MILK DELIVERIES

No doubt many of you will be aware of the problems caused by plastics in our world's oceans following the recent BBC programme 'Blue Planet 2'. I would like to bring to your attention the fact that milk is delivered into the village in **glass bottles** on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. If you would like get your milk delivered to your door, please phone United Dairies, Boston on 01205 316490.

Elsie Cov

SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL

Our usual weekly activities of Monday Dance Groups, Tuesday Table Tennis, Wednesday Bowls and Friday Keep Fit will continue. 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? They are a great opportunity to meet up with your fellow villagers whilst munching on some delicious home baked cakes. There's always a good 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 - 1.00 pm and are an important source of money for the Hall, so please come along and support us.

A few weeks ago we had a meeting with Pete from the Golf Club and Vijay, Maeve and Kay from The Hume. We discussed ways of supporting each other and avoiding future clashes of events. We hope to work together when there are 'Village events'.

We have 4 live music acts with which to entertain you during the next two months and have now booked in a regular monthly spot on Thursday evenings. These will be mainly Country Western acts.

Thursday 8 March - Andy Smith, a Country Western entertainer.

Saturday 17 March - Rag Mama Rag, one of Europe's leading Acoustic Blues acts. Please see separate details.

Thursday 12 April - Steve Carmel, a Country Western entertainer who also plays 60's music.

Saturday 21 April - ABBA Tribute - these girls filled the Hall last year.

Please let us know if you have any ideas for future events or how the Hall, as a local facility, could be enhanced. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions (especially the polite ones!). You may have a particular skill, knowledge or interest which could make an important contribution. South Kyme Village Hall is YOUR Village Hall.

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

RAG MAMA RAG

One of Europe's finest Acoustic Blues acts - playing a variety of guitars (steel, bottleneck, slide) with percussion/harmonica. Their repertoire is 20s and 30s Blues based and is guaranteed to get your feet tapping. They played in the Hall back in 2015 and went down a storm.

Saturday 17. March 7.30 pm, doors open at 7.00 pm. Refreshments will be available but there no Bar so bring your own booze. Tickets only £8 - phone 01526 861566 or email enquiries.skvh@gmail.com

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