

# THE TOWER

November/December 2016



## EDITORIAL

Here we are again, another eventful year nearly over. Our editorial is necessarily short this issue, as we have a very full magazine.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support in funding the production of The Tower and also to wish everyone a very happy Christmas season and prosperity and good health for the New Year.

Fighting the proposed wind farm at Heckington Fen has been a long campaign and the formation of the action group known as Heckoff has galvanised support from local businesses, parish councils (South Kyme, Amber Hill, Swineshead and Heckington), the district council (NKDC) and local members of parliament (Stephen Philips and Matt Warman). We hope that as many of you as possible will support the Heckoff quiz night at The Hume on 11 November to help them continue the campaign against Ecotricity's flawed plans to build a huge wind farm on our doorstep.

Mervyn & Judy Head



### **ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE AT SOUTH KYME WAR MEMORIAL**

On Friday 11 November at 11.00 am, there will be a service of remembrance and laying of wreaths at the war memorial in the churchyard. Please come and support this act of remembrance for our fallen service men and women.

### **NOTES FROM JEAN MORRIS'S GARDEN**

Kez, a flightless Kestrel that we rescued, shared our lives for four years. Spring came this year and he was visited often by a 'tart' of a female Kestrel. She used her charms to lure him away into the wild and sadly, Kez succumbed to her beauty and one day fluttered off, never to return.

We took in another orphaned Thrush this year after its nest was blown down in high winds. We managed to rear him successfully and set him free in the garden. Being hand reared, he was quite tame and would fly down onto John's shoulder to be 'fussed'. One sunny day, John was sitting in the doorway and 'Thrushy' was sunbathing on the patio about 4 yards away, when a Sparrow Hawk flew over the fence and took him. It was heartbreaking to see!

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## QUIZ NIGHT

A quiz night will be held at The Hume on Friday evening 11 November in aid of The Heckington Fen Wind Farm Action Group.

Teams of up to 4 people, entry £3.50/person. There will also be a raffle as well as prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the quiz.

We hope that you will come along.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

## **CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

### **SOUTH KYME TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

The club meets in the village hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.15 - 9.00 p.m. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session fee of £2.00. Age restriction is 16+ and any new members will be welcome. We have 3 tables and plenty of bats and balls. Tables can also be hired by non members at other times for £2.50 per hour per person. To book, please call 01526 861566 or 01526 869297

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South Kyme WI meets in the village hall at 7.30 pm on the first Thursday of the month. Why not join us? At our Nov meeting we celebrate our 6th year and in December we will be having our Christmas dinner. The yearly membership fee is £37.50. You are welcome to come along to a meeting free of charge, before joining. For further details please contact Mary Jackson on 10526 860489 or Pam Bunker on 01526 861323, or go to our website at <http://www.skwi.weebly.com>.

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

The boules season is now over. Au revoir jusqu'a mai.

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

The club meets in the village hall at 7.30-10.00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session/match fee of £1.50. 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.

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## Church Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
2 November	7.00 am	'All Souls Service' at Walcott church
6 November	11.00 am	Family Service
11 November	10.50 am	Act of Remembrance at the War memorial in the church yard
8 December	7.30 pm	Beer and Carols at The Hume
18 December	3.00 pm	Carol Service
24 December	11.20 pm	Midnight Mass at Walcott church

## SOUTH KYME VILLAGE DOG WARDEN

I am really pleased to see the new dog poop bin being used and hopefully the District Council should now be emptying it regularly alongside the other 3 bins in the village. If anyone notices an overflowing bin then please take your poop bags to one of the 3 alternative options and please give me a call to let me know – especially for the new bin which is slightly smaller than the others. Please also note that placing your poop bags next to a full bin is still classed as littering and as such is a fineable offence! On a very disappointing note I'm still also seeing the same area of the village being used as a dog toilet - there really is no excuse for not picking up your dog's mess. It is a criminal offence and a health risk and I will have no scruples about throwing the book at any offenders. The river walk out towards the tower and church is the worst affected area where culprits are seemingly under the misapprehension that because it is out of sight then it is ok, similarly the strip along the tree line as you exit the church heading towards the road is also another popular area for offending. If anyone sees any dog walker not adhering to the law then please let me know. The District Council do have other powers that can be invoked to solve the issue as has been ably demonstrated already with the repeated high street problem.

Emma-Louise Simpson



## “LEST WE FORGET”



11 November 1918 signalled the end of The Great War between the Allies and Germany. Since 1921, the nation has come together to remember the sacrifices that hundreds of thousands of British and Commonwealth Service men and women made not just during the Great War, but World War II and all subsequent wars and conflicts including Iraq and Afghanistan.

We especially remember those young men from South Kyme killed in action (KIA) in The First World War, whose memorial is in the churchyard of South Kyme:

Private William H Thompson                      6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment  
KIA Gallipoli 09/08/1915 aged 19

Sergeant John H Lingard                      2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment  
KIA Somme 01/07/1916

Private Percy Skelton                      2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment  
Died of wounds 06/11/1916 aged 21

Private? Edward Freeston                      17<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters  
Died 10/12/1916

Private John Edward Creasey                      4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment  
Died of wounds 27/09/1917 aged 22

Private Edward Pridgeon Holmes                      2/8<sup>th</sup> Worcestershire Regiment  
KIA 21/03/1918

Private William Bates                      1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kings Own Lancs Regiment  
KIA 26/04/1918

Corporal Joseph Auden Munks                      24<sup>th</sup> County of London Battallion (The Queens)  
KIA 18/09/1918

Private Abraham Wells                      Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) – 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
KIA 05/10/1918



## **SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL**

Aye up and pin those Lug-oils back. Now we're at the back end a th' year and it's gerrin a little parky (eh ba gum!) there's no point in gerrin a monk-on or being mardy or mithering just put wood in th'ole and get mashing. Mi' sen, I'll be stoking up th' fire from coil oil just down ginnel afor I start flaggin - gi;oe! - and then have a kip which ill put me in fine fettle. Now if you're all flummoxed don't worry so am I! as real Yorkshire folk say: Ear all, see all, say nowt. Eat all, sup all and Pay nowt. And if ever thou does owt for nowt - allus do it fer thee sen. (Extract taken from the Yorkshire Dictionary (3rd Edition Circa 1910, 'No Big words section' - For Trevor and Keith. Moving swiftly on....

As winter approaches the parish council continues to make steady progress and in the last issue I gave a comprehensive overview on highway matters and the opposition to the proposed wind farm at Heckington Fen. Little has changed, but I will update you as, and when, information is available. Of note, and after many requests to the water authority, the river levels are now being maintained at a depth which will help reduce bank erosion and allow both narrow boats to remain afloat. The Viking Link project (1400MW cable link between Denmark and the UK) is now in its last consultation period however the landfall site and converter station do not impact within the South Kyme curtilage – we are keeping a watching brief.

With over 50 youngsters below the age of 16 in the village, the parish council are determined to try and identify a suitable plot of land to eventually develop as a children's play area. This is not a small undertaking and we are exploring all avenues including writing to all local land owners seeking assistance in identifying any suitable possibilities. Once, and if, we can overcome this first hurdle then there is a plethora of expertise within the District/County Councils who can advise us on a range of issues including funding.

You will note that the dilapidated wooden bench at the junction of Low Road/Clay Bank has now been removed and it will hopefully be replaced by a more robust green oak version in due course. The Dog Warden continues to monitor her patch although it is depressing to report that there are still regular illegal occurrences of dog fouling. The second dog warden and increased fines should help as well as the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) of which we are awaiting confirmation from the District Council (this will allow us to enforce areas requiring dogs to be on leads).

The Village Tidy Group, as usual, does an outstanding job in maintaining and presenting the village to a very picturesque standard. The last clean up of the year will be at the end of November, thereafter, and as promised, I will regularly publish dates for 2017. We still need more volunteers, so please if you can spare the time, come along and get involved in supporting YOUR community. Usually held on the last Saturday of the month the tidy group meets at 8.30 am outside the Village Hall and finishes before noon, thence retiring to socialise in the Hume.

Finally, to all our readers please come along and support all the events over the autumn/ run up to Christmas and have a very enjoyable but safe Christmas and New Year.

The next Parish Council meeting and public forum will commence at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24 November in the Village hall.

Eric Langley (Chairman)

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## **HUME EVENTS**

Hume coffee mornings on Wednesday 9 November and Wednesday 14 December.

Following the service on Armistice day on Friday 11 November, we will be serving Tea/Coffee and bar meals at competitive prices from 11.30 am onwards.

Quiz Night on Friday 11 November in aid of The Heckington Fen Wind Farm Action Group. Teams of up to 4 people, entry fee £3.50 per person. Quiz starts at 7.30 pm.

Following the success of last year's event, The Hume will be hosting another '**Beer & Carols**' evening on Thursday 8 December, starting at 7.00 pm.

The Hume's Xmas quiz will be on Saturday 17 December. Teams of up to 4 persons/team, with entry fee of £5.00 per person which includes a complimentary supper on the evening. To enable us to cater for the event, please book your teams direct with The Hume. Quiz starts at 7.00 pm prompt.

## **THE SOUTH KYME ANNUAL PUMPKIN GROWING COMPETITION**

The cheese and wine evening on 21 October was a great success, raising £1038.00 for the air ambulance. Thank you to everyone who entered pumpkins (please keep growing them), they seem to get bigger each year. Special thanks to those who donated baking, prizes, to Vijay for the cheese, Leslie and David for donating their prize money back and to everyone who helped on the night. A special thank you to Jim for standing in as compere and auctioneer - you did a great job.

*Pauline Midgley*

## NOTICES

### JOSIE PHILIPS PROUDLY PRESENTS

Friday 4 November: Oly Day & Nigel "Boy" Syer - If it's laughter you're after, this is the show.

The Coronation Hall - doors open at 7.00pm, show starts at 8.00 pm. To book, phone Josie on 01526 860645. All proceeds to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance Service.

### THE DICKINSON TRUST

Written applications for grants from the Dickinson Trust are invited from residents of South Kyme **by 10 December latest please..** Each application must stress the reason for applying e.g. Health/Food/Clothing, etc. There is no age limit for applications, just a demonstrated need for aid. Please send your application to either: Mrs J Morris, 30 High Street South Kyme, or Mr R Clark, 46 High Street, South Kyme.

### NOTTINGHAM SHOPPING TRIP

This year's shopping trip to Nottingham will be on Wednesday 16 November at a cost of £6.00 per person. The coach will pick up at South Kyme village hall at 9.00 am and depart Nottingham at 4.00 pm. There will also be pickups at Ruskington, Billingham, North Kyme, Heckington and Sleaford. To Book a seat(s), please telephone Elsie Coy on 01526 860790

### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT - COFFEE MORNING

The sum of £410 was raised - my thanks to all who supported the event.

*Josie Philips*

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks for the generous donation of food collected at the harvest festival ten very full bags were taken to Sleaford Food Bank to be distributed to those suffering severe hardship.

*Tina Clark.*

### SOUTH KYME BAKE OFF

The first South Kyme Bake Off was an enormous success with an exceptional turn out of exceptional cakes. Congratulations to everyone who took part and supported this hopefully annual event, especially our winners, Brenda (Tray Bake), Caroline (Cake Section) and Lilly (Children's section). The biggest success was the £138.24 raised for the Air Ambulance and church lighting fund. My thanks to you all.

*Tina Clark.*

## **SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL**

Cafe Kyme coffee mornings will take place on the first Tuesday of the month on 1 November and 6 December from 11 am to 1 pm. Come along for a chat over some good home cooked food.

On Friday 4 November, there is an evening of comedy with Oly Day and Nigel 'Boy' Syer; an ever popular act.

The Chine Supper will be on Saturday 5 November 6.30 pm for 7 pm start.

The annual 3 Rivers Race will be held on Sunday 6 November.

Jan Flowers will be in the Hall with a selection of Christmas flowers, wreaths and general gifts with which to tempt you over the weekend of Saturday 19/Sunday 20 November. This was very popular last year and many people bought some excellent Christmas gifts. Refreshments will be available while you browse.

The Salvation Army will once again be getting Christmas firmly under way on Tuesday 13 December starting outside the Hall at 7.15pm. So, as usual, a variety of events with something for everyone.

The normal weekly activities of Monday Dance Group, Tuesday Table Tennis, Wednesday Bowls and Friday Keep Fit will continue though please check the separate items for details.

The Village Hall Committee seeks to improve the Hall's facilities. Over the past two months an outside tap has been installed. This will be of use to the Village Tidy Up group and general hirers. Three new wall fans have been installed and these have greatly improved the circulation of air in the Hall. The Fire Extinguishers were tested recently and we will be looking at more modern appliances for the future.

South Kyme Village Hall is YOUR Village Hall. Please support us and let us know if there is anything you would like to see done.

Our next meeting will be in The Hume on Monday 21 November.

Josie Philips  
Chairman

## **VILLAGE TIDY GROUP**

We are a friendly bunch of volunteers dedicated to the upkeep of the village, and new recruits are always welcome. Why not come and join us. We meet on the last Saturday of each month outside the Coronation Hall at 8.30am.

## **FREE BOOK EXCHANGE**

Please come along and exchange your books free of charge. The Coronation Hall is open weekly for book exchanges on Tuesday 7.30-8.30p.m., Wednesday 7.30-10.00p.m. and Friday 2.00-4.00p.m.

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If required, an alcohol licence is available for £20.

A £20 set up fee and £20 clear up fee will be charged if the hall is needed the night before or the morning after an event.

These rates include the use of the kitchen, equipment and crockery.

## GOING BATTY IN SOUTH KYME

One Saturday night in late June, Annette Faulkner and two of her colleagues from Lincs Bat Group paid a visit to help us start surveying the river with our newly acquired bat detectors, courtesy of the Postcode Local Trust. There are 17 different breeding species of bats in Britain and you can find 11 of them in Lincolnshire. At that time there was a roost of over 10 common Pipistrelles under Low Road bridge by the Hume. They were quite spectacular to watch, but any hopes of seeing them catch thousands of insects night after night were soon thwarted as they decided to move on. Yes, many bats change their roosts on a regular basis. The roosting cycle of the commoner UK bat species is reasonably well understood: hibernation in winter, then move to an intermediate roost in spring. In the breeding season, the females move into maternity roosts and in most species the males use other sites. Once the young are flying in late summer, intermediate roosts become important again, with mating roosts used in some species, then it's back to hibernation sites.

We recorded a Soprano Pipistrelle at Manor Farm bridge. Soprano Pips were only established as a separate species in the 1990s. Their echolocation calls are at 55mhz compared to the common pips at 45mhz. But what we were after were Daubenton's bats, often known as water bats because they fly low over the water sometimes scooping insects off the surface. Many of Lincolnshire's drains and rivers are being surveyed to assess how prevalent they are and especially where they roost. They seem to like the undersides of bridges and modern concrete ones have just as many crevices as older bridges.

We detected one and possibly two males as they emerged from Bottom bridge at about 40 minutes after sunset - we were crouched underneath it at the time. Two females were detected west of the Low Road bridge which suggested there may be a maternity roost in the vicinity. Subsequent surveying led me to conclude this was in the willow tree near the foot of Steve Coy's garden, but by late August they had also moved on.

For just £3 pa the Lincs Bat Group is excellent value for money – not just for the information they can provide, but also some of the opportunities to get close to bats. I spent a very insightful Saturday morning in September helping survey bats boxes in Tattershall woods and was allowed to weigh, sex and measure numerous Pipistrelles including the third type of Pipistrelle – Nathusius' Pipistrelle. Their smell is quite different and quite pleasant! We also found a brown long eared bat and several noctule bats, Britain's largest bat. They were very vocal and needed well experienced people to handle them. Common Pips weigh just 4-7g whereas Noctules can weigh up to 40g.

We are looking forward to 2017 and seeing a complete cycle of activity. By the time you read this most bats will have mated - but the females will store the males's sperm until next spring. A pregnant female will carry her young for a gestation period of at least 40 days and give birth to just one baby called a pup. It will weigh about 25% of her weight and suckle milk like most mammals do. The mothers and pups stay in groups, separate from the males, and the other mothers help take care of the pup until it is old enough to care for itself.

Bats are more fascinating than I imagined and there is still a lot to discover about their behaviour and numbers. If you want to help with local surveys next year please contact me at [julianpurvis2@gmail.com](mailto:julianpurvis2@gmail.com)

# *JAN'S FLOWERS* *CHRISTMAS FAIR*



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