

# THE TOWER

March/April 2017



## EDITORIAL

Whilst writing this, we are experiencing the fury of Storm Doris. Hopefully none of you will have suffered any material damage to your homes or gardens. If the old adage holds true, we will be in for more days like this as we go through March.

This often seems an odd time of year, so tantalisingly close to the warmer spring weather, yet still plenty of time for more cold winter weather. The few warm days that we have had seems to have triggered the start of the mating season for our garden birds and they are now in full voice early in the mornings staking their claims to territories and mates. We have our first duck nest in the garden, currently with 5 eggs! Let us hope that when spring finally arrives, it will not be wet and cold, which will not be good for newly hatched birds.

This year sees the return of The South Kyme Festival which will be held on the Mayday weekend and coincides with what should be a larger than usual boat gathering to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Bottom Lock, thereby giving boats access to South Kyme. A lot of effort and organising goes into putting on the festival and we would like to thank, on behalf of the village, all of those involved in bringing this event to the village for our enjoyment and benefit.

Most of you will have been canvassed recently to sign a petition from the parish council concerning the listing of The Hume public house as an 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV). On page 11 of this issue is a brief excerpt from a government Briefing Paper (No. 06366, dated 15 March 2015 - Asset of Community Value) which many of you might find useful in understanding what such a listing entails. If you want to read the full paper (it is only 17 pages), it can be found at:

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN06366>

Many small villages such as South Kyme have lost assets like shops and pubs in recent years and the phrase "Use it or lose it" is often trotted out. Whilst this is of course true, and local people will say that they want local services, but in today's market, for small businesses to prosper and attract custom, they must be innovative and customer focused to get the business that they need to survive.

*Mervyn & Judy Head*

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Our March meeting is "poems by women", an evening of recitation by members of our WI led by Melissa Tarrant. Join us for laughter, pathos and sentimentality and a revival of the art of platform speaking.

In April it is our AGM followed by Games and Hot Puddings! We will endeavour to keep the business part of the evening as short as possible. We will certainly be playing "reverse charades" with much laughter. Over the years the WI of South Kyme have honed their skills in this arena. This will be a good night to visit us.

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

Boules will be starting up again during April and the starting time/date will be posted on the village notice board opposite the village hall. For information ring Robin on 01526 861566.

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The club meets in the village hall at 7.15-9.00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session/match fee of £2.00. New members will be most welcome.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
1 March	7.00 pm	Imposition of Ashes
5 March	11.00 am	Holy Communion
19 March	11.00 am	Family Service
2 April	11.00 am	Holy Communion
13 April	7.00 pm	Tenebrae
30 April	11.00 am	Group Service

## Letter from the Vicar

Sue Rose will be ordained Deacon at Lincoln Cathedral on Sunday 2 July at 10.30 am. We are looking into hiring a coach to take us there. There will be no services in the Benefice on that day as we will be worshipping in the Cathedral. If you would like a place on the coach please contact me on 86146 or at [mikeredrose63@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeredrose63@hotmail.com).

We have a full programme of events and services in our Benefice over Lent and Eastertide this year.

The Imposition of Ashes will take place on Ash Wednesday 1 March at St Mary's and All Saints, South Kyme at 7.00 pm.

On Friday 3 March we will be hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer at St Oswald's, Walcott at 7.00 pm.

Shrove Tuesday 28th Feb - Pancakes at South Kyme Coronation Hall 11.30 am until 1.30 pm. There will also be pancakes and entertainment at the Church Rooms, Billingham from 7.00 pm

Tenebrae Service will be on Maunday Thursday 13 April 7.00 pm, St Marys and All Saints, South Kyme. All are welcome.

Tina Clark our Authorised Lay Minister is holding a series of Celtic Lent Reflections. These will be opportunities for us to talk together about how we see Lent and what meaning it has for us today. The four weekly reflections starting Wednesday 8 March 7.00 pm are at 46 High Street, South Kyme. Please let Tina know if you would like to come along on 01526 860283.

Finally. All services of Holy Communion at South Kyme will now take place at 11.00 am.

May I wish you all a Happy Easter 2017

Your Vicar,  
Mike

## SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

With the Christmas and New Year festivities behind us, and a spring like weather forecast predicted for the coming week, it is a good time to update you on recent and upcoming Parish Council business.

Ongoing Topics:

**The Heckington Fen Wind Farm** opposition (HeckOff Action Group) continues to maintain pressure on the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business, Energy and Industrial strategy by recommending that NKDC (planning sub-committee) accept the recommendation for a new independent noise impact assessment. At its meeting of 17 January, this was unanimously accepted along with a rejection of the 'Variation' application (bigger turbine blades and preparatory ground works prior to having a Radar Mitigation Scheme signed off by the SoS/MoD) to the original planning consent. In a nut shell this means no concrete in the ground until these conditions are met and hence if the action group can delay Ecotricity work until after 18 February 2018 then the original planning consent will have expired.

**The Asset of Community Value** (ACV) listing application to NKDC for The Hume public house has now been forwarded and we await their decision.

**Children's Play Area** – this is an ongoing issue. With no easy solutions we are, however, resolved to explore all possibilities including a Village Hall option and Cllr Clark is acting as lead liaison. That said any favourable outcome would need the full support of parents.

**Sleaford Navigation.** The 'Leader' bid for the "Destination South Kyme" (new winding hole and landing stages/water access point) by SleNav has run into difficulties due to illness and uncertainty over the nature and approach of the funding bid. Despite now being unlikely to be in place for the May bank Holiday celebrations they still have another approach and are preparing a bid for an April submission. I will keep you posted.

**Speeding.** The Speed Indicator Device (SID) continues to be used on a monthly basis in partnership with North Kyme and has some effect at slowing traffic. We continue to liaise with the local police and I would like to see a more visible police presence but resources are scarce.

**Dog Fouling.** A constant problem. PSPO's (Public Space Protection Orders) are being investigated and will shortly introduce new measures such as imposing a 'Dogs on Leads' area between Town and New Bridge and expanding the penalty notice (Fine!) to dog owners not in possession of poop bags. The Dog Warden will keep you in the loop. The good news is that from 1 April 2017 the District Council will no longer charge parishes for the emptying of dog bins.

**Highways.** The council's protestations will see the re-surfacing of Town Bridge, albeit in the next financial year. In practice, due to the 3 month planning notice required for closures it will mean at the earliest probably in May 2017. I will let you know more in due course.

**Village Tidy Group.** The Tidy Group is about to swing into action again and any volunteers are most welcome. Upcoming tentative dates are:

Saturday 25 February: Tree pruning, notice board refurbishment, litter picking.  
Saturday 18 March (full clean up), Saturday 22 April and (Pre Bank Holiday)  
Saturday 27 May.



**Telephone Kiosk.** With a zero usage over the previous 12 months the Parish Council gave permission for its permanent removal.

**May Bank Holiday Weekend Festival** 28-30 April, this year coincides with Sleaford Navigation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of Bottom Lock and navigation re-opening through to South Kyme. We are hoping for many narrow boats coming into South Kyme for this event.

**Village Meeting.** Sunday 30 April 6.00 pm in the village hall. This will take the same format as in 2016 and is your opportunity as a community to raise any matters or issues that you may have concerning the village.

**Parish Plan.** As previously published, the parish council is looking to establish a 'Parish Plan Sub Committee' or 'Steering Group' which would be responsible for formulating the plan in conjunction with residents and NKDC before final Parish Council approval. If you want to be involved in formulating the future vision for South Kyme, or have any comments/suggestions, please contact the Clerk to the council, or let me know at the village meeting.

**Best Kept Village 2017** – We have decided to re-enter the competition for 2017 and hope that you will all enter into the spirit of things and help keep the village looking bright and tidy. A judging panel will visit during the summer with results announced in September. As winners in 2010 it would be good for the village if we could repeat that success.

Parish Council spending over £100 approved at the last meeting was £279.02 to NKDC for the emptying of the rubbish and dog waste bins.

The next Parish Council meeting and Public forum will commence at 7.30 pm on Thursday 23 March 2017.

Eric Langley  
Chairman

## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

In response to the Chairman of the Parish Council's unnecessary comments regarding the procurement of the village Christmas tree in the January/February 2017 issue of the Tower.

The Parish Council was given as much notice as possible regarding the tragic circumstances of why our local, very reliable and reputable supplier could not provide the usual splendid tree for the Salvation Army night in 2016. Many Parishioners and members of our wider Car Dyke community found the Chair's comments offensive and disrespectful. While I suspect the Chair did not intentionally mean to create such strong reactions from the community he serves, it is always worth remembering the number of ways our written word can be interpreted.

Mrs. K. Wood.



Welcome! We are now half way through another academic year at school. Between now and Easter the children in Years 3/4 have their residential visit to Rand Farm Park. We are all looking forward to this and hope for fine weather.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our school was the 7th best performing primary school in Lincolnshire (out of approximately 280 primary schools) for the 2016 Year 6 SAT results based on the percentage of pupils achieving the new expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is a fantastic achievement by our pupils and reflects the high quality of teaching and learning at our school. Thank you to everyone for this.

Due to a continuing increase in the number of pupils on roll and being well oversubscribed for first choice applications to Reception in 2017, the governors have decided to move to 6 full time classes from September 2017.

During a busy half term since Christmas:

- \* Our Year 4-6 pupils visited The Collection in Lincoln to enhance their understanding of Romans.
- \* Chinese New Year has been celebrated in the Kingfisher class.
- \* A group of our pupils have been skyping their peers at a school in Leicester that we have links with.
- \* A history group called 'Up and at 'em' focusing on World War 2 visited school to enhance the knowledge and understanding of our Year 5 pupils with regard to them taking part in the Lincolnshire Memorials and Memories project. Our pupils are getting involved by gathering historical information from interviewing local residents.

We look forward to continued success in the remainder of the Spring Term and the lead up to Easter.

Mr R Allen, Head Teacher

### **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.

## **NOTICES**

### **JOSIE PHILIPS PROUDLY PRESENTS**

Saturday 25 March: Brian Mann - Country/Irish/60s

Saturday 10 June: Bus Pass Buskers - An all round entertaining evening

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### **60s, 70s & 80s BOOGIE NIGHT**

Thank you to all who supported our recent 60s, 70s & 80s night to support Alan Bayliss' quest to fundraise for Meningitis Research. Alan lived in South Kyme for most of his childhood / teenage years. Now living in Bourne, he remains a very good friend of ours. Last year Alan decided to set himself the huge challenge of running the 2017 London Marathon for Meningitis Research in memory of his nephew who would have turned 18 this year.

Thanks to all of you who supported the night by dancing the night away, donating raffle prizes and money. We raised a massive £1100 for this good cause - thank you all.

Caroline Midgley

### **JOE WISE'S 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Thank you to everyone who came along to Joe's 60<sup>th</sup> party on 28 January, with a special thanks to those who donated to the two charities - Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and St. Barnabas Hospice. A fabulous total of £815 was raised which has been split equally between the two charities. We hope that you all had a good time.

The Wise Family

### **Mediumship - Open Platform Evenings**

These monthly meetings are for anybody interested in mediumship. You may be looking for a starting point or would like to enjoy the atmosphere and get the chance of a reading. You may be a fledgling medium looking for somewhere to practice your readings and do some platform work. You are all welcome.

Refreshments will be available. There is a £5 entrance fee to work or watch. The first meeting will start at 7.30 pm in the Hall on Saturday 4 March and thereafter the first Saturday of the month.

For more details contact Grace Layey on 07790452572 or at [Psychicgracy@aol.com](mailto:Psychicgracy@aol.com)

## **SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL**

March and April see the usual weekly activities of Monday Dance Groups, Tuesday Table Tennis, Wednesday Bowls and Friday Keep Fit. Boule players are eagerly awaiting the arrival of warmer weather and lighter evenings. A bientot, nous esperons. Why not come and try one of these Activities?

Saturday 4 March sees the start of the Open Platform Evenings for people interested in Mediumship. These regular sessions will be held on the first Saturday of every month. Please see the separate item for details.

Cafe Kyme mornings will continue on the first Tuesday of the month, so we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7 March and Tuesday 4 April. There is always great home cooked food available and the chance to have a good chat.

The next 'Show' of the Year featuring Brian Man is on Saturday 25th.March.

Continuing with our improvements to the Hall, new hand driers have now been installed in the toilets. They actually get your hands dry before its time to go home! If anyone would like to get involved in the Hall or has any suggestions about future events/activities, please let us know. South Kyme Village Hall is YOUR Village Hall.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held in the Hume on Mon. 15 May starting at 7.30 pm - please coma along, you are always welcome.

Josie Philips, Chairman.

## **ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 provides for a scheme called 'assets of community value'. Community assets can be nominated by parish councils or by groups with a connection with the community. Individuals cannot nominate community assets. If the nomination is accepted, local groups will be given time to come up with a bid for the asset when it is sold.

The right to bid only applies when an asset's owner decides to dispose of it. There is no compulsion on the owner to sell it. The scheme does not give first refusal to the community group, unlike the equivalent scheme in Scotland. It is not a community right to buy the asset, just to bid. This means that the local community bid may not be the successful one.

Certain types of land, most notably residential property, are exempt from being placed on the register. Owners of property placed on the register may appeal against its listing and can claim compensation if they can demonstrate its value has been reduced.

**The provisions for a community group to prepare a bid only apply when the asset is being put up for sale. The act of listing the asset does not trigger a bidding process: it does not compel the owner of the listed asset to sell it, nor does it create any restriction on what the owner can do with the property while they own it.**

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## **Sleaford Navigation Trust - LEADER funding update.**

In October, we hoped that we were near to submitting the second stage of our LEADER bid for Destination South Kyme. The deadline for submission was December 17th 2016. For the first part of the bid we had been fortunate to have the help of Geraint Coles who had had previous experience of similar funding bids. Unfortunately for us, but not for Geraint, the second stage coincided with him starting a new job in Wales which meant he had to focus his attention elsewhere. Consequently, Steve and I had to apply ourselves rather urgently to the business of completing the second stage bid, getting the relevant quotes for materials and writing the extended rationale for the project. We submitted the bid, a weighty tome, on December 15th and breathed a huge sigh of relief.

In January we received the expected list of queries on details of our submission. Many created no particular problems but others meant that we began to rethink the strategy of what we were doing. As a charity we had envisaged that our own volunteers would do a considerable amount of the work involved in the project. We had not realised that this would create problems within the bid over issues such as the ineligibility of the purchase of necessary tools and equipment. This led us to question whether this was the right approach for us and was something we felt we needed to take advice on before going further. Because we were doing the work ourselves, we needed to have multiple quotes for such items as fixing bolts for the water access decking and the normal 30-day time limited quotes were not eligible. The process seemed to anticipate that work would be completed by a contractor who would be able to supply an inclusive price.

An additional problem over the potential temporary unavailability of volunteers to complete the work within the required timescale, led us to consider that it might be a good idea to look again at our method of delivery of the project. After discussion with the directors, it was agreed that I write to inform the Kestevens LEADER team that, at the moment, Sleaford Navigation Trust did not feel in a position to take our LEADER bid any further.

We are still going ahead with the Boat Gathering this year but sadly the winding hole will not be in place and neither will the landing stages. To say we are disappointed is an understatement!

However, we have now had a further meeting with Wendy Moore, a member of the LEADER team, and have discussed the feasibility of a new bid under Priority 3 "Celebrate, conserve & add value to our special culture & heritage." Basically, this would still be a bid to fund Destination South Kyme, the winding hole and water access. For this bid though additional emphasis would be on the interpretive aspect of the bid and we would be including QR codes in our display material. This would enable us to help visitors understand the role the navigation played in the prosperity of the region and encourage them to visit other linked sites such as Navigation House and Cogglesford Mill. It would also give additional information on the history of the village and possible walks in the area. Future village festivals and boat gatherings would also be part of the "celebration" element. We are currently preparing the first stage of the new bid and hope to submit it in April.

Chris Hayes  
Chairman Sleaford Navigation Trust

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