

THE TOWER

May/June 2015



EDITORIAL

At the time of writing this, we are being gradually worn down by endless trivia in the news from the political pundits and the various political parties vying for our votes on 7 May. When we cast our votes, it is not a matter of which party is the best, but more of which is the lesser of evils - a sad indictment of the state of British politics today. Don't forget the election of District Councillors, which is probably of greater local importance than the General election, as there are so many things like buses, local services and planning that are decided at district level.

Readers of this page will know that we are not exactly in favour of the large scale despoiling of the beautiful and ecologically important Lincolnshire landscape by the erection of huge wind turbines. It is quite frightening to think that there are three very large wind farms in the offing that if they are built will totally transform this part of Lincolnshire into an industrial landscape of wind turbines. These locations are at Hemswell, Nocton and East Heckington. If these wind farms are allowed to be constructed, they will set a precedent and make it easy for developers to infill inbetween these sites with other wind farms and not only destroy the landscape views and adversely affect bird flight paths and migration routes, but would also cause a drop in property prices. Turbines at 500 feet high will be visible pretty well everywhere in Lincolnshire. This may sound like scare mongering, but there is big money (see the article on page 7) to be made for the wind farm developers from subsidies and there are powerful political lobbyists at work in Westminster to push the agenda of wind farms. Please do not let our county be destroyed in this way, write/email and oppose every single application that is made - we have been sold a lie by the politicians and their big business backers.

On a slightly different note, the printing of this community magazine is funded by advertising sponsorship and since we took over the production of the magazine in 2008, it has been increasingly difficult to meet the costs due to a fall off in sponsors. If you have a business locally, or know anyone that would like to sponsor an advert, please email, or contact the editors at the address below.

The weather has been very summer-like over the past couple of weeks and we pray that it will continue for a while longer so that we can all enjoy the coming Mayday weekend and the events in the village. It will be nice to see a number of narrow boats in the village again and we know that the 'boaters' always enjoy the hospitality they receive in South Kyme.

Mervyn & Judy Head

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Items for MAY/JUNE must be received by 23 April 2015

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SOUTH KYME SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The club meets in the village hall at 7.30-10.00 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 2.00-4.00 p.m. on Fridays. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session/match fee of £1.50. New members will be most welcome.

SOUTH KYME TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The club meets in the village hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 8.30 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

SOUTH KYME WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

South Kyme WI meets in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm, on the second Monday of the month. Why not join us? We have some interesting talks and demonstrations lined up and there's always time for a chat when the refreshments are served.

Monday 11 May - 'Handmade by YOU!' - an invitation to our members to showcase their talents by bringing along items that they have created. We will also be enjoying a Salad Supper and discussing the WI Resolutions, prior to the Centenary AGM.

Tuesday 2 June - Jean Morris was chosen, by ballot, to be our representative at the WI Centenary Garden Party, being held at Buckingham Palace.

Monday 8 June - Kate Sell will be talking about her beautiful 'Mosaic mirrors for the garden'.

The Membership fee for the remainder of 2015 is £27.00 but you are welcome to come along to a meeting, free of charge, before joining. For further details please contact Barbara on 01526 861566 or Pam on 01526 861323, or go to our website at www.skwi.weebly.com or find us on Facebook".

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SOUTH KYME PETANQUE (BOULES) CLUB

We will meet in the usual place behind the village hall at 7.15pm on Thursday evenings. A payment of just £2.00 per session will be required to go towards upkeep of the terrain. Club boules are available but please bring your own boules if you have them.

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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 - 8.30 p.m., Wednesday 7.30 - 10.00 p.m.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
3 May	9.30 am for 10.00	Boat Service
17 May	11.00 am	Family Service
7 June	9.30 am	Holy Communion
21 June	11.00 am	Family Service

Letter from the Vicar

I hope you are enjoying the beginnings of Spring. The village simply looks wonderful and especially when the sun is coming up and going down and the views from the churchyard are stunning too.

I have some good news regarding my wife, Sue. She has been recommended by the national Church to train for the Ordained Ministry of the Church. Sue will commence the initial two year phase of her training at Westcott House, Cambridge. We wish her well and look forward to her sending us 'Ordinand' updates on how it is all going. Congratulations, Sue.

Last month at the Hume Arms we were treated to an excellent night of music from a local band called Smuggler Jack. The band is made up of two Lincolnshire vicars, their sons and a friend on drums. They were playing to raise money for the Church and for the SANDS charity which helps those affected by 'sudden neonatal deaths'. The music was great and we thank Smuggler Jack for their charitable endeavours on behalf of Lincolnshire people. If you see them advertised do please go and see them.

Once again the Boat festival is upon us again and the St Mary's and All Saints Boat Service is taking place on Sunday 3rd May. The blessing of the Boats will be at 9.30am on the river (navigability permitting) and the Service in Church will be at approx. 10am. We look forward to welcoming the good boaters of the Sleaford Navigation Trust and you are all very welcome to join us in celebrating the work of the trust who work hard to keep our Lincolnshire waterways navigable and in good order.

May I wish you all a good holiday wherever you are going this Summer, and may you be blessed in all that you do for the good of your friends, families and one another.

Your, Vicar,

Mike Rose

Vicar of South Kyme and the Carr Dyke Parishes.

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HUME EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT: On Friday 1 May, starting at 7.00pm . Max. 4 per team, entry £5/person, which includes supper - Supreme Chicken Chasseur, or Three Bean Chilli.

SUNDAY LUNCH: On Sunday 3 May, after the church service, 2 course lunch at the Hume for £15/person - Roast beef, or a vegetarian option, with one of Beverley's homemade puddings

COFFEE MORNINGS; The next monthly coffee mornings will be held on Wednesday 13 May and Wednesday 10 June. Please drop in for a chat, we are all very friendly and you will be made most welcome.

THE SOUTH KYME ANNUAL PUMPKIN GROWING COMPETITION

Have fun growing the biggest, or smallest pumpkin and win a prize. There will be a 1st and 2nd prize for the largest pumpkin and a fun prize for the smallest pumpkin.

Entry fee is £3.50, or £1.50 for children, which includes entry to the cheese and wine evening for the judging of the pumpkins. To make the competition fair, seed kindly donated by Lesley Moore will be given to each entrant free upon payment of the entry fee. Entry forms can be obtained until 31 May from Pauline Midgley at 65 High Street, South Kyme.

Judging will take place in the village hall on Friday 23 October at 7 30 pm. All proceeds will be donated to The Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

THE WIND TYCOONS

Dale Vince has done all right for a former hippy. Reckoned to be Britain's wealthiest green energy tycoon, he lives in a castle, drives a £750,000 electric sports car and sits on a fortune worth more than £100 million.

Dale Vince's company, Ecotricity, has given £250,000 to the Labour party – of whose energy policies it has been a major beneficiary. The Renewable Energy Foundation (REF), a think tank that is critical of the scale of subsidies, examined data on electricity output produced by Ecotricity over the past 13 years since the Renewables Obligation scheme was set up to encourage the subsequent growth in wind farms. The scheme effectively allows onshore wind turbine owners to charge double for the electricity they produce.

Data available to the think tank shows the subsidy for Ecotricity's wind farms and solar parks has cost consumers almost £50 million in 13 years, of which £40 million has been paid out since 2008, when Mr Miliband was put in charge of energy and climate change policies. The faster growth in recent years is reflected in additional wind turbines built by Ecotricity in that period. Dr John Constable, REF's director, said: "We estimate that Ecotricity's wind turbines have cost consumers about £48 million pounds in subsidy since 2002 when the Labour government introduced the Renewables Obligation scheme. They are currently costing consumers about £6 million a year in subsidy, but this will rise to over £10 million a year when work is completed on the consented Heckington Fen wind farm, which will be the fourth largest wind farm in England." Heckington Fen is expected, in the future, to earn Mr Vince a further estimated £4.75 million a year in consumer subsidy!

Martin Hill, Conservative leader of Lincolnshire County Council, who opposed Ecotricity's plans for 22 turbines, each 410ft tall, at Heckington Fen, also questioned the Ecotricity donation. "Are they trying to buy policy through the Labour Party?" he asked.

Sir James Dyson has been drawn into a row over plans to build Britain's biggest onshore wind turbines on his land. The plans have infuriated local people, who say the 500ft high machines will damage one of Britain's most precious landscapes, threaten birds and make the area less attractive to tourists. The billionaire inventor bought 17,000 acres of farmland in Lincolnshire for £150m, through his company Beeswax, in 2012. The land includes much of the Nocton estate, near Lincoln, which carries an option to build a wind farm. Vattenfall, an energy company owned by the Swedish state, bought the option from the land's previous owners.

Dyson, who has previously spoken out in support of wind farms, stands to make £500,000 in rental income from the company if the proposal is approved.

Sleaford Navigation Trust
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.30 pm

The David Williams Pavilion
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Followed by a talk
by
Dr Lauren Tewson
Director, Lincolnshire Rivers Trust

Lincolnshire Rivers Trust
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Sleaford Urban Opportunities Study

The meeting is open to everyone, with no admission charge, but please note that only members of the Sleaford Navigation Trust are eligible to vote during the AGM

For further details please call 01522 689460
Agenda and papers available on www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk



Over the last term the children in school have been provided with many opportunities which inspire awe and wonder. For example as part of learning about farm to fork, the school organised for the Branston Potato Bus to visit school so all the pupils could find out about potatoes and their fascinating journey from 'farm to fork'.

A mobile planetarium visited school to enhance the curriculum for Year 4-6 pupils in their space topic.

The local Police Community Support Officers worked with pupils from Reception to Year 6 on general aspects of safety including parking outside of school and road safety with Year 5/6. Pupils in Year 5/6 also got to go out in small groups and under supervision used a speed gun on the High Street. This was something that they all thoroughly enjoyed.

Further to this the children dressed up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day and raised money for Comic Relief.

We will be starting swimming lessons for all our pupils in the summer term and children in Years 3 and 4 will be visiting Rand Farm Park for their Residential Visit. Many more activities are planned for the summer term such as a theatre group delivering visual effects and puppetry workshops, sports days, an open day for new pupils and 'Bikeability' for Year 5 pupils to name but a few. We look forward to continued success for the remainder of this school year.

Mr Richard Allen

Headteacher, Billinghay Church of England Primary School



Billinghay school children outside the Branston Potatoe Bus

NOTICES

DEFIBRILLATORS IN SOUTH KYME

In addition to the defibrillator unit at South Kyme Golf Club, there is also one at Sycamore Farm , Clay Bank, South Kyme which is available for village use if it is ever required - phone 01526 861064, or contact any member of the Caswell family at anytime and it will be delivered as quickly as possible.

SOUTH KYME DUCK RACE

The annual duck race will take place on Saturday 2 May at 4.00 pm on the river. Purchasing a duck for entry into the race can be made at The Coronation Hall on Saturday 2 May.

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 2 May from 10.00 - 2.00 pm in The Coronation Hall. Tables are £5.00 inside and £4.00 outside the hall. There will be a 20p admission for the public. Refreshments will be available, and there will be a homemade cake stall, a tombola and a raffle. Car parking is at the rear of the hall. For further details and to book your table, contact Josie on 01526 860645

SCARECROW COMPETITION

The scarecrow competition will be held at The May Day weekend on 2/3 May. This year there will be a theme based on nursery rhyme characters. The parish council has kindly donated prize money and this year there will be three prizes - 1st £50, 2nd £25 and 3rd £10. We look forward to a lot of entries this year. There will be a £2.00 entry fee as usual and entry forms will be available nearer the time from Sue or Elsie.

BIRTHDAY PARTY THANK YOU

Jan Wise would like to thank everyone who attended her 60th birthday party on Saturday 14 March. The raffle, collection tins and donations raised a fabulous total of £680.00. This will be split equally between The St. Barnabas Lincolnshire Hospice and the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. We hope you all had a fantastic night and enjoyed it as much as Jan did herself. Thanks again to all those who supported Jan's chosen charities.

CHARITY EVENT

A fantastic £211.25 was raised for SANDS (stillborn and neonatal deaths) and St Mary and All Saints Church on 18 April through the excellent entertainment of Smuggler Jack at The Hume. Many thanks to Maeve and Vijay for their hospitality.

Tina Clark

SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL

Following four varied and successful acts during the last two years, we have decided to take a break from the Lincolnshire Rural Touring Scheme for 2015/16. We hope to start again in 2016/17. In the meantime, please try to support other village halls. The Acts for the 2015/16 season should be on www.lincstouring.co.uk in the Summer.

On **Saturday 2 May** there will be a Tabletop Sale at the Village Hall followed by the famous Duck Race at 4.00pm. Ducks enter the river at the footbridge opposite the village hall.

On **Saturday 13 June** we have Jonny Williams & Lynette Marie performing at 7.30pm. They are becoming one of the UK's most popular and sought after country music duos, winning new fans and friends where ever they go with their brand of traditional country music. Further details at www.jonnyandlynette.co.uk and on Youtube.

Tickets are £7.50 and can be obtained from Josie Phillips on 01526 860645.

On **Saturday 27 June** at 7.30pm we have a "proper Norfolk Show" featuring Olly Day and Nigel "Boy" Syer. Norwich-based Olly is a comedian, singer and magician and Nigel is "Norfolk's funniest accordionist".

Tickets are £12 and are selling quickly. Those remaining can be obtained from Josie Phillips on 01526 860645.

Dance lessons

The Monday morning dance lessons (at 10.30am and 11.30am) and occasional tea dances organised by Terry and Valerie Metcalfe continue to be popular. Beginners and Improvers are from 10.30am until 11.30am and the advanced class is at 11.30am until 12.30pm.

Café Kyme

The next Café Kymes are on **Tuesday 5 May** and **Tuesday 2 June**. Homemade soups, bread, cakes and other delicacies await you.

Next meeting

The next Village Hall meeting will be on **Mon 18 May** at 7.30pm.

Josie Philips
Chairman

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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.

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

A brief update before the Parish Council disbands to be reborn anew on 11 May 2015.

Several existing members of the Parish Council have decided that the dissolving and re election process for the Parish Council is a good time to step down and let others have a go. To those that have served and those that continue to serve the community, a nod of recognition and a thank you is well deserved. I'm sure those that are leaving the parish council will continue in supporting the community in a less visible capacity, just as many others in the village already do.

The parish council, in a joint venture with North Kyme, has the use of speed indicator devices that we hope will assist in reducing the number of speeding vehicles through the village. Two of these devices are already up and running on High Street.

The Friday shopping bus to Sleaford started running in early April. Please give it your support to ensure it continues.

At time of writing there have been no applications for the position of volunteer dog warden, if you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk by email at : payre@tesco.net

On behalf of the Parish council we extend a warm welcome to all the narrow boats and hope that the activities over the Mayday weekend will be enjoyed by the whole village.

The village tidy group is back in full swing with a turn out of 19 people for the April clean up. Initial reports from the April tidy were that less litter and dog poo were encountered than has been experienced in the past. Thank you to all those that are making an effort to make South Kyme a clean and pleasant place to live in. A special thanks to VJ and Mauve for the brunch that follows each tidy, as well as energy replacement it serves greatly to foster a feeling of cohesion between the volunteers.

I hope it has not escaped your notice that the planning application for large scale Wind Turbines at East Heckington has been re-submitted. The time frame for comments is very tight - 1 May 2015, so if you have an opinion please put it in writing to NKDC before the deadline.

If you wish to have a say about matters effecting South Kyme and its surrounding areas you are most welcome to speak at the Parish Council public forum held for the first 15 minutes of each Parish Council meeting.

The next SKPC meeting is on Thursday 30 April at 7.30pm in the village hall. The AGM is on 21 May, directly after the annual village meeting which will be held from 7.00 pm at the village hall.

Dave Wood.
Chairman SKPC.

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WHAT ARE THE SEVEN SEAS

The Seven Seas was part of the vernacular of several nations long before some of the oceans named were known to the inhabitants of Europe and Asia. The Seven Seas are referred to in the literature of the ancient Hindus, Chinese, Persians, Romans and other nations. In each case, the term simply referred to different bodies of water. There is a group of salt-water lagoons near Venice, Italy, that the Romans called septem maria, the Latin phrase for Seven Seas.

And don't forget, seven is a pretty special number. The world was formed in seven days, there are seven wonders of the world, seven deadly sins, seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, seven hills of Rome and a seventh heaven.

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