

THE TOWER

September/October 2015



EDITORIAL

It is amazing how quickly this year seems to be passing. Here we are, producing what is in effect our autumn issue of The Tower. At the time of writing, the weather has reverted to its wet and rainy default setting, right at the time when the fields should be resounding to the noise of combines getting the harvest in. Maybe the omens for better weather will be better now that the BBC has decided to dispense with the Met Office and buy their forecasts in from elsewhere - we would suggest Australia as a starting point, as it is usually pretty sunny out there!

We have in the past praised those people in the village who commit their time and energy to put on such things as coffee mornings, shows in the village hall and events to raise money for various charities. In the main, these events are pretty well attended, although a wider village involvement would I believe be welcomed and beneficial for the community as a whole. It is easy to criticise the way things are done, but we must not lose sight of the fact that it is those individuals who put themselves out to organise and do things for the village that make South Kyme one of the best villages in the area in which to live.

We would like to express on behalf of the village, a big thank you to the farmers and businesses in South Kyme that have so kindly donated diesel for the big sit and ride mower that is used to cut the grass verges, footpaths and the churchyard and keep the village looking good. It is a pleasure to walk along the river bank up to the church without the need of a machete. The pleasure of walking is somewhat spoiled however, by those lazy individuals who refuse to clean up after their dogs. For the zillionth time, take a bag with you and pick up the poo, you have already helped to pay for dog waste bins and their emptying, so why not use them?
People who are spotted and reported, WILL be fined!

It would appear that the government's reduction in subsidies for onshore wind farms is good news with regards to the fight against proliferation of wind farms in our area. However, the Heckington Fen site has already been approved and a token amount of work has been done on site to secure the planning, and the right for development and could yet be built if Ecotricity can come up with a suitable radar mitigation scheme to satisfy the MOD/RAF. The failure to block this development must rest with our District Council, who recently failed to deny the developer the right to amend the original consent and thus allow them to start work on the site before the existing planning approval lapsed in 2017. Our so called elected 'representatives' do not in every instance work for the greater good of the community. Sometimes, the people that tread the corridors of the council offices at Sleaford, should be reminded that they are in fact public (that is all of us) servants and not autocrats.

Mervyn & Judy Head

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Items for MAY/JUNE must be received by 26 October 2015 latest

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

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 p.m., 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.

We will not be holding our usual meeting in September, as there are several other events celebrating the WI Centenary:

Sept 3 - 6 - Centennial Fair at the Harrogate International Centre

Sept 16 - Metheringham WI have invited us to join their Cheese and Wine Evening

Sept 17 - Leasingham WI have invited us to join their afternoon of celebrations

Sept 19 - Exhibition of WI Craft work [see below]

On Sept 23 we have a 'Talk, Tea & Cake' afternoon, when Dr Mike Rogers, Lincolnshire Archivist, will be giving an illustrated talk on the Lincolnshire Archives. Everyone is welcome. It starts at 2.30 p.m. and tickets are £2.50 are available from Barbara [01526 861566].

On October 12 we will be celebrating our 5th Anniversary.

The Membership fee for the remainder of 2015 is £18.00 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, go to our website at www.skwi.weebly.com or find us on Facebook.

To celebrate the WI Centenary Year, on Saturday 19 September 2015, Lincolnshire South Federation will be presenting an Exhibition of Members Craft Work at NKDC Offices, East Road, Sleaford NG34 7EF. The Civic Centre opens at 10 a.m. until 5.p.m.. Car parks are available each side of the building. There will be a small entry charge, excellent raffle and refreshments available all day. We look forward to seeing you and displaying our very clever members' skills.

LADIES KEEP FIT

Every Monday afternoon in The Coronation Hall from 2 - 3 p.m. ladies keep fit classes take place. Why not come along? All ages welcome. Cost only £3.50 per session.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SOUTH KYME PETANQUE (BOULES) CLUB

We will meet in the usual place behind the village hall at 7.15 p.m. 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.

For information please contact Robin on 01526 861566

NEW DANCE CLUB IN SOUTH KYME



It appears that we have two professional dancers in South Kyme and Barry and Sandra have been “volunteered” to start a dance club and have been asked, in the first instance, to teach the basics of jive and salsa. The dance classes will be held in the village hall, full details (dates/times) will be advised as soon as they are available. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session fee of £1.50.

The class will be non profit making and initially aimed at beginners and those of you who claim you have ‘two left feet’. For more information telephone 01526 268681 or email them at sandybarryukfenn@gmail.com

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.

Bowls News

South Kyme Bowls Club has won the Inter-Village League.

The club has had another good year by winning the Robert Tyres Shield for the second year running. The Sleasiders Team came first, runners-up were Ancaster and Kyme Woods came third.

The club held a friendly bowling day this summer against Pychley, a small village near Kettering. We managed to draw with them. Considering they had 3 England players we did very well. We had a return match where we didn’t do so well, losing all but one game. David, our member from Gosberton who arranged this visit, sad to say will be leaving us and returning to that area.

Our club singles matches are now taking place, hoping to complete well before Christmas.

The club has had 5 new members join in the last year and are progressing well. So anyone looking for a social night and fun come and join us.

Elsie Coy (Secretary)



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Roman warships were not rowed by slaves. In almost all 'swords and sandals' movies and novels, when a galley [a large ship propelled primarily by rowing] appears, we hear the clank of slaves' chains and the crack of the overseer's whip. Both are completely anachronistic: the Romans, like the Greeks, had an ideology that we call 'civic militarism'. It was believed that if you were a citizen you had a duty to fight for your state, and conversely if you fought you were entitled to political rights.

This excluded the use of slave rowers, or slave soldiers like those of medieval Islam. In the handful of exceptional times when slaves were admitted to the armed forces, they were either freed before enlistment, or promised manumission if they performed well in battle.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
6 September	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
27 September	11.00 a.m.	Harvest Festival
4 October	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
18 October	11.00 a.m.	Family Service

Letter from the Vicar

On the afternoon of Sunday 27 September Suzanne Rose begins her initial 2 year training for Ordained Ministry at Westcott House, Cambridge. Alongside over 100 other people from Diocese's around the country, Sue will be engaged in academic theological study, taught by the best brains in the world at Cambridge University, highly practical placements working with organisations that provide specialist help and care for the most vulnerable people in our society, placements with churches and church organisations, and working with other church denominations as diverse as the Methodist Church, Roman Catholic Church and others. Sue will be a weekly boarder at Westcott and will be on placement at St Denys, Sleaford at the weekends. We will all miss Sue as we will see less of her in the Benefice but we know that this is God's calling upon her life and I know that she will be in our prayers.

Saturday 12 September 'Ride and Stride'.

Myself and Diane Byard will be taking part in the 'Ride and Stride' on Saturday 12 September. We will be cycling around the Benefice for charity. If you would like to sponsor me or Diane, or both even, please sign up on the sponsor sheets which you will find in the Churches. We would be grateful for your sponsorship however small or not so small and thanks to Diane for encouraging the Vicar to get out of his car and onto his bike.

There will be afternoon tea at the Vicarage on Sunday 20 September at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome and on 11 November at 11.00 a.m. we will be making the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in South Kyme Churchyard.

Have a wonderful Harvest Season and to all our farming community, may God bless the fruits of your labours.

Your Vicar,

Mike Rose
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HUME EVENTS

COFFEE MORNINGS; The next monthly coffee mornings will be held on Wednesday 9 September and Wednesday 14 October at 11 a.m.. 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

Keep on watering and feeding those pumpkins if you want that first prize for the largest pumpkin. There is also a second prize and a fun prize for the smallest pumpkin.

Judgement Day on Friday 23 October at 7.30 p.m.. Other than competitors, 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.

All proceeds will be donated to The Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

VILLAGE TIDY GROUP

We are a friendly bunch dedicated to the upkeep of the village, and new recruits are always welcome. Why not come and join us in 2015. We meet on the last Saturday of the month outside the Coronation Hall at 8.30 a.m.. The next scheduled sessions will be in September and October.

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. and Friday 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

WI CENTENERY BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY

In celebration of the WI Centenary The Duchess of Cornwall, joined by The Countess of Wessex, The Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra hosted a Garden Party for 8000 WI members at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 2 June 2015. Thousands of WI members, at least one from every branch in the country, enjoyed afternoon tea at the event

We left Sleaford on a cool, cloudy, windy morning and travelled through some heavy showers. We were all ready for a warm drink and toasted sandwich.

As we entered the outskirts of London it was a forest of umbrellas as the rain poured down. By the time our coach parked at the side of the Mall it was sunny and windy – hats rolled and dust got in our eyes, but we joined the queue and chatted away 8,000 ladies invited!!!

Afternoon tea was very nice finger sandwiches to suit all tastes – my favourite smoked salmon rolls! The cakes were tray bakes, cut into easy to handle pieces. Tables and chairs were near to the catering tent. I was wearing 3 W.I. badges below the Lincoln Imp. A surprising number of people were interested in them as very few had seen the old designs.

HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, HRH The Countess of Wessex and HRH Princess Alexandra walked through the crowds. I was fortunate to be by a lady in a wheelchair when Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, came over to speak to her – what a lovely lady she is, putting everyone at ease and admitting she was not sure which to do – hold her hat on or her skirt down!

When the Royal Party and officials went to their tea tent a large area was taped off. The guests crowded round, the sun shone, and suddenly a mini whirlwind blew down the crowd – hats flew off and across the taped off area. To our delight several well dressed young equeuries had to dash across the lawn catching hats and then trying to find the owners! The W.I. members rose to the occasion and gave them a big cheer and clap. There were trays of Marshfield Farm ice cream tubs taken round before we all departed at 5.00 p.m. just as a very light drizzle began to fall.

We managed to get back on the coach before getting too wet and arrived tired but very happy back in Sleaford about 10.00 p.m.

Jean Morris

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GLOW WORM

Oh I wish I was a glow worm,
for a glow worm's never glum,
'cause how can you be grumpy,
when the sun shines out your bum!

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.

NOTTINGHAM SHOPPING TRIP

On Wednesday 18 November I will be taking my annual shopping trip to Nottingham. The coach leaves South Kyme at 9.00 a.m. and will pick up Ruskington, Billinghay, North Kyme, Heckington, Sleaford, also Grantham. The coach will then leave Nottingham at 4.00 p.m. for the return trip. If anyone would like to join me the price is £6 per person. Please book now by calling me on 01526 860790 to avoid disappointment.

Elsie Coy

HARVEST SUPPER

The annual Harvest Supper meal will be served in The Coronation Hall on Friday 25 September - 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. serving of the meal. Prices £7.50/adult and £5.00/children under 14 yrs. To book your meal, please contact Josie on 01526 860645 as soon as possible, or by 23 September latest.

McMILLAN WORLD COFFEE MORNING

On 25 September, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., Josie, Jill and Pearl will be hosting a coffee morning at Brownlow Close in South Kyme to raise money for Mcmillan Cancer Support. All are welcome - please come along for a cuppa and a chat.

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 10 October from 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. 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.

SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL

Forthcoming events

On Sunday 20 September, we have a Mind, Body and Spirit event September and on Wednesday, 23 September, the WI has arranged a talk from the Lincolnshire Archivist in the Hall. Everybody is welcome to attend these events.

The Harvest Supper will be on Friday 25 September.

We have Pat Jordan and Finian's Rainbow on Saturday 3rd October. They are a renown Irish/country band that performs all over the world. Videos on their website patjordan.co.uk and YouTube. Tickets are £7.50 and can be obtained from Josie Phillips (01526 860645).

There is a Table Top sale on Saturday 10 October and the Annual Pumpkin Competition takes place on Friday 23 October.

There is no planned event for Halloween this year so if anyone is interested in organising either a public or a private event please contact Robin Eddowes on 01526 861566.

Dance lessons

At the time of writing this we understand Terry Metcalfe is going to start additional dance classes on Monday evening s from 6.00-9.00 p.m., starting in September. The Monday morning dance lessons (at 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.) and occasional tea dances will continue with Beginners and Improvers being from 10.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. and the advanced class following at 11.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. We will confirm the changes via the notice boards and village website.

Café Kyme

The next Café Kymes are on Tuesday 1 September and Tuesday 6 October. Homemade soups, bread, cakes and other delicacies await you.

Book & Jigsaw Exchange

This continues to be popular and we are always glad of new stock. However, we have limited storage space and still have a few more items than we have room for. So please feel free to come and stock up.

Lincolnshire Rural Touring Scheme 2015-16

Although we aren't participating this year, lots of other village halls are and full details can be found at www.lincsruraltouring.co.uk. The annual booklet should be available in libraries until stocks disappear. Your nearest venue is Ewerby Reading Rooms and their programme consists of Mambo Jambo on 24 October, Bowjwangles Christmas Special on 4 December and Locust Honey String Band on 25 February. They are all at 7.30 p.m. with tickets from 01529 461926 or ewerbyreadingroom@gmail.com

Many of you will recall Bowjwangles who played at South Kyme in 2013. They are also performing at six other halls in the run up to Christmas.

Next meeting

The next Village Hall meeting will be on Mon 16 November at 7.30 p.m.

Josie Philips (Chairman)

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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.

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Now settled after the May election, the parish council continues to work assiduously on your behalf to improve the quality of life within the village. Similarly, the relationship with the District Councillor continues to be nourished and is already proving constructive in a number of areas, not least in clarifying planning applications and the situation with the proposed Heckington Fen wind farm following the precedent set by the cancellation of the Nocton Fen development due to local opposition. This is ongoing and a resolution is far from clear at this time.

Volunteer Dog Warden: The position has yet to be filled but we may have a suitable candidate about to come forward. Dog fouling seems to be on the rise again – please ensure that you pick up your dog mess as it is a legal requirement to do so and punishable by a large fine if caught.

Highway matters: At a recent meeting with the Highways Manager, Mr Lennard, a number of improvements to the roads, bridges and pathways were instigated and will complete before March 2016. (Of note: There are only 2 teams of 2 workers to cover the whole of the Sleaford area so understanding and patience are key watch words!). The speed indicator device (SID), shared with North Kyme on a monthly basis, is helping to slow the majority of traffic, but I would like to see a more proactive and occasionally visible police radar presence to catch the speeders. We are in continual liaison to try and improve the situation.

Friday shopping bus: This has now ceased, with Call Connect being the reversionary traditional method of transport. Although, on the surface it was not successful due to a poor uptake of passengers, the bus itself was the catalyst to highlight to the District Council, the local MP and Transport Minister the plight of rural transport problems suffered by small villages such as South Kyme.

Best Kept Village: No details have yet been received for this year, however we should still plan on judging to take place in September 2015 as normal.

Village Tidy Group: Please come along and enjoy the camaraderie (and work) at 8.30 a.m. on the final Saturday of every month. On completion we retire to the Hume for a few glasses of beer and to get to know each other.

Council spending over £100 approved at the July meeting was £522.00 to Chris Sellars Groundcare for a new Toro petrol hover mower.

Finally, please remember that this is your village and improvements can only be made with your help, support and input. To this end the next 15 minute Public Forum will be held at 7.30 p.m. on 10 September in the village hall, and which immediately precedes the Parish Council Meeting. As mentioned in my last input, it is hoped that some members of the Council will make some courtesy calls to introduce themselves and you may also find this a useful forum to provide any feedback you may have.

Eric Langley
Chairman, SKPC

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DOG WARDEN

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