

THE TOWER

July/August 2015



EDITORIAL

As you get this issue through the door, we should all be enjoying a heat-wave. It is the variability of our weather that makes it such a topic of conversation. One day it could be cold and wet, the next sweltering heat. Not that we should complain of course, as having wall to wall sunshine every day would be so boring and we would have nothing to say to people that we meet in the street to 'break the ice'.

Having just taken part in the village tidy group's end of month grass cutting session, it is apparent that there are still people who do not pick up after their dog. A huge pile (no exaggeration), deposited by what must have been a dog the size of a Shetland Pony, was found on the bank (thankfully before it was sprayed onto the operator of the hover mower). If you are the owner of this, or any other dog, please pick up in future, as it is not very pleasant for the rest of us who use, or maintain the river bank.

There was an excellent quality variety act in the village hall on Saturday evening 27 June and although the hall was packed, the most striking thing about the evening was the lack of support from people in the village. It was not too long ago at one of the annual village meetings that many people complained about the lack of events and things to do in the village, yet when things are put on, it is always the same few people that support them. For all of you that never venture out to a coffee morning, a concert, or club event, just give it a go once in a while and give some encouragement to those who put in a lot of effort to put these things on for us.

We would still welcome additional sponsorship for this publication from local businesses, our plea from the last issue has not resulted in any new advertisers coming forward. If you have a business in, or that serves the village, please consider supporting the production and printing of The Tower.

Mervyn & Judy Head

STRANGE FACTS

In the course of an average lifetime you will, while sleeping, eat 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders.

A person can live without food for about a month, but only about a week without water. If the amount of water in your body is reduced by just 1%, you'll feel thirsty. If it's reduced by 10%, you'll die.

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

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Items for MAY/JUNE must be received by 24 August 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 13 July -We will be trying our hands at 'Encaustic Art' - an interesting technique using coloured wax and a warm iron.

In August we will be taking a Summer break from our Monday evening meetings but are hoping to arrange a daytime outing instead.

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, or go to our website at www.skwi.weebly.com or find us on Facebook"

"To celebrate the WI Centenary Year, on Saturday 19th 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 10am until 5pm. 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.

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.

For information please contact Robin on 01526 861566

SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL

Concerts

Looking ahead, one for your diary, will be when 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).

Book & Jigsaw Exchange

This continues to be popular and we are always glad of new stock. However, we have limited storage space and currently have a few more items than we have room for. Please feel free to come and stock up with items for your summer holiday reading.

Dance lessons

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

Café Kyme

The next Café Kymes are on **Tuesday 7th July** and **Tuesday 4th August**. Homemade soups, bread, cakes and other delicacies await you.

Next meeting

The next Village Hall meeting will be on **Mon 17th August** at 19.30pm.

Josie Philips
Chairman

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.

VILLAGE TIDY GROUP:

The tidy group meets at 08.30 outside the village hall on the last Saturday of every month until late autumn. This group of volunteers does an outstanding job in keeping the village, church grounds and river bank looking pristine. As ever it seems to be the same faces and new volunteers are always welcome. With a new mower and strimmer on order we urgently need more hands to make light work of the grass cutting. Normally completed by 11.30am, we then retire to 'The Hume' for a well earned pint (or 2!) and a light lunch kindly provided by Maeve and VJ. Yes, the tidy group is hard work for some but also a great focal point for meeting people in a convivial atmosphere and fostering a sense of community and team spirit.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

Parish councils are now required by law to publish details of all expenditure in excess of £100.

Expenditure approved at the July meeting is as follows:

Community Lincs:	Insurance premium	£269.49
S K Coronation Hall:	rent for 2015/16	£325.00
P Ayre:	Clerk's Salary	£814.56
HMRC:	PAYE re clerk's salary	£203.64

AIR AMBULANCE

The show in the village hall on Saturday evening 27 June featuring Nigel 'Boy' Syer and Olly Day raised raised £607 for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. Many thanks to all of you who came and a special thanks to those who helped with the 'back room' activities which made the evening a success.

Josie Philips



At the time of writing we have just begun the last half term of another school year and we have a lot to pack into a few weeks before we break up for the summer holidays on the 22nd July.

Children in Year 3 and 4 will be visiting Rand Farm Park for their residential visit later this term. Our Reception pupils (Kingfisher class) are visiting the seaside as part of their topic 'Seaside and Pirates'. Let us hope they don't find many pirates! Our Kingfisher class all came to school dressed as bugs and insects for their Ugly Bug Ball at the end of the spring term to celebrate the end of their Minibeast topic.



All our pupils have now started swimming lessons which will take place over the next 6 weeks culminating in a swimming gala on the 13th July. On the 12th June we are holding an Indian Experience day where our pupils will be taking part in activities such as Bollywood dancing, finding out about the festival of Holi and making Rangoli patterns.

To coincide with the General Election, pupils in the Year 4/5 Hawk class held their own election in school. They formed 4 different parties and led assemblies, put up posters and talked to children about why they should vote for them. A secret ballot was held with the winning party having an audience with me. Not only does this promote fundamental British values but it also provides our pupils with the opportunity to learn how to argue and defend points of view.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to continued success in the final term of the school year.

With best wishes
Mr R Allen, Headteacher

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FOR BOOKINGS

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HIRE RATES

Main Hall :

Village Resident - £50 all/part day
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Small Room :

Village Resident - £25 all/part day
Non-Resident - £50 all/part day

An hourly rate is also available for groups wanting to use the Village Hall regularly, or for anyone just needing an hour or two.

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

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THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

Where exactly "the birds and the bees" originated nobody knows, but one possibility according to word sleuths William and Mary Morris is that it may have been inspired by words like these from the poem *Work Without Hope*, by Samuel Taylor Coleridge:

ALL Nature seems at work. Slugs leave their lair—
 The bees are stirring—birds are on the wing—
 And WINTER, slumbering in the open air,
 Wears on his smiling face a dream of Spring!
 And I, the while, the sole unbusy thing,
 Nor honey make, nor pair, nor build, nor sing.

The Morris's offer the theory that schools in years past taught about sex by telling how birds and how bees "do it" and trusting that the youngsters would get the message by indirection. Luckily for the perpetuation of the species, there's always been Sam, or Lizzie in the school playground to explain how things really worked.

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HUME EVENTS

COFFEE MORNINGS

The next monthly coffee mornings will be held on Wednesday 8 July and Wednesday 12 August. 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.

Judging will take place in the village hall on Friday 23 October at 7 .30 pm. 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. To make the competition fair, seed kindly donated by Lesley Moore will be given to each entrant free upon payment of the entry Fee.

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

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
5 July	9.30 am	Holy Communion
19 July	11.00 am	Family Service
2 August	9.30 am	Holy Communion
16 August	11.00 am	Family Service

Letter from the Vicar

On **Thursday 23rd July** there will be a bus going from the Village to Walsingham, in Norfolk. This day trip will include a visit to the Pilgrimage Centre in Walsingham, followed by a fish and chips lunch in lovely Wells Next-the-Sea. The cost of the trip will be around £22 including the lunch. If you would like to book a place please contact me on 01526 861746 or St Mary's and All Saints Churchwarden, Mr Cass on 01526 860857.

Looking ahead we have our Harvest Service on Sunday 27th September at 11am; and before that there will be a Harvest Supper at the Coronation Hall on Friday 25th September. I hope you will be able to come along to either or both of these events.

The Philosophy for Everyone Sessions are back again in South Kyme. They will be held in either the Coronation Hall or the Hume Arms on four Wednesdays this August, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th. The cost will be £3 per session or £10 for all 4 sessions. We will look at a whole range of ideas and philosophies including Practical Ethics, The Philosophy of the Body and the Mind (what does it mean to be human). The Philosophy of Science (what is the universe, how do we know where we come from and of what we are made?) The Philosophy of Work (what is work? What is not work?). No prior knowledge of the subjects are required and previous participants have said that the sessions are fun, engaging, thought provoking and enjoyable. If you would like to book a place please email me on mikeredrose63@hotmail.com or phone me 01526 861746.

Your, Vicar,

Mike Rose

Vicar of South Kyme and the Carr Dyke Parishes.



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SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

An interesting few weeks post the General Election has finally seen the conclusion of the AGM, the selection of a new chair and vice-chairman and the return of 5 of the original 6 parish councillors albeit some in different roles. We do however still have space for one more volunteer. In addition, we have the support of the newly elected District Councillor Mrs Julia Harrison (Con) who has a wealth of business experience and who attended the first post election Parish Council meeting. Her clear pragmatism and dedication to supporting and resolving local issues within the area stand out and she is already seeking answers to a number of issues posed at our meeting of the Council on 11 Jun 15. I am sure she will be a great asset and trusted friend to our community.

To reinforce and update a few ongoing items across the spectrum of village life:

Volunteer Dog Warden: As yet this position remains vacant and any volunteers should contact the village Clerk by email at: payre@tesco.net.

Speed Indicator Device: Shared with North Kyme: The Chairman will coordinate use which will be on an alternating monthly basis with July being our first full month.

Friday Shopping Bus: 6 Months trial from Apr to Sep 15. Uptake is low and unless more people use it we are not likely to be able to support a further period of use.

Best Kept Village: The 2015 competition details have yet to be received however judging can be expected to occur in September. When I have details I will let you know.

New Picnic Tables: The first of two has been built and installed by Peter Goode (thank you!) within the grassy area on the high street (near the fishing pegs) and are for the use of everyone but please leave the area tidy on completion.

Clarification on Tree Planting: For those living within immediate proximity of the river be advised that Environmental Agency policy has been received which clarifies that trees are not to be planted within 9 metres of the water's edge without express EA approval.

Finally, the Parish Council is here to serve the village community and whilst we do our best to try and anticipate your needs we do not have the monopoly on ideas. Therefore, if you are unhappy with certain issues within the village or just have good ideas please come along to the 15 minute public forum which precedes every council meeting (next one 1930 30 Jul 15) or, alternatively, put your ideas to any one of the council members listed below who will point you in the right direction. Current Council consists of :

Chairman – Eric Langley, Vice Chairman – Peter Goode, Councillors - Craig Midgley, Steve Coy, Leslie Moore, Mervyn Head (Finance Officer) and Peter Ayre (Clerk)

Eric Langley
Chairman SKPC

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WHY DO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SHIRTS BUTTON ON DIFFERENT SIDES?

Buttoning left over right — the man's way — is supposedly easiest for right-handed people - and there are more right handed men (and women for that matter).

According to legend, women button right over left because from medieval times, the ladies were dressed by their right-handed maids. Don't believe it? The alternative explanation is no improvement: Men had to keep their right hand tucked into their coats so as to be ready for cold-weather swordplay, whereas women always breastfed with the left breast (hey, that's what it says here) and protected their babies by covering them with the right side of the dress or coat.

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