

# THE TOWER

January/February 2019



## EDITORIAL

As we produce this issue of The Tower, we are again basking in unseasonably warm temperatures. Looking back on 2018, it was a year of unusual weather, swinging from a very wet spring to a very hot dry summer and a very warm autumn and early winter. The plants in the garden and the birds did not know what to make of it and even as late as November a brood of ducklings hatched out in one of the gardens that back on to the river. We took the mother duck, along with the nest and hatchlings and put them into an enclosure in our garden and we now have 10 ducklings plus mum almost ready to be released back onto the river. One of the ducklings was attacked by a rat when only a few days old and has lost part of its beak, but it has been feeding well and has grown just as big as the rest of its siblings, so if you see it on the river, please do not be worried about it, as it is quite able to feed and look after itself.

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More and more of our daily routines seem to be taken over by the digital world, whether it be shopping online, or communicating with our friends and family, or influencing our decisions in elections. There is however a downside to this increasingly digital world of ours according to a series of recently published reports that suggest that there is increasing evidence that the Internet and use of social media and video sites can influence suicide-related behaviour. Important questions are whether this influence poses a significant risk to the public and how public health approaches might be used to address the issue. Public health is concerned with protecting and improving the health of entire populations, whether those populations are small communities or large nations. Social media, as we understand it today, has created virtual communities without physical borders. There are several specific ways that social media can increase risk for pro-suicide behaviour. Cyber bullying and cyber harassment, for example, are serious and prevalent problems, particularly among children of school age. More research is needed on the degree and extent of social media's negative and positive influences, but in the meantime, parents should be aware that there are potential problems that the unregulated use of the internet and social media can cause their children.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our readers, advertisers and contributors a Happy and Prosperous 2019.

Mervyn & Judy Head

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

Watch this space in the next issue for announcements about the new season.

*Robin Eddoes*

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

The club meets in the village hall at 7.15-10.00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session/match fee of £2.00. New members will be most welcome.

### **SOUTH KYME LADIES KEEP FIT GROUP**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT SOUTH KYME GOLF CLUB



**Friday 11th January** : Blockbusters Quiz Night : range of Bar Snacks and meals available on the night.

**Friday 25th January** : “Burns Theme Night” , details to follow on website & in clubhouse

**Sunday 3rd February** : Sunday Lunch Carvery : Choice of two delicious Roast meats & all the trimmings

**Friday 8th February** : Blockbusters Quiz Night : no meals available on this evening.

**Saturday 16th February** : Valentines Dining Evening : details to follow on website & in clubhouse

**Sunday 17th February** : Grand Draw following shotgun start Texas Scramble golf.

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Along the way, of course, sedimentary rocks can be re-eroded or metamorphic rocks re-uplifted, but if metamorphic rocks get caught in a subduction zone where one piece of crust is pushing under another, they may find themselves transformed back into magma.



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|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 January   | 11.00 am    | Holy Communion              |
| 20 January  | 11.00 am    | Morning Prayer              |
| 27 January  | 9.30 am     | Joint Service at Timberland |
| 3 February  | 11.00 am    | Holy Communion              |
| 17 February | 11.00 am    | Morning Prayer              |
| 24 February | 9.30 am     | Joint Service at Timberland |

### Letter from the Vicar

I was born in Lincoln and have spent much of my life in and around Lincoln. I went to school in Lincoln and my parents still live in the area. I am a single man and prior to ordination, I worked for a private training company in Lincoln, working with ex-offenders and the long term unemployed and prior to that I was a training officer and a personnel manager for Morrisons.

After studying for Ordination and obtaining my Theology degree at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, West Yorkshire I was ordained Deacon in July 2011, Priested in July 2012 and served my curacy in the Great Grimsby Team. In July 2014 I became Associate Rector for the parish of Boston. I have loved my time in Boston, have forged some great friendships and have really been privileged to work alongside a wonderful, gifted team, serving God's people and being able to minister to so many people in many different ways. It has been a very rewarding 4 years.

I have a wide range of interests, a real love of all kinds of music and I love to travel. I have been fortunate to have visited many different places including a tour of China and a 5 week spell in the townships of South Africa working alongside the church - a real humbling experience.

I am excited to have been appointed to the office of Vicar of the Carr Dyke group and my first few weeks have been truly wonderful. I feel blessed that God has called me to this next stage in my ministry and I very much look forward to getting to know the benefice and people. Rural ministry will I know, be very different to that of Grimsby and Boston and I am ready for the new challenge. This is I believe, an exciting time in the life of the church, the wider community in Carr Dyke and the Diocese of Lincoln as a whole.

Steve Holt

## **SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL**

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends and that batteries have been re-charged to meet the challenges of 2019. Nationally, it is set to be a momentous year on the political front with a decision to leave the EU on 29 March 2019, as directed by the democratic referendum in June 2016. Locally, with LCC funding having been reduced by 90% over the past decade and council reserves running dry, 2019-2020 will provide significant funding challenges. More so given the increase in the living wage, inflation and an increase in the adult/children care services now required. We can all expect the burden of bigger council tax bills whilst councils struggle to provide anything more than essential services. At the Parish level we have our own challenges which are also important.

The Heckington Fen wind farm issue has not yet been resolved with Ecotricity's second variation application seeking to extend the planning deadline by 5 years to 8 Feb 2023. At a meeting of the NKDC Planning Committee on 29 November 2018, the council decided to raise significant concerns in 3 areas; Noise, Radar Mitigation Strategy and Procedures. Several Parishes, including South Kyme, made strong representations against the proposal. LCC also objected without reservation. Furthermore, Richard Buxton Solicitors (a leading authority on environmental planning and public law) were commissioned by 'Heckoff' to investigate the legality of this second variation. Their 10-page legal paper argues convincingly that the application has no legal basis and should therefore be rejected. Should DBEIS not take all this weight of evidence into account and deny planning consent then the next stage will, in all likelihood, be to request a judicial review. I will keep you posted.

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) accreditation/training has now taken place (on 15 December at the village hall) and we have 6 qualified volunteers chomping at the bit (or is that Radar Gun!). Once the site surveys have been done and equipment purchased, we will then be able to start the programme proper. If anybody else would like to volunteer for this worthwhile cause, please give your name to Mr Peter Ayre (Clerk to the PC) and we will arrange a further training session as required. Unfortunately, the refurbishment of the village noticeboard has been delayed yet again and we will now seek a new contractor early in the new year. There is also an outstanding requirement to recruit an enthusiastic Dog Warden to help us tackle the ubiquitous dog fouling problem; again, names to the Clerk please.

I would also like to pass on our warm welcome to the new Vicar (or BISH for short in the Navy!) Rev. Stephen Holt, who resides in Billinghamay and who some of you met at the beer and carols evening in early December. He was distinctly overheard saying he would like to volunteer occasionally for the Village Tidy Group (VTG) (now the last one said that but failed miserably to attend!). We look forward to seeing you 'Bish', and in the Hume afterwards (bring collection box to pay for Trevor's beer!).



Whilst in congratulatory mood, well done also to all the residents who facilitated, helped purchase, chop down, transport, erect and decorate this year's tree, which looks magnificent. Top marks also to the Salvation Army and village hall team for yet another cracking carol concert that put us all in the festive spirit for Christmas.

The next VTG will be on the last Saturday of February (TBC) and will include a litter-pick, small tree pollarding and general tidy up session. On completion we will retire to the 'Hume' for a well-earned lunch (courtesy of Maeve and VJ) and liquid refreshments. The VTG generally meets on the last Saturday of every month at 8.30 am behind the village hall and then conducts approximately 3 hours of grass cutting and village maintenance. Of note, although we did not win this year's Best Kept Village competition, we again scored highly with an impressive 97% of the total marks. With a few more volunteers to help we could do even better, so please come along and do your bit for the village.

Finally, the next public forum and Parish Council meeting will be held at the village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th January 2019 (note: this is a change to the previously published date).

Eric Langley  
Chairman



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I can't believe that as I am writing this, Christmas is nearly upon us for another year. Where does time go?

We would like to thank the members of the Royal British Legion (Billinghay Branch) for once again organising our Remembrance Day service at school. All our pupils took part in this act of remembrance. Our children have also been busy fundraising over the past term. We have supported Children in Need and we were again invited to join in with the Methodist Church and their Operation Christmas Child Service.

In sports news, pupils from school have taken part in girls tag rugby, girls football, volleyball and netball competitions organised by Carres Grammar School PE Outreach. Congratulations to the members of all our sports teams who have represented the school. The girls football team were very unlucky not to finish as runners up in their group and our netball team won their group (going unbeaten) and have progressed to the finals day in Sleaford. I would also like to congratulate those pupils who have taken part in the Daily Mile before school. Those pupils that ran 10 miles achieved a Bronze Certificate, 15 miles a Silver and 20 miles + a Gold Certificate.

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Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to building on our successes in 2019.

With best wishes

Mr R Allen, Headteacher

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The library van will be outside South Kyme village hall from 10.30 - 11.00 am on the following dates - always on a Monday:

**14 January, 11 February, 11 March**

## SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL

It has been another successful year for the Hall and our thanks to all those people who have contributed towards this. A big THANK YOU to all those who have organised, contributed towards and attended the various clubs and events. At a time when many Village Halls are struggling financially we are fortunate to have a profitable facility. This enables us to further improve what the Hall has to offer. Being 'in the black' is important but it is more important that local people value and use a facility that should be at the heart of the Village, bringing people together for a variety of activities.

During the Year we have tried to arrange a variety of entertainment. As usual some events have been more successful than others; all we ask is that you try some. It is important that you let us know if you have any ideas for clubs and future events. You may have seen some entertainment elsewhere and thought 'that would go down well in our village'. We are always looking for suggestions and new ideas. You may have a particular skill, knowledge or interest that would enable you to make a valuable contribution to YOUR Village Hall.

Our well established activities of Monday Dance Groups, Tuesday Table Tennis, Wednesday Keep Fit and Bowls will continue in the New Year. What better time to try something ?

Cafe Kyme mornings have been very busy recently and it has been good to see some new faces. And why wouldn't they be popular? Where else can you get delicious home made soup and cakes at such silly prices? These mornings are an important source of income for the Hall and are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 11am to 1pm and the first one of the new year will be on 5 February.

After a 3 month gap the popular Thursday evening Country and Western shows continue with the Texas Tornados on 3 January and Dave Inglis on 21 February. Our first 'show' of the year features Clear Cut, a popular duo who play a variety of music. This will be on Saturday 9 February.

The Christmas Tree outside the Hall looks great, as usual. A big THANK YOU to the Parish Council and the regular small group of specialist workers responsible for putting it up and then illuminating it. The lumberjack was definitely OK having worked all night and slept all day. It's a pity that the rain prevented us from singing by it during the Salvation Army Carol Evening. As usual this was a very pleasant evening which, thanks to people's generosity, raised £368 for the Army's Christmas Fund. They will put it to good use.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held in The Hume at 7.30pm on Monday 18 February - you are welcome to attend.

Finally may we wish you a very Happy New Year.

Josie Philips (Chairman)

## NOTICES

### SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS, ANWICK

A coffee morning in aid of St Edith's Church, Anwick is held on the first Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon at the Community Centre, River Lane in Anwick. There are also various stalls and a tombola.

### THE HUME

Coffee morning on Wednesday 9th January at 11.00 am.

Our South Kyme Social Gathering will take place on Monday 14th from 5.00 pm

Our usual 'ALL YOU CAN EAT' Sunday lunch will take place on 27 January 12.00 to 3.00 pm.

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