

THE TOWER

November/December 2018



EDITORIAL

Our Christmas edition of The Tower already - where has the year gone? Weatherwise, it has been an unusual year, with a wet spring and then a very long hot, dry summer and autumn. This has, however, been good for much of our wildlife with many of our garden birds having successfully reared two or more broods. We have also seen many more butterflies around in the garden and along the river banks, including species such as the Common Blue, Small Skipper and Painted Lady. There has also been an increase in the number of dragonflies, damselflies and frogs. Leaving an untrimmed margin at the bottom of the river banks for wildlife is now beginning to pay dividends.

You will all have had put through your letter boxes a letter of objection concerning the Wind Farm. Please read through the letter, complete the front, and sign it on the back and return it to us as soon as possible please if you have not already done so.. It is very important that Ecotricity are prevented from getting an unprecedented extension to the consent for the wind farm that expired in February this year. The campaign against the wind farm has been very expensive and to date has cost over £10,500 which has been raised by donations by a small number of local people. More funds are needed to fight the cause and Heckoff need your support now more than ever to continue. The next fundraising event is advertised below.

Guy Fawkes night celebrations may well spread over several days, so will all pet owners please ensure that their pets are indoors over this period to avoid unnecessary stress and possible injuries.

Finally, we wish all our readers and contributors a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mervyn & Judy Head



QUIZ NIGHT

A quiz night will be held at The Hume pub in South Kyme on **Thursday evening 8 November** to raise funds for The Heckington Fen Wind Farm Action Group. Teams of up to 4 people, entry £5.00/person. There will also be a raffle as well as prizes for 1 and 2 or the quiz. The Quiz starts at 7.30p.m. We hope that you will come along and support us

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO ENABLE US TO CONTINUE
CAMPAIGNING TO STOP ECOTRICITY'S LATEST PLANNING
VARIATION APPLICATION FROM BEING APPROVED.**

Contributions for 'THE TOWER' should be emailed to:
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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SOUTH KYME TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The club meets in the village hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. Membership is £5.00/year, with a session fee of £1.50. 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 meet in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, why not come and join us? The yearly membership fee is £41. You are welcome to come along to a meeting to see if you like us and want to join us. For further detail please contact Mary Jackson on 01526 860489 or Pam Bunker on 01526 861323 or go on our website at <http://www.skwi.weebly.com>

SOUTH KYME PETANQUE (BOULES) CLUB

Mon dieu, la saison est fini; quel dommage. A l'annee prochaine.

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

The ladies keep fit group sessions are now on each Wednesday afternoon (unless otherwise announced) from 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm. The fee is £15.00/month, so please do come along and experience a work-out tailored to suit your individual needs by the qualified fitness instructor. For further details, please contact Josie on 01526 860645.

THE GAME OF NOVUS

Novus is a 2 player game of physical skill which is closely related to billiards. It is played on a metre square table and is a national sport in Latvia. if you an interest,



ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE AT SOUTH KYME WAR MEMORIAL

On Sunday 11 November at 11.00 am, there will be a service of remembrance and laying of wreaths at the war memorial in the churchyard. Please come and support this act of remembrance to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI and to honour those who gave their lives in the conflict.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT SOUTH KYME GOLF CLUB



Friday 9th November: Blockbusters Quiz Night : meals will be available on this evening.

Sunday 11th November : Remembrance Sunday Lunch : Carvery menu.

Friday 23rd November : "Quiz Night" , range of Bar Snacks and meals available on the night.

Saturday 1st December : "SKGC Christmas Party" , Tickets are now available to purchase in the golf shop

Sunday 2nd December : Sunday Lunch Carvery : Bring the family : 2 delicious Roast meats & all the trimmings

Sunday 9th December : Family Christmas Carvery : Delicious fayre with a Christmas theme

Sunday 16th December : Christmas Carvery : Choice of two delicious Roast meats & all the trimmings

Thursday 20th December : Charity Carol Concert : A quintet from RAF Cranwell Band join us for the evening Details on how to book will be in the clubhouse and on our website www.skgc.co.uk shortly.

Arrange your own party for Sunday Lunches or Evening Meals and we will supply you with a menu to suit you..please speak to a member of staff for further details.

Social Membership:

Join South Kyme Golf Club until 31st March 2019 for £5.00 per person. You can then buy a Members smart card for an extra £3.50 , once you have loaded this card with some money your bar & most kitchen bills will come with 12.5% discount.

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THE HUME

Coffee Mornings at 11 a.m. will be on Wednesday 14th November and Wednesday 5th December.

HECKOFF Quiz Night on Thursday 8th November starting at 7.30pm - Teams of up to 4 people, entry £5.00/person

Beer & Carols is on Thursday 6th December.

South Kyme social gathering is on Monday 10th December.

The Hume will be closed from Tuesday 11th December through to Thursday 27th December inclusive. We will re-open on Friday 28th December for 'FISH & CHIPS' from 5.00 pm.

Sunday 30th December it will be our last 'EAT ALL YOU CAN ' for £8.50 for 2018 Choice of two roasts with veg, pots & all trimmings.

The Hume will be closed on New years Eve and New Years Day.



COMMUNITY POLICING



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
4 November	11.00 am	Holy Communion
11 November	11.00 am	Service of Remembrance
2 December	11.00 am	Holy Communion
16 December	3.00 pm	Carol Service
24 December	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass at North Kyme
25 December	10.00 am	Family Service at Billingham
30 December	10.00 am	Group Service at Timberland

Beer and Carols December 6th at The Hume 7pm

Letter from the Ministry Team

The harvest has been safely gathered in and a new school year has started. The autumn season is slowly coming to a close, the shops are parading Halloween outfits and firework shows are being advertised and shortly we will be buying poppies to wear and remembering. Soon we will enter the church season of advent, the looking forward to the birth of Christ. Before that we commemorate the ending of the first world war 100 years ago. At the service of remembrance we will remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and especially those who left the village at the start of the call to arms during the harvest of July 1914. Those named on the memorials within the church did not come back they made the supreme sacrifice on a foreign field. Today those who serve are remembered in our prayers and we give thanks for their dedication. This was brought home recently with the shopping bag left on a bus causing a scare in Lincoln. The enemy today hides behind cowardice and terror.

You are all are welcome to come along to any of the services.

The ministry team wish you all and all those you love a very peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

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 pm, Wednesday 7.30-10.00.

SOUTH KYME PARISH COUNCIL

Autumn has been a busy period for the Parish Council (PC) with headway being made on several fronts. In particular, the recently installed landing stages elicited a number of genuine concerns raised at the last PC meeting in September and these issues, amongst others, were addressed at a site meeting with Sleá Nav on 18th October. In summary, Sleá Nav remain the owners of the facility by virtue of legal clauses within the conditions of the grant and are therefore responsible for all risks, health and safety, maintenance and the removal of trespassing water craft. Agreement has been reached on the provision of a new all-weather surface access path to the lower pier; running adjacent to the fencing at the western boundary of the site which will also provide more than suitable disabled access. The moorings, being on land owned by the PC, will be classified as 'Private Moorings' and be subject to a 72-hour maximum stay. Notices to this effect will shortly be erected. Both piers will now also be connected albeit with a slight step, to remove the gap and mitigate any injuries from falls whilst a ladder will also be installed to aid any recovery of personnel from the water. Finally, progress on the Winding Hole is being made and Sleá Nav are hopeful that this can be built within the next 6 – 12 months.

The village noticeboard now has a contractor who has agreed to complete the refurbishment and this should be done before the end of November. The Community Speed Watch programme continues to frustrate and progress has been slow (unlike the traffic!) and still awaits final confirmation of the training provision and dates. Additionally, a 'No Car Parking' sign will shortly be erected on the PC owned land near new bridge but not near the landing stages/opposite Munks Farm due to the need for large vehicular access to the farm. We are also still looking for a volunteer(s) to act as dog-warden to try and help reduce the problem of dog fouling along the river banks and adjacent roads/fenland.

You should have all received a recent letter of complaint crafted by the HeckOff Action Group, addressed to DBEIS, to protest at the blatant attempt by Ecotricity to circumvent time-honoured planning laws by asking to extend the time-lapsed planning deadline for the Heckington Fen wind farm by another 5 years to 8 Feb 2023. If you are in agreement, please sign the form and follow the mailing instructions. I will keep you all in the picture as and when developments occur.

On a very worrying note a recent incident involving the shooting of a cat (probably by an air rifle) on Low Road has, quite rightly, appalled a large number of residents, has caused significant distress and life-threatening injuries to an innocent pet and has cost the owners a hefty vet bill. This sort of behaviour will not be tolerated in any society let alone a quiet village. The Police are still investigating, but if anyone has any information whatsoever please contact them with details.

Don't forget what is probably the final Village Tidy Group (VTG) of the year on Saturday 24 November. Numbers are still low so, please if you have the time, come along and do your bit to help keep South Kyme a stunning looking village. The VTG normally meets on the last Saturday of the month at 8.30 a.m. behind the village hall and after 2 – 3 hours of grass cutting/litter-picking retires to the

Hume for a drinks and a free lunch. The next VTG in 2019 is likely to be in late February, but I will keep you posted.

Don't forget the WW1 centenary Remembrance Service at the Church at 11 a.m. Sunday 11 November and please come along for the annual festive Salvation Army carols, mulled wine and mince pies event on 18 December.

Finally, South Kyme Parish Council wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

E S Langley
Chairman



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There is also a defibrillator at Sycamore farm, Clay Bank, South Kyme which is available for use if required. Ring either David Casswell on 07711746902 or Michael Casswell on 07711746903.



At the time of writing we have just started another school year and already our thoughts are turning towards Christmas.

As a school we continually strive to keep up to date with the latest educational research to ensure our provision is the best that it can possibly be. This year we are involved in the following research projects:

1. Continuing with the Teaching of Maths Mastery Work Group we started last year.
2. Our Kingfisher team have been accepted on a Work Group organised by the East Midlands East (EME) Maths Hub in Southwell to develop language and pattern in Reception.
3. Our Kingfisher team have also been accepted on a project entitled 'Meta Cognition and Maths in the Early Years'.
4. Metacognition - Cognitive Theory. This is the second year that we are taking part in this action research group. We have been looking into and analysing methods of learning based upon research.
5. Using research to adapt teaching and learning with regards to supporting the acquisition of vocabulary.

This term we have set up The Billinghay CE Primary School 'Shop and Bank'. Our pupils can earn 'Blings', (virtual money) designed by pupils at school, and given out for a number of reasons such as excellent work, sporting achievements etc. They are also linked to our 'dojo' rewards system. Children will be able to visit the Shop and Bank on a Friday morning in the school hall. They can then either exchange their 'Blings' for prizes or bank them to save for a bigger prize. Our pupils could apply for positions, such as a bank manager or shopkeeper, and after an interview 6 pupils were chosen to run the Shop and Bank.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to building on our successes this school year.

With best wishes,

Mr R Allen, Headteacher

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

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

19 November, 17 December, 14 January, 11 February, 11 March

SOUTH KYME CORONATION HALL

Our well established activities of Monday Dance Groups, Tuesday Table Tennis, Wednesday Keep Fit and Bowls will continue. Why not try one of these activities? They are not expensive, they are good fun and they give you the chance to meet up with your fellow villagers. The Boules season has now ended due to practical problems - we could not see the coche!

Cafe Kyme mornings have been very busy recently and its been great to see so many people, including some new faces. And why wouldn't they be popular? Where else can you get delicious home made cakes and soup 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 11a.m. to 1p.m., so - we hope to see you on Tuesday 6th November and Tuesday 4th December.

The popular Thursday evening Country and Western shows continue with John Doherty on 8th November and Travis Logan on 6th December. This year's Chine Supper will be on Saturday 10th November. As usual there will be a choice of proper chine or a good slab of ham (depending on what colour teeth you prefer). This is always a popular and well attended event which reflects the quality of the food on offer, the entertainment and the reasonable cost.

It has become a tradition for the Salvation Army to get us well and truly in the mood for Christmas. This year it will be on Tues 18th December. Weather permitting they will start outside the Hall at 7.15pm before moving into the Hall for 7.30pm. Last year we raised a magnificent £365 on the evening which enabled the Salvation Army to support a lot of people. Talking of charity contributions, the recent Pumpkin Evening raised over £1,200 for the Air Ambulance. It was another very entertaining evening. A big thank you to Pauline, Trevor and all the people who contributed towards its success. We will forgive the confusion over the (Yorkshire/Lancashire) rose colours - what else would you expect from Sheffield Southerners?

During the year we have tried to arrange a variety of entertainment in your Village Hall. 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 future events. The Hall is continually being improved and we have plans for the future. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for improvements. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions. You may have a particular skill, knowledge or interest that would enable you to make a valuable contribution to YOUR Village Hall.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held in The Hume at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd December - you are welcome to attend.

Finally, although it is only late October, following the lead of our Supermarkets and Garden Centres, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year..

Josie Philips (Chairman)

NOTICES

CHINE SUPPER

This year's Chine Supper will be held on Saturday 10th November in The Coronation Hall. Tickets are £9.50 in advance and are available from Elsie Coy on 01526 860790 - please book early. There will also be entertainment.

THE SOUTH KYME ANNUAL PUMPKIN EVENING

Well, another very successful evening! We made the fantastic sum of £1220 for the Lincs & Yorks Air Ambulance. Thank you to all who entered pumpkins (we could not have the evening without them), to everyone who came and made it a great night, those of you who gave the lovely baking, wine, prizes and donations and to Vijay for donating the delicious cheeses. A special thank you for all the hard work done by everyone who helped in the kitchen, on the stalls and anywhere else help was needed, the event just could not be done without you and your great team work.

Pauline Midgley

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 DICKINSON TRUST

Written applications for grants from the Dickinson Trust are invited from residents of South Kyme **by 10 December latest please..** Each application must stress the reason for applying e.g. Health/Food/Clothing, etc. There is no age limit for applications, just a demonstrated need for aid. Please send your application to either: Mrs J Morris, 30 High Street South Kyme, or Mr R Clark, 46 High Street, South Kyme.

NOTTINGHAM SHOPPING TRIP

The annual shopping trip to Nottingham this year will be on Wednesday 21 November. Please book your seat as soon as possible as this is always a very popular day out. To book, telephone Elsie Coy on 01526 860790

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The syndicate order placed in September was for 25,550 litres @ 49.58p/litre

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WHICH LOUSY LOW-LIFE SHOT OUR CAT???

On the 11th October 2018 our cat came in the house with fresh blood on his fur and holding one of his front legs up and we initially thought that he had been bitten by a dog or caught in fencing. After taking him to the vet for examination and x-rays, the vet contacted us to inform us that our cat had actually been shot!! The bullet had passed through his chest just missing his vital organs but had shattered his elbow on exit. The x-rays confirmed shrapnel was still present, and the vet advised that this would result in either amputation or a specialist vet to reset the bone and pin it. Our vet referred him to the specialist vet for his opinion and after an agonising wait the specialist vet confirmed that in his opinion he should be able to pin the broken bones to save our cat's leg which we were relieved about. The operation looks like it has been successful, however only time will tell. Our cat is now confined to a cage for 4 – 6 weeks whilst his leg is healing but then he has to remain housebound until the x-ray shows a full recovery has been made. Someone's callous actions has led not only to a huge cost in vets bills, but my concern is that this may happen again to my animals or yours!! This person needs to be found and dealt with in the proper manor.

The police have been informed and are taking the matter very seriously. If you have any information regarding this incident, it should be reported to either myself (Tel: 01529 460800) or the police (Tel: 101), quoting incident no. 234/12/10/2018.

Dave Bradley

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

To combat vehicles speeding through our village an opportunity has arisen for volunteers to operate official radar equipment to identify drivers exceeding the speed limit. This is in addition to measures already in place and is a legally backed scheme for which training will be required.

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These rates include the use of the kitchen, equipment and crockery.



“LEST WE FORGET”



11 November 1918 signalled the end of The Great War between the Allies and Germany. Since 1921, the nation has come together to remember the sacrifices that hundreds of thousands of British and Commonwealth Service men and women made not just during the Great War, but World War II and all subsequent wars and conflicts including Iraq and Afghanistan
We especially remember those young men from South Kyme killed in action (KIA) in The First World War, whose memorial is in the churchyard of South Kyme:

Private William H Thompson	6 th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment KIA Gallipoli 09/08/1915 aged 19
Sergeant John H Lingard	2 nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment KIA Somme 01/07/1916
Private Percy Skelton	2 nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment Died of wounds 06/11/1916 aged 21
Private Edward Freeston	17 th Battalion Sherwood Forresters Died 10/12/1916
Private John Edward Creasey	4 th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment Died of wounds 27/09/1917 aged 22
Private Edward Pridgeon Holmes	2/8 th Worcestershire Regiment KIA 21/03/1918
Private William Bates	1/4 th Battalion Kings Own Lancs Regiment KIA 26/04/1918
Corporal Joseph Auden Munks	24 th County of London Battallion (The Queens) KIA 18/09/1918
Private Abraham Wells	Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) – 100 th Battalion KIA 05/10/1918



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