



South Kilworth News



May 2021 edition



From the Editorial Team

Thank you for the articles, photos and snippets of news. Please do keep sending them to sknewsrebooted@gmail.com. Please send in any summer pictures taken in and around our beautiful village for our next edition.

As a reminder, the SK News is printed every 2 months and the deadlines are below.



Issue	Article deadline
July 2021	15 June
Sept 2021	15 Aug
November 2021	15 Oct

Congratulations to Suzanne Hudson for winning the chocolate Easter Egg Competition



South Kilworth Directory

Name	Contact details	Description
Allotment Committee	Richard Speake 07711825650	Allotment allocation and coordination
Art Club	Gail Wood 575064	Meet in the village hall first Thursday morning of the month
Bowls Club	Gerry Byrne 01858 575080 gerrypatrickbyrne@gmail.com keithrickhuss@gmail.com	
Church - Avon Swift Group of Churches	Telephone: 01858 882032 email: admin@avonswift.co.uk www.avonswift.co.uk	Office Hours: Mon, Wed & Fri: 09:30-12:30
FOSKS	TBC	Friends of South Kilworth School – primarily raising funds for school
Kids' football	Brian Robbins 07795105591	On the village hall playing fields
Kilworth Village Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1052827924913620/?ref=share	Digital news, help and so much more
KILWORTH'S COVID HELP GROUP	Maxine 07875285967 Penny 07889826112 Adam 07875285967 Sophie 07555122079	For help with shopping and all sorts of other stuff 😊
Korks (ladies only)	Julie Andrews: sltonline@outlook.com 0736 8386709	A ladies' social group from the Village, which meets monthly (outside of Covid restrictions). Add your name to the mailing list.
Luncheon Club	Rita Hallam 575449	
Lutterworth Library	www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/find-a-library/lutterworth-library	Use the free digital library services to download eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers using a smartphone, tablet, Mac or PC
Parish Council	Chair: Phil Alcock 575978 philalcock@aol.com Parish Clerk: Karen Brown southkilworthpc@hotmail.co.uk	Meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm currently virtually, otherwise in the Village Hall. Open to all.

Name	Contact details	Description
SK Security WhatsApp group	Gary Aram 07799894207 Kate Millington 07790504734 Graham Rutter 07721442561	Alerts about security issues in the village are posted with a link to the community Police
Skittles Team	Ray Dorman 07780846002	Games take place at the pub
South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan:	Tina Morley: tina.morley@virgin.net	Join one of the groups covered in the Neighbourhood Plan. www.harborough.gov.uk/directory_record/2256/south_kilworth_neighbourhood_plan
South Kilworth News	sknewsrebooted@gmail.com Julie Andrews: 0736 8386709 Toni Snell: 07827 442254 Angela Langman: 07899 742039	Community news for the village – contact us with ideas & news. Every issue on the village website and paper copies bi-monthly
South Kilworth Village Website	southkilworth.co.uk	New website to be launched in 2021 – Contact Kevin Coyne to add content
St Nicholas Church	Sharon March Pioneer Minister: 07889 488038 Administrator: Grace Bridgeman 01858 882032	Parochial Church Council Jacky Harrison 575257 Jacharrison@globalnet.co.uk
Table Tennis	Bob Morley 575832 bobjmorley1953@gmail.com	Thursday evening in the village hall
Travelling lunch club	Alison Anderton 0870 240 6993	Lutterworth Age Concern has two travelling lunch clubs. They travel to a different pub each month. They run a Christmas party at the Wycliffe rooms in Lutterworth. The cost of £10 per person, this includes two-course lunch and the coach. Pickups can include South Kilworth.
Village Email circulation list	southkilworthlist@gmail.com	Email to join this list - get information about village issues and events. Note it is a postbox and so doesn't reply! If you send something through for circulation, please put contact details on the email. Email addresses are never shared and the list can't be used for commercial purposes.
Village Hall Committee	Chair Mark Tottman 575476	Village Hall bookings contact: Gail on woodgail11@icloud.com or 575064
WASOSKS	Mark Tottman 575476	Whiskey Appreciation Society of South Kilworth
Women's Institute	Joanna Wilson 01455 558372	Now combined with North Kilworth
Yoga	Jessie McQuillan 07860937892 jessie@globalrefrigerants.com.sg	Held in the Village Hall. Classes will resume towards the end of 2021.
Youth Club	Mel Gould (Project Manager) Kate – local worker 07502365379	In the village hall every Wednesday evening

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A Resurrection Body!



As we come to the month of May, it seems like a good time to think about what we can look forward to. The darkness of Holy Week has passed. We have gathered to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. One of the key points about that resurrection is realising that this new life is not the same as the one before. Jesus himself tells his disciples that his body bears the marks of the crucifixion. He has suffered and his body is scarred. He tells Thomas to 'stop doubting and believe', pointing to his hands and feet. This resurrection body is not perfect, blemish-free, past-denying. It is a body that bears the scars of the past. And so it is with us.

As we move on into more freedom, more social contact, more of everything, it seems, we bear the scars of all that we have lived through in past lockdowns. We are not the same. Our lives will forever be marked by what we have gone through, and our experiences, negative as well as positive, will become part of who we are. And it is the same for the church. We cannot ignore the past – we don't want to. But we are not waiting around at an empty tomb. We are learning from our experiences. We will need to look different in future. And our diocese is helping us re-imagine how that can be. We are listening to our communities (you might have done the poll on Facebook) and trying to make sense of the challenges we face together.

But we have to remember that Jesus didn't stay physically present with his disciples. He left – that's what we remember on Ascension Day. And at Pentecost, the great birthday celebration of the Church, we remember the Holy Spirit came in order that we could share the message of Jesus in every language and with every person in a way they can understand. The mission of the church hasn't changed. We need to take our responsibility to talk about Jesus in this generation seriously.

So as we share more of our lives with others, maybe some of the good habits developed in lockdown are worth keeping. Stillness, noticing our surroundings, helping our neighbours, connecting with nature – maybe even being more spiritual.....let's acknowledge the people we have become and let God keep transforming us.

Sharon March

Avon Swift Group of Churches Office Hours: Mon, Wed, & Fri 09:30-12:30

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Website	www.avonswift.co.uk
Daily Hope : hymns, reflections & prayers	0800 804 8044 (free & 24 hrs a day)



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Sunday 2nd May – Easter 5 (White)

Readings: Lectionary P. 496 Acts 8. 26-end; 1 John 4. 7-end; John 15. 1-8

9.30 am	Stanford on Avon	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. T. Colling
11.00 am	Gilmorton	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
4:00pm	Peatling Parva	Songs of Praise	Local Team

Wednesday 5th May

7.30 p.m.	Shawell	Compline	Local Team
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Sunday 9th May – Easter 6 (White)

Readings: Lectionary P. 500 Acts 10. 44-end; 1 John 5. 1-6; John 15. 9-17

9.30 am	Swinford	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Hebblewhite
9.30am	South Kilworth	All Age Service	Beth Rogers
11.00 am	Misterton	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. T. Colling

Sunday 16th May – Sunday after Ascension (White)

Readings: Lectionary P503 Acts 1. 15-17,21-end; 1 John 5. 9-13; John 17. 6-19

9.30am	North Kilworth	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. T. Colling
11.00 am	Peatling Parva	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
4.00pm	Shawell	Holy Communion (CW)	Canon D Jennings

Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost (Red)

Readings: Lectionary P. 506 Acts 2. 1-21; Romans 8. 22-27; John 15. 26-27 & 16. 4b-15

8.30 am	South Kilworth	Holy Communion (BCP)	Canon D. Jennings
9.30 am	Catthorpe	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. T. Colling
11.00 am	Ashby Magna	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Hebblewhite

Sunday 30th May Joint Benefice Service – Trinity Sunday (Gold/White)

Readings: Lectionary P. 512 Isaiah 6. 1-8; Romans 8. 12-17; John 3. 1-17

10.30a.m.	Peatling Parva	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
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Wednesday 2nd June

7.30 p.m.	Shawell	Compline	Local Team
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Sunday 6th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Readings: Lectionary P. 524 Genesis 3. 8-15, 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Mark 3. 20-end

9.30 a.m.	Stanford on Avon	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Hebblewhite
11.00a.m.	Gilmorton	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
4.00 p.m.	Peatling Parva	Songs of Praise	Local Team



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Bearded Tits at Stanford Reservoir

Friday 13th November 2020 saw me following a familiar pre-work routine of checking the reedbed on the Leicestershire side of the reservoir in the hope of finding a Bearded Tit or Bittern. This is



something I have done periodically between Mid-October and the end of November for the last 3 years and is based on that gut feeling that certain habitat, weather or time of year should attract certain birds. Early that morning the gut feel came off as I discovered a male and female Bearded Tit in the Leicestershire reedbed.

I knew there hadn't been a record at Stanford for a considerable length of time and on checking the records, the last were a group of 11 on the Northants side of the reservoir back in 1980!

I made contact with three regular Stanford birders but only my father-in-law made it down before we saw them flew up vertically (this behaviour is often observed at this time of year as birds migrate / re-locate to wintering areas) and seemingly head off east just after 9 am. So that was that. Some great views of this rare visitor to the site but all over in around an hour.

There was no further sign over the weekend so naturally, I thought they had gone. However, back to my routine of checking the reedbed on Monday and they were back—calling and showing well in the same area as Friday. The Stanford Ringing Group has been active at the site for over 40 years, and often ring in the Leicestershire reedbed, managed to ring both birds. The male is a particularly colourful and stunning bird as can be seen from the images taken during their stay. These were the first ever ringed at the site by the group.



Previous sightings at Stanford Reservoir are as follows:

1965	October, 2 birds
1967	November, 2 birds
1971	October, 2 birds
1980	November, 11 birds

Living locally, I have been able to monitor this pair on a regular basis:

- On the 18th November, Mick Townsend (SRG) and I fitted grit trays in the two reedbeds. Having reviewed the research on this subject, grit trays are best deployed and stocked with a mix of oyster shell grit and sharp sand from October onwards. Grit is key as Bearded Tits alter their gut morphology in the autumn (they move from eating insects to seeds), and by eating large amounts of grit particles it helps to grind down the tough seed fibres.



- In the first few weeks of their stay, they were very vocal and frequently showing often at the top of the reeds. As time progressed, calling became less frequent and whilst there was the occasional "ping" type call the majority appeared to be for contact only.
- The male and female were almost inseparable. If they were separated in the dense cover of the reedbed, the contact call soon kicked in and they were back together again very quickly. It is likely that these were a pair that bred elsewhere and dispersed together.
- In the early part of their stay, I observed both birds flying out of the reedbed, across the feeder stream and up into the field

opposite – this happened on at least 6 occasions. The only conclusion I can draw is that they were visiting and feeding in a small area of set-aside which contained an ample supply of seed. This would also provide a rationale as to why on certain days they were not heard or seen other than early morning.

- From mid-December the birds spent much more time foraging low down and not always in the denser areas of reeds, favouring a more open area of the reedbed making viewing much easier than normal.
- On Wednesday 3rd February I located both birds actively feeding on the seed head of one specific reedmace, set back in the bed but visible from 2 different points on the path. Both birds gorged on this single head each morning for four days, with observed feeding time of well over 3 hours over this period on this one single head. Occasionally they would drop towards the ground and I suspect they may have been taking grit to help their digestion.

Summary

The best time of year to find Bearded Tits in the county is during October and November. I have been able to monitor this pair on a very regular basis which is not always possible at other sites due to time and access. They are still very scarce in the county and this record is the only one for Leicestershire and Rutland in 2020.

They provided me with some great moments over the time they were present and I know many other birders and non-birders have enjoyed the sight and sound of the birds. Both birds survived the cold spell in February but departed on the 26th of that month, having completed a 15 week stay at reservoir.

Chris Hubbard

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Snippets

The EnviroCrime Team - have been busy supporting the Leicestershire Wombles who are an environmental litter picking group on a mission to clean up Leicestershire. Red bags required for litter picking will now be located at various 'Hubs' across the district. If you require red bags, please go to the South Leicestershire Wombles Facebook Page to find your nearest

hub: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604107836721038/>, please forward this information to groups you are aware of in your area.

Church News - This is to confirm the date of 21st July 2021 for the coming quinquennial visit to St. Nicholas by our architect John Dodson.

The Suicide Audit and Prevention Group has resources available on their website for all residents of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland.

www.startaconversation.co.uk

This includes a COVID 19 and mental health & well-being pack, a number of support resources in relation to mental health, abuse and discrimination, financial problems, substance misuse, children and young people, students, sexual or gender identity, military personnel and veterans.

If you or anyone you know have been bereaved by suicide (not just as a family member), you can access the free Bereavement Support Provider, The Tomorrow Project. The Tomorrow Project offers ongoing emotional and practical support and supports families through the inquest process. You can also get help and support from the Samaritans by calling them on 116 123.

Village Litter pick

A litter pick took place on 27 March 2021. Thanks to those who volunteered. 10 large bags were filled with some weird and wonderful items from car parts to clothing, a flat football, a china cup and those ubiquitous crisp packets! Look out on the SK E-mail for the upcoming date of the next Litter Pick. Join in. It is a lot of Fun!

Harborough Policing

If you want to find out more about policing in our area, please sign up to the community messaging system Neighbourhood Link where your views can influence how neighbourhood teams address policing priorities in our area and you will receive crime prevention information, help and support from your local officers too. <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>. Alternatively, you can follow your local beat teams on Facebook and Twitter at www.facebook.com/MarketHarborough and Lutterworth or Leicestershire Police and Rural Crime account

Korks' (a village ladies' social group) Planning Meet & Greet



Where: White Hart pub (marquees and spaced tables)

When: 19th May 2021 @ 7.30pm **RSVP:** Jules by 14th May 2021, email - sltonline@outlook.com

What: Summer menu and drinks – plus we will be planning events for the rest of this year and meeting our new members.

If anyone else would like to join us please email me to book your seat (very necessary!)



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Silver Jubilee in South Kilworth 1977



These photographs were taken from the church tower in 1977, during the Silver Jubilee celebrations, and show how the centre of the village has changed.

In the picture above, note the post office / shop, run by Phil and Marjorie Brown. Phil was in the process of building an extension [behind the bus shelter]. The foundation hardcore was removed from the Rectory Well which had been filled in. Maylands bungalow, behind the shop, was the home of Kay and John Richards who for a time were joint churchwardens.

In the NW corner of the picture can be seen Rev Dr William Pearson's Observatory before restoration. The red brick cottage in the SE corner was the home of Lilian Simpson, a Lay Canon of Leicester cathedral - her pancake day parties were enjoyed as one of the social highlights of the village!

In the picture on the next page, and at the top of Welford Road [on right] were cottages and a disused shop, where Church Mews now stands. The Congregational church was in regular use as was the Reading Room as the village hall, the green corrugated iron building. Trenadove Terrace had yet to be restored and re-thatched. The grey cottage behind them had no indoor kitchen – cooking was done in a shed across the yard. St Hilary was the home of George Archer, who would cycle each day up the North Road to look after Charles Hall, a retired solicitor who had fought during the First World War at both Gallipoli and The Somme.

Further down the Welford road are the large buildings of Les Hutt's agricultural engineering works which gave employment to many local people. His Kilworth farm machinery is still in use on many farms today. He and Nell built Monte Bello.

Jacky Harrison





MONDAY

5PM - 9PM

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

12-2.30PM & 5PM-9PM

THURSDAY

12-2.30PM & 5-10PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY



12-10PM

SUNDAY

12-9PM



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MONDAY & TUESDAY

CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

12-2PM & 5.30PM-8.30PM

SATURDAY

12-2.30PM & 5-8.30PM



SUNDAY

12-2.30pm

TAKE-AWAYS



THURS/FRI/SAT 5.30-8.30PM

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Monday, 8th Mar 2021, 7.15p.m.

1.0 TO CONFIRM MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr P Alcock - Chairman
Cllr K Coyne (KC) – Vice Chairman
Cllr T Wood (TW)
Mrs K Brown (KB) – Clerk

2.0 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES

Cllr M Darnell
Cllr G Byrne

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF ANY MEMBER'S INTEREST/S

None

4.0 TO CONFIRM OTHER ATTENDEES

None

5.0 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON 16TH Feb'21

The minutes of this meeting, as circulated, were confirmed to be a true record of matters discussed, and decisions reached, by the Parish Council.

6.0 PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 New Applications: None

6.2 Planning decisions rec'd: None

7.0 PARISHIONERS TIME

7.1 None

8.0 ACCOUNTS/FINANCE MATTERS

8.1 The PC approved the following payments:

Payee	Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
MASC Print Ltd	277.00	0.00	277.00	Prntng paid on behalf of SKN (to be re-imbursed)
John Berry	667.94	0.00	667.94	Children's Play Area Mtc & Fencing
Karen Brown	275.24	6.74	281.98	Clerk's payroll Feb'21 plus expenses
Info Comm Office	35.00	0.00	35.00	Data Protection annual fee-Direct Debit

8.2 KB reported on the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 28/02/21 - PC approved.

9.0 PARISH COUNCIL PROCEDURES

9.1 PC agreed to request the current internal auditor to carry out the necessary internal audit regarding the upcoming financial year end, 31/03/21, and the preparation of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR).

10.0 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

10.1 Further resurfacing of Church Lane pathway – Work due to be carried out on 26th Mar'21, so no update at this stage. KB to monitor.

10.2 Kissing gates accessibility, and removal of the necessary hoops within these gates to aid access for pushchairs etc. – In Jan'21, KC reported that, contrary to the instructions that LCC had been given, all hoops had now been removed, instead of just a few, now leaving a wide gap between the remaining gate and the hedgerow. KB reported that she had contacted LCC and they are going to inspect the site. Case ref FS169444437. KB to monitor.

10.3 Hole opened up on grass verge, Welford Road, Oct'20 - This is currently still protected by barriers and it doesn't appear that the repair work has been started. KB to try and get an update from LCC on completion date.

10.4 Following on from complaints received from the Neighbourhood Plan group re the poor tarmacking of the layby outside the village school – KB to contact LCC.

10.5 Re the proposed removal of planters situated on verge opposite the school (originally placed there to prevent hazardous parking on the area) – PA will consult with the school and NP group re the best option to solve the problem.

11.0 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

11.1 Maintenance, weed killing etc on village hall car park – KB reported that she had contacted LCC re the possibility of them providing this service, and was waiting for a response. Pending

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- 11.2** Aspects donation to the village re their using of the car park during the building period – KB reported that she had contacted the builders and was waiting for a response. Pending.
- 11.3** SKN 'Parish Council Questions' received via the Nov'21 edition of the SKN – several resident's concerns had been raised around the poor maintenance/condition of the village litter bins, and suggestions made that there is a need for additional bins to be placed in three further locations – After inspection the PC's view is that the current bins, whilst not particularly attractive, do seem to be doing their intended job. There is an issue with them getting full to overflowing occasionally, no doubt exacerbated by the increased numbers of people out walking during lockdown. The two least attractive bins are probably the concrete ones with the pebble dash finish, and the one on the green does appear to be lop sided. The PC will explore with LCC options for replacing these bins and endeavour to see if they can be emptied more frequently.
- 11.4** TW confirmed that he had contacted a potential supplier re the updating and possible replacement of the playing field notice board, to emphasise the 'no dogs on the field' rule, and hi-light the possible penalties for misuse of the field. Action: TW to monitor.
- 12.0 RECREATION**
- 12.1** Proposed 'Zip Wire' installation in children's play area – PC agreed that the project could potentially be financed from CIC (pending a successful application) and S106 funds. PC agreed to submit a draft S106 application to HDC by the end of Mar'21 to part fund the project. Action: It was agreed for members of the PC to meet at the children's play area, once covid restrictions allow, to discuss in detail. TW to obtain a further two estimates and PA to forward a copy of the previous village consultation (endorsing the addition of a Zip Wire to the village amenities) to KB, to facilitate the S106 application from the children's play area allocation.
- 12.2** Re the proposed Petanque Court to be built on the site, adjacent to the existing bowling green – the PC re-iterated that this proposal had been agreed in principle previously however, before they could make a decision to apply for planning permission from HDC, they would need to see the detailed plans. Action: KB to ask GB to forward for discussion at the next meeting.
- 13.0 VILLAGE WEBSITE**
- 13.1** The upgrading of the Village website – KC reported that progress is continuing with the new website. Action: KC to monitor.
- 14.0 FUNDING FROM S106 FUND**
- 14.1** As agreed at the previous meeting, the PC will prepare an article for the next SKN edition, May'21, to publicise the availability of this fund. Action: PA to prepare the article. KB to forward to Cllrs, updated figures received from HDC, re the values held on behalf of South Kilworth.
- 15.0 FUNDING FROM THE CIC (EIGHT PARISHES)**
- 15.1** PA confirmed the balance within this fund, after the 2021 allocation had been added. KB confirmed that re-imbursement of the latest youth club costs had now been received in to the PC's bank account.
- 16.0 FUNDING FROM LCC COMMUNITIES FUND – ROUND 3**
- 16.1** Re an application to this fund to help finance the setting up of a Village Community Café to be held in the village hall – KB reported that a grant offer had been received, and accepted, to the value of £1500. As this was considerably lower than the requested amount, £4.5k approx., the group would be looking at additional funding for the project. Resolved.
- 17.0 SOUTH KILWORTH NEWS**
- 17.1** PC agreed that PA would prepare a response to the 'Parish Council Questions' published in the Mar'21 edition, for approval at the next PC meeting.
- 18.0 VILLAGE MEMORIAL CLOCK**
- 18.1** Re Clock winding payment – PC discussed the proposal of increasing the payment for the weekly re-winding of the clock. Action: PA to contact the clock winder to discuss.
- 19.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 19.1** KB reported that she had received a supply of posters from HDC, for circulation around the village, informing people as to how they can, if desired, request a postal vote re the Police & Crime Commissioners & County Council elections to be held on May 6th '21. It was confirmed that the village hall expects to be open for voting in person on the day. Action: KB to post posters to PA for distribution. Resolved.
- 19.2** KC confirmed that he would update the SK Community Emergency Plan as requested by LCC. Pending.
- 20.0 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING –TUESDAY, 13TH APR'21, 7.15 PM**
Meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

A copy of these minutes will be published on the South Kilworth Website, no later than thirty days from the date of the meeting. (Please note that the February 2021 minutes and all previous minutes may be found on the Village website - eds)

Refurbishing the Village Hall

The South Kilworth Village Hall was built in 2000 and is now 21 years old. At the time it was built on a limited budget, and many of the facilities now need repair or refurbishment to accommodate the future needs of the village. The planned upgrades to the Village Hall facilities will benefit everyone who uses this important village facility, both local villagers and potential hirers.



The hall is managed by the Village Hall Committee, an independent trust whose elected members are Trustees. The Parish Council owns the land on which the hall sits.

Since 2018 the Village Hall Committee, with some help from the Parish Council and community grants, has already spent £33,000, to provide:

- access external to the disabled toilet - for sports use
- bar and kitchen improvements
- car park upgrade
- football floodlights /bowling green improvements etc.
- new equipment for the children's playground

With the arrival of new houses/the new estate, Section 106 money has become available (see box on next page) enabling the committee to bid for this money to help further refurbishment. At the beginning of last year, £7,500 of the 106-community facilities fund, was secured via the council bidding process, which has paid for:

- a new floor in the hall, corridors and foyer
- upgrading of the fire alarm and security systems.

An additional £10,931 was successfully bid for in March, also from the remaining 106 Community Facilities fund. This will go towards:

- electrical systems
- bar refurbishment
- kitchen upgrade.

A further £21,156 has also been secured from the 106 Sports fund to:

- upgrade the two changing rooms /showers
- improve the Bowls Club office

- improve security in relation to sports access

As there is quite a lot to do, we will also be using some of the committee's financial reserves from previous funding raising events. We have had to look for further additional funding, and were delighted that a bid for £19,976 was accepted from ACRE (Association of Rural Communities – see box). These funds help cover the rest of the internal refurbishment of the hall, and provides

- a new boiler system
- window replacements
- toilet area upgrade
- repairs to the outside of the hall
- better insulation
- re-decoration inside and out

Hopefully, we can include some great pictures of the new hall after the summer when all the work has been done. For further information contact Mark Tottman / Chair, or Tina Morley /Trustee - Village Hall Committee (snarlertottman@hotmail.com or tina.morley@virgin.net)

Village Hall Committee

WHAT IS SECTION 106 MONEY?

Section 106 money is allocated to the village as a result of the new housing development at Mill Field opposite Leys Crescent. The local council levies the developers (Aspect) so it can provide grants to support the growth of facilities due to the increased in population that the estate brings in.

South Kilworth was awarded the following (based on the number of houses being built):

<i>Community Facilities</i>	<i>£18,431</i>
<i>Sports facilities</i>	<i>£50,516</i>
<i>Children's Playgrounds</i>	<i>£2,631</i>
<i>Allotments</i>	<i>£1,424</i>
<i>Cemeteries</i>	<i>£5,058</i>
<i>Greenways (and footpaths)</i>	<i>£8,466</i>

Anyone can bid for this money, but there is a process for bid applications via Harborough District Council, which should be supported by our Parish Council and our local councillor (Amanda Nunn)

INFORMATION ABOUT HALL BOOKINGS /HIRE DETAILS

The Village Hall is now open for bookings (and has implemented Covid - safe procedures). It is available for meetings /parties /special events /training and education sessions etc.

Please contact Gail Wood for details on 01858 575064 or woodgail11@icloud.com

Ray Dorman – A Massive Thank You!

Over recent months Ray Dorman has stepped down from his roles on both the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council, but we can't let this go without expressing our massive gratitude for the monumental contribution that Ray has made over decades – it is not exaggerating to say that Ray has left a permanent imprint on the village of South Kilworth as we know it today.

Ray took over from the late Jim Pick and steered through the land purchase that created both the Sports Field and the Children's Play Area, and this of course created the site to build the new Village Hall and the adjoining Bowls Green. None of this was simple – after finalising the purchase of the land there was the sale of the old village hall (The Reading Room) which involved difficult negotiations with the Charities Commission because many records were incomplete or missing. Then raising the funds and getting planning permission for the new village hall – after this, actually building it must have been the easy bit!

Once the Village Hall was complete Ray played an active part in running it with his good friend Michael Murphy, acting in many capacities from caretaker to barman through to fund raiser with the annual fireworks night – we'll skip over his role as pantomime dame!!



The Village Hall isn't Ray's only achievement. In the early 1990's the Village School was in real danger of closing, and Ray played an important role in the campaign that not only prevented the closure but laid a foundation from which the school has grown and prospered.

As a Parish Councillor Ray played an important role both in terms of practical responsibilities, such as making sure the

Church Clock or Street Lights were repaired and maintained when required, but crucially also providing a link between today's villagers and South Kilworth's agricultural heritage - Ray was pivotal in creating the allotments opposite the pub.

In fact, it's fair to say if you look around the village today, from the School, the Village Hall, the sports field, the bowls green, the children's play area, the church, the streetlights, and to the allotments – Ray Dorman is everywhere.

Thank you, Ray, from everyone in South Kilworth.



What Village Improvements or New Facilities would you like to see?

In the article about 'Refurbishing the Village Hall,' you'll have seen a reference to 'Section 106 money' along with a description of how some of this is being used.

We have several further initiatives or improvements currently under discussion, but we'd really like to understand what you would like to see. We're at the advanced stages with a proposal to install a Zipwire in the play area, and other ideas ranging from constructing a Pétanque court (sometimes called Boules as is played in France) through to a winter dog walking area have been suggested.

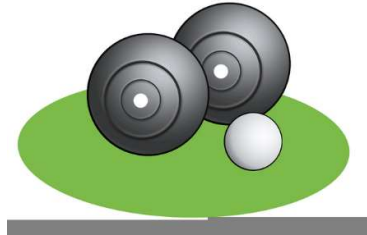
What would you like to see? Please do let us know – it's only by getting your input can we make sure that we take advantage of this unique funding opportunity to improve South Kilworth in a way that you'd like to see.

Any ideas or suggestion – please email to southkilworthPC@hotmail.co.uk



History of South Kilworth Bowls Club

The club was formed in 1934 and the then Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Reverend Thomas Walton was a big supporter and even allowed the games to be played on the Rectory lawn. He also kindly provided bowls for 3 rinks to be used by the members.



The annual subscriptions were initially one shilling but it had steadily increased to three shillings until the start of WW2 in 1940 when it dropped down to two shillings & six pence. The age limit was then lowered to 14, to encourage more members.

The owner of Kilworth House, John Entwistle, generously supplied a large silver cup for the clubs to play for, which mysteriously went missing for 12 years. It was later found in Cheltenham in 1970 and it was reinstated as the winners' cup that year.

The Old Reading Room on Welford Rd was used as a clubhouse with four bowls rinks on the land behind it. In 1958 the club tried to propose a new green on the same site but this failed to materialise.

In 1976, the club decided to allow both men and women to join and as a result, a ladies' team was created.

In 1995, the Harborough District Council provided land for a new green next to the village hall and the club acquired two large terrapin-type buildings. One was used for storing the bowls equipment and the other was used as a changing room. There was a grand opening in July of that year with a friendly game between North & South.

The Old Reading Room was sold after planning permission was granted to build one house, now called The Readings. The funds from this sale went to build the current Village Hall with a bar and equipment store. The grand opening was in 2003. The Village Hall is available for the benefit of our community social events or private hire.

At present the club is affiliated with EBA, LBA, LLCBA with 30 members and play fixtures are as far away as Leamington Spa, Hastings and Medbourne. A big thank you to Steve Tallis and Andrew Bott for maintaining the green all year round and to all of the current and future members helping to keep this age-old game alive for many more generations to come.

A special mention to all the honouree members, including David Morris, President: Carol Flynn and Vice President: John Wilson



Gerry Byrne 01858 575080



David Morris



South Kilworth Bowls Club

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Shaped by centuries and rooted in community: St Nicholas' Church



The common ground between people that comes from a host of emotions such as love, care, endeavor, tragedy, joy, sadness and optimism is what connects us to a place, populates our history and cements our community.

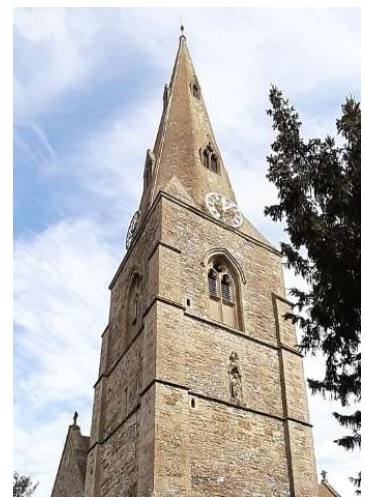
In these difficult times, it is worth remembering that over the more than eight centuries of its existence, the edifices of St Nicholas Church have provided solace and joy for many during the tumultuous events of the past.

The church's origins appear to date from the late Norman period, with its list of rectors dating back to 1186.

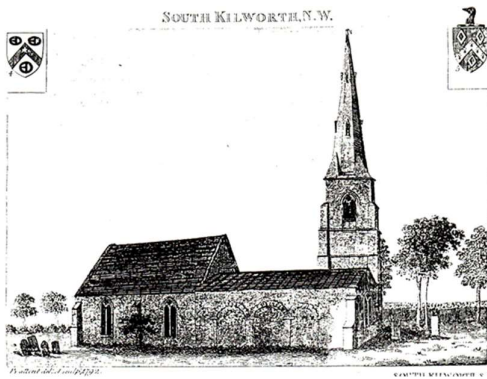
There is a legend that when Cromwell rode through South Kilworth after the Battle of Naseby in 1645, he asked why the statue of St Nicholas over the church door had not been destroyed. One of the troopers replied, "It's only Old Nick sir, so we left him!"

The Church was an acknowledged landmark for travellers before the rise of motor transport.

St. Nicholas' church has been restored a number of times and was largely rebuilt in 1868-69 by G.F. Bodley.



White's 1846 Directory of Leicester records that the north and south aisles had been rebuilt in 1741 and the north aisle again in 1836.



This 1792 illustration shows that at that time, despite the 1741 rebuild, the north aisle had entirely disappeared and the Norman arches were clearly visible in the northern wall of the nave. The weathercock appears to be severely bent and the whole church had fallen into a state of considerable dilapidation.

In 1799 the chancel was shortened, and that was how The Revd. Dr. William Pearson, LL.D., F.R.S. (co-founder of the Royal Astronomical Society) found the church in 1821 on taking-up his incumbency. In 1836, he had the north aisle reconstructed at his own expense.

In 1868 his successor, The Revd. Assheton Pownall, M.A. (later Archdeacon of Leicester) briefed G.F. Bodley to undertake the restoration of the whole church to much as it appears today. The work took two years to complete and cost the sum of £1850, raised by public subscription. During that period, services were held in the churchyard, on the site of the present south aisle.

The clock on the spire is a memorial to the villagers who gave their lives in the Great War of 1914-1918 and whose names are recorded on the church porch

Since that time, the church has enjoyed regular maintenance. This follows the quinquennial cycle, under which the electrical installation has been renovated to conform with present regulations. The only major change to church fabric is the installation of toilet and serving facilities at the west end of the north aisle. Today, the church is listed as a Grade II building. It is a testament to the efforts of the special people who are motivated to care for old places and preserve our heritage.

Thanks to Ian Eperon, Jacky Harrison, and Sam Lloyd for their help and sources. In future editions we will explore the church and its history in greater detail. There are so many stories that are evident from the architecture and its surrounds, and it would be good to hear some relevant personal anecdotes. For instance, I wonder why the church was named after St Nicholas and which one? If you have any insights that you want to share, please email us at sknewsrebooted@gmail.com

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We settled in quickly and the business steadily grew. Within 18 months, we had taken on the whole barn and expanded. It was shortly after that that we decided to up our game and look at advancing our skincare treatments. We already had great skincare ranges in *Environ* and *Dermogenera*, but we wanted results, so added a *CACI* machine and a *Dermalux LED* light treatment.

Suddenly we were being recommended for facials and skin treatments, for people with challenging skin concerns. Vicki went on to advance her knowledge by completing a level four **Skin Science Diploma** and an advanced Consultation process, achieving distinctions in both – so successful and informative, that the rest of the team are using lockdown to achieve their qualifications as well.....During the time that lockdown has given us, we have researched other skincare lines and are now very proud to be offering the paramedical skincare range called DMK with their amazing advanced, results driven facials and home care.

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If relaxation is your thing, you can chill with reflexology, aromatherapy or a lava shell massage. The overall vibe in the salon is geared towards stepping out of the chaos of our lives and taking some 'you' time. Have a look at our list of treatments at www.blissandbeauty.co.uk for the most up to date booking and treatment information. And if you don't know what you need, a quick chat with one of our keen, passionate and informed therapists will help you decide.

It hasn't all been plain sailing, lockdown has hit us hard, but thanks to some amazingly supportive clients and colleagues, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We have kept our Instagram live, going every Tuesday evening and we have been in demand for virtual skin consultations, not just for existing clients, but also for new clients starting on their skincare journey. We look forward to meeting them in the flesh!!!

Our doors reopened on Monday 12 April and our new, regular opening times are: **Monday 9-6, Tuesday to Friday 9-8 and Saturday 10-4.** There are four of us in the salon, and fingers crossed we will be looking for new team members in the very near future.

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Vicki, Liv, Lottie and Charlotte

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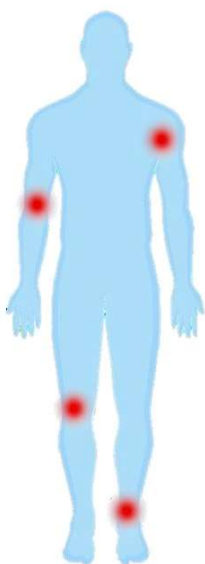
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Village Hall Quiz – raising funds for MacMillan

Jules & Kate along with several other friends are going to walk 13 miles of the Derbyshire Peaks in September. The group has pledged to raise £2000 minimum for the charity.



To help us meet our target instead of just asking for sponsorship which is very welcome on our Just Giving page we shall be hosting several quizzes, the first of which will be in South Kilworth on **Friday 9th July at 7.30 pm.**

We hope you will be able to join us for a night of fun while doing your bit for charity.

There will be prizes for the winning team!

Tickets (paid in advance) are £10 per person, including Ploughman's supper and snacks

Teams of up to six. To book your table please email Jules or Kate on:

Jules – sltonline@outlook.com or Kate –
Kate.pearson1999@gmail.com

You won't need any ringers and won't need to have read the news every day that week... just bring yourselves and a sense of humour! We look forward to seeing you there and we hope you will have some fun, supper, and your favourite tippie from the bar. Laughter is guaranteed.

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<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walkingformacmillan2021>

ACRE : The Association for Rural Communities



ACRE is England's largest rural grouping of county-based local development charities. They support members to deliver initiatives that equip people with the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to improve their community. This includes the coordination of nationally funded projects, programmes and research.

ACRE had a project to support small village halls, and South Kilworth village hall was successful in bidding for money. The money was granted on the basis that it paid for 20% of the total project costs.



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