

South Kilworth News



January 2022



South Kilworth Directory

Name	Contact details	Description
Allotment Committee	Michael Langman 07811 111854	For the green-fingered aspirants
Art Club	Gail Wood 575064	Village Hall: First Thursday morning of the month
Bowls Club	Gerry Byrne 01858 575080	gerrypatrickbyrne@gmail.com keithrickhuss@gmail.com
Kid's football	Brian Robbins 07795105591	On the village hall playing fields
Kilworth Village Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1052827924913620/?ref=share	Digital news and more
Korks (ladies only)	Contact via SK News email to be added to WhatsApp group	A social group from the Village, which meets monthly. 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 eNewspapers using a smartphone, tablet, Mac or PC
Parish Council	Parish Clerk: Karen Brown parishclerk@southkilworth.co.uk	Meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm Chair: Phil Alcock 575978 philalcock@aol.com
SK Security WhatsApp group	Gary Aram 07799894207 Kate Millington 07990504734 Graham Rutter 07721442561	Alerts regarding security issues in the village are posted with a link to 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	sknews@southkilworth.co.uk	Community news for the village – contact us with ideas & news.
South Kilworth Village Website	southkilworth.co.uk	Kevin Coyne: admin@southkilworth.co.uk
St Nicholas Church	Sharon March (Minister): 07889 88038 https://www.avonswift.co.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/avonswiftbenefice	Administrator: Karen Morgan: 01858 882032 PCC Secretary Joanna Wilson: 01455 558 372 Email Joanna.wilson17@btinternet.com
Table Tennis	Bob Morley 575832 bobjmorley1953@gmail.com	Thursday evening at 7 pm in the village hall
Travelling lunch club	Alison Anderton: 0870 240 6993	Lutterworth Age Concern currently has two travelling lunch clubs, travelling to a different pub each month.
Village Email circulation list	southkilworthlist@gmail.com	Send an email to become a member of this list - 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 cannot be used for commercial purposes.
Village Hall Committee	Chair Mark Tottman: 575476	Village Hall bookings contact: Gail on woodgail11@icloud.com or 575064
Women's Institute	Gaye Duncombe Tel 01858 880650 or gduncombe1@gmail.com	Combined with North Kilworth. 3 rd Thursday of each month at Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth at 7. 30 p.m.
Youth Club	Mel Gould (Project Manager) Kate – local worker 07502365379	In the village hall every Wednesday evening

From the Editorial Team



Here's wishing you all the best for 2022!

Articles and snippets of news from all residents are welcome. Please send these to sknews@southkilworth.co.uk. The SK News is printed every 2 months and the below deadlines apply for the next two printed editions. News that does not coincide with the printed SK News edition will be uploaded directly to the South Kilworth Website. So, it is worth checking the website regularly!

SK News Issue	Article/News deadline
March 2022	14 February 2022
May 2022	15 April 2022



Oak Tree House Open Gardens 2021

Many thanks to everyone who supported the open garden events held in June and September 2021. It was lovely to see so many villagers, particularly those who have recently moved to the area.

Despite the many challenges of the year, we raised £4,000 from entry, teas, and plant sales. All this money goes to the National Garden Scheme, a charity founded in 1927 to raise money for nursing and healthcare charities. Despite the ongoing restrictions and uncertainty that continued throughout the early months of 2021, severely curtailing garden opening activities, the National Garden Scheme has announced donations of over £3 million to its beneficiary charities.

Together with a small team of volunteers, my role is the organisation and support of all the gardens which open in Leicestershire. Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors the county raised £64,000 in 2021.



**YOUR GARDEN VISITS
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In 2021 the National Garden Scheme donated over **£3 million** to beneficiaries, providing critical support to nursing and health charities following a year of crisis.

- ✿ Marie Curie £525,000
- ✿ Hospice UK £500,000
- ✿ Macmillan Cancer Support £500,000
- ✿ Carers Trust £425,000
- ✿ The Queen's Nursing Institute £395,000
- ✿ Parkinson's UK £212,500

- ✿ Perennial £115,000
- ✿ Maggie's £100,000
- ✿ Horatio's Garden £75,000
- ✿ WRAGS £65,000
- ✿ ABF The Soldiers' Charity £60,000
- ✿ National Botanic Garden, Wales £20,000
- ✿ Professional Gardeners' Trust £20,000
- ✿ Garden Museum £10,000

Thank you!
To find out more visit ngs.org.uk/beneficiaries

Originally established to raise funds for district nurses, the National Garden Scheme is now the most significant charitable funder of nursing in the UK and our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

With 77 gardens open in Leicestershire in 2022, we hope you enjoy exploring some beautiful gardens this year. Each inspiring space not only provides a unique glimpse into hidden horticultural delights but also the chance to support the health and wellbeing of thousands.

Pamela Shave
Oak Tree House, North Road, South Kilworth
County Organiser, Leicester NGS

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South Kilworth Christmas Pop-up Café



The 4th and hugely successful pop-up café took place on 14th December 2021 in the Village Hall. Christmas-themed, it was attended by over 60 villagers, including Santa and a young elf! St Nicholas Church had a few tables with sale items and an accomplished pianist, Jack Morris,



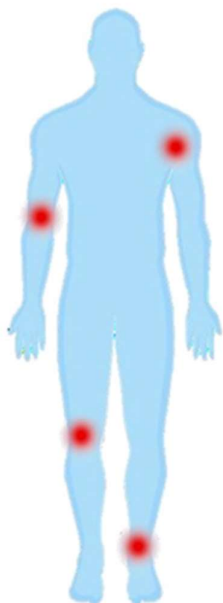
provided live music. The tea/coffee, savouries and cake at this café are free, thanks to funds received from the Leicestershire County Council. We were also pleased to host the responsible person at the council, Paige Sharpe, for the morning.

It is planned that the Café will become self-funding. The aim of the Cafés, which are open to all, is to provide an opportunity for villagers to meet, reacquaint or get to know one another.

The next Café will be held on 11 January 2022 10:30 am – 1 pm. We hope to see you there!

Tina Morley





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details or just come along!

TWO DEAD DISSIDENTS

JAMES MEAKIN



Written by James Meakin (from our village), *Two Dead Dissidents* is a tense yet entertaining story, packed to the brim with unexpected twists and turns. With unusual settings in a unique period of time, this novel is a fresh and enjoyable new take on a well-loved genre. *Two Dead Dissidents* is available on Amazon in paperback for £7.99 and on Kindle for £3.99.



South Kilworth's Memorial Clock

Most towns and villages in the UK have a war memorial. There are over 60,000 memorials dedicated to those who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The memorials were paid for by those who survived and they raised funds much as we do now, through donations, collections, raffles, bazaars, etc.

In our village they collected well over £15,000 (in today's money) and decided to use the money to buy a Memorial Clock, to be installed in St Nicholas' church tower.

A clock would be forever useful to those living in the village or

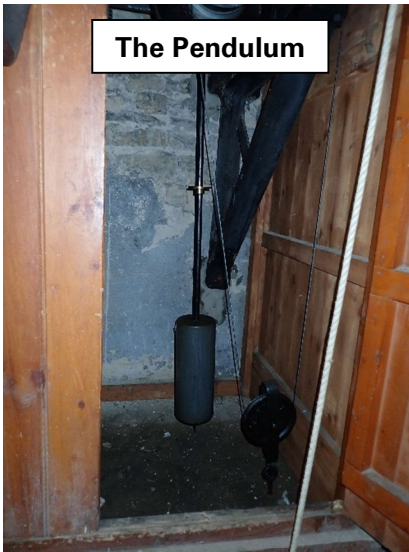
working in the surrounding fields. And not just any clock, but a unique four-sided timepiece built by Newey's of York, with dials mounted on each compass point. In the church porch there is a plaque listing those from South Kilworth who sadly perished in the wars.

On Remembrance Saturday, 13th November 2021, to mark 100 years since the clock was installed, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council organised an Open Day for any local resident to come along and climb the tower to see the clock and the view from the tower. Some 25 adults and children came along to climb the very narrow circular stone staircase up the tower.

Memorial Clock Mechanism



The Pendulum



These photos, taken by Wilfred Tanser, show the clock mechanism, pendulum, the associated bell, and a view of the inside of the tower.

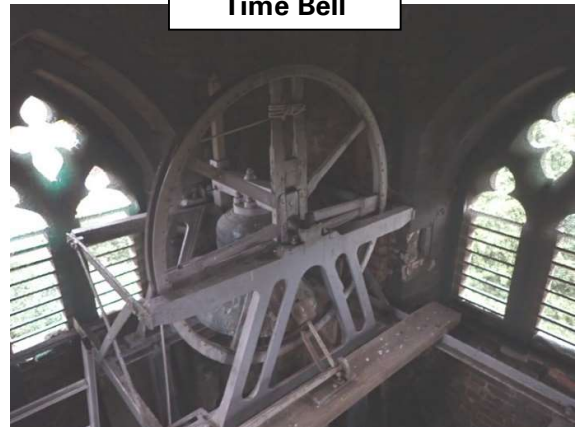
Unfortunately, the view of the outside from the tower to the surrounding countryside may have been oversold (sorry) because health and safety issues prevented most from venturing too far beyond the clock room. But at least a

cup of tea and the chance of a good natter was enjoyed by all those hardy souls who came along.

Our special thanks to John Keal, who climbs the tower every two weeks to keep the clock well wound and (generally) on time, and who gave up his Saturday morning to act as a tour guide and explain to visitors just why the clock is so special.

Kevin Coyne

Time Bell



Inside of the Tower



AVON SWIFT SERVICES JANUARY 2022

Sunday 2nd January

White

Lectionary Page: 27 & 30 Jeremiah 31. 7-14 Ephesians 1. 3-14 John 1. (1 - 9) 10-18

4.00 p.m.	Misterton	Benefice Christingle	Canon B. Davis
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Wednesday 5th January

7.30 p.m.	Shawell	Compline	Local Team
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Sunday 9th January

The Baptism of Christ

White/Gold

Lectionary Page: 689 Isaiah 43. 1-7 Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

8.30 a.m.	Kimcote	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
9.30 a.m.	Swinford	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Jennings
9.30 a.m.	South Kilworth	All Age Service	Beth Rogers
11.00 a.m.	Misterton	Holy Communion (CW)	Canon B. Davis
4.00 p.m.	Peatling Parva	Christingle Service	Rev. J. Hover

Sunday 16th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

White

Lectionary Page: 692 Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11

9.30 a.m.	North Kilworth	Baptism with Holy Communion	Rev. J. Hover
11.00 a.m.	Peatling Parva	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
4.00 p.m.	Shawell	Holy Communion (CW)	Canon B. Davis

Sunday 23rd January

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

White

Lectionary Page: 694 Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a Luke 4. 14-21

8.30 a.m.	South Kilworth	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. J. Hover
9.30 a.m.	Catthorpe	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Hebblewhite
11.00 a.m.	Ashby Magna	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite

Sunday 30th January

The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

White

Lectionary Page: 54 Malachi 3. 1 - 5 Hebrews 2. 14 - 18 Luke 2. 22 - 40

10.30 a.m.	Gilmorton	Benefice Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
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Sunday 6th February

4th Sunday before Lent

Green

Lectionary Page: 706 Isaiah 6. 1 - 8 (9 - 13) 1 Corinthians 15. 1 - 11 Luke 5. 1 - 11

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



South Kilworth Snippets

Women's Institute – meet at North Kilworth

New members always welcome - just come along to meet us all in the first instance. 3rd Thursday of each month, at 7:30pm in the North Kilworth Village Hall on Church Street (Car Park at the rear) LE17 6EZ

Upcoming Events:

20 Jan: Nenet's Chocolates

17 Feb: Annual Dinner at The White Lion

17 Mar: Sharon Mayher – National Garden Scheme

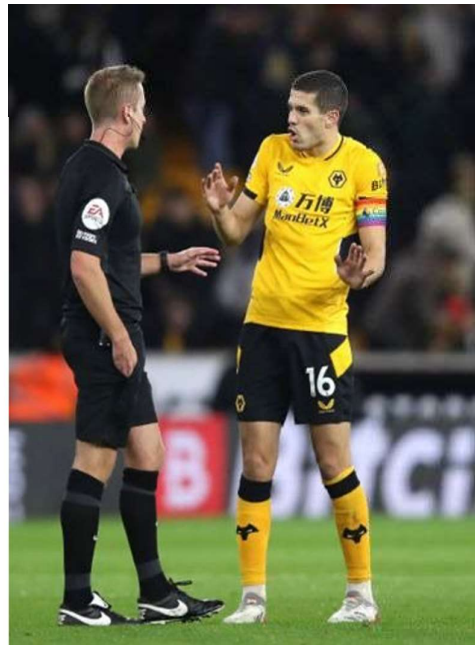
If you would like more information, please contact our President Gaye Duncombe 01858 880650 or email duncombe1@gmail.com

Congratulations!

Former South Kilworth resident and friend of the village, John Brooks, is a full-time referee and recently appointed to the Select Group panel of referees for the Premier League.

On 1 December 2021, John refereed his first Premier League fixture, a 0-0 draw between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Burnley. Well done, John, and here's to a long and successful career!

In our next issue, we will chat with John.



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MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SOUTH KILWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 9th November 2021, 7.15 p.m.

Minutes Ref: 810/1121

1.0 TO Confirm Members Present

Cllr P Alcock (PA) - Chairman
Cllr G Byrne (GB)
Cllr T Wood (TW)

Cllr K Coyne (KC)
Mrs K Brown (KB) – Clerk

2.0 To Receive Any Apologies

None

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 12th Oct'21

These minutes were confirmed to be a true record of matters discussed, and decisions reached, by the Parish Council.

6.0 Parishioners' Time

6.1 Resident's complaint (reported PC meeting Sept'21) regarding the overlooking on to their back garden, from the recently installed zip-wire in the children's play area – The PC agreed to go ahead with contractor's quote for £1100 to replace the fence within the perimeter of the playground, and running alongside the private gardens, to a height which would prevent the overlooking. The PC noted that, due to the ageing condition of the existing fence, it would have been due for replacement in the very near future anyway, and therefore this work is not considered to be an additional expense.

6.2 Overhanging Trees on to private residence – The PC acknowledged that there were remaining branches requiring to be trimmed and that GB would arrange for these to be removed asap.

7.0 Parish Councillor Vacancy

7.1 KB reported that HDC had not received any request for an election to be carried out to fill the vacancy and subsequently, the PC agreed to advertise for the vacancy to be filled by co-option. Action: KB to arrange for a notice to be published to this effect.

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1 New Applications: None

8.2 Planning decision/s rec'd: 21/01483/FUL, erection of a porch, 2 Grange gardens, SK – Approved 05/10/21.

9.0 Accounts / Finance Matters

9.1 The PC approved the following payments:

Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
21.01	0.71	21.72	Clerk's expenses - mileage + stationery
15.00	0.00	15.00	Bus Shelter Cleaning Oct'21
90.00	18.00	108.00	2021 ROSPA inspection
450.00	0.00	450.00	New Website Build
240.00	0.00	240.00	SKN Printing - to be deducted from SKN funds held

9.2 KB reported on the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 31/10/21, along with bank reconciliation - PC approved.

9.3 PC agreed for two ex-councillors, Ray Dorman and Mark Darnell, to be removed from all bank mandates in the name of the Parish Council. Action: KB to forward required forms to PA for completion.

10.0 Parish Council Procedures

10.1 Community Emergency Plan update – The PC agreed to defer this item to spring of next year, for further consideration.

10.2 The PC agreed to the purchase of the latest version (12th edition) of 'Arnold Baker on Local Administration', considered to be the key reference source for Council administration law. Resolved.

11.0 Highways and Footpaths

11.1 Re 'LCC Highways Members Fund', £25K being made available to the County – KB reported that HDC had agreed to grant the amount of £3k to SKPC for the purpose of providing the village with a mobile vehicle activated sign (MVAS), to be fitted at an agreed location. The PC agreed to accept this offer. Pending.

11.2 Traffic Calming Measures, proposed by parishioners at Oct'21 meeting – PA will contact the group to discuss any further action, in light of the planned MVAS installation which should prove to be significantly effective with regard to reducing some of the village speeding problems.

- 11.3 GB reported that a 30 mph speed sign on Rugby Road was faulty. Action: KB reported that LCC have registered this fault and will notify once the repair has been carried out.
- 11.4 Unlit junction sign on Welford Road - KB reported that LCC have registered this fault and will notify once the repair has been carried out.
- 11.5 Poor Road Surface on Welford Road, on the approach to South Kilworth – PA reported that he had contacted Northamptonshire County Council, who have now inspected the area, and intend to carry out repairs within 28 days of notification.
- 12.0 Village Improvements**
 - 12.1 Training session to be arranged re the use of the defibrillator equipment – the PC agreed that, due to the low numbers of registered attendees having been received to date, it may be that only one session is required, as in Nov 18th. If anyone, who hasn't already registered, is interested in attending, they should contact the clerk by email, on parishclerk@southkilworth.co.uk. KB will contact those who have already registered, to confirm the date.
 - 12.2 Elder Trees/Bushes overhanging the bus shelter on Walcote Road – GB reported that these have now been cut back. Resolved.
 - 12.3 Two memorial seats positioned at the rear of the village hall, in need of restoration – The repairs are scheduled to be completed shortly.
- 13.0 Recreation**
 - 13.1 Zip Wire installation in children's play area –KB is waiting for HDC to forward information required for the S106 project completion report.
 - 13.2 Servicing of Play Area Zip wire equipment – TW will contact Wicksteed.
 - 13.3 The PC reviewed the recent ROSPA report after their inspection of the play area. It was reported that the only areas of concern, rotting fence posts, were classified as medium risk only. This fence is scheduled to be replaced in the near future and therefore the issue of the posts will then be resolved.
- 14.0 Village Website**
 - 14.1 New Village website – It was confirmed that the new website is now up and running, and that KC, KB and SKN administrators, have been trained in editing their respective areas on the website. PA, along with the other councillors, thanked KC for all the effort and hard work he'd put in to organising and overseeing the setting up of the new website, and all agreed that the new site was excellent!
- 15.0 S106 Fund**
 - 15.1 Re the formulation of a village consultation regarding future S106 funding –The PC agreed to aim at carrying out a village survey, in the early months of 2022. Pending.
- 16.0 War Memorial Clock**
 - 16.1 Re the marking of the 100th anniversary of the installation of the memorial and the invitation for people to visit and view the clock –The PC re-affirmed that this event will be held on Sat 13th Nov'21, with the tower being open between the hours of 9 and 12 a.m. Volunteers, along with PC councillors, will be available at the event, to help to guide visitors.
 - 16.2 Re previously reported lighting failures in the church tower – It was confirmed that the tower lighting is fully functional.
- 17.0 South Kilworth News**
 - 17.1 The PC agreed that, after PA's discussions with the SKN team, it was hoped that there would not be a too significant shortfall in generated funds (via advertising) to cover the cost of the bi-monthly production, and that the PC would agree to support the venture financially if required, in order to keep the newsletter in print.
- 18.0 Surveys**
 - 18.1 Rural Community Council strategy – PC agreed, no official response.
 - 18.2 Remote Meetings Survey – PA to submit a response.
 - 18.3 LCC Collaborating with our Communities - PC agreed, no official response.
- 19.0 Any Other Business**
 - 19.1 Sports Holiday Club Proposal – The PC agreed in principle, an interest in the project outlined by Finding Fitness and for KB to contact the organiser for more details.
- 20.0 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 14th Dec'21, 7.15 p.m.** Meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

All minutes are published on the South Kilworth Website, no later than thirty days from the date of the meeting. *Please see the website for the December 2021 minutes.*

If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@southkilworth.co.uk



Rural Strategy Development

Harborough District Council



The Rural Community Council are undertaking a Rural Strategy project to look at the needs and service gaps of Harborough District Councils **rural communities**.

This will include key rural & community issues, economic development, connectivity & broadband, housing and the impact of Covid-19 as well as recovery needs going forward to improve isolation and social hardship

We will be looking to engage and consult with many areas across the district including :-

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- Tourism & Hospitality
- Local Retail
- Other Rural Small/Medium enterprises
- Community

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Bird Watching - Stanford Reservoir

Finch Fest

In my previous article I mentioned two species of finch to look out for – Siskin and Brambling. We have had a number of sightings of both species and Siskin numbers are around 50 at present. They have a preference to feeding in alder trees along the banks of the reservoir so worth keeping an eye out for if you are visiting. Like Brambling, it is also possible to attract Siskin to your garden feeders. As for Bramblings, there has been a large invasion across the country, most likely caused by the failure of beech mast crop on the continent, forcing birds to move long distances to find food during the winter months. A number have been seen and ringed at the reservoir over the last few weeks so worth keeping an eye out locally.

Starling Murmuration

From around mid-October to early November, we enjoyed the fantastic spectacle of the Starling roost in the reedbed. It is difficult to get an accurate count but I would estimate that we saw the arrival of 8000 - 10000 birds to some roosts. The spectacle normally starts with small groups arriving around an hour before dusk.

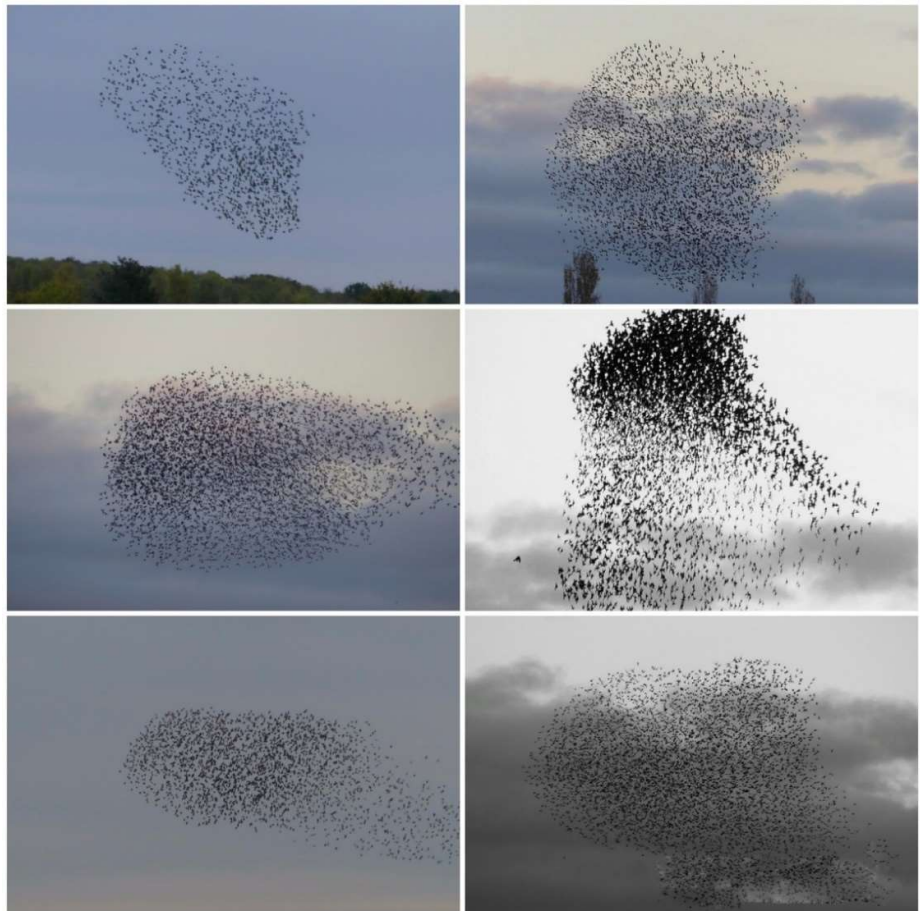
So why do Starlings Murmurate?

Starlings are known as 'partial migrants' with our local birds being joined by the arrival of large numbers from the continent in the autumn. Our own Starlings tend to stay put while those from colder countries in eastern Europe head to our shores, swelling our numbers to form impressive flocks. Scientists believe that murmurations offer safety in numbers; protection from predators like Peregrine Falcon that are attracted by the sheer number of birds. After all, it can't be easy to single out just one Starling from a whirling group of thousands! Experts still aren't completely sure how each Starling knows which way to turn without colliding with others.

Murmurations always form over the birds' communal roosting site. As the number of Starlings reaches its peak and the last of the daylight begins to fade, an unspoken signal seems to tell the group to

funnel towards the ground with one last sweeping motion and calming *whoosh* of wings. The roost at Stanford is normally in one of the two reedbeds which eventually, get flattened under the sheer weight of birds, prompting them to move on to other roost sites.

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South Kilworth Parish Council held two CPR & Defibrillator training sessions for villagers on the 18th and 25th November 2021. There are two defibrillators in the village, located in the phone box and outside the village hall. Many villagers have said they would be hesitant to use them, so this was a great chance to learn what to do in an emergency. Each session was led by Dr Simon Vincent GP who resides in the Village. As attendance was restricted to 10 persons in each session and the response was high, further sessions will be held in the New Year.



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Focus on Tim Mills and The Hollies



Although the heading sounds a bit 'Rock Star' and Tim looks very much like a most recent Strictly Come Dancing contestant, he is, in fact, the unassuming owner of the local bed and breakfast, The Hollies, which is very conveniently situated right next to the White Hart pub on Rugby Road.

Hospitality has been a relatively recent calling and was far from Tim's mind when he was an Insurance Manager back in 2002. It was then that he decided to try his hand at property renovation and investment. His first venture was a mid-terrace 6-bedroom house that he refurbished and let in record time. His crash course in renovating

entailed doggedly following the trades around and watching how they did things.

Not wanting to hang around, he plunged into the property deep end and by his second house, decided that this was going to be his future career. And he became quite adept at it, eventually managing over 20 of his own and associates' properties.

It seemed a natural progression (and something that was designed to fit in with Tim's future plans), to find a large property that could not only be used as a bed and breakfast to generate income but also as a home for Tim and his fiancé who lived overseas and was going to relocate to the UK after their marriage.



It took over a year for Tim to find, what was for him, the perfect place, a 200-year-old home with a 300-year-old (former bakery) annex – The Hollies, here in South Kilworth.

That was in March 2018.

Renovating the Hollies to provide a lovely bed and breakfast, and his future home became his purpose and something he would do as he had the benefit of time. Or so he thought - we know what happens with the best-laid plans.....



The Covid lockdown that happened in March 2020, not only stopped The Hollies as an income source, but the knock-on effect was that Tim could not return overseas to marry his fiancé and kept her apart from him for 16 months. As if that wasn't enough, he has had recent major back surgery, from which he is still recovering.

But ever the optimist, Tim soldiers on. He now has weekend bookings for the Hollies, even into 2023. He has 6 lovely bedrooms and can accommodate up to 18 people. His guests not only love the village setting, but also the proximity to the pub and the butcher. Tim has also enlisted the help of our own Angela Langman to help with the logistics of the Hollies.

Tim is now planning for his imminent return to his fiancé and their wedding.



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