

South Kilworth News

May 2022



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Get-Together 5 June 2022

The Village Hall Committee, on behalf of the Parish Council, invites all residents of South Kilworth to a get-together at the Village Hall to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5 June from 12 pm – 4 pm.

Please bring a picnic to share. A free Hog roast will also be provided – generously donated by Joseph Morris Butcher. The Bar will be open, as well as tea and coffee served at the Pop up Café. A Bouncy Castle will entertain the kids!

Look out for further details of other planned activities, such as the cake competition, a fancy dress for youngsters, face painting and games, in the coming weeks on the usual channels (SK email, SK website, posters etc). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Village Hall Committee



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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
Cafe	Tina Morley 07786496041	Café held monthly in the village hall - see posters around the village for details
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 Claire Hubbard 07590254043 to be added to the Korks WhatsApp group	A ladies' social group from the Village 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 Teams	Ray Dorman 07780846002 Tracey 07733235306 (Ladies team)	Games take place at the pub
South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan	Contact the Parish Council	Information on the 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 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	Email to become a member of this list. Note it is a postbox and doesn't reply! If you send something through for circulation, please add contact details on the email. Email addresses are never shared/ used for commercial purposes.
Village Hall Committee	Chair Mark Tottman: 01858 575157 07990813784	Village Hall bookings contact: Gail on woodgail11@icloud.com or 01858 575064
Women's Institute	Gaye Duncombe Tel 01858 880650 or gduncombe1@gmail.com	Combined with North Kilworth. 3 rd Thursday of each month: Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth at 7.30pm
Youth Club	Mel Gould (Project Manager) Kate – local worker 07502365379	In the village hall every Wednesday evening

From the Editorial Team

The SK News is published every other month. The electronic version is on the South Kilworth website. Please send news, photos, & articles to sknews@southkilworth.co.uk. The submission deadline for the printed version: 14 June for the July edition. News that does not coincide with the printed SK News can be uploaded to the SK website.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Various activities have been planned in South Kilworth to mark this historic and happy event:



- ❖ The Planting of a Commemorative Tree, being the Indian Bean Tree. The location of the tree is still to be decided.
- ❖ Village Hall Jubilee Celebrations event. A successful application to the HDC for a grant of £250 was made to help fund the planned village hall event.
- ❖ A commemorative Bench. The Parish Council has received payment of their successful application to HDC for a grant of £500 to go towards the cost of installing the bench.

Village Consultation



The Parish Council invited all in the village to an open meeting on the evening of Tuesday, 12th April to put forward their views and suggestions for the spending of the funding which was available to the Parish via the new housing development and the ongoing funding through the Wind Farm. It was an opportunity to air ideas and consider reasonably significant projects that would improve life in the village.

The Parish Council Chairman, Phil Alcock, took the 24 Village attendees through the steps and processes that would be followed and identified the ideas and proposals that had been made as well as added further suggestions from the meeting.

The suggestions and ideas put forward so far are as follows: A Petanque court; permanent goal posts; a Skate Park; a Sports Wall; MUGA (Multi-use Games area); 2 bespoke birding rafts on the reservoir to provide a nesting area for protection, shelter against predators and the elements (primarily for Terns and Oystercatchers); a new Village green; planters beneath the South Kilworth signs at the entrances to the village; a Christmas tree and lights in the centre of the village; extending the existing Pavement on Welford Road; placing a boardwalk on the footpath at the end of the Belt and the Golf course (flooding and mud make it virtually impassable at times); establishing a circular footpath route around the village; a dog walking path; repair the Bus Shelter opposite the pub and tidy up the adjoining area, and improve the village broadband speed.

Phil emphasised that the list was not final and that the Parish Council would welcome further suggestions that would fit in with the funding criteria. Some of the suggestions, such as tidying up the benches on the Village Green and close to the Church, would be attended to as part of the normal maintenance. Once the suggestions have been considered, the Parish Council would again arrange an open meeting to provide feedback. Thanks to everyone who has responded either at the meeting or by contacting the PC directly.

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Meet Pamela Shave



Quiz gardening question: If you germinate a go-getter, sow in a healthy bit of scientific learning, layer in parenting, partnering, teaching, and a pinch of events management, who do you get? If we mention that person has a herbaceous perennial country garden to die for, lives in our village and is the NGS (National Garden Scheme) county organiser – it's an easy answer. Pamela Shave.

Pam moved into South Kilworth village in 2000, together with her husband Martin and her 3 daughters. This was a world away from her position as Head of Science of a private school in Oxfordshire. Pam and Martin had decided to move to Leicestershire as Martin was commuting to Rugby where he practised as a Chartered Accountant. Martin has since set up a practice in Lutterworth.

Pam is no stranger to Leicestershire, however. After completing her Natural Sciences degree at Cambridge University, she did a post-graduate qualification at Leicester University in Science Museum Studies. She then did a stint at the Science Research Council in Swindon and went on to complete a teaching degree at Reading University. This led to her combining being Mum to her 3 daughters (the second two being twins) and teaching Science for 12 years.

And in amongst this busy schedule, where did the gardening interest feature or begin, you may well ask? Pam said that back in Oxfordshire she had started some gardening. But it was when she bought a book by Rosemary Verey that she was inspired to create a garden in a similar style to the photos it contained, the epitome of an English country garden.

Pam and Martin spent 5 years developing their garden. Fortunately, it seems Chartered Accountants are also talented landscape gardeners! In 2006, after visiting a neighbour's open garden in The Belt (Colin and Verena Olle) Pam was asked to open her garden jointly with them. With much trepidation and feeling that her garden was not up to the task, Pam opened it up for the first time in 2007 through the National Garden Scheme. Since then, she has raised over £25,000 for NGS. Incidentally, Pam has a flower garden characterised mainly by 'Herbaceous Perennials'. For those of us not steeped in gardening speak: herbaceous perennials are those that die down to the ground each year but whose roots remain alive and send up new top growth each year.

In due course, Pam joined the County Team of the National Garden Scheme and has for the last 6 years been the Leicestershire County Organiser. This involves coordinating all gardens in the county and currently there are over 70 on the books, although not all open every year.

Her year starts in August as gardens are registered online. A county booklet is produced detailing all the open gardens for the year, as well as the national guidebook. This can also be found online (www.ngs.org.uk). In January, Pam packs and distributes all the stationery and branding used for the open gardens. These start in February, with those focussing on snowdrops, through to October when one of the last open gardens is the Hammond Arboretum in Market Harborough.

We asked Pam what advice she could give those interested in developing their garden: "Go and see gardens, talk to the owners and get ideas. Visit a Garden Centre and put plants that you like in the trolley and to see if they coordinate in colour, shape, eventual size, etc. One can also do courses, watch TV programmes, read magazines and use the wealth of resources online. But the best way is to get outside and experiment. Failure is all part of the process!"

We cheekily asked Pam what her biggest mistake was as she developed her garden. She didn't hesitate to say it was planting a couple of 'thugs': *Dicentra Bacchanal* and *Lamium maculatum*, which she is constantly having to dig out. They did not come with a warning! Pam's favourite plants include hardy cyclamen, geraniums, clematis and roses.

Pam's dedication to her beautiful garden also means a lot of hard work and especially as she prepares to open her garden this year in both June and September. She spends between 2 to 8 hours a day in the garden. It takes well over an hour just to water all her plants in pots! When not at work Martin is a willing assistant gardener. In July Pam will do some major cutting down in her garden to prepare for the September opening.

There is also the unexpected event – such as the two pheasants that wandered into the greenhouse recently and proceeded to trash the place before Pam was able to show them the exit.

If the beautiful garden were not enough, Pam encourages birds to make their home in her garden and if you visit you will see numerous bird boxes dotted around the place.

Meet Pam and Martin in their NGS open garden at Oak Tree House in North Road, South Kilworth:

Saturday 18th June 11-4 and Sunday 19th June 11-2. Plant sale by NGS garden Hedgehog Hall. Saturday 10th Sept 11-4 and Sunday 11th Sept 11-2. Admission is £5, and children are free. Homemade tea and cakes are available.

All proceeds go to the beneficiary charities of the National Garden Scheme, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and the Queen's Nursing Institute.

Toni & Rob Snell



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
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Sunday 19 June
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Free Cake and a Cuppa: South Kilworth Pop-up Café 10 May



The next Café will be held in the Village Hall on **10 May from 10:30 – 1 pm**. All are welcome, so please do come along for a chat, a cuppa and a tasty treat. The Café started in 2021 with

funding received from the Leicestershire County Council. As this funding is nearing its end, and to help with planning the future of the Café, we would like to hear from the residents of South Kilworth.



South Kilworth Community Café Questionnaire

Our aim is to get feedback from adults in the village about the cafe so far, in order to plan cafes for the rest of 2022 onwards. The objectives are:

1. To find out if people know about the café
2. To find out if they have attended and what they would like to change
3. To ask those who have not been to the café for the reasons why

There are 3 ways to complete the questionnaire:

1. Online via this QR code or Survey Monkey link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2H7ZSM7>
The links can also be found on the South Kilworth website
2. By filling in the printed questions that follow and dropping them off at the Village Hall letterbox
3. Verbally, by providing your answers via phone or face to face with a member of the café group. This can be done at the next café, by calling Tina: 07786496041. Or a member of the café may contact you.



Village Hall post box

The closing date is 31 May 2022

South Kilworth Community Café Questionnaire

Drop off the completed questionnaire at the Village Hall post box by 31 May.

		Yes	No
1.	Do you know South Kilworth has a monthly Community Café?		
2.	If yes, how did you find out about the South Kilworth Café?		
		Yes	No
3.	Have you been to the Community Café?		
4.	If you said "Yes", you have been to the Community Café, what did you like about it?		
5.	Is there anything you would like to comment on that you may dislike?		
6.	How would you rate your experience? (Tick one)		
	Poor	Below Average	Average
			Very Good
			Excellent
7.	Is there anything the Community Café could do to improve your experience? (Tick all that apply)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> No – happy with the café <input type="checkbox"/> The time of day <input type="checkbox"/> The day of week <input type="checkbox"/> Different week of the month <input type="checkbox"/> Frequency of the café		
	Please specify any preferences below:		
8.	If you indicated that you have never been to the Community Café, which of the following are preventing you from attending ? (Tick all that apply)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> At work so not available during the day <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong day of the week <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong time of the day <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility or no transport <input type="checkbox"/> Location and its facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Not for my age group <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable, I have attended the café		
	Please specify if any changes to the above would enable you to attend:		
9.	Can you please confirm your age:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-30 years <input type="checkbox"/> 31-44 years <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 years <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 years <input type="checkbox"/> 65 – 74 years <input type="checkbox"/> 75 years or older <input type="checkbox"/> Rather not say		
		Yes	No
10.	Are you a resident of South Kilworth?		

Thank you!

KORKs - Village Ladies' group

The KORKS had their planning meeting at the pub recently and came up with this list of activities, hopefully, to suit all tastes. Feel free to join us for at least one of the activities below:

Month	Date	Activity
May	20 th	Learn to Bowl – at SK Bowls Club
June	11 th	LOROS walk and food
June	27 th	Garden visit (Oak Tree House) Pimms and picnic
July	TBC	Walk to North Kilworth pub
August	TBC	Gin tasting at Little Acorns
September	TBC	Long alley bowling at Bulls Head Cosby
October	Not half term!	"Pop up" Bistro at Lynton Come and cook your own supper (or just watch)!
November	Last week	Wreath making - with The Plant Yard /Pink Peony (Gail)
December	2 nd week	Christmas Dinner. Grey Goose /Attic? etc
January 2023	late	Aromatherapy

You need to join the KORKS WhatsApp group to find out about events. You will be notified at least a month before the event, of all the details. You can then sign up for the event if you are interested. If you are not on the KORKS list please WhatsApp Claire on 07590 254 043 to be added.



New Season Open day

Sunday 29 May

2pm-5pm

Come along and try your arm at the very social sport of Lawn Bowls. Ladies and Gents can compete on equal terms. Children over 14 welcome. Bowls will be provided - you just need some non-heeled footwear. If you are tempted to join us, **membership is free** in the first year.

The Village is fortunate to have a 1st class bowling green

and the club competes in the Market Harborough league and with other local Clubs in friendly matches during the outdoor season.

Members are entitled to full use of the green and equipment at any time during the playing season.

Club roll-ups on a Wednesday from 3pm

Contact Keith Rickhuss on 575792 if you need more information

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Birds - Stanford Reservoir

It's been a slower than normal start to spring migration despite the unprecedented warm spell we had at the end of March. As always though, there are some interesting sightings to report. Early arrivals included our first Sand Martin on March 19th and our first Swallow in pretty misty and cold conditions on March 29th.

A visitor from France

On March 24th, I noticed a female Pochard fitted with a blue nasal saddle (see image). Personally, I think they look very unsightly but if you can read the unique code, it can provide a rich source of information as to the bird's movement during its lifetime. They are a form of ringing used on waterfowl – much easier to read than a ring fitted to the leg. One of the challenges of reading the code on the nasal saddle is that the quality of these is not great and the clarity of the code can deteriorate over time. Thankfully, this one was OK – a blue nasal saddle with code H9H.



Pochard with nasal saddle fitted

So, what did this tell us?

Many of these nasal saddles are from schemes operated in France so it was no great surprise to hear that it was fitted in Saint-Philbert-De-Grand-Lieu in 2016. The bird has spent a lot of time in France but also visited Pitsford Reservoir in Northants in October 2019. It was next reported back in France in April 2021 and then moved to the Netherlands in June of that year. It was seen at Shawell at the beginning of 2022 before briefly visiting Stanford Reservoir in March. That's quite a few duck miles under the belt.

Now to something bigger and more impressive!

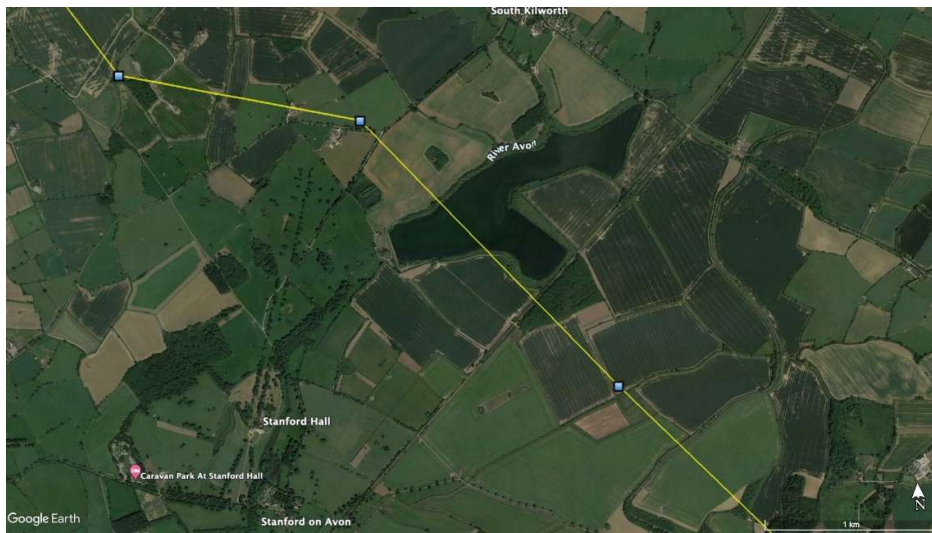
On March 24th I received a WhatsApp message from Tim Mackrill who is part of the White-tailed Eagle reintroduction programme with the amazing news that one of their satellite-tagged birds had actually passed over the reservoir that very afternoon. The satellite data enables the team to track movement, behaviour, survival rate, etc as they roam the country. This is what we found out:



Route of White-tailed Eagle across the country.



- This was a male from 2021 known as G818 and it passed over at 14.40.
- It had flown 150km from Staffs to near London (via Stanford) when the data from the satellite was received. It actually travelled 667 km in 5 days with its final destination being on the south coast.
- When it was north of the reservoir at 14.38 it was at a height of 279 metres. By 14.44 as it was south of the reservoir it had gained height to 574 metres! The maps include the route of the bird and the line it



Route of White-tailed Eagle over Stanford Reservoir

110-130cm and a Red Kite at 140-165cm. You can find out more about the re-introduction programme by visiting the website: www.roydennis.org

Chris Hubbard c.hubbard2@icloud.com

Women's Institute

The WI combines North and South Kilworth as well as a few other nearby Villages. New members are always welcome - just come along. 7:30 pm in the North Kilworth Village Hall on Church Street (Car Park at the rear) LE17 6EZ. If you would like more information, please contact our President Gaye Duncombe 01858 880650 or email duncombe1@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

19 May: Jane Isaac – Murder & Mayhem Local crime Writer & Resolutions

16 June: Sue Bright – Holistic Hand and Colour Therapist



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Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter WHITE

Lectionary Page: 771 Acts 9. 1 -6 (7-20) Revelation 5. 11 – end John 21. 1 - 19

9.30a.m.	Stanford on Avon	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Hebblewhite
11.00 a.m.	Gilmorton	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. J. Hover
11.00 a.m.	Kimcote	Baptism Service	Rev. D. Hebblewhite
4.00 p.m.	Peatling Parva	Songs of Praise	Local Team

Wednesday 4th May

7.30 p.m.	Shawell	Compline	Local Team
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Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter WHITE

Lectionary Page: 776 Acts 9. 36 – 43 Revelation 7. 9 – 17 John 10. 22 - 30

8.30 a.m.	Kimcote	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
9.30 a.m.	Swinford	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. J. Hover
9.30 a.m.	South Kilworth	All Age Service	Beth Rogers
11.00 a.m.	Misterton	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. J. Hover
11.00 a.m.	Peatling Parva	Baptism Service	Rev. A. Micklethwaite

Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter WHITE

Lectionary Page: 779 Acts 11. 1 – 18 Revelation 21. 1 – 6 John 13. 31 - 35

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

Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter WHITE

Lectionary Page: 783 Acts 16. 9 – 15 Revelation 21. 10, 22 – 22.5 John 14. 23 - 29

10:30am	South Kilworth	Baptism with Holy Communion	Rev Canon Brian Davis
9.30 a.m.	Catthorpe	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Jennings
11.00 a.m.	Ashby Magna	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. J. Hover

Sunday 29th May Combined Benefice Service 7th Sunday of Easter WHITE

Lectionary Page: 787 Acts 16. 16 – 34, Revelation 22. 12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 – 21 John 17. 20 - 26

10.30 a.m.	South Kilworth	Baptism with Holy Communion	Rev. D. Hebblewhite
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Sunday 5th June Pentecost RED

Lectionary Page: 791 Acts 2. 1 – 21 Romans 8. 14 -17 John 14. 8 – 17 (25 – 27)

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

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TO Confirm Members Present

Cllr P Alcock (PA) -
Chairman
Cllr G Byrne (GB)

Cllr T Wood (TW)
Cllr K Coyne (KC) – Vice
Chairman

Cllr E Derrick (ED)
Mrs K Brown (KB) – Clerk

1.0 To Receive Any Apologies

None

2.0 Disclosure of any Member's Interest/s

None

3.0 To Confirm Other Attendees

2 Parishioners in attendance

4.0 To Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting of Council, held on 8th Mar'22

Re item 7.1, it was proposed that the words 'or group' be added to the draft minutes, previously published. The revised minutes were confirmed to be a true record of matters discussed, and decisions reached, by the Parish Council, and duly signed.

5.0 Parishioners' Time

5.1 PC discussed parishioner's email complaint re tree branch, overhanging on to their property. Action: PA will contact parishioner to discuss.

6.0 Parish Council Procedures

6.1 PC approved the draft application template to be used for any funding applications received from now on. KC will prepare an article for the website. Resolved.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 New Applications: None

7.2 Planning decision/s rec'd: 22/00105/FUL, St Keverne, Welford Road, construction of a manege, stable blocks and storage building – Approved 23/03/22.

8.0 Accounts / Finance Matters

8.1 The PC approved the following payments:

Nett	Vat	Total	Details/Comments
236.08	0.00	236.08	LRALC/NALC Subscription 2022-2023
1,950.60	0.00	1,950.60	HCCY Sessions 01/09-15/12/21 (To be recharged to CIC)
25.00	5.00	30.00	Payroll Provision, PAYE End of Year Return
937.32	0.00	937.32	PWLB Loan re VH Building, Half Yearly Instalment
255.43	51.09	306.52	Commemorative Tree re Jubilee - Reimburse
112.95	22.59	135.54	Defibrillator Training - Reimburse
1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	Sports Field Fencing

8.2 KB reported on the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 31/03/22, along with bank reconciliation, receipts and payments for the financial year, with comparisons to budget. PC approved.

9.0 Highways and Footpaths

9.1 Vehicle activated signs to be installed in the village, funded by LCC grant of £3k – KB reported that LCC are assessing the suggested locations, received from the PC, and once suitability has been agreed, a consultation will be carried out with any residents that may potentially be affected by the new signs. A third possible location was identified. One attending parishioner commented re the length of time that has elapsed between the start of this project and now. Council explained that they were totally reliant on LCC for progress however, the PC was making every effort to expedite the installation. Action: KB to contact LCC to update re all suggested locations suggested and to request an estimated timescale for completion.

10.0 Grounds and General Outside Maintenance

10.1 Fence damage on sports field perimeter – GB reported that this repair work was now complete. Resolved.

10.2 Confirmation with HDC re grass cutting contracts – PC agreed to defer this item until summer, so that the service could first be assessed.

10.3 Memorial Benches Maintenance – It was agreed that a maintenance program should be set up to ensure that these, and other like items, are kept in good repair in the future. Action: TW to discuss with contractor, the cost of current necessary repairs.

11.0 Recreation

11.1 Servicing of Play Area Zip wire equipment – TW reported that Wicksteed had tightened the rope and confirmed that no further adjustments should be needed within the next 18 to 24 months. Resolved.

11.2 Damaged Rope Ladder in Play area – TW reported that John Berry had repaired the ladder, with no charge. The PC expressed their gratitude and appreciation for this. Resolved.

11.3 Table and Bench in play area in need of maintenance – TW provided the contractor's quote for £200.00, to renovate these items. PC accepted the quote. Action: TW to arrange for this work to be carried out.

- 11.4** Play Area Safety Inspection Review – ED proposed that the PC consider periodic inspections of the play area, in between the annual ROSPA inspection that is carried out, normally during the summer period. PC agreed that safety is paramount. Action: KB to contact HDC to ascertain what services they may be able to offer, with regard to interim safety inspections during the year.
- 11.5** Holiday Club Proposal – KB confirmed that the National Lottery Funding application had been successful and that the funds have now been received by the PC. The booking with Finding Fitness, to provide a holiday club, has now been confirmed for three weeks during the summer school holidays, and will be offered to children from both South and North Kilworth. The details will be publicised after the Easter holidays. Pending.
- 12.0 Village Website**
- 12.1** New Village website – It was agreed that the website was continuing to run well.
- 13.0 S106 Fund**
- 13.1** The PC confirmed that the village consultation held immediately before this PC meeting had been well received. Action: ED to prepare and circulate a summary of the discussions and comments.
- 14.0 South Kilworth News**
- 14.1** No update.
- 15.0 Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Celebrations**
- 15.1** The Planting of a Commemorative Tree – GB confirmed that he had now taken delivery of an Indian Bean Tree. The PC discussed possible locations for this to be planted, for decision at a later date. Action: PA will circulate a photo/s of proposed site/s.
- 15.2** Village Hall Jubilee Celebrations event – KB reported that the PC had received payment of their successful application to HDC for a grant of £250 to help fund the planned village hall event. It was agreed that this sum would be put towards the cost of the PC providing a pig roast for the celebration day. Pending.
- 15.3** Commemorative Bench – KB reported that the PC had received payment of their successful application to HDC for a grant of £500 to go towards the cost of installing the bench. Various siting locations were discussed, to be agreed at a later date. Action: PA to obtain a quote for bench engraving.
- 16.0 Charity Appeal for Support**
- 16.1** The PC discussed the email request from 'Together Against Cancer' (TAC) for support. It was agreed to make a contribution of £25 once it was confirmed that a donation of this type would fit the criteria for the use of precept funds and that responsible care had been taken to ensure the legitimacy of the Charity. Action: KB to confirm. Resolved.
- 17.0 Defibrillator and CPR Training**
- 17.1** Re proposed further Defibrillator Training session – PC agreed that there was sufficient interest to warrant arranging a further training session. Action: KC to discuss possible date/s with the training provider.
- 18.0 Community Emergency Plan**
- 18.1** The updating of the plan – item to be deferred to July'22
- 19.0 Any Other Business**
- 19.1** ED reported that a provisional date had been set for the next village litter pick to be held on 23rd April'22. The PC agreed to pay the village hall booking fee, approximately £30-£40. Pending.
- 19.2** The Platinum Jubilee Capital Grant Fund – 10 grants of £70k each are being made available for application to HDC, by 31/07/22. The PC discussed ideas for making use of this funding opportunity. Action: TW to explore the possibility of having a multi sports facility created.
- 19.3** Bus Shelter Maintenance – GB highlighted that the Walcote Road bus shelter was in a poor state of repair. Action: GB to look in to what maintenance is required.
- 20.0 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting (Annual Parish Council Meeting)**
Tuesday, 10TH May'22, 7.15 p.m.
Meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

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Mega, Bling, Dudes, Grip, Twitching and other things

There we thought that Sandpiper was a movie, Swarovski was the bling worn at a premier, a dude was a snappily dressed person, grip was a tight hold, bunting was a row of celebratory small flags and a twitch was what we developed when we had a deadline approaching. That is until we took up Chris Hubbard's kind offer to take interested South Kilworth residents on a birding walk around Stanford Reservoir on Welford Road on a lovely day over the Easter bank holiday weekend. Turns out that these are terms in a birder's repertoire.

Chris, his wife Claire and their 2 daughters are South Kilworth stalwarts and his birding articles regularly appear in the South Kilworth News. He first developed his love for birding when he purchased a copy of a Puffin Guide to Birds when he was 12 years old. Imbued with infectious enthusiasm, he has the amazing ability to identify what, to us, amateurs, appears to be a black blob in the sky, with speed and accuracy, backed up by describing the exact call that follows. Or simply picking out the bird species from the calls he hears from unseen birds! He keeps lists of the many species of birds he has seen. In Leicestershire & Rutland, he has amassed a total of 277 species and, at Stanford Reservoir, 199!

We asked Chris which bird sighting at Stanford Reservoir gave him the biggest thrill. It was probably the Caspian Tern – only the 8th ever recorded in the county. The other is the Baird's Sandpiper, the third ever in the county. Both were self found by Chris and accepted by the British Birds Rareities Committee (BBRC). This committee assesses claimed sightings of bird species that are rarely seen in Britain, based on descriptions, photographs and video recordings. The findings are published in an annual report in the journal British Birds.

Aside from enjoying Chris's generosity in sharing his time and knowledge during the 3.5-mile walk around the Stanford Reservoir, we had over 40 different birds during this time (we discovered that the correct reference is that you 'have' a bird not 'spot' it).

We were particularly excited to see the Grasshopper Warbler.

The Grasshopper Warbler has a UK conservation status of red. This is the first sighting of the Grasshopper Warbler in 2022 at the Stanford Reservoir.





We also witnessed the work of the Stanford Ringing Group, a group of skilled volunteers who monitor, record and ring birds at the Reservoir. These volunteers also work hard to maintain the habitat to ensure the right mix which attracts all kinds of breeding birds. So, seeing the Grasshopper Warbler, in particular, is a success story and testament to the work being done.

Chris is providing another opportunity for those who missed out on this walk – this will take place on Saturday 28th May. It was a great outing and spending time out in nature is such soul food. Maybe you will see the holy grail of birders ... a rare bird like the Nightingale or Red-Necked Grebe!

Incidentally, in birding 'speak: Mega means a very rare bird; a Dude is a bird-watcher who doesn't really know all that much about birds; Grip is to see a bird that another birder missed and to tell them you've seen it (i.e., brag); and Twitch is to succumb to the urge to travel (sometimes a long-distance) for the chance to see a rare bird.

And Swarovski makes binoculars and telescopes used in birding – we called it the 'bling'.

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(the sun). Free radicals are the enemy of your skin!!! There are some really good SPF 50 out there that are good for your skin but many are cheap, perfumed and not good for your skin, so choose with care. And finally (phew!) when you start to get hot and get the combination of sweat, sunscreen and perfume (because so many sunscreens have perfume in) combined, you can also react – think of sweat rash/prickly heat and you will see what I mean. Many problems in the sun can be overcome by using the correct sunscreen.....but make sure you read the next section.....**So how can I get a safe tan?**

We know so much more than we used to about skin cancer, yet it is still on the rise. So what can you do to be safe? You can't! There is no such thing as a safe tan, a base tan (prepping your skin on a sunbed), or a healthy tan. The only safe tan is a fake one. When you see a tan, think of it as a scar on your skin. We go in the sun and our skin rushes to protect itself. A tan is your body's defence against the sun. Your skin starts to rush to produce melanin for protection. I would rather advise how you can go in the sun safely

1. Cover-up wherever possible
2. Wear sunglasses and a hat
3. Use high-quality sunscreen over your face and exposed body and reapply regularly. If it only needs one application and lasts for hours, it will have high chemical content and is more likely to cause a reaction. If you have to use this, only use it on your body. Keeping your face out of the sun and well protected is a given!
4. Don't rely on the SPF in your make up. If you are wearing regular make up, don't rely on the "contains SPF20" for your protection. Many such claims are misleading and once applied to the skin, moisture and sweat can reduce any efficacy. Consider switching to a mineral make up. Many of these don't have an added SPF, they are the SPF. What that means is that the mineral content of them form the SPF. They are usually powder based and the minerals in the powder overlap each other giving you a truly effective coverage. Because they're powders, they're easy to reapply and layer, and are around 90% water-resistant.....they usually work at around an SPF 20 but add sunglasses/hat/shade and they are fine – especially if layered over an SPF 30! Remember we shouldn't be lying in the sun!!!



Happy holidays. It really is lovely to see so many of you getting treatments, many for a long-awaited time away. Here's to healthy sun-loving. Vicki x

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Walk for fun and exercise in South Kilworth

This edition's walk is one I call the 'Balloon on a String' – you may have to tilt your head slightly to see that!



As our dog has grown up a little and can now go further, we have been discovering slightly longer walks and we do sometimes run this one.

Starting again from the Village Hall, head out of the car park along Leys Crescent and turn left up North Road. After a few



hundred metres turn right down The Belt [PIC1] and follow this to the bottom. The road gives way to a footpath which can get very muddy after a rainfall. Follow this over the stream, through the gate [PIC 2] and onto the golf course [PIC 3]

Stick to the path up the hill and go through the gate [PIC 4] into an open field. This field very often has sheep, so best to keep dogs on a lead. Keeping to the left side of the field, head down the hill until you reach another gate [PIC 5]. Here the path takes you left towards North Kilworth, but today we are heading right [PIC 6] over the stream again and following the path.



This path can also be very muddy, you have been warned! Go up the ascent and down the other side, past the old railway line permissive footpath, which you will see on your right and head up the short, sharp ascent. Just as you reach the bridge, take the path left and then immediately right, back under the bridge [PICs 7/8]

Following the towpath with the canal on your left to the next bridge. Here you turn right in the field [PIC 9], but double back on yourself and over the bridge onto a bridleway [PIC 10]



Go into the field and keeping the hedge on your right, continue up to the top of the hill for some spectacular views of the village and the surrounding countryside. The path bends round to the left, still keeping the hedge on your right – there is a path off to the right which heads to Welford, but that is for another day. Keep heading down the hill and you will soon find yourself coming over the bridge [PIC 11] that you went over when you first hit the canal, we have now completed the balloon and are heading back down the string. So down the hill, back up and down again to the cross over the stream [PIC 12] before another short steep section



.....just before you reach the gate on your left [PIC 13]

Through the field again and the second gate, across the golf course, up The Belt, turn left and then first right, back to the Village Hall.

All in all, just over 5km's and depending on how fast you walk, roughly between 1hr and 1hr 30mins. Hope you enjoy the walk and as always, please be safe and kind to others, take your litter home and clear up after your dog. **Michael Langman**

Editors: This and the previous walk are available on the online version of the SK News as an annexure, with additional photos of landmarks. See

<https://www.southkilworth.co.uk/news/south-kilworth-news>

See also <https://www.southkilworth.co.uk/notice-board/time-to-get-walking-again>

Village Litter Pick

10 Villagers joined in the Litter Pick coordinated by the Parish Council on Saturday 23 April. 14 bags of rubbish were collected, plus an exercise mat and a sleeping bag! Thanks to all who volunteered. Another Litter Pick will be held in the autumn.

Did you know that in the Harborough district, 418kg of household waste was collected per person in the 2020/21 period? The average in Leicestershire is 397.36kg per person.

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What to do in the Garden in May and June



Ø **May is a good time to feed plants, especially those growing in containers.**

You can do this by sprinkling fertiliser on the surface and gently, with a small hand rake, work it into the topsoil. Alternatively, if there is bare soil you can "top dress" the container by removing the top few centimetres of compost and replace with new compost with added fertiliser. Feed garden shrubs and roses now by adding a handful of fertiliser around the base of shrub and fork it in. Roses benefit from at least two feeds per summer.

Ø **Blackspot on roses**

If blackspot is a problem on roses, a preventative spray now before there are any signs is effective at holding blackspot at bay.

Ø **Stake perennials**

Many plants such as Peony, Delphinium, Dahlias, and Allium, need support and May is an ideal time to put supports in place. The choice of support depends on the type of plant, but make sure any ties are soft and there is room for the plant to grow.

Ø **Bedding plants**

By the end of May, we should be frost-free and at last, it is time to put out bedding plants. Make sure they are hardened off first and nip out the growing points to make the plants bush to get more flowers per plant.

Ø **Shrubs to prune in June**

This is a safe time to prune shrubs that have already flowered, or may have flowered depending on the aspect of your garden, such as Spiraea, Choisya, Camellia, Deutzia, and Philadelphus. June is also a time you can give Rhododendrons a renovative prune if needed.

Ø **Dead head to keep plants flowering**

By June, some perennials, such as early flowering geraniums will have spent flowers. To keep flowers blooming and borders looking at their best dead head, that is remove the old spent flowers, regularly all summer.

Ø **Growing your own veg**

In June you can fill the veg plot including planting out tender vegetables as the risk of frost has passed. You can sow direct into the veg plot or containers and to avoid gluts, plant or sow every two weeks to have a regular flower of vegetables. Once tomatoes start to flower it's time to start feeding them.

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