South Kilworth News

March 2023



South Kilworth Directory

Name	Contact details	Description	
Allotment Committee	Michael Langman 07811 111854	For the green-fingered aspirants	
Bowls Club	Gerry Byrne 01858 575080	gerrypatrickbyrne@gmail.com keithrickhuss@gmail.com	
Community Café	Tina Morley 07786496041	Community café held monthly in the village hall - see posters around the village for details	
First Saturday Weavers at SK Village Hall	Helen Brotherton 01455554647 helen.brotherton@icloud.com	An informal group of hand weavers who meet on the first Saturday of the month	
Kid's football	Brian Robbins 07795105591	On the village hall playing fields	
Kilworth Village Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/10528279 24913620/?ref=share	Digital news and more	
KOIL	Mark and Sarah: admin@koil-group.com	Group ordering of Oil	
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 Art Group	Maggy Roberts 07912031816 and 01858682173 magsroberts@yahoo.co.uk	Thursdays, 9.30 am to 12.00 Midday, Village Hall	
South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan	Contact the Parish Council	Information on the plan: www.harborough.gov.uk/directory_record/2256/south_ki worth_neighbourhood_plan	
South Kilworth News	sknews@southkilworth.co.uk	Community news for the village – contact us with ideas & news.	
South Kilworth Village Website	Kevin Coyne: admin@southkilworth.co.uk	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 southkilworthlist@gmail.com		Send an email to become a member of this list - It is a postbox that 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: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	3 rd Thursday of each month at Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth LE17 6EZ at 7. 30 p.m.	
Youth Club (SKY) (8-16yrs)	Ruth Cross (Youth Projects Coordinator) 07921 847347; Avril Da Silva (Play and Youth Work Leader) 07933899700.	SK Youth club meets in the village hall every Wednesday @ 6:45 pm	

From the Editorial Team

The next edition will be in May 2023 and the deadline for submission of news and articles is 14 April 2023. The SK News is published every other month. The electronic version can be found on the South Kilworth website. Please send news, photos, and articles to sknews@southkilworth.co.uk. News that does not coincide with the printed SK News will be uploaded to the South Kilworth website. Links to our advertisers can also be found on the South Kilworth website.

Recollections of Rita



Guess who this is.

Villagers of 50 years ago will certainly recognise a younger Rita. Yes, this is Rita Hallam, who over her past 50 years in the village has been wife, mother, Parish Counsellor, Village Hall committee member, School Governor, founding member of the South Kilworth Luncheon Club (previously called the Friendship Club) and committee member of the Women's Institute (WI).

It was in the early 1970s when Rita, together with her husband Geoff and four children, moved from Yorkshire to South Kilworth. It was the perfect location as Geoff worked for the retailer 'Associated Dairies' (later ASDA) and was responsible for its expansion in the area. South Kilworth is where they chose to raise their family of three daughters and two sons, one of whom was born after moving to the Village.

Rita and Geoff moved into a four-bedroom house; 'Strawberry fair' at the top of Welford Road. Rita said from the start they were welcomed by the many friendly and

active Parish residents, who included Joan Satchwell, Beth Rogers, Ray and Joyce Dorman, and Steve and Judy Agar.

The photo is an example and not from South Kilworth

Her account of life decades ago in the village is fascinating. She told us of the 'chap' who would cycle to the Village, using his bike to sharpen residents' knives. The fellow concerned had an equally sharp tongue! For those of us too young to remember, the grindstone used to sharpen the knives was attached to the bicycle and was powered via a pulley by pedalling.

Shopping was different then. There used to be a butcher's van (in addition to the shop) attended by Elaine and two boys and they did the rounds twice a week. Then there was a bread van, a milk van, and a vegetable van, all regularly visiting the Village.

South Kilworth also had two market traders – a man who stocked and sold a variety of cheeses and who was known by the name 'the Cheeseman'. He occupied the last house in the village on North Road. Glenda and Eric were the other traders who

stocked material and they travelled to markets as far afield as Ross on Wye.

This complemented the well-stocked village shop which was located where the current post box is. Rita also added that it was very convenient that the Royal Mail postman, Postman Hutt, lived in the village. Glenda took over from Mr Hutt.

It was a time too, when the Congregational Church, now a home called 'The Chapel' (opposite the telephone box in Welford Road) had a vibrant

and large Sunday school run by Margaret Deacon and Mary Sandercock. The Sunday school organised two trips per year for the children – alternating between Hunstanton and Wicksteed Park. The tradition was that on the day of the coach trip, Margaret Deacon would stand by the bus stop with a basket of homemade Scottish tablet fudge which she handed out to each child together with an envelope containing pocket money.

Another Sunday School highlight was the annual party for children and adults alike. This included games and all the old-fashioned activities you would expect, ending with a highly anticipated dance. One tune that was always played was 'A hunting we would Go'.

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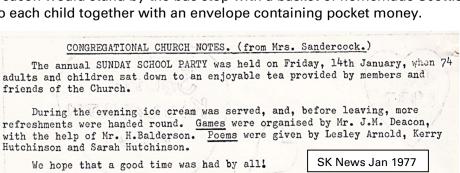
GREEN SHIELD STAMPS

Advert SK News, Jan 1977

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Orders made up

Sat. 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.



A-hunting we will go, A-hunting we will go Heigh-ho, the derry-o, A-hunting we will go. A-hunting we will go, A-hunting we will go, we'll catch a fox and put him in a box and never let him go! Gosh.... different times!

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A GOOD PARISH PARTY - What are the ingredients?

Many generous gifts of very tasty sandwiches, cakes and trifles with other sweets - A lively group of entertainers who sang Gilbert & Sullivan and other songs in a way that entralled the children as well as the adults, with a dance that brought the house down - Two Church Army Captains who, with guitar accompaniment, got us all heartily singing charuses. Mr. Curnow to organise games suited to a wide range of ages - and a room full of people. At least that was how so many folk so much enjoyed this Annual Party in the Village Hall.

SK News Jan 1977
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South Kilworth also had a 'Reading Room'. This was the place to which the newspapers were delivered and to which the men of the village would go to read the news. It then became the Village Hall. Rita reports that this building was later condemned for safety reasons.

It was also a time when an engineering business owned by LW Hutt stretched from the location that is now called the Sycamores on Welford Road. Tractors were often in and out of the premises and were of great interest to residents, and especially the children.

While change is not always easy, the closing of the Engineering Works meant that the land was allocated to new housing, bringing new families into the village. This boosted the number of children attending South Kilworth School. Attendance had by then dwindled to 28 children and was it in danger of closing.

The South Kilworth School has always been a great love of Rita's. Rita's children and 6 of her grandchildren attended it. Around 1975, the school was offering football for both girls and boys playing in the same team. Way ahead of its time! When children started school at 4+ years, they were also offered swimming lessons, which was unusual in those days. The emphasis on sports has resulted in many of its scholars having done well in county sports and it has also produced an Olympic triathlete and an England coach of women's rugby. Something to be proud of!

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Rita also related an amusing, but true story of the then Head Teacher, Miss Morse. She lived on the school premises and had two beloved Beagles. It was well known and understood that the children were not allowed out to play on the school field until her Beagles had finished playing outdoors first!

Rita was asked by Miss Morse to take on the responsibility of serving the school lunches. This took some persuasion - as a mother of 5, she already had her hands full. But the argument that she was serving lunch for her children in any event, won her over. So, Rita added 'school dinner lady' to her list of accomplishments! Rita recalls that the children would line up every day and she and Mrs Morse would dish up for each child. One role she absolutely loved was talking to the young children about their day, listening to their likes and dislikes. She also loved being read to by key stage 1 children and assisting them to read with confidence, comprehension and expression. Rita continued to do the latter voluntarily until just before Covid.

The children would, on occasion, sing at the Luncheon club. Rita and several other ladies ran the luncheon club which at its height had 60 members. They met once a month and shared a cooked meal. One of their highlights was Christmas lunch at Rachel Carvel's house – Rachel did the roast turkeys and the rest did the veg! The other highlight was the Strawberry Tea, using strawberries collected from the Strawberry Meadow in Welford Road.

Rita was also an activist. She and others in the village were instrumental in surveying the village and petitioning the council to build bungalows for those who needed them. She was also part of the team that promoted and secured funding for the new village hall which we know today. This included negotiating with the local farmer, Martin Sandercock, for the land on which the Village Hall was built. The previous village hall was located on the site where The Readings house now stands.

And Rita recalls the inaugural edition of the SK News edited by George Jager (and we continue to tap the wealth of information and nostalgic snapshots of the last decades from past issues of the SK News - Eds).

Rita now lives on Rugby Road and is still very active in the community. She counts herself lucky that her 5 children live in the vicinity and are always in touch. Sadly, Rita's husband, Geoff, passed away in his 50s but Rita has the joy of knowing that their legacies continue through their 11 grandchildren (9 boys and 2 girls) and 6 great-grandchildren (3 boys and 3 girls). It is they who help to keep her young! Over the centuries of this village's existence, Rita joins the many others who have contributed to the wonderful village and life that we can enjoy today. Thank you, Rita, for all you have done and continue to do! And thanks for the memories!

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South Kilworth Snippets



BOOK CLUB

Is anyone in the Village interested in starting or joining a book club? Or are there any clubs that are already meeting that we can join? Please call/message Sophie Davies 079392345790 or Tina Morley 07786496041

The Coronation of The King and The Queen Consort SAVE THE DATE -SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023

More details on Village activities to follow in the next edition of the SK News, by email and on the Village website



theWI

Women's Institute – New Members Welcome

Upcoming Events:

16 March – Climbing Kilimanjaro

Third Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm in the North Kilworth Village Hall LE17 6EZ. If you would like more information, please contact Gaye Duncombe 01858 880650 or email duncombe1@gmail.com

South Kilworth's

Community Café
MARCH 14

Village Hall 11 - 1pm

Everyone welcome!

Come along and meet friends old and new – includes a weaving demonstration!



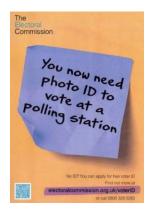
Survey

A survey is being held in partnership with the Citizens Advice Rural Issues Group.

Research commissioned by the RSN last year shows rural areas are suffering more acutely from the rise in the cost of living compared to urban areas.

The purpose of the survey is to understand more about rural household budgets at, what is, a very difficult time for many. Results from the survey will help us to engage more effectively with Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers. See the SK Website for more details. The survey can be found at the following link:

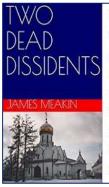
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural Households Cost-of-Living



Village Summer Safari Supper SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2023

Enjoy starters, mains and pudding - each course at a different home, meeting different people. More details and the form in the next SK News.

Any questions in the meantime please contact Vicky 07708382165



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.



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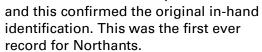
A Review of the Birding Year at Stanford Reservoir - 2022

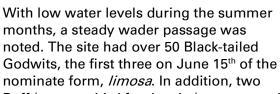


2022 was another excellent year for birding at the reservoir. The overall total number of species recorded was 147 which is in line with our 10-year average of 146 species. Interestingly, if you look back to the previous 10 years the average was 126. The site is benefiting from a greater frequency of visits, better information sharing and a significant increase in activity by the ringing group. The ringing group had a record year with 13,393 new birds ringed, a phenomenal total for an inland location. This included record numbers of various species, more detail can be found in the ringing group report here

http://stanfordrg.org.uk/srgstats/2022-annrep.pdf

The overall site list moved to 254 species with the addition of two new species, one was expected and the other not so. Cattle Egret was the first new bird, on August 28th. With the increase in numbers in the UK and recent breeding in Northamptonshire, this was always a bird that was going to visit Stanford at some point. The second new species came only two weeks later in the form of a Blyth's Reed Warbler. Members of the ringing group were out early on September 8th and it was an extremely busy first net round with the Blyth's being one of the first birds to be processed. Through the diligent checking of each warbler, the team instantly knew they were dealing with something different to the regular Reed Warblers that breed at and migrate through the site. After careful analysis it was identified as a Blyth's Reed and a dislodged feather was also sent to Aberdeen University for DNA testing







Ruff (a scarce bird for the site) were recorded, one of which had a colour flag that was successfully read. The bird was ringed in Norway on August 28th and was present at Stanford on September 3rd and 4th. Other waders during the year included Little Ringed and Ringed Plover, Greenshank, Redshank (with 13 recorded on a single day), Dunlin, Jack Snipe, Common and Green Sandpiper, Snipe, Curlew and Whimbrel. Low water levels also meant we were able to confirm the first-ever breeding of Water Rail at the site.

In addition to the Cattle Egret mentioned earlier, Little and Great Egret were recorded regularly, along with the first ever colour ringed Great Egret for Leicestershire and Rutland on September 28th – red ring 'ABU'; the bird was ringed in Somerset as a chick in May and had been seen in West Yorkshire and Lincolnshire before arriving at Stanford.

There were record numbers of warblers ringed in 2022 (see the main report for the detail). An exceptional three Yellow Browed Warblers were recorded at the site, two were ringed and one found on the Leicestershire side of the reservoir on October 10th. Only one Tree Pipit was recorded during 2022 on August 7th. The gull roost was actively watched resulting in an amazing 13 Mediterranean Gulls over the year. Caspian Gull was also recorded regularly over the winter months. As always, we had a steady passage of terns with Common, Black and Arctic all recorded. One exceptional record of the latter species was a first-summer bird found on June 13th. It is very unusual to have a bird of this age at this time of the year.

Rarer wildfowl were hard to come by although there were some highlights. We had an excellent year for Garganey with three different individuals being seen. The first of these was a drake found on April 19th along

with a Mandarin. Six White-fronted Geese, Pink-footed Goose, eight Whooper Swans, several Red-crested Pochard and exceptional numbers of Little Grebe were the other main highlights.

Other notable sightings for 2022 were a singing Quail found on July 7th (the first since 2014), Rock Pipit found on October 1st (the first since 2020), Corn Bunting on August 12th (the first since 2016) and a Mealy Redpoll on December 22nd.

It was another good year for Marsh Harrier and Osprey with multiple sightings over the year. Other notable birds of prey included Hobby and two Merlin. We can't finish this summary of the year off without mentioning White-tailed Eagle. We had notification from Tim



Mackrill at the Isle of Wight re-introduction project that a satellite tagged bird, G818 had passed over the reservoir on March 28th. Unfortunately, it was not seen by any birders.

Thankfully a second bird, G819 passed over the reservoir on April 16th and was picked as it drifted over the dam being mobbed by Corvids, Red Kites and Buzzards. Thankfully, it settled in a small area of trees for a while enabling several local birders to connect with this majestic bird. It then roosted overnight and was seen again on several occasions on the Northants side of the reservoir the following day before eventually heading south west. Whilst an introduced bird and therefore not countable on the main list, this still represented one of the birding highlights of the year for those that saw it. Hopefully, 2023 will deliver another.

Chris Hubbard c.hubbard2@icloud.com







Pub Quiz: What do get when you combine a Melbourne lass and a Leicestershire lad?

Answer: You can find that out when you go to the village pub from Thursday 2nd March 2023 onwards for that desperately needed beverage!

We didn't wait though, and when we visited a week or so ago, we found a hive of activity at the White Hart. In between the wires, paint and decorating activity, we managed to get this couple to give us some idea of what inspired them to take over the pub.

Lisa Quinn from Melbourne, Australia, met her partner, Dave Thorndyke, Leicestershire born, while he was touring in Australia. They fell for each other and their subsequent adventures

had them living and working in Australia and New Zealand, eventually leading to their relocation to the UK.

While the UK village pub may be a somewhat familiar institution to Dave, it came as a big surprise that running an English pub and being a pub owner was something that Lisa had dreamed of since she was a child! Although they have had experience in hospitality and owned and managed carnival rides, this is the first time that Lisa and Dave have owned a pub and is a dream come true for them. It's great that the dream includes South Kilworth.

Their immediate plans for the pub are to get it up and running and get to know the locals. Dave and Lisa have some new ideas about pub entertainment – you will see more TV screens in the pub. Ask them about the quiz game Quizzame. So, welcome Lisa and Dave. Good luck with your new venture!



Lisa and Dave

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Koil: Amanda, Sarah (and now Mark)



We must admit that coming from a sunny climate where cooling was more important, we didn't have a clue about heating homes when we moved to South Kilworth. Having a big oil tank in the garden was a new experience and we were equally ignorant about how to fill it. Our helpful neighbour, Michael, suggested we contact Amanda and Sarah from KOIL for the supply. 'What's in it for them?', we wondered (and asked). 'Nothing' was the reply and as we found out over the past 7 years, it is simply a wonderful example of altruism and community spirit in action.

Recently when we heard that Amanda had decided to 'bow out' and read Sarah's glowing tribute on the SK Village website, we also wanted to say a few good words. Amanda managed to

sidestep most of this, praising Sarah even more effusively and side-tracking one of the writers (Toni) in a longer conversation about their joint love of the study of Ancestry. We did manage to ask Amanda how KOIL started.

Turns out it began with a conversation between Amanda Edge and Sarah Langeveld at the top of the driveway about oil prices and supply. They then went to see Watsons who were very open to helping and when Amanda asked what they could do to get cheaper prices, they were challenged to 'bring a tanker' - that's 11000 litres for those who don't want to Google it. Their first order was 18,000 litres! And so, the partnership was born.



Initially, they advertised in the SK News, the Welford Bugle and a few other local places. But since then, KOIL has grown through word of mouth. "People working together, for each other." Ironically this was also their biggest hurdle as many (like us) found it hard to believe that they were doing this on a volunteer basis and were making no money out of it. But they prevailed.

The key is that they benchmarked their quoted oil prices against the largest competitor and then strove to beat it. When the market changed, they moved oil supplier. In all but one case (where there were a few pence difference) they have managed to get the cheapest price for the KOIL group. A critical requirement is also good customer service from the oil providers, as this keeps the KOIL group members happy and it reduced the workload of Amanda and Sarah. With Amanda's withdrawal, Sarah has roped in her husband, Mark, to help. Well done to Amanda and Sarah for starting something so good and here's to Mark continuing their good work. Please email admin@koil-group.com if you would like a quote.

Toni and Rob Snell

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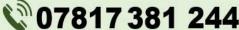
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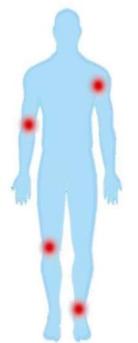


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Wednesday 1st March

7.30 p.m.	Shawell	Compline	Local Team	
	Sunday 5	5th March 2 nd of Lent	PURPLE	
Lectionary Page:97 Genesis 12. 1 – 4a Romans 4. 1 – 5, 13 – 17 John 3. 1 - 17				
9.30a.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	

Sunday 12th March 3rd of Lent

PURPLE

Lectionary Page: 101 Exodus 17. 1 – 7 Romans 5. 1 – 11 John 4. 5 - 42

9.30 a.m. Swinford		Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
		Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. T. Colling
		All Age Service	Beth Rogers
11.00 a.m.	Misterton	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. T. Colling

Sunday 19th March Mothering Sunday PURPLE

Lectionary Page: 112 Exodus 2. 1 – 10 2. Corinthians 1. 3 – 7 Luke 2. 33 - 35

10.30 a.m.	North Kilworth	Mothering Sunday Service	Sharon March
11.00 a.m.	Peatling Parva	Mothering Sunday Service & Baptism	Rev. A. Micklethwaite
4.00 p.m.	Shawell	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. Canon B. Davis

Sunday 26th March 5th of Lent PURPLE

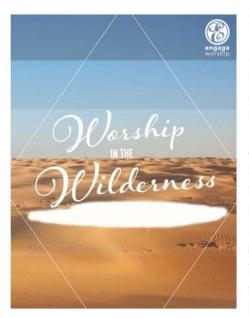
Lectionary Page:117 Ezekiel 37. 1 – 14 Romans 8. 6 – 11 John 11. 1 - 45

9.30 a.m. Catthorpe		Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Canon B. Davis	
		Holy Communion (CW)	union (CW) Rev. Canon D. Jennings	
		Holy Communion (CW)	Rev. D. Hebblewhite	

Sunday 2nd April PALM SUNDAY RED

Lectionary Page: 124 Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a Philippians 2. 5 - 11 Matthew 27.11 - 54

9.30 a.m.	Stanford on Avon	Palm Sunday Service	Rev. D. Hebblewhite
10.30 a.m.	Peatling Parva Hall	Meeting for Palm Parade	Local Team
11.00 a.m.	Peatling Parva	Palm Sunday Service	Local Team
11.00 a.m. Gilmorton		Palm Sunday Service	Rev. A. Micklethwaite



Lent Course 2023 - Worship in the Wilderness

In Lent, Jesus invites us to journey with him through the 'wilderness' in 40 days of testing, prayer, reflection, and transformation. Wilderness in scripture is a rich metaphor. In the life of each follower of Jesus 'wilderness' can find expression in many of the experiences of life.

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Village Litter Pick

A village litter pick, organised by Sophie Davies, took place on Tuesday 21st February 2023. Thank you to the 7 villagers who helped and who collected 2 to 3 bags of litter each!

Sophie is now part of the South Leicester Litter Wombles, a group of selfmotivated volunteers who help remove litter where they find it.







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South Kilworth School

A new community initiative takes place every Tuesday during Term time. A not-for-profit music group called Castanet Kids runs a babies and toddlers group in our Woodland Hall. We don't charge them for the Hall hire, which means they can keep the costs down for families. We'd love to see more families coming along to join in the fun.

Alongside this, we'd love to make some new connections with other local groups, so if there is a local group that would like to pass their skills and knowledge onto the next generation (we visited the Bowls Club last summer and had a fab time and welcomed a local flintknapper in to run a workshop) or a group that would like to meet,

using our school facilities as their base, we'd love to hear from them.

Please email:

office@ski.learnat.uk or call 01858 575 307 to talk to the Head.

We also recently had a whole school visit from Lutterworth Fire and Rescue Service. They

gave a great recap on fire safety during assembly, before every class was invited to visit the engine, learn about the equipment used and then experience the power of the hoses as they were allowed to spray water across the playing field. The children had a brilliant morning, learned loads and we think the fire service may have a few new recruits!

Georgie Willock







KORKS Plan 2023



March	Helping with the lambs	Caroline
March /	Pub Walk & Games	Vic & Claire
April		
April / May	What's your colour?	Sophie
May	Let's Dance!	Angela
June	Throwing & Shooting!	Derryn & Tessa
July	History of our village	Kate
Aug / Sept	Wild swimming!	Debby
Sept	Let's get Cooking	Tina
Oct	Let's get Creative	Sandra & Toni
Oct / Nov	A trip to the Theatre	Angela
Nov / Dec	Wreath Making in the	Caroline
Barn		

All ladies are welcome to join. 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 07590254043 to be added.

A fantastic Kasino Night was enjoyed in January. Thanks Derryn and Tessa for organising.









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Gardening tips for March and April from the Sunday Gardener

- The early part of March is the last chance to prune Group 2 & 3 Clematis and Wisteria, which is so important to keep the plants flowering. Not quite sure how to do this? Easy step by step videos about pruning Clematis and Wisteria
 - https://www.youtube.com/c/TheTsundaygardener
- 2. Sow hardy seeds under a cloche, lean to or in the greenhouse such as Sweet Peas, Cosmos, Amaranthus (love lies bleeding,) and Broad Beans, delay sowing anything tender until late April/May.
- 3. In April, you can buy bedding plants, but only if you have somewhere warm to grow them on. All bedding plants (except sweet peas,) are tender and need to be planted out after frost has gone.
- **4.** Early Potatoes can be planted in late March and April. Although potatoes are not hardy the soil protects the tubers and the haulms (top green growth,) should take a few weeks to come through and if frost does strike can be protected by a fleece.
- 5. Wildflowers make a bee friendly colourful display and you can start sowing in March /April. Ideal for most gardens is a mini meadow. All you need is a weed free patch of well-prepared soil, raked, watered, and seeded. You can also use pre seeded matting to make the job easier more advise on the website www.sundaygardener.cu.uk

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South Kilworth Multi Use Games Arena (MUGA)

The Parish Council has chosen a preferred supplier for the new multi-use-games-arena to be built at the Village Hall.

An outline of their proposals is shown here and there will be a chance for everyone to look at the plans and ask questions at the village hall on **Saturday morning 11th March**. If you or your family are likely to want to use the new MUGA, please come along between **10.30am and 12.00**. Kevin Coyne





Draft MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SOUTH KILWORTH Draft

Held on Tuesday, 14ththFebruary 2023, 7.40p.m. Minutes Ref: 825/0223

Prior to the delayed start to the meeting, Ian Clowes, LCC Community Recovery Worker for Harborough Rural Communities, addressed the councillors present at the time, to introduce himself and the new service. The service aims at providing a signposting function to raise awareness of help and support available for those in need of support, e.g. healthcare, wellbeing etc.

1.0 Confirm Members Present Cllr P Alcock – (PA) Chairman Cllr K Coyne (KC) - Vice Chairman Cllr T Wood (TW) Mrs K Brown (KB) - Clerk

- 2.0 To Receive Any Apologies: Cllrs E Derrick and G Byrne Accepted
- 3.0 Disclosure of any Member's Interest/s: None
- 4.0 To Confirm Other Attendees: One

5.0 To Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting of Council, held on 10th January '23

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

6.0 Public Participation / Correspondence

6.1 Resident's complaint re extreme brightness of the recently re-positioned street light on Welford Road: The PC agreed to accept LCC's proposal to adjust the tilt of the light, thus diverting the main beam away from the affected property, at a cost of £90. Action: KC to contact LCC, KB to update the resident.

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 New Applications:

The following three items not included on the agenda due to timing issues.

22/01904/FUL, The Old Rectory, Rugby Road, Erection of low garden walls (part retrospective) and installation of patio and paving. PC agreed no comment.

22/01949/PCD, The Old Rectory, Rugby Road, Discharge of Condition 4 of 22/01388/FUL and 22/01389/LBC. PC agreed no comment.

23/00219/LBC, THE Old Rectory, Rugby Road, Removal of existing roof lights and reinstatement of three front dormer windows. PC agreed no comment.

Planning Decisions:

22/02007/FUL, South Lodge, Walcote Road. Approved 07/11/22 22/02100/FUL, Church Cottage, Walcote Road. Refused 02/02/23

Planning Application - Appeal against Decision:

22/01299/FUL, South Lodge, Conversion of redundant agricultural building to a dwelling, refused 31/08/22.

8.0 Accounts / Finance Matters

8.1 The PC approved the following payments:

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	Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
	318.24	60.16	378.40	Clerk's expenses, including the purchase of a new laptop.

- 8.2 KB reported on the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 31/01/23, presenting corresponding bank reconciliation and bank statements. PC approved and chairman signed documents.
- 8.3 PC agreed for KB to order a Microsoft 365 subscription at an annual cost of £59.99 per annum. Resolved.

9.0 Highways and Footpaths

- 9.1 Re the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) to be installed in the village: KB reported that LCC were planning to install the support posts during the week commencing Mon 20th February'23. PC and KC signed the required structures licence forms. Action: KB to return the signed papers to LCC and to contact the PC's insurance company to arrange cover for the new installation.
- 9.2 Broken gate on Grange Gardens, ref LCC 893349: KB confirmed that photographs of the damage had been sent to LCC and that they were in the process of obtaining quotes for the repair. Pending.
- 9.3 (Re agenda item 10.2)

PA has contacted the landowner regarding the damaged stile at the entrance to the old railway track of Welford road. Whilst the landowner was positive about helping with the required repair he did point out that there was no right of way down the track anymore (the permissive access has lapsed) and that he was getting increasingly frustrated by the amount of dog mess being left on the track. He asked that in return for helping with the repair if the PC could provide notices reminding dog walkers to clear up any mess. As this track is outside the PC boundary and in fact the county boundary, this will require the cooperation of Welford PC. KC agreed to speak with the Chair of Welford PC on this matter.

PA has contacted the landowner regarding the damaged bridge over the stream on the footpath off Walcote Road opposite the butchers. It has been confirmed that LCC installed the bridge. KB will contact LCC to progress a repair to the rotten section of the bridge.

10.0 Grounds and General Outside Maintenance

- 10.1 Re the clearing of ice and snow in areas not included in the LCC Highways responsibility: KB reported the advice given by LRALC, confirming that the PC was not responsible for clearing these areas Resolved.
- 10.2 PC agreed to renew the LCC Service Level Agreement re Urban Grass Cutting for the next three years, 2023-2025, receiving an annual re-imbursement of £637.30 against the HDC charges. Resolved.
- 10.3 Grass Cutting services provided by HDC: PC agreed that email notification of the grass cutting schedule and prices was sufficient confirmation of the agreement. Resolved.
- 10.4 Retention of village notice board: KB reported that, as LRALC confirmed, the PC is legally required to post notices of all PC meetings to be held, on the noticeboard and therefore, the board needs to be retained for the use of the PC. However, it was agreed that a section of the board could be made available to parishioners for the posting of notices of benefit to the village, that they may wish to share. Resolved.

11.0 Recreation

- 11.1 Regular Play Area Safety Inspections: TW reported that he had received a quote of £1982, to carry out the required maintenance for the play area. Action: PA to contact CIC regarding the possibility of applying for funding to cover these costs.
- 11.2 Provision of children's summer holiday club for 2023: KB reported that, following the National Lottery's closure of last year's grant, the PC would be eligible to make a second application for the provision of a summer club in the summer of 2023. The PC agreed to submit an application. Action KB to prepare and submit to NL, and to contact last year's provider with regard to potential dates etc for this summer.

12.0 S106 and CIC Funding

- 12.1 Community feedback re the spending of these funds: Item pending until the PC have an outcome regarding the MUGA proposal.
- 12.2 PA confirmed that PC re-imbursement of £275 regarding VH room hire costs incurred for the youth club sessions, would be considered at the CIC meeting to be held on Wednesday, 15th February'23.

13.0 South Kilworth News

13.1 No update.

14.0 Proposed MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

14.1 PC unanimously voted to select Axo Leisure Ltd as the preferred bidder to build the MUGA as per their quote of £78k, before vat, also excluding the provision of lighting – to be considered later. TW reported that he had arranged a meeting with Axol to be held the following week.

PC agreed to arrange an informal public meeting at the village hall, to give residents the opportunity to offer any feedback that they may have. Action: TW to contact all unsuccessful bidders with the PC's decision and to check with the VH regarding availability in the hall, for the public meeting. The date and time of this meeting will be published on the website.

15.0 King Charles III Coronation – 6th May'23

Celebration arrangements still under consideration. Pending.

16.0 Any Other Business

- PA informed the council that Vattenfall Windfarm had proposed holding a family fun day in South Kilworth village hall to provide a presentation for all villages included in the Eight Parishes community, as a celebration of the tenth anniversary (delayed due to Covid) of the installation of the windfarm. It was suggested that HCYC could give a bit of an overview of the benefits that the young people of SK enjoy, as a result of the CIC funding, provided by Vattenfall. Action: KB to contact HCYC to request that they take part.
- 16.2 KC gave apologies regarding not being able to attend the PC meeting in March'23.

17.0 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 14thMarch'23, 7.15 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.10 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.

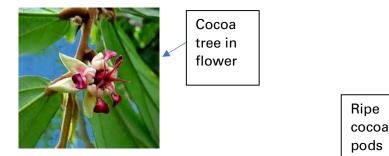
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