

South Kilworth News

July 2025



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 South Kilworth
Village Website

South Kilworth Directory

Name	Contact details	Description
Allotment Committee	Les Lucas 07712296376	For the green-fingered aspirants
Bowls Club	Gerry Byrne 01858 575080 gerrypatrickbyrne@gmail.com keithrickhuss@gmail.com	New or potential members are welcome to come along on Wednesdays, at 3 pm, for a rollup, information or advice.
Community Café	Tina Morley 07786496041	Community café usually held 2 nd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall, 11am-1pm. See posters around 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
FOSKS PTA	FOSKS@ski.learnat.uk	Friends of South Kilworth School, Parent Teacher Association.
Kid's football	Brian Robbins 07795105591	On the village hall playing fields
Kilworth Help group WhatsApp	To be added, WhatsApp administrators Kate 07990504734 or Suzanne 07889449180	Set up to help people during Covid, but is now used for general enquiries (not advertising). Covers North and South Kilworth.
Kilworth Village's Facebook pages	1. The Kilworth villages and 2. North and South Kilworth village.	To join the groups, you need to have a Facebook account and search for the groups to request to join.
KOIL	Mark and Sarah: admin@koil-group.com	Group ordering of Oil
Korks (ladies only)	Contact Claire Hubbard on 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	
N. Kilworth Sparrows Women's Netball team	Contact: nksparrows@gmail.com, or Emily Conlon 07449968444	Combining North and South Kilworth residents. facebook.com/NKSparrows
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	Pete Moore 07775795761	Alerts regarding security issues in the village are posted with a link to the Community Police. Contact Pete to be added.
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	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, photos & 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/avonswif.tbenefice	Administrator: Karen Morgan: 01858 882032 PCC Secretary: Joanna.wilson17@btinternet.com & 01455 558 372 Church Warden: James Perowne 07810 886030
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	Send an email to become a member of this list. It is a postbox that doesn't reply! If you send something for circulation, please put contact details in the email. Email addresses are never shared and cannot be used for commercial purposes.
Village Hall Committee	Secretary: Tina.morley@me.com 07786496041	Bookings: colinjerrick@btinternet.com 07711054622
Women's Institute	Elaine: ederrick@btinternet.com	3 rd Thursday of the month at Belgrave village hall, N. Kilworth LE17 6EZ at 7.30 p.m. Visitors and new members welcome.
Yoga	Jessie McQuillan: 07860937892	Tuesdays, ladies 6 pm-7:30 pm in the Village Hall. All abilities and those new to yoga are welcome.
Youth Club (SKY) (8-16yrs)	Ruth Cross - Youth Projects Coordinator ruth@hcyc.org.uk 07921 847347; Avril Da Silva - Play & Youth Leader 07933899700.	SK Youth Club meets in the village hall every Wednesday @ 6:45 pm. (12yrs+@7:45) Admission is free.

From the Editorial Team

The next edition will be in **September 2025**, and the deadline for the submission of news and articles is **18 Aug 2025**. 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.

South Kilworth Snippets

South Kilworth's NEXT Community CAFÉS

July 8TH

with exhibition of the Art Group

August 12TH & Sept 9th

**from 11h00 -13h00,
Village Hall**



Everyone very welcome!

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Save the date: Friday 26th

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Ukulele Band**



Church services at St. Nicholas' South Kilworth

***Sunday 27th July
8.30am***

Holy Communion

***Sunday 24th August
8.30am***

Holy Communion

Women's Institute



Guest Speakers:

21 August: **Markus Hunt** - *Talk & tour of Buckwell Lodge Farm: Organic and automated Dairy farm at Walcote.*

18 Sept: **John Aldridge OBE, DL**, former Chairman and Managing Director of the Leicester Mercury Media Group - *A funny thing happened to me on my way to retirement.*

North Kilworth Village Hall 7:30pm. Visitors welcome.

A Life Anchored in the Sea:

The Extraordinary Naval Journey of Admiral Sir James Perowne, Part 2



HMS Superb

Following on from the last edition of the SK News, we continue this account.

James regards the two years he had in command of the submarine, the HMS Superb, from August 1981 to August 1983, as the highlight of his career.



During this time, he led 4 Barents Sea patrols and one North Atlantic patrol, and was at sea for more than 70% of the time while in command. His experiences would be better described by Tom Clancy, involving, as they did, shadowing a Russian missile-firing Oscar-class submarine (the Kursk that caught fire and sank with all hands in August 2000 was one of that class), detecting a Papa submarine (a one-off

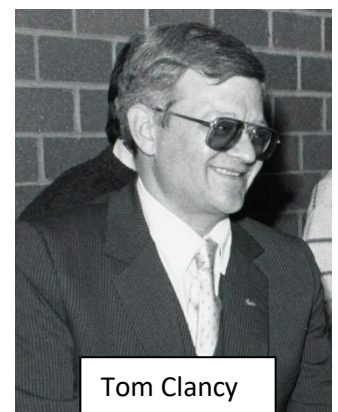
design) and then a noisy Charlie-class submarine. James deals in such a matter-of-fact and fascinating way, with both the stealth of the pursuit and the science and role of submarines. These rewarding years were recognised in the 1984 New Year's Honours List when he was awarded an OBE.

James's next appointment was to Washington, DC, USA, as Staff Officer Submarines and the Command of the British Naval Staff as part of the British Embassy staff. The job entailed informing the UK of any US Navy advances in equipment or strategy, formulating programmes for visiting the Ministry of Defence or Royal Naval Staff officers and arranging ship and submarine visits to the USA. For example, on a trip to Hawaii, James called on the US Commander of the Submarine Force Pacific and cheekily managed to arrange that the submarine HMS Swiftsure could take part in a big US fleet-wide Pacific exercise in 1986. It was a great success.

This assignment wasn't all work, though. Happily for the two and a quarter years that he was there, James was able to take his family on more holidays than they had ever had before. A poignant experience included watching the 4th launch of the space shuttle, Challenger, from a prime spot. It sadly blew up on the 7th launch, killing all on board.

There was another highlight for us (well, for Rob, actually) during James' assignment.

James was in his office when the phone rang. The caller identified himself as Tom Clancy! He had just written his book, *Hunt for Red October*, and wanted to get hold of an HMS Spartan T-shirt. He had been turned down by a ship's rating from Spartan on an offer of a book for a T-shirt exchange (can you believe it!) and was hoping James could help. And help he did! Besides arranging the T-shirt, James arranged a meeting between Clancy and Royal Navy Commander Neil Robertson, as well as a meeting with the head of the submarine staff at the Pentagon, Vice Admiral Thunman. It gets better.



Tom Clancy



HMS Brazen

Clancy had been writing his next book, *Red Storm Rising*. In it, he had written about a Royal Navy Leander Class frigate. James told Tom, "You can't write about that. It's old and going to be out of service soon. Instead, use the Type 22 towed array frigate." Clancy had never been on one, but James arranged (with Captain Toby Frere) for Tom to visit the Type 22, HMS Brazen, which by a happy coincidence was in Baltimore. The day after Tom's visit, James' office phone rang, and it was Tom again.

"You never told me... that Prince Andrew is an officer on board!" Prince Andrew was the young helicopter pilot on Brazen, and he met with Tom after his tour. After that, James and Tom became good friends. James also introduced Tom to the submariner, Doug Littlejohns. It is no coincidence that the two British ship captains in Red Storm Rising are called James Little and Doug Perrin!

James and his family returned to his UK family home in Cornwall in February 1986. James had been promoted to Captain and sent temporarily to Flag Office, Portsmouth, to organise the presentation of the Queen's Colours to the Portsmouth Command by Her Majesty. Everything turned out to be perfect on the day, except the weather. Graciously, the Queen even inspected the parade in a mother of all storms, armed with a see-through umbrella. Later that year, James was appointed to take command of the frigate HMS Boxer, first attending a three-month commanding officer designate course at HMS Dryad in Portsmouth.

Initially nervous at commanding this quite large ship with its more sophisticated Command and Control Systems, James joined the Boxer at Gibraltar. The next few years were very busy, with some notable events being the participation in NATO exercises in the Southern Baltic, sailing through the violent extratropical cyclone called the Great Storm of October 1987, and being part of the Armilla patrol protecting British flag ships in the Persian Gulf from attack by the Iranians during the Iran Iraq war. While James' time on the Boxer ended successfully at the end of 1988, things at home were not the happiest, and he split from Sue, his wife, just before Christmas.



James' next appointment was as Assistant Director of Naval Underwater Warfare at the Ministry of Defence. This entailed commenting on and driving warfare policy on all things to do with submarines, anti-submarines, mine clearance, torpedoes and the acoustic ocean surveillance system. The early period in the MoD was not an overall happy time for James. His looming divorce was much on his mind. He did buy and move into Willow Cottage on the Somerset Levels, and his Easter Holidays were more happily spent with his boys, making it a home (with his sister, Vicki and her family's help).

And there was another high point. A good friend, Ursula, married to a submarine engineer officer, Jonathan, invited James to dinner to meet someone. James arrived to find that Jonathan had been held back at the MoD, but soon after, the doorbell rang, the door opened, and the sounds of barking and scampering were followed by the appearance of a small black and white springer spaniel, called Muttley. Muttley's owner followed shortly behind. It was Nicola.

An enjoyable evening was followed the next day by Nicola joining James to see the show, Buddy, at short notice. 1990 saw James and Nicola become more and more of an item, despite challenges. In June 1991, James' application for divorce went to court.

James describes his profile in the MoD as being fairly low, and at a point, he felt a bit depressed, for example, because the Conservative Government was carrying out a behind closed doors defence review called 'Options for Change' with only a few people from the MoD involved and no one from the Directorate of Naval Warfare. The latter changed when James went on a fortuitous tirade to the First Sea Lord's assistant (who was serendipitously visiting the office). It paid off. James and 25 colleagues were later invited to a 'fireside chat' with the 1SL that turned out to be very fruitful. And just before he was due to depart the MoD at the end of August 1990, on 4th August, Iraq's Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. As the main players at the MoD were away, James became the de facto Director DNW, and the ensuing 4 weeks allowed him to display the operational thinking and planning that he loved. He left the MoD with a glowing report to take up his next appointment.

James took up his next role as Captain of the Second Submarine Squadron, based in Plymouth. This was classified as a command appointment, which meant having larger married quarters with (in this case) a leading cook, Steve, and a leading steward, Neil, to help with the house and entertaining and looking after guests. Steve was an excellent chef, but he was a bit uncouth, and he had a habit of leaving his false teeth in a glass of water on a draining board whenever he was cooking a big meal! Both became very much part of the family, though, and Neil, a lifelong friend. Nicola helped James move into the selected home, St Anne's House, a large mid-Victorian rectory with six bedrooms but limited bathrooms, a large sitting room and a dining room that could seat 16 around a table,



June, Roger, Tim, James, Nicola, Julian, Sam and Tommy

overlooking Jennycliff Bay. Nicola was still working near London and drove the 240 miles to Plymouth and back most weekends in a little Metro. Towards the end of 1991, Nicola's job finished, and she came to live full-time at St. Anne's. James, egged on by his boys (they all got on so well), proposed to Nicola during that Christmas leave, and they were married at a small wedding with friends and family on 15th February 1992. They had a short honeymoon in Gibraltar and then went on to Hong Kong for two weeks.

Robert and Toni Snell

...to be concluded in the next issue

Some photos sourced from Wikipedia

South Kilworth Sports Facilities

At long last, and after many delays, our new multi-use games area (MUGA) has been approved, and work will commence in a few weeks. The Parish Council have secured several grants to enable us to build a multi-use games area at the Village Hall Sports Field. The plan is for a circa 34m x 18m, floodlit fenced area to be created, with an all-weather tarmac surface. Within the area, it is proposed that there would be 2 recessed open goals, basketball/netball hoops, plus tennis court posts and net. Line markings are planned for netball, tennis, football and basketball with football 'shooting wall' targets and cricket stumps at either end.

The area to be developed is part of the overflow car park, together with a currently unused area of the playing field. The developers, Axo Ltd, plan to keep disturbance to a minimum, but of course, there will be some inconvenience whilst the builders are on site. A 'hotline' will be developed for issues to be quickly dealt with. Please email parishclerk@southkilworth.co.uk or txt/message 07885 766846, or talk to a Parish Councillor.





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I need your help, please. My name is Claudia O'Neill. I'm seventeen years old and have lived in South Kilworth since 2021. I have an opportunity to volunteer at a conservation project Project Trust in the Philippines in September 2026 for a year. Whilst there I would help with community projects in conservation and raise awareness with the local communities on geographical issues. I will also share my news with you.



I need to raise the funds myself to do this, and as part of my campaign, I have taken out this advert.

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The WI with Chris Hubbard at Stanford Reservoir

A very enjoyable evening was spent recently having a guided bird walk at Stanford Reservoir, which lies close to South Kilworth and is owned by STWA. The site extends to 140 acres.

Our guide Chris, who lives and breathes birds, has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the bird life at the reservoir. He was able to identify a very large number of different types of birds and bird song during our walk, including Kingfishers, various Warblers and Hobbys (a rare falcon). We were all given a sheet setting out 54 species which we might see and which proved competitive. Unfortunately, we did not get sight of the male osprey who had paid a visit to the site earlier in the day.

Over the years, 252 different species of birds have been identified, and Stanford is recognised as an extremely important location for migratory birds. Ringing is carried out at the site, and 10-14,000 birds are ringed annually, with many birds recorded as having returned to Stanford for several years. It was so interesting to hear of the immense distances flown by the birds year after year.

Then back to Mill Field Close for refreshments. All in all, a lovely, interesting evening and thank you to Toni Snell for organising it.
PS: There is a free app called Merlin which identifies bird song!

Elaine Derrick



**Merlin Bird ID by
Cornell Lab**
Cornell University

Update



KORKS PLAN 2025

Date	Event
TBC	Village Walk & Picnic - Caroline
Aug	Alfresco Cooking Evening
Sept	All Wrapped Up! - Zoe
Oct	Halloween- Fright Night! - Claire D
17th Nov	Christmas Wreath Making – Vicky, Caroline
10th Dec	Christmas get-together - Eli

Korks is a ladies' social group from the Village, and 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.

Thanks to Claire H for organising a trip to The Curve Theatre to see The Girl on the Train.

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Rubber Keys & Cassette Tapes: The Glory Days of Home Computing



Recently, on a trip to the southern Spanish city of Cadiz, wandering through the narrow streets, I happened across a shop with a curious window display. The shop was clearly a tech-retailer of some sort, phone chargers, cables, etc, but the windows were not only lined with modern stock, but a quite astounding selection of what today's *youth* would call 'retro-tech'.

The array of items, to me familiar and to the aforementioned youth, positively prehistoric, were home computers. Not PC's or Apple Macs but the proprietary, weird and wacky things that I (and I suspect many of you) owned back in the late 70s and early 80s when home computing suddenly became a thing.

Do you remember the days when these little boxes lived under the telly, loaded games from cassette tapes, and beeped and squealed like they were talking back to you?

If the words "ZX Spectrum" or "Commodore 64" spark a flicker of recognition, you're not alone — and you might be surprised to learn that those humble machines from the 1980s are now hot property.

Yes, those beige boxes, rubber-keyed wonders, and tape-deck contraptions are making a comeback.

Collectors and hobbyists are snapping them up, and in some cases paying hundreds — even thousands — for well-preserved examples. It turns out the home computers many of us grew up with are now prized artefacts of the digital age.

The Golden Age of Home Computing

The 1980s were a thrilling time for technology. Suddenly, ordinary households could own a computer. Not the slick laptops we have today, but chunky machines with 48k of memory, black-and-white displays, and a tendency to crash if you breathed too heavily near them.

The **Sinclair ZX Spectrum** was a favourite in the UK — cheap, cheerful, and equipped with a rubber keyboard that felt more like bubble wrap than modern tech.



The **Commodore 64**, by contrast, boasted impressive graphics and a sound chip that made it a hit with early game developers.

Then there was the **BBC Micro**, found in many schools thanks to a national push to teach computing skills.

These machines weren't just for gaming (although *Manic Miner*, *Jet Set Willy*, and *Elite* certainly left their mark). Many of us learned BASIC programming on

them with lines like:

```
10 PRINT "HELLO"  
20 GOTO 10
```

My own computing journey started with Atari, which stepped out of the realms of 'just doing games' to launch their computer range, the Atari 400 & 800 - and these were actually beige!

The 400 & 800 were distinguished by their keyboards, the 400 having a flat 'membrane' set of keys that were very hard to type on at any speed, and the 800, which had a proper typewriter. As the overprivileged youth that I was, I had the 800 - I even had the optional printer interface so I could connect it to a huge dot-matrix printer that made a noise like a saw every time you printed out your code.

My cousin, on the other hand, was a devoted ZX Spectrum guy. Remember, these were the days when compatibility wasn't a consideration. A program for a Spectrum wouldn't run on an Atari, or a Commodore or ANYTHING else. Unless you wanted to retype every line in BASIC and deal with the idiosyncrasies of the different BASIC interpreters.

Magazines a plenty were available with pages of code samples you could type in to get something to happen. I vividly remember one such program that had hundreds of lines of code and, if you got it right, would draw you a picture of Sir Clive Sinclair (inventor of the ZX81, ZX Spectrum... and oh the C5 battery tricycle nobody likes to talk about). It finished with the caption:

"I think, therefore I am, Rich"

Alas, Sir Clive's Midas touch didn't extend beyond the success of his ZX computers, but his impact on this fledgling technology cannot be overstated.

For me, this early home computing world led to a career in IT, via my second machine - a BBC Model B (told you I was privileged) and then eventually to an early IBM Personal Computer from which all PC's have now evolved right up to today's sleek marvels. I'm sure that if you had shown the 11-year-old me a MacBook Pro, I would have thought you had landed from Mars. But these early devices, now technological antiques, are suddenly becoming highly sought after.

But Why the Boom Now?

Nostalgia plays a big role. People who grew up with these machines now have the time, money, and interest to rediscover them. And with YouTube channels, online forums, and even modern software still being developed for these platforms, retro computing has become a thriving hobby. A quick Google search will lead you to content creators like "Adrian's Digital Basement" and "Techmoan", where devices like these are re-discovered, repaired and described to those less fortunate than ourselves to be around when they were new. There's also a real charm to the simplicity of it all — no updates, no internet, just you, a blinking cursor, and your imagination.

What Are They Worth?

If you've got an old computer gathering dust in the loft, it might be worth a second look. For example:

ZX Spectrum 48k in working condition: £100–£250

Commodore 64 boxed with accessories: £200–£400

BBC Micro Model B with disk drive: up to £500

Rare games in original packaging can go for even more.

Condition is, of course, everything, and collectors especially prize machines with their original manuals, boxes, and working power supplies.

A Shared Memory

Whether you were a bedroom coder, an early gamer, or simply puzzled over why your cassette took 15 minutes to load a game that promptly crashed, the early days of home computing hold a special place for many of us 'of a certain age'

So prevalent are these devices in our collective memory that new authors are using old computers as plot devices, such as Keith A Pearson (The '86 Fix & Beyond Broadhall) and pretty much anything by Adam Eccles, such is the affection with which they are held. If you've not heard of those two authors and you like a bit of 80's retro/sci-fi give them a Google, well worth a read – all of their books you can get on Amazon.

The C90 Cassette – Program Storage of Choice for the 80's home computer user (Unsplash)

And who knows — maybe somewhere in a South Kilworth attic there's a long-forgotten ZX Spectrum, Commodore 64, or even an Oric 1 waiting to shine again.

Pete Moore



Clive Sinclair
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Draft MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SOUTH KILWORTH
Held on Tuesday, 10th June 2025, 7.15p.m. Minutes Ref: 853/0625

1.0 Confirm Members Present

Cllr P Alcock (PA) – Chair
Cllr K Coyne (KC) – Vice Chair
Cllr G Byrne (GB)

Cllr T Wood (TW)
Parish Clerk – Mrs K Brown (KB)

2.0 To Receive Any Apologies Cllr TJ Wood – Approved and Accepted

3.0 Disclosure of any Member's Interests None

4.0 To Confirm Other Attendees One

5.0 To Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting of Council, held on 13TH May'25

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

6.1 GB reported a request received from a parishioner to redecorate the old pump on Walcote Road. It was then noted that the renovation had already been completed and therefore, as the PC had not agreed for the work to be carried out, they would be unable to accept the invoice presented. PA will report back to the contractor.

6.2 The attending parishioner reported that the memorial clock, situated in the church tower, was not always keeping correct time, due to a vegetation growth on the south facing side.

7.0 Planning Matters (including those notifications received too late for agenda inclusion)

7.1 New Application/s: 25/00709/FUL: erection of a front porch, installation of replacement dormer windows to the front elevation (retrospective) and installation of Juliet balcony to side elevation. PC agreed no comment.

7.2 Planning Decisions/Updates Reported:

25/00158/FUL - Approved 15th May'25

25/00285/FUL - Approved 15th May'25

8.0 Welford Solar Farm (planning application 2024/0649/MAF approved)

8.1 PA reported that unfortunately he had not yet had any success in his attempts to contact the WNC Head of Development Management, Simon Ellis, to arrange a discussion around the PC's previously emailed comments and recommendations regarding this project. Action: PA to pursue.

9.0 LRALC Correspondence / Updates received, of particular note.

The PC noted mention in LRALC's Round Robin, circulated on the 9th June'25, that the government has announced that it plans to legislate to support the permanent provision of remote attendance at council meetings.

10.0 Accounts / Finance Matters

10.1 The PC approved the following payments:

Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
235.00	47.00	282.00	Webflow CMS Hosting - Annual
4.25	0.00	4.25	Monthly Admin Charge (DD)
20,654.00	4,130.80	24,784.80	20% Deposit re MUGA build
14.24	2.85	17.09	Reimb - Printing Paper
303.50	0.00	303.50	Printing - SKN May'25 edition
852.49	0.00	852.49	*Insurance re 01/06/25-31/05/26
1,437.38	0.00	1,437.38	Payroll, Qtr Apr-June'25
441.04	0.00	441.04	PAYE / NI due on Qtrly payroll
937.40	0.00	937.40	V Hall Building Loan Repayment (DD)
24,879.30	4,180.65	29,059.95	

10.2 PC approved the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 31/05/25 along with corresponding bank reconciliation and bank statements. Documents duly signed.

11.0 Memorial Clock

11.1 Valuation and Insurance options for the Memorial Clock, being housed in the Church Tower: The PC agreed to accept Smith's of Derby's quote to carry out a full service on the clock and to assess a future ongoing maintenance contract at a cost of £650 plus vat. Action: KB to inform Smiths of this decision and also to seek advice on removing the vegetation from the clock face, as reported in item 6.2.

12.0 Annual Review of PC's Insurance Cover

12.1 KB reported that the PC's previous insurer, Gallaghers, had not been able to match Clear Council's quote of £871.13 p.a. and so, as agreed at the previous meeting had instructed Clear to activate the policy with them from the renewal date of 1st June'25. The cost being reduced to £852.49, following the PC's decision to accept the three-year fixed term (index linked).

13.0 Highways and Footpaths

13.1 LCC village lamppost numbering record: PA reported that he was continuing to compile a listing, including 'what3words' coding, to then consult with LCC for consolidation. Action: PA to complete listing.

13.2 Request for Traffic Weight Restriction Signage at the junction of Welford Road and North Road: PA reported that he was liaising with LCC and has asked for details as to how to go about having this area stipulated as weight restricted. Action: PA to pursue.

13.3 Reported Missing Reflector Posts on North Road, outside Oak Lodge: KB reported that LCC had instructed action to be taken on this issue. Action: KB to confirm that the repair will include all posts in the location.

13.4 North Road Bus Stop, hard standing request: The PC discussed this ongoing issue. GB reported that he had been informed by a resident that they were having to walk further into the village, to the Leys Crescent bus stop, as the lack of hard standing at their nearer stop made it an unsafe standing position. Action: PA to continue to discuss with LCC.

13.5 Potholes on North Road: KB confirmed that she had reported 4 potholes on North Road, opposite Woodstock House.

14.0 Grass Cutting and General Outdoor Matters and Maintenance

- 14.1 Refuse bins to be replaced with lidded bins as agreed by HDC Aug'24:** KB reported that she had contacted HDC several times to request an update on this issue, however, to date, had had no reply. Action: KB to continue to pursue.
KC commented that there currently were no bins on the playing field area and asked if the PC would consider having one installed.
Action: KB to enquire with HDC regarding options.
- 14.2 Overgrown hedge on North Road, corner of Leys Crescent:** KB reported that, as the hedge was not on LCC owned land, LCC had contacted the landowner and requested that it be cut back. Pending.
- 15.0 Children's Play Area**
- 15.1 Regular Play Area Safety Inspections:** No new issues noted.
- 15.2 Pending repairs re 2024 ROSPA Inspection Report:** TW reported that he had received a quote from Wicksteed to cover the remaining items (non-urgent) listed on the report, which stood at just under £2k. The PC agreed that, due to the high cost involved, as these outstanding repairs had been classed as non-urgent, it would be prudent to wait until this year's upcoming ROSPA report had been carried out and consider at that point. Resolved.
- 15.3 Play Area Risk Assessment:** This item to be deferred to the next meeting.
- 16.0 Playing Field**
- 16.1 Playing Field Risk Assessment:** This item to be deferred to the next meeting.
- 16.2 Dog Control Signage on playing field:** This item to be deferred to the next meeting.
- 16.3 Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding from Leics. FA (up to £3200):** PA continues to liaise with the FA. Pending.
- 16.4 NKFC Licence and Annual Charges:** The PC discussed the need for the FC to keep the PC informed of dates that they intended to use the field. Action: KC to discuss this issue with the club along with annual renewal charges for the use of the field.
- 17.0 Proposed MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)**
- 17.1 Current Planning Application with HDC:** Following the positive planning permission decision received from HDC, the PC agreed to issue a purchase order to the contractor for the building of the MUGA, along with floodlighting, and storage shed, as quoted below:
Main build - £80518 / Floodlights - £22750 / Storage Shed - £2040 (all figs exc vat)
Action: KB to prepare purchase order and submit.
- 17.2 Further funding re costs for floodlighting to be added to the facility:** KB reported that the HDC Comm Grant committee was scheduled to meet on 24th June'25 and that a decision regarding the PC's application for £6500 would be issued forthwith.
TW and PA hope to attend the committee meeting.
The PC agreed that, if the bid was unsuccessful, an application would be made to the CIC fund to cover. Pending.
- 18.0 Future Spending Options from the S106 and CIC Funding**
- 18.1** PA reported that the CIC committee had received an application from the VH for £5400 (vat not applicable), to cover the cost of a Storage Battery to be used in conjunction with the solar panels on the VH roof. PC agreed. Resolved.
- 19.0 Village Communication** No update
- 20.0 Neighbourhood Plan, Monitoring and Review**
- 20.1** PA reported that the author of the original plan hoped to be able to have this completed by the end of the summer.
- 21.0 Community Emergency / Resilience Plan**
- 21.1 The updating of SK's Community Emergency Plan dated June'14:** This item being deferred to the next meeting.
- 22.0 Proposed Summer Sports Club 2025**
- 22.1** Following the National Lottery's confirmation that they would not be able to fund a sports club for this summer; the PC discussed the provider's proposal to provide a 'parents pay' club for 2025.
The PC agreed that, if they (PC) contributed £800 per week, plus the cost of the Village Hall facilities, and the daily cost per child to the parent or carer was £10 or less, they would agree to go ahead with a club this summer. Action: KB to contact the provider with the above proposal, and if these conditions were met, to instruct and book a two-week sports club during the '25 summer holidays. It was noted that the club would only run if sufficient bookings were received. Pending.
- 22.2 Items to be Considered for the next Agenda.** None
- 23.0 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 8th July25, 7.15 p.m. Meeting ended at 9.20 pm
- 24.0 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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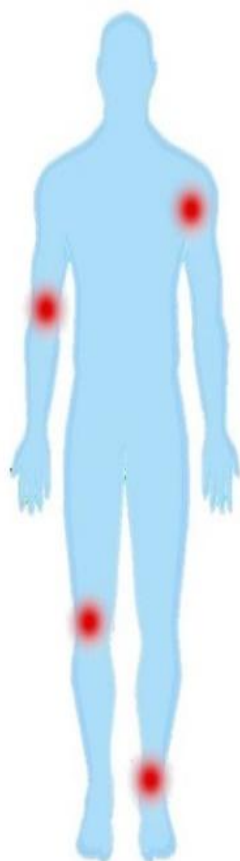


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Lutterworth Hygiene Bank

We believe it is not right that feeling clean should be considered a luxury or a privilege for anyone in our society.

The Lutterworth Hygiene Bank was started by two ladies in the South Kilworth village in early 2023 as an initiative to support Lutterworth and local villages.

We have public donation points for people to drop off hygiene products in Lutterworth and Rugby and we fundraise to buy the most needed (and less donated) products that people lack. We distribute our products via Community Partners - local charities supporting the most disadvantaged people locally - including Lutterworth Food Bank, Rugby Food Bank, Home Start South Leicestershire, Lutterworth Community Pantry. Our operations are based at Silverthorn Trading Estate in North Kilworth and 50% of our volunteers live in South Kilworth.

Due to the level of hygiene poverty in south Leicestershire, we were quickly approached after news got out that we existed, by charities across south Leicestershire - so we also now support Hinckley School, Hinckley Area Food Bank, Action Homeless, The Bridge Homelessness to Hope, Wigston Academy, Elliot Hall amongst others, and we have establish public donation points as far afield as Fosse Park, Rugby, Hinckley, Thurmaston and Stoney Stanton.

We wish to share with villagers how they might support us - especially as Tesco stores in Rugby are supporting us through the Stronger Starts Community fundraising initiative in store from early July to the end of September which offers an easy and free method of support. We will receive at least £500 from this initiative but could receive £1,500 if we get the most 'blue token' votes in store of the 3 charities featured - and we are keen to maximise the Tesco award to us to help us meet the rent on our portacabin in North Kilworth and thus ensure our sustainability - as well as to purchase more, much-needed hygiene products.

Tessa

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Hettie giving a ride to Gemma



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South Kilworth School - The Future of Bowls



Our children in Tall Oaks Class had a fabulous time at Bowls. The children have visited every couple of weeks this term, joining in on the Wednesday afternoon sessions, and they have absolutely loved it.

We hope to continue the tradition next year as it has been such fun and a real test of the children's skills and control! A huge thank you to all at the South Kilworth Bowls Club for making us so welcome.

Georgie Willock





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Casino Night Brings a Touch of Vegas to South Kilworth!

On Saturday, 21st June, South Kilworth swapped sleepy village charm for the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas, as locals gathered at the Village Hall to celebrate the height of midsummer in style.

The hall was transformed into a buzzing casino, complete with a roulette wheel, blackjack table, craps chute, and a range of classic card and dice games—all hosted by volunteers with ties to the village.

Armed with £3,000 in Monopoly money, guests tried their luck throughout the evening. Some amassed small fortunes, while others discovered that Lady Luck can be fickle.

The climax of the evening came in the form of a charity auction, where players used their winnings to bid on five mystery “boxes.” While early frontrunners splashed their virtual cash on top bids, they soon discovered the perils of gambling, with the first boxes revealing nothing more glamorous than a can of Heinz beans and a pack of toilet rolls. Later winners fared better, walking away with champagne, chocolates, and bottles of wine.



With temperatures high, guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue cooked by Mark Tottman, and refreshments flowed thanks to the bar team, Kate Pearson and Romy Grimwood. Most guests took advantage of the warm weather by dining outdoors, soaking in the summer atmosphere.

In total, the evening raised around £750 for the upkeep of the Village Hall. But more importantly, the event brought residents together—young and old—to share an evening of fun and community spirit.

For us, however, the real highlight of the evening was seeing the younger generation get so involved—it really helped create such a fantastic atmosphere.



The next Village Hall event will be a Quiz Night on Friday, 21st November. Make sure to book early to avoid disappointment — full details can be found on posters around the village.

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers whose time and effort made the Casino Night such a memorable and successful evening.

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