

South Kilworth News

September 2026



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 roll-up, information or advice.
Community Café	Tina Morley 07786496041	Community café is usually held 2 nd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall, 11 am-1 pm. 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
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 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.
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	Avon Swift office Lutterworth: 01455 558797 https://www.avonswift.co.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/avonswiftbenefice	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 different pubs each month.
Villages Community Lunch	Jacky: 07776905898	First Wednesday of each month, 12:00 – 2:00 pm The Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth – see poster in Snippets
Village Email circulation list	southkilworthlist@gmail.com	Send an email to become a member of this list. It is a post-box that doesn't reply! If you send something for circulation, please put your 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: colinjedderrick@btinternet.com 07711054622
Women's Institute	nkilworth.wi@lrfwi.org	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)	Kay Hillier, Youth Projects and Mentoring Project Coordinator 07704614154 kay.hillier@hcyc.org.uk	SKY Youth Club, all ages, meets in the village hall every Wednesday, 6:45-7:45 pm. Ages 11-16 only, 7:45 – 8:45 pm. Admission is free.

From the Editorial Team



The next edition will be in November 2026, and the deadline for the submission of news and articles is 16 October 2026. 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 may be uploaded to the South Kilworth website. Links to our advertisers can also be found on the South Kilworth website.

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South Kilworth CAFÉ

Free cake and a cuppa

Village Hall 11-1pm

September 8TH

Plus, a visit from HDC's SAFETY VAN



The community safety vehicle is funded jointly by the CSP and the Office of Police and Crime Commission (OPCC).

It will be at the Café to share useful information regarding community support and advice.

They aim to assist the residents with any Community Safety concerns, or issues relating to their local community.

October 13TH

plus a visit from the MAC VAN



Church Services at St. Nicholas' South Kilworth

All very welcome!

Sunday 27th September 8.30 am

Sunday 25th October 8.30 am

short services of Holy Communion

Due to internal decoration of the Church from around 7 Sept, the building may not be fully accessible for around 3 weeks, although the churchyard will continue to be open. Check notices at the church gates.

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Women's Institute

Invites New Members

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For more information contact Elaine Derrick 07985935498. Visitors welcome.

Upcoming events:

17 Sept – An-house Craft Evening.

15 Oct – Carol Manchester – A talk on taxidermy, providing a selection of her work

South Kilworth Snippets



— SOUTH KILWORTH —
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7.30pm Saturday 14 November (New date!) 

Kay Molyneaux Dolly Parton Tribute

Doors open 6:45pm

Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine – ALL proceeds to Rainbows and the Laura Centre.

Raffle

7.30pm Friday 11th December

Salvation Army Band

Tickets £10 to include refreshments

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07711 054622 For information and tickets.

Prizes for raffles greatly appreciated

Events are kindly sponsored by Hinckley & Rugby Building Society

5.00pm Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve Carols

South Kilworth Village Hall
FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026
7:30pm

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First Wednesday of each month 12:00 – 2:00 pm

The Belgrave Village Hall, North Kilworth

Upcoming Dates: 7 Oct, 4 Nov 2026

Enjoy a complimentary lunch together with residents from North & South Kilworth, Husbands Bosworth, Walton and Kimcote. Let Jacky know if you are attending or would like further information 07776905898. Funded by Harborough District Council Ward Improvement Grant. Facilitated by Amber Community Interest Company.

Focus on Pete Moore



We first met Pete and Ros as neighbours, when they bought the home of John and Erica Brooks – you may remember we covered John's story; he's a Premier Division referee.

We found them such interesting people. They kept very much to themselves initially, but when the SK News needed help, Pete volunteered without hesitation. You will have seen his regular technology column since. When the village Security WhatsApp group needed an administrator, he stepped in too, and with the recent spate of nefarious goings-on in both villages, that's become a rather useful link.

So many people now know Pete Moore as the computer guru, or simply the Village Technician: the man to call when the Wi-Fi won't reach the bedroom, the computer has downed tools, or the television has quietly become cleverer than its owner. A few have asked what he actually looks like – is he perhaps a version of Harold Finch from Person of Interest? (Watch the series if that means nothing to you.) So, we sat down with Pete and asked him to tell us his story. What follows is very much his own account.

Pete's interest in technology, he says, began with an electronic organ that mysteriously appeared in the family lounge when he

was about four. But the story starts earlier. He was born in March 1969 at St Francis Maternity Home in Leicester, then run by nuns; his mother liked to recall that the family doctor turned up wearing an enormous, Doctor Who-style scarf, several years before Tom Baker made the look famous.

Pete admits to a privileged start, helped along by his grandfather's success in Leicester's hosiery trade. His earliest home was a bungalow in Leicester Forest East, with a huge pear tree in the garden and the Leicester-to-Burton railway line running behind it, still busy with coal traffic. He can still hear the distinctive chunter of the Class 20 diesels – "choppers" to enthusiasts – and finds it faintly astonishing that many are still running, pushing 70 years old.



In 1976, when Pete was seven, the family – now with younger brother Richard, born in 1972 – moved to Kirby Muxloe, into a spacious house his parents would own for almost 50 years. It had apparently started life on the drawing board as a bungalow before someone decided to add an upstairs, leaving it with generous proportions and a slightly eccentric character that, Pete reckons, suits its occupants rather well.

Both parents came out of Leicester's once-mighty hosiery industry. His father managed knitwear factories, including – for reasons nobody has ever explained – one that also owned the Alpine soft drinks brand, the door-to-door lemonade-and-cherryade delivery firm many will remember from before supermarket shrink-wrap took over. His mother, a trained fibre chemist, later turned her hand to everything from producing jumpers on a manual knitting machine to hosting Tupperware parties; Pete mostly recalls the owl-patterned tank tops.

His parents eventually set up their own knitwear business, and Pete remembers visiting the factory after school to hear the machine operators – always "the knitters" – singing along to 'Come on Eileen', which dates the memory to around 1982.

Brother Richard was drawn to music early – photos from the early seventies show him barely able to stand but already gripping a record by the family radiogram. He went on to choir school in Hereford and became a music teacher and record producer.

Pete's own musical awakening, he says, was rather more sudden: one day an electronic organ simply appeared in the lounge. It turned out his mother – who had never previously mentioned being an accomplished pianist – had met a music shop owner through the school run, and had agreed to teach group organ lessons after hours in exchange for the loan of an instrument at home. The organ was periodically

swapped for something larger, and the family progressed from a Lowrey Neptune to a Saturn to, eventually, a vast horseshoe-console beast that dominated the room. Pete was smitten.

He never had a lesson and never learned to read music, but discovered he could hear almost anything and reproduce it by ear — for years playing everything in the key of C, before eventually branching out. His first taste of performing with other musicians came through yet another of his mother's talents: she ran her own dance band, and every Saturday Pete and his father would haul an enormous Lowrey organ and a valve-amplified Leslie speaker to clubs around Leicestershire. At soundchecks, the drummer and trumpeter would coax young Pete onto the organ stool. He loved it, he says, despite being terrified of an audience — betrayed every time by a right leg that jumped up and down entirely of its own accord.

School, by contrast, was not a triumph. Pete passed through four private schools before leaving at 16 — the last in Nottingham, which meant commuting there and back by train from the age of 14. "What the hell were my parents thinking?" he asks now. He had a reading age well ahead of his years but showed little sign that conventional education would bring out his best. Computers were the exception.

In 1982 the school's physics lab doubled as its computer room: one Research Machines computer and a handful of Dragon 32s, built in Port Talbot (hence the name). A previous school had owned a Commodore PET, though pupils were only ever allowed to look at it, never touch it, so an entire room of computers felt like a minor miracle. The school taught BASIC, and Pete immediately understood how it worked. He acquired his own Atari 800 — "the posh one with a proper keyboard" — before graduating to a BBC Micro with a floppy drive and, rather extravagantly, a Teletext adaptor for downloading software over Ceefax. It all sounds faintly prehistoric now.

Before computing became a career, though, there was the organ trade. At 15, Pete's mother "had a word" with the owner of Dean Organs on Narborough Road, and he got a Saturday job there. Directly across the road stood the much larger Intasound Organs, which would later matter a great deal.

After school, a government Youth Training Scheme placed him at IntaMusic, an offshoot of Intasound that served, he says, as "a resting place for instruments nobody else had managed to sell." For £25 a week he worked in the shop and was theoretically meant to attend college one day a week, though his attendance there was — his word — patchy.

The manager, an enormous, shaggy-permed man called Colin, had a sadistic streak that found its target in nervous teenage staff. On one memorably excruciating occasion, Colin set a portable keyboard up on the pavement with a microphone and amplifier and had the painfully shy Pete play to the almost entirely absent passing trade while shouting "Come and have a go on the keyboard!"

"No wonder I ended up in therapy," he says. Colin did teach him one genuinely useful trick, though: playing the organ backwards, melody in the left hand and chords in the right — torture at the time, invaluable ever since.



Pete eventually escaped to Intasound proper, which held the local Yamaha and Technics franchises, selling, demonstrating and even teaching organ — "What a charlatan," he says, given he still couldn't read a note. The shop was full of people. There was Ian, whose enthusiasm for personal hygiene was such that a delivery run near his house might be interrupted while he "nipped in for a shower." But none is more fondly remembered than Ron Fowler, an elderly Jamaican electronics engineer who worked in the upstairs workshop. When sampling keyboards arrived, the owner recorded himself shouting "Ronald!" and played it back Paul Hardcastle-style — "R-R-R-R-R-Ronald!" —

to which Ron would patiently reply, from upstairs, every single time: "Yes, sir!" There was also a memorable brush with fame at a Technics dealer convention in Bradford, where Georgie Fame ended up seated next to Pete at dinner. "He was fabulous," Pete remembers.

Intasound also brought Pete together with Ros Harris, who had taken a Saturday job there cleaning the display instruments before progressing — being rather better qualified musically than Pete — to teaching, and later running the shop's Yamaha Music School. For reasons that made perfect sense to his anxious

teenage brain, Pete kept the relationship secret from his parents for years, and at one low point even broke up with Ros on her 18th birthday, an act for which he still has no sympathy for his younger self. They reconciled, married in 1991, and have been together ever since.

Pete never went into the organ trade professionally. His parents pushed him towards programming, the one subject he'd genuinely excelled at, and he began a distance-learning COBOL course that work overtook before he finished it. Around 1987 he started in a Leicester warehouse unpacking Olivetti PCs, loading the operating system, and packing them up again — a job he hated, made worse by workplace treatment that, he notes dryly, "would be unlikely to pass unchallenged in a modern workplace." He nonetheless worked his way up to warehouse manager, "God knows how."

His real break came when sales manager Ray Jarrom took him under his wing and moved him into the company's computer systems team, travelling the country installing early multi-user business systems. "That was when I realised I actually had a career. I owe Ray for everything that followed; he was an absolute gentleman," Pete says. It was work that, looking back, drew on skills he hadn't realised were connected: selling organs had taught him to explain complicated things to nervous customers, programming had shown he could grasp technical logic, and a naturally sensitive childhood had made him alert to how people were reacting.



After following Ray to a company in Loughborough, Pete went out on his own, joining a communications firm at Minworth — directly opposite the famous, and famously fragrant, Minworth sewage works — where he properly learned computer networking, back when getting a PC to talk to a mainframe was an achievement in itself. A decade of contract work followed, for the likes of Reuters, Transco, Nortel, JPMorgan Chase and the Icelandic bank Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander, long since gone the way of Iceland's 2008 banking collapse. Gradually his focus shifted from installing individual boxes to designing how whole technology systems fit together.

In 2021 Pete and Ros arrived in South Kilworth, after viewing numerous cottages that never quite felt right. Then Ros walked into one particular house in the village and fell for it more or less on the spot; they made an offer about five minutes later.

After more than 35 years in technology, Pete began wondering how to put all that experience to use closer to home — hence the Village Technician. The idea, as he puts it, is simple: modern life assumes everyone knows how to set up a computer, extend a wireless network, move everything to a new phone, recover a locked account, or persuade a smart television to behave sensibly. In reality, technology can be bewildering and enormously frustrating, and Pete now helps neighbours with computers, broadband, Wi-Fi, phones, tablets, printers, smart TVs, online security and the ever-growing pile of connected gadgets in the modern home, as well as people working from home and small local businesses. Some jobs are complicated, he says; others just need time and patience. The technology gets him through the door, but meeting people is the part he genuinely enjoys. "I've met some amazing people," he says.

Looking back over everything he told us, there's a consistent thread: whether it was an electronic organ, a PC talking to a mainframe, a corporate network, or somebody's temperamental home sound system, Pete has always been fascinated by complicated things and how they fit together. Now, as the Village Technician, more than 35 years of that experience are on hand for his neighbours. And if your printer is still refusing to cooperate, Pete can at least reassure you: it's almost certainly nothing personal.

Rob and Toni Snell



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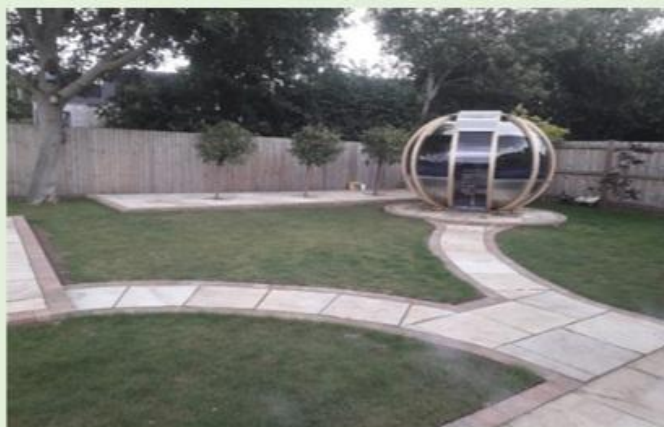


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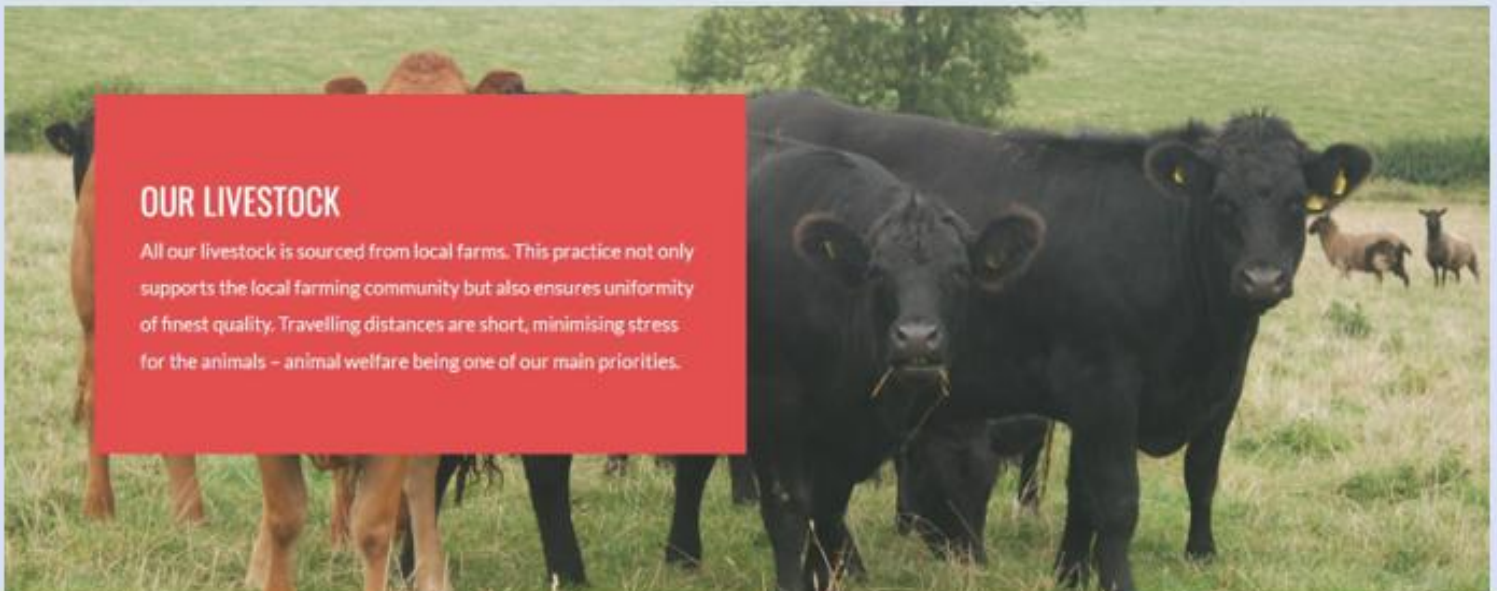
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FUTURE OF THE YOUTH CLUB - UPDATE



The South Kilworth Youth Club (SKY Club) has been running successfully for nearly ten years now, but because of some changes on the horizon, we wanted to share an update on plans for the future.

The SKY Club has been delivered in conjunction with Harborough District Children and Young People's Charity (HCYC) and jointly funded by them and through grant funding the Parish Council obtains from the Eight Parishes CIC. Unfortunately, we heard from HCYC that they have lost a significant part of the funding they rely on to support their Youth programs, and as a result would no longer be able to support the SKY Club.

As the SKY Club is so highly valued by all those who attend and support it, the Parish Council and the Village Hall have been working to try and secure both the funding and a delivery partner to keep the club going. We've made great progress, and we think we've secured the funding for at least the next twelve months, and we've found a partner we can work with to deliver the club in Young Leicestershire ([Putting Young People First - Young Leicestershire](#)).

Young Leicestershire have visited our Village Hall and met with some of the kids who attend Sky Club to make sure they understand how it works, and are now trying to recruit the qualified youth workers and identify any volunteers that they'll need to get the club up and running – that's the next big hurdle.

As soon as Young Leicestershire have a team in place, we'll then be able to share a further update on a potential start date for this next phase of Sky Club. Fingers crossed!

Phil Alcock, South Kilworth Parish Council
07825057363

Bob Morley, Village Hall Management Committee
07785397233

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KORKS – Ladies Social Group

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.

Date	Event	Organiser
Sept	Comedy Night	Claire H
Oct/Nov	Supper Club	Tina
7 Dec	Christmas Wreath Making with Vicky	Caroline
TBC	Archery (Buckwell Lodge Farm)	<i>Volunteer please!</i>

Canal Walk and Pub Grub

The Korks enjoyed a lovely canal walk in August, taking advantage of the wonderful weather. They ended the evening with excellent pub grub at the White Lion. Thanks Vicky for organizing a great event!



A Brush with Beauty - Korks Make-up Masterclass

Humans have been applying makeup for around 7,000 years – Mesopotamia and Egypt are the first cultures where women clearly wore it much as we would today. Egyptians lined their eyes with kohl, a smoky mix of crushed minerals and soot, partly for the gods and partly, sensibly, to block the Nile's sun glare. The earliest confirmed example is a 4,000-year-old lip pigment tube from ancient Iran, while Sumerian women were colouring their lips with crushed gemstones by around 3500 BCE. So, when the Korks ladies' social group gathered at the Village Hall in July, Cleopatra would surely have approved – even if our 'canvases' this time were a little closer to home.



Leading proceedings were the mother-daughter dream team of Vicky and Liv from their South Kilworth-based business, Bliss & Beauty. They arrived suitably armed with brushes and palettes. Their mission was to help everyone achieve their best self, and to demystify an industry that seems to reinvent itself faster than most of us can cope with. Many of us arrived as lipstick-and-mascara types, and left knowing there's a good deal more within reach – and far less mystery to it – than we'd realised.

Bravely, Elaine Derrick and Kate Pearson volunteered their faces as 'canvases' for the evening, sitting patiently as Vicky talked us step by step through the Bliss & Beauty range – which products go where, which brushes do what, and, crucially, which ones are actually worth the money. The rest of us sat making notes, taking tips and sketching makeup options.

Questions came thick and fast as the evening went on, and by the end, even the most makeup-shy among us had turned into keen students. Elaine and Kate, meanwhile, emerged looking beautiful.

All in all, it was an evening that proved makeup is less a mystery than a skill – one that, roughly seven millennia after the Egyptians got there first, can still be picked up with a little good guidance and a willingness to laugh at yourself along the way. A huge thank you to Vicky and Liv for a fun and informative evening, and for reminding the Korks ladies that a little confidence really can go a long way, and none of the techniques felt overwhelming or out of reach. Thanks, Sandra and Toni, for organising the fun event.



Emily Larsen



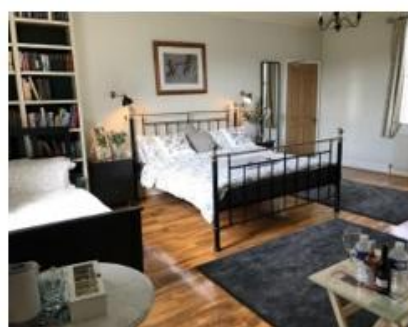
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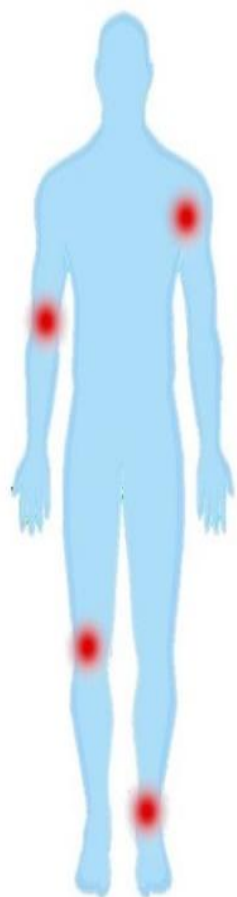
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Draft MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SOUTH KILWORTH

Held on Tuesday, 11th Aug 2026, 7.15p.m.

Minutes Ref: 866/0826

Members Present

Cllr P Alcock (PA) - Chairman
Cllr K Coyne (KC) – Vice Chair
Cllr T Wood (TW)

Cllr T J Wood (TJW)
Cllr G Byrne (GB)
Parish Clerk – Mrs K Brown (KB)

1.0 To Receive Any Apologies: None

2.0 Disclosure of any Members' Interests: None

3.0 To Confirm Number of Other Attendees: None

4.0 To Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting of Council, held on 14th July '26

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

5.0 Public Participation: None

6.0 Planning Matters

6.1 New Application/s: None

6.2 Planning Decisions / Updates Reported: None

6.3 Enforcement Cases Raised: None

7.0 Village Hall Agreement

7.1 VH Proposed agreement covering ownership and maintenance of the MUGA, solar panels, storage battery and associated equipment: PA reported that he had not received the counter-signed copy from the VH chairman. Action – PA to chase up.

8.0 LRALC Correspondence / Updates received, of particular note: None

9.0 Accounts / Finance Matters

9.1 The PC approved the following payment/s:

Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
440.00	0.00	440.00	VH hire charges re HCYC Summer'26 term
2,073.50	0.00	2,073.50	Children's Play Equipment Painting
420.00	84.00	504.00	External Audit re year end 25/26
947.22	189.45	1,136.67	Grass Cutting, Dog bins, Litter bins Apr-Jun'26
947.22	189.45	1,136.67	Grass Cutting, Dog bins, Litter bins Jul-Sep 26
75.00	0.00	75.00	Extra hours re early drop off, Sports Club
1,670.00	0.00	1,670.00	Youth Club Summer'26 Term
6,572.94	462.90	7,035.84	Total

9.2 PC approved the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 31st July '26 along with corresponding bank reconciliation and bank statements. Documents duly signed.

9.3 The PC noted receipt of the signed External Auditors' Report and Certificate for the 20025/26 audit.

10.0 War Memorial Clock

10.1 Repairs and Maintenance: It was reported that the clock's timing was fluctuating very slightly however, it was also noted that this should probably be expected due to the age of the clock. Action – PA to discuss with the maintenance team.

10.2 Donations Appeal for Future War Memorial Maintenance Costs: No new donations received to date

11.0 Highways and Footpaths

11.1 LCC village lamppost numbering record: PA had had no update from LCC. Pending.

11.2 North Road Bus Stop, Hard Standing Request: PA had had no update from LCC. Pending.

11.3 Missing Reflector Posts on Walcote Road: KB reported that LCC had confirmed completion of the bollard replacement within 60 days from 3rd August'26. Pending.

11.4 Accident Debris on Walcote Road: TJW reported that the debris had now been removed. Resolved.

11.5 Petition Appeal to LCC re traffic calming measures to be reintroduced on Rugby Road: PA reported that Councillor Fowler from LCC had confirmed the petition had been forwarded to LCC, Democratic Services for consideration and that he was waiting for a response. Pending.

11.6 Temporary Traffic Order - 7 days Closure of South Kilworth Road, Walcote and Walcote Road, South Kilworth, starting 10th Oct'26: The PC noted the resulting disruption to be caused regarding the village bus service No LC10. Action – KB to contact Centrebus requesting alternative provision during this time.

12.0 Grass Cutting and General Outdoor Matters and Maintenance

12.1 Request for a refuse bin to be placed in the area of the Playing Field, along with slabbing to be laid in front of MUGA shed: The PC agreed not to pursue at this time, and to revisit the option, if littering should prove to be a problem. Resolved.

12.2 Bare patches on North Road verges, as a result of grass cutting: The PC agreed not to pursue at this time and to monitor any grass damage as the season moves on. Resolved.

12.3 HDC temporary suspension of grass cutting from 3rd Aug'26 due to the lack of grass growth: The PC noted the email received from HDC regarding the above. HDC intend to review the situation in 2 weeks' time. Pending.

13.0 Children's Play Area

13.1 Regular Play Area Safety Inspections: No new issues reported.

13.2 Fence sections needing tightening: The PC agreed that this work was not urgent and to wait for the upcoming ROSPA report for Aug'26 before proceeding. Pending.

13.3 Risk Assessment for the play area: No update.

13.4 National Lottery Grants for renovation, replacement, or new play equipment: The PC agreed to consider any potential causes. Pending

13.5 ROSPA Inspection: KB confirmed that ROSPA had added South Kilworth to their Aug'26 schedule at a cost of £143 plus vat. The PC approved. Pending.

13.6 HDC Community Grant Underspend Round '26: The PC approved the submission of an application for £10k to finance the installation of a 'dug in' trampoline to be placed in the area of the damaged basketball hoop (due for removal). This suggestion having been made by various members of the public, during an informal chat with councillors requesting feedback. KB reported that the HDC committee planned to meet on 21st Sept'26 and to issue a decision shortly after that date. Pending.

14.0 Playing Field

14.1 Playing Field Risk Assessment: No update.

14.2 AFC North Kilworth Football Club enquiry re hiring the playing field for training purposes: This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

14.3 NKFC's annual licence renewal: KC confirmed that he was liaising with the football club regarding the renewal. Action: KC to continue.

15.0 Proposed MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

15.1 CCTV erection: KC informed the PC that the recent visit by Rupert Mathews from OPCC to discuss the success of the installation went well and the councillors enjoyed showing him around.

KC is liaising with the installer regarding the completion of a full CCTV policy and procedure for PC approval, and also for some guidance re added software that could potentially quicken the viewing and searching of footage. Action – KC to continue.

16.0 S106 and CIC Funding

16.1 Remaining funds held in the S106 Greenways and Allotments allocation, £8467 and £1494 respectively, each expiring on 10th Mar'27: KB referred to HDC's email (circulated on 20th July), outlining a summary of eligible criteria for applications to the Greenways allocation. Action – KC to discuss with the editor of SKN an article to be inserted into the next edition, asking for parishioners' feedback with ideas and suggestions, as to the preferred use of these funds, both Greenways and Allotments.

16.2 CIC Funding: The PC agreed to apply to the fund for reimbursement of the youth club Summer'26 term costs, i.e. HCYC inv 1178 £1670, VH inv 197 £600 and VH inv 406 £75, total claim, £2345. Action – KB to forward copy invoices to PA.

17.0 Village Communication

17.1 KC informed the PC that he intended to meet with the SKN editor to discuss the publication of an article highlighting various safety and security issues in and around the village. Action – KC to arrange.

18.0 Neighbourhood Plan, Monitoring and Review

19.1 PA liaising with the editor. Pending.

19.0 Village Youth Club

19.1 PA reported that he, along with committee members of the village hall, had been liaising with a potential alternative youth club provider and intended to request a quote, for PC approval. The PC hope to fund the project from the CIC fund, and voluntary donations from nearby villages, many of whose children have been regular attendees of the SK youth club.

20.0 Summer Sports Club 2026

20.1 Two weeks - 20th to 24th July, and 17th-21st August'26: The PC reported that the first week's club attendance levels had been a little lower than hoped but increased as the week went on. All feedback received from the children in attendance was positive and showed eagerness to be able to go again. Pending.

21.0 SKPC Policy Review / Update

21.1 CCTV and Surveillance (draft only): Review process continuing.

21.2 I.T. Policy: PA considering.

21.3 Publication Scheme: TJW shared a draft with the PC. Action – TJW to forward the document to PA for consideration.

22.0 Community Safety Vehicle Visit

22.1 Visit arranged previously for Tuesday, 8th Sept. Pending.

23.0 OPCC Bid Writing Workshop and Neighbourhood Crime upcoming funding round

23.1 The PC discussed the email received from OPCC dated 30th July'26 and agreed that they did not, at this stage, have any requirements to attend the Bid Writing Workshop.

The PC noted the date for the opening of the OPCC Community Action Neighbourhood Crime funding round (available grants of up to £10k) – 28th Sept'26. The PC to consider any initiatives that would meet the required criteria. Pending.

24.0 Items to be Considered for the next Agenda. None

25.0 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting: 8th Sept '26

Meeting ended at 8.45 pm A copy of these minutes will be published on the South Kilworth Website, no later than thirty days from the date of the meeting.

Highlights from the reservoir



It's fair to say that it has been a decent year for breeding birds despite the hot summer. 24 Common Tern chicks have been colour-ringed, a new record for the site, and we have already received the first sighting away from the reservoir from a location near Liverpool.

Shoveler have bred for the first time ever, and Water Rail have again been successful.

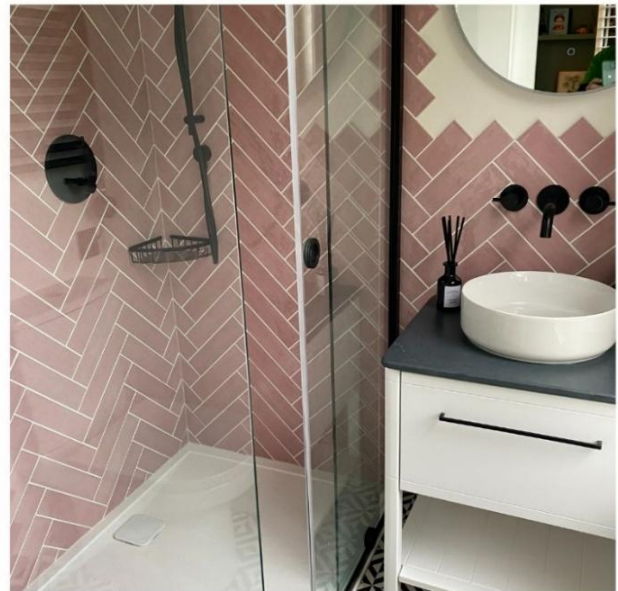
At the scarcer end of the birding spectrum, there have been some notable sightings including Marsh Harrier, Osprey, Ferruginous Duck, Cattle Egret, Black-necked Grebe and Greenshank. The ringing group have processed several Grasshopper Warblers, Redstarts, a Tree Pipit and the first Wryneck since 2023.



A long-distance traveller arrived in August, a Black-headed Gull which had been fitted with a colour ring in Belarus in 2024, some 2023 km from Stanford! A ringed juvenile Peregrine also visited for a few days; its likely origin is the Gloucester or Bristol area. Unfortunately, it was not possible to obtain the details from the ring (other than the colour).



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South Kilworth Bowls Club

Well, this season has definitely been challenging with the very hot weather. We have had a few match cancellations, and where possible we have tried to reschedule. Our greenkeepers have endeavoured to keep the green looking presentable with rotational watering and treatment to keep the weeds at bay. Unfortunately, this was interrupted with the sprinklers being vandalised at one point.

Our Autumn/Winter maintenance will be paramount to nurture the green back to a full standard. With limited resources in the club, we are faced with no alternative but to bear the cost of outside contractors poised to undertake a full maintenance programme at a cost of £2500.



South Kilworth took on North Kilworth in the annual local derby. After a close game, North retained the Entwistle Cup. There is always next year! The competition is named after John Entwistle, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire, who built and lived at Kilworth House in the 1880s till he died in 1945. The cup was instituted around 1934, when South Kilworth Club started and played each year between N and S Kilworth at each green. The Club with the highest combined score is the winner. Back in the day, the final was played in front of Kilworth House.

We were hoping to bring you an update of a proposed joint August Sporting event, to be hosted by the village hall, bowling club and volunteer villagers to promote the array of sports facilities available in the village, but due to lack of volunteers this did not go ahead. Maybe one to consider next year?

On the 21st August, we held our annual Crown Green Bowls event, which is hosted by two long-term club members, David and Doreen Haynes. This includes an array of games on the green, which is then followed by pizza delivery and drinks to finish the day. We raised £273 for club funds.

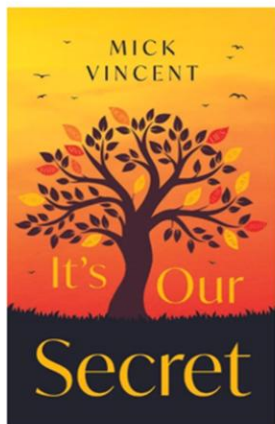
We have our seasonal Quiz Night coming up on Friday 18th September at 6.30 pm. Please see the poster in this edition. This is an open event, and all are very welcome to come and partake in the event and support the club.

Our Wednesday roll-up sessions continue weekly between 2.00 pm and 4.30 pm. Come and join us; there are spare bowls to give it a try. We are a friendly bunch, and we are happy to support anyone wanting to give the sport a go. First-year membership is FREE, so nothing to lose in giving it a go. This will continue to the end of September.

We are always looking at ways to promote and raise funds for the club and would welcome your support in seeing this village facility grow and continue. We are also linked with The Harbrough Lottery; whereby half of the money you spend comes back to the Club funds. Please copy the link below into a browser, or if you are reading this online, copy and paste it into the search bar. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.harbroughlotto.co.uk/support/south-kilworth-bowls-club>

Wendy Barber



It's Our Secret by Mick Vincent

This novel is very relevant today in the light of revelations of the abuse of children by the Anglican evangelical, John Smyth and the resulting resignation of Justin Welby. It is also important to those involved in the safeguarding of young and vulnerable children in churches and understanding how abusers 'groom' young victims.

This insightful and tender novel about sexual abuse of children within the Church of England is both harrowing, and yet, also heart-warming. The story of the abuser, Archdeacon, later Bishop Colin, and the abused child, Jack, takes us through the evil and darkness in the first part of the book but, through the love of other characters such as Maria, Luigi and Katherine, the continuing storyline brings hope and healing, eventually allowing the Light of Love to shine into Jack's life.

Written by a former vicar, this fictional novel is based on his experience of pastorally caring for the abused and abusers.

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Church Bell Tower Meets Rock Climbing Duo



When Gerry Byrne first rang The Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre, back in September 2025, he had a chat with Chris Murnin about access to help with a church bell tower issue. It turned out that it was not really their field as rock climbers. There were other options such as scaffolding or cherry pickers, but these would come with a site visit, a team in hard hats, a whole load of red tape and substantial cost.

Luckily, Chris (left- nearest camera) and his colleague Steve (with white cap) had a free afternoon so they agreed to drive over and have a little look, offering any assistance they could. They chucked a few bits of kit in the car, just in case they could get close enough for a peek. They quickly noticed the issue when they arrived at the Church: an Ash tree had rooted in the mortar just below the clock face.

Chris continues with the story: "After a dizzying trip up the clock tower, on steps not designed for a man of my build, we reached the bells, a quick scramble over some

interesting architecture, and the last ladder awaited. The last level of the bell tower contains some clock gubbins, and a hundred years' worth of pigeon droppings! But no ladder to access the windows. Luckily, the bell floor had a loft ladder that was swiftly recommissioned, and an anchor set on the central frame of the window. Initially we tried a noose system to pull the sapling loose, then a more forceful bludgeoning in the hope of freeing the roots from the ageing stonework. Unfortunately, neither was successful, and with the troublesome tree almost within grasp, it was decided that I could suck it up (and in) and squeeze through the gap, being expertly lowered to remove the sapling by hand.



Once committed, the extraction went smoothly, as the ironwork surrounding the clock face was solid, giving a great space to work from. The previous assault had left little to pull on, but the clock arms were freed.

Fast forward 10 months and the offending article had returned. This time we went in tooled up! With some high-powered weed killer and my slimmer colleague in tow. He was out the window like a shot, leaving me in the tower, just as the bells struck Three!!

Luckily, we made short work of the Ash tree, and here's hoping it's gone for good, though we are getting quite slick at the job now."

We have to add that Chris and Steve did all of this for 'charity' and were quite happy to remain unheralded! Phil Alcock, the PC Chairman, voiced the village's thanks and admiration, and asked us to track them down.

Chris is the Operations Manager of Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre, a 15-acre charitable outdoor activity hub offering inclusive, affordable

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