South Kilworth News

November 2026



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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 roll-up, information or advice.
Community Café	Tina Morley 07786496041	Community café is usually held 2nd 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	Usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm. But please check the website for changes. 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	Last Friday of each month, 12:00 – 2:00 pm Bell Inn, Husbands Bosworth – see poster
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: colinjderrick@btinternet.com 07711054622
Women's Institute	nkilworth.wi@lrfwi.org	3rd 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

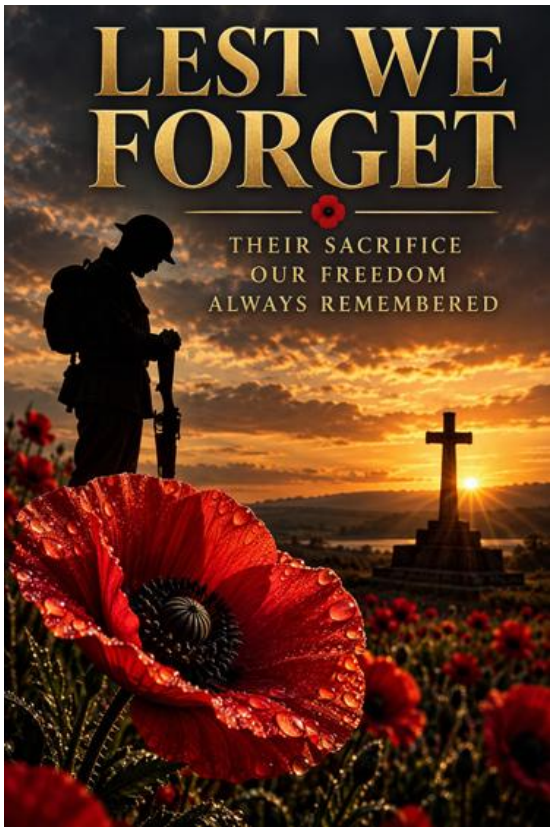


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Church Services at St. Nicholas' South Kilworth



All very welcome!

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 8th November 10.50am

This year the Service of Remembrance will be a little different as the church will still be closed for redecoration. We will meet at the church porch and assemble for a short service which will last approximately 20 minutes. Please do join us and remember to wrap up warm.

St Nicholas' church PCC

Forthcoming Church services

22nd November, Holy Communion 8.30am
27th December, Holy Communion 8.30am
27th January, Holy Communion 8.30 am
Christmas Eve 5pm Sing Carols Together

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Village Community Lunch
Change of Venue and Date



Enjoy a complimentary lunch together with residents from North & South Kilworth, Husbands Bosworth, Walton and Kimcote. An opportunity to meet old friends and new friends.

Lunch will be held in Husbands Bosworth (previously in North Kilworth) at The Bell Inn on the last Friday of each month starting 27 November 2026, from 12pm to 2pm. The lunches will continue until June 2027.

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Congratulations Carl – Rutland Flower Show Silver Medal Winner



The Rutland Flower Show took place for the second time this year and saw tens of thousands of visitors across the three days. Our very own Carl Waterford entered the Show Border category of the competition.

The borders can be designed in two sizes: either 2.4m x 2.4m or the size chosen by Carl, which was 1.2m x 4.8m. Carl explained, "The other available categories in which I could compete are the small show garden and the large show garden, but for my first competition entry I chose to start with a show border."

Carl explained his design:

"The flowers, plants and shrubs I used included large yew cones at the corners and one smaller one in the centre, yew balls and hebes along the front, along with some ground cover plants. I used ornamental grasses across the back and throughout, including calamagrostis and festuca blue. Amongst the flowers I used were echinacea, veronicastrum, crocosmia, geranium, hydrangea, nepeta, salvia and my personal favourite, a relatively recent cultivar of sedum called 'La vie en Rose ', which made its market introduction in 2023."



Well done, Carl!

Eds: See Carl's advert for his company, Waterfield Heritage Gardens, in the SK News.

Following the Pack
Peter and Jackie Barrett's Lifetime with the Bassets



The front cover of our last edition featured a walk with the Basset Hounds in South Kilworth. Over the years, we had seen the pack walking and were intrigued by them, not knowing the history. Luckily for us, we could call on Jackie Barrett, also a regular volunteer at the Community Café, for some 'inside information'. We didn't realise just how much her and her husband Peter's lives have been bound up with what is called the Westerby Basset pack.

For the Westerby Bassets' history and how it relates to South Kilworth, we firstly turned to the Master of the Hunt, Robert Brown, who featured at the front of the pack in the photo.

The pack traces back to 1889, when Christopher and Godfrey Heseltine founded the Walhampton Basset Hounds at Lymington in the New Forest. Over the next 30 years, the hounds went to Ireland as the Slane Bassets, returned to the New Forest, spent the First World War years at Rosyth, and finally settled with Godfrey Heseltine at Lutterworth. After he died in 1931, Dr Eric Morrison acquired them and renamed them the Westerby Basset Hounds, after Smeeton Westerby.

After the Second World War, Morrison, by then a Colonel, needed faster hounds with more stamina for an increasingly arable countryside. Crosses with Welsh Hounds and Beagles were tried, but Harrier blood proved the answer. The result, the English Basset, kept the Basset's nose and baying voice on a leggier, lighter, more athletic frame, and the Westerby's breeding helped establish it as a distinct working type in Britain.

The pack has been kennelled in South Kilworth since 1965. Its country runs roughly from Oakham to Daventry. The Masters are David Roome, Claire Pollard and Robert Brown, who hunts the hounds, assisted by Kennel Huntsman, James Batchelor, who lives at the kennels.



The Westerby is a foot pack: its followers go on foot rather than on horseback. Before the Hunting Act 2004, which made it a criminal offence in England and Wales to hunt wild mammals with dogs, the pack hunted hares. Bassets hunt by scent rather than speed, so most days ended without a catch. The few hares caught were usually sick or injured. Incidentally, Westerby's reputation is untarnished.

Today the pack trail hunts, following a hare scent trail laid by a member of the hunt, with others posted along the planned route for safety. Other animals are ignored. Deer are the exception: their strong scent can excite the hounds and has been known to bring a day to an early end. The huntsman keeps control of a pack that may be spread wide with the hunting horn, whose notes and calls tell the hounds what to do, for example, to gather or change direction.



Peter and Jackie are Leicestershire-born and bred. Peter's father came from farming stock but chose the army instead, so it was on his grandparents' dairy and mixed farm, from the age of 11, and later on his uncle's dairy farm, that Peter grew up with farm life. Peter and Jackie met at the local village school in their mid-teens, were going out together by 17 and married at around 21. Their daughter, Lisa, was born in December 1969 and has followed her mother into nursing.

Peter's first job was with the North Warwick Beagles, looking after 40 Beagles, Labradors and Spaniels: cleaning the kennels and walking the dogs five or six miles a day. He was employed by the Master rather than the hunt committee, so when the Master went bust and the wages stopped, so did the job. Five years as a crane operator in heavy industry followed, moving 10- to 20-ton loads through hangars half a mile long. The work was flexible enough for Peter to spend three seasons looking after the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Beagles until those kennels were relocated too far away.

Jackie initially started in office administration. Office life was not for her, and at 23 she began training as a nurse as a 'mature' student. She successfully pursued this career until she retired.

The hounds drew Peter back. John, who looked after the Bassets at the Westerby Kennels, asked him to lend a hand, and Peter volunteered for three or four years. When illness forced John to retire, Peter was offered the post of Kennel Huntsman, as distinct from a Kennelman, whose work is the kennels. In 1984, Peter and Jackie moved to South Kilworth, into the cottage that goes with the job.



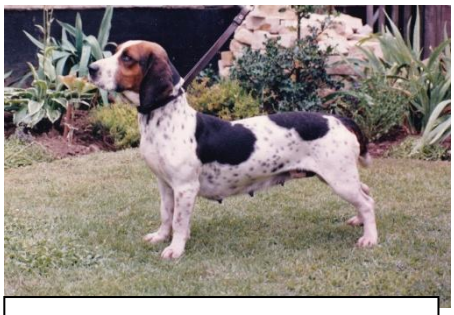


A typical day began at 6.30 am. Around 60 hounds, housed in four lodges, were turned out into the paddock; the kennels were cleaned, the hounds were walked and then fed. Only once they had settled did Peter have his own breakfast. Then the phone calls began. In those days local farmers rang when they had 'lost' an animal, a calf or a lamb perhaps, and Peter collected it to feed the hounds, often helping the vet who had to carry out a post-mortem. That service no longer exists. At midday it was back to clean the kennels and turn the hounds out again, and from then until 7 pm he butchered what he had collected that morning.



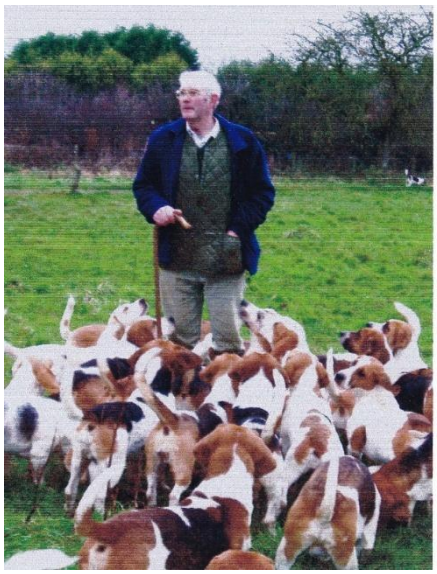
Hunting days began the same way, but the hounds taking part left at midday and came home in the fading light, to be fed and checked over. The pack once went out five days a fortnight, later two days a week, and the Ministry inspected the hounds every month. Peter liaised with the local farmers before a hunt and the Master with those farther afield. In the field, the Master was in charge; once the day was done, the hounds were Peter's responsibility.

Peter knew every hound by name, and the names tell their own story. Each hound's name begins with the initial of a parent's name, or a grandparent's if one letter is getting crowded, so Peter carries the family tree of the whole pack in his head. Each hound has its own personality too, from those that want only to rest after a hunt to those that would happily go all day.



Saphire, the Barret's beloved pet

We assumed the hound always out in front would be the prize of the pack. Not so. The hounds hunt in family groups, and over woodland, pasture, hills and fields different hounds come to the front as the ground suits them. Breeding matters as well. Peter introduced us to 'hybrid vigour': bringing in outside blood to avoid the inbreeding that leads to poor fertility, inherited health problems and loss of stamina. Decades of this approach, Robert Brown tells us, are a large part of why the Westerby has a reputation as a particularly athletic working basset pack.



Peter retired in 2011 but never really left, and he is often seen with the pack. In 2012 Jackie became secretary of the Masters of Basset Hounds Association, and she organises its annual show. Peter's experience remained in demand: from 2012 to 2019 he was Master Huntsman of the North Bucks Beagles. Peter and Jackie shared with us that the Westerby Bassets and the local community have been such a large and dominant part of their lives that it would be hard to imagine anything else taking its place. Peter and Jackie's lives have included visiting and judging at major hound shows and events all over the country.

You can see the hounds for yourself on the road, at parades, and at local agricultural and hound shows.

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Winter Birds Around South Kilworth

November to February

Winter brings extra visitors from northern and continental Europe. Around South Kilworth, focus on the reservoir, open farmland, hedgerows, village gardens and any flooded fields. Numbers vary with weather, food and water levels, so treat the species below as a watch-list rather than a guarantee.

The best birds to look for:

Bird	Where / when to look	Identification clue
Redwing	Hedgerows, gardens and berry-laden trees; often from October onwards.	Small thrush with a clear pale eyebrow and rusty-red flanks under the wings.
Fieldfare	Open fields, short grass and hedges; often in noisy flocks with redwings.	Large grey-headed thrush; grey rump and chestnut back.
Goosander	Scan Stanford Reservoir carefully, especially in colder weather.	Large, long-bodied diving duck; males mostly white with a dark green head, females grey with a rusty head.
Wigeon & teal	Reservoir margins, pools and flooded fields.	Wigeon males show a creamy forehead and pinkish breast; teal are small, with a green eye-patch on males.
Goldeneye	Deeper water at the reservoir; numbers can build in winter.	Compact diving duck; males have a dark head with a round white cheek patch.
Brambling	Listen and check chaffinch flocks in fields, beech trees and gardens.	A winter finch with an orange breast and shoulders; white rump shows in flight. Will visit garden feeders.
Siskin / redpoll	Alder trees, mixed finch flocks and garden feeders.	Small, active finches; listen for high, thin calls overhead. Again, will occasionally visit garden feeders.
Short-eared owl	Worth watching rough grassland and open fields at dusk; uncommon locally.	Pale owl that often hunts low over the ground in daylight.
Waxwing	An occasional irruptive visitor: check berry trees in villages and car parks.	Sleek crest, black eye-stripe and yellow-tipped tail; some years none occur nearby.



Waxwing

Stock up your bird feeders and check your garden and surrounding area. You never know what you are going to find!

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Redwing



Community Resilience – Developing a Resilience Plan

Community resilience is an important topic and much in the news these days. Wars, energy crises, wildfires, droughts, floods, El Niño, climate change. The list is endless. All Parish Councils are being tasked with developing a Resilience Plan, and so we will be returning to the subject regularly during 2027.

But Resilience isn't just about wind-up radios and stocks of tinned food and toilet paper, important though they might seem. Community resilience is about knowing who our community are and being able to help and support each other in the face of a common crisis. During events such as a power cut, storm and heavy snowfall, community resilience makes good sense. It means looking out for each other and strengthens the bonds and links within our community.



During 2027, we will be encouraging every household in South Kilworth to make sure they know who their neighbours are and to share contact details. We will develop a list of the more vulnerable in our community and also identify those who have particular experience or equipment which might be invaluable in an emergency. For example: nurses, doctors, tree surgeons, people with generators, 4x4 vehicles, emergency lighting, etc.



Recently we were offered samples of Flood defence materials, which in previous years we might have thought unnecessary in South Kilworth. So, we attended a briefing at County Hall on flood defences and new products like Flood Sax and Osmo Flood barriers. We managed to collect a couple of boxes for demonstration. If any householders in the village are concerned about run-off flooding and overflowing drains, you might want to see/try these products.

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South Kilworth Primary School - Autumn Term Update

It has been a wonderful start to the autumn term at South Kilworth Primary School, with plenty to celebrate across our school community. We were delighted to receive a special Trust Award recognising the flourishing of our children. This award celebrates our commitment to ensuring every child thrives academically, socially and personally during their time with us.



Our Year 6 children achieved exceptional SATs results last summer, with 50% of children reaching the Greater Depth Standard, a figure well above national averages. These outstanding outcomes reflect the hard work of our children and staff and demonstrate that our children are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Learning beyond the classroom has continued to be a key feature of school life. Tall Oak Class enjoyed a fascinating visit to a Hindu temple in Leicester, helping to bring their learning about faith and culture to life.



They also welcomed Burmor Construction into school for an engaging builders' workshop, giving pupils an insight into careers and skills within the construction industry.

Our Harvest Festival provided a wonderful opportunity for every class to learn about sharing and supporting others. Through donations to local food banks and discussions about charity work, children explored how small acts of kindness can make a big difference within our communities.



We are also excited that Acorn Class are already preparing for their Nativity performance, which promises to be a highlight of the festive season.

A huge thank you must go to FOSKS, our fantastic PTA, who organised a successful Autumn Festival and school disco. The events brought families together for an evening of fun, fancy dress and community spirit.

Sporting success has continued this term. Both our mixed football team and girls' football team have represented the school superbly, with both teams progressing to their respective county finals. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, teamwork and determination they have shown throughout the competition. We look forward to sharing more news of their achievements and final outcomes in the next newsletter.



Our school family has also grown with the arrival of two new chickens, who have already become very popular with the children.

This term's Christian value is Reverence, which we have been exploring as a deep level of respect for others, ourselves, the world around us and those things we hold important.

Our Key Stage 2 children have once again been making a splash through their swimming lessons, building confidence and developing valuable life skills. Sapling Class achieved something truly remarkable this term by becoming world record holders. The children joined thousands of others across the country in a nationwide reading event which successfully set a brand-new Guinness World Record, celebrating the power and joy of reading.

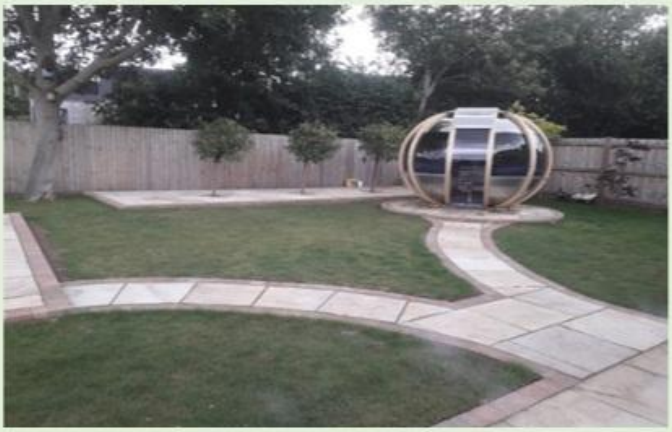
As we look ahead to the busy weeks before Christmas, we are grateful for the continued support of our families and wider village community. We currently have a limited number of Reception places available. If you know of any families considering South Kilworth Primary School, please encourage them to get in touch to arrange a visit and see our wonderful school in action.

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On Friday 25th September, we held our coffee morning in South Kilworth village hall and were delighted to raise £1471.50 for this very worthy charity.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us in any way, and to everyone who worked so hard to make the event once again a great success.

Friday 24th September 2027, 10.30-12.30 will be our next Macmillan Coffee Morning; pop the date in your diary and come along and join us!

Beth Rogers and Liz Sanders















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South Kilworth Bowls Club

What a difference an Autumn/Winter service to the green can make in bringing it back to full greenery. We are extremely pleased with the results and a huge thank you from all club members to our President – Keith- for securing a financial grant for this work at such short notice. Our greenkeeping volunteers will now pick up the seasonal maintenance through Autumn/Winter to ensure we will be ready to go in 2027.



Since our last update, we held a very successful Quiz night in September. Our Presentation Evening also took place last Friday, which is always a well-attended event with a three-course meal and trophy presentation to our worthy club winners in various categories. These events allow us to raise vital funds towards the club as well as having a most enjoyable evening.

With the close of the season, we held our AGM, which included the election of new officers and committee members. We therefore would like to record our sincere thanks to our President – Keith Rickhuss and Treasurer – Kate Ayres, who will be stepping down from their roles. They have both done exceptional work for the club in overseeing several club maintenance projects being undertaken throughout their terms and leaving a stable club to hand the baton over. Our new President – Keith Wright was voted in and Treasurer - Andy Russ both are long serving members. We wish them every success in taking on the mantle of the club.



We now look forward to our next fundraising events: firstly, our annual Christmas Raffle (everyone is welcome), which takes place on Friday 18th December at 7.00 pm at The Black Horse, Walcote. We then have our Games Evening at South Kilworth Village Hall in January - another good fun evening! Details to follow in our next update.

In the meantime, may we remind all villagers that we are always looking for new members; the first-year membership is FREE, and we can provide bowls to try. 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 Harborough 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.
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Date	Event	Organiser
19 Nov	Share Supper	Tina
7 Dec	Christmas Wreath Making with Vicky	Caroline



Comedy Night

In October we enjoyed a wonderful evening at The Curve Theatre in Leicester watching The Last Laugh. The play centred around the dressing room of Tommy Cooper, Bob Monkhouse and Eric Morecambe, as three incredible actors portrayed the characters, just as we remember them.

The second act was a really insightful and engaging question and answer session with Damian Williams, Simon Cartwright and Steve Royle. They also shared with us anecdotes they had come across in the research they had undertaken for their character. A really lovely evening enjoyed by everyone.

Claire Hubbard





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How supporting skin conditions has changed at Bliss & Beauty



In lockdown, we were still at the end of the phone, text or email to support our clients. This is when there seemed to be an explosion of online 'Skinfluencers' who started telling everyone what products to use on their skin. This resulted in even more calls as clients had reactions after following poor (often financially influenced) advice.

We took it in our stride and helped to undo some of the damage, even taking on an additional skincare range to support some of the tougher skin conditions to treat (rosacea, acne, psoriasis and eczema, for example). As we have moved further away from the damage of the lockdown period, the danger seems only to have increased. I had a 14-year-old with acne come in for a consultation who was using a shelf full of products to no avail. I made some recommendations (throw it all in the bin and use these 3 products and two supplements), but she was adamant that she knew better because an 'influencer' has told her so.

So where are we now? We have now moved into a new era of skincare. We no longer treat the skin as a topical concern. Logically, we HAVE to look at what is going on inside the body. What is happening to hormones, nutrition, and the gut? What are we all eating? How does all of this impact our skin?

Last year, I qualified in nutrition to enable me to look at our clients' skin from the inside out. To be able to offer a 360-degree approach. So instead of waiting to see how the skin cells are going to look or behave, we have taken measures to maximise not only the health of the skin cells, but every cell in the body. We offer guidelines on what to eat, how to get the gut healthy, how to balance the hormones and what works and what doesn't. Yes, of course, we offer topical products and treatments, and for a lot of people this is all they want, but sometimes, our clients don't know how much good these consultations can do.

A client came for a skin consultation. I talked to her about our 360-degree approach, and she was open to it. She embraced everything we offered, having a finger-prick blood test and taking the skincare and supplements we suggested. The results surprised us both. Here is her testimonial in her own words:

"I'm at the beginning of my wellness journey with Vicki; however, I am already blown away! In my early 20s, I began suffering from migraines. I would miss whole days, sleeping in a darkened room. Over the years, I have suffered visual distortion; I'd drag my left foot at times; I'd struggle to find words; and I've had



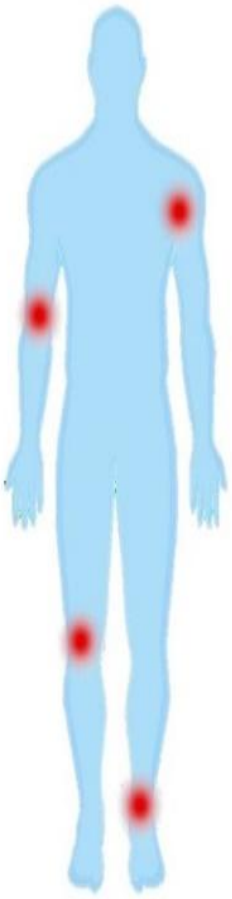
migraines that have made me nauseous and those that have made me physically sick. I've tried many medications, a daith piercing, I've got green light glasses, a cold pillow - anything to try to help. I've had doctors suggest I take 2 paracetamol! I've been through all the medication my doctors could prescribe, seen the neurologist and gone through all of those suggestions, and now I was going through the second lot of ideas they emailed. I was waiting for a follow-up appointment. Even though I'm on a daily preventative medication, I usually have 4 or 5 breakthrough migraines a month, and I need to take an injection of sumatriptan to get through the day and stop it from developing. I'm now in my 50s and was looking to make the best of my skin for an upcoming family occasion later this year. Having filled out my questionnaire, Vicki then spoke to me about the potential benefits of some of the supplements they offered. Around that time, in October, my daily preventer medication had stopped working. I had **20 breakthrough migraines** and needed to inject each time, and as a result, my preventative medication was increased for a month. On November 6th last year, I had my blood tests and started the suggested Omega-3 oil and gut health powder. Vicki told me that I'd likely start seeing results in a couple of months and could also have a cluster of migraines. In the first two weeks, I had 4 migraines. I then had 5 migraine-free weeks and had 1 migraine! Followed by 4 migraine-free weeks, then 1 migraine! Life changing! I also feel brighter, less bloated, more energised and am looking forward to seeing how my life continues to evolve!"

All that from a skin consultation!

After breaking both my arms in February, I am back in the salon only one day a week on a Wednesday, but if you would like to chat about your wellness journey and how we may be able to help, please book online for our Omega 3 blood test, or call the salon to find additional availability with me.

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MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SOUTH KILWORTH
Held on Tuesday, 6th Oct '26, 7.15p.m. Minutes Ref: 868/1026

Members Present

Cllr P Alcock (PA) - Chair
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 8th Sept '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 PA confirmed that he had received the signed copy of the agreement between the PC and the SK Village Hall, covering the playing field, electricity supply, solar panels, and CCTV. Action: PA to pass the completed agreement to KB to be held on file. Resolved.

8.0 LRALC Correspondence / Updates received, of particular note.

8.1 None

9.0 Accounts / Finance Matters

9.1 The PC approved the following payment/s:

Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
337.82	0.00	337.82	To tfr Solar Panel refund rec'd to VH
311.20	0.00	311.20	Printing costs re Sept'26 edition
30.00	6.00	36.00	Payroll Svcs re July-Sept'26
27.50	0.00	27.50	Reimb of Remembrance Wreath Costs
706.52	**6.00**	**712.52**	**Total**

9.2 PC approved the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 30/09/26, along with corresponding bank reconciliation and bank statements. Documents duly signed. Resolved.

9.3 PC reviewed and approved the quarterly expenditure report as at 30/09/26. Resolved.

10.0 War Memorial Clock / Remembrance

10.1 Repairs and Maintenance: The PC reported that the clock was currently keeping good time.

10.2 TJW confirmed that he had prepared 3 stands to be placed at the door of St Nicholas Church, to support remembrance wreath/s being laid on Remembrance Day. GB confirmed that a wreath had been ordered on behalf of the PC. Action - TJW to deliver the stands to the Church. Resolved.

11.0 Highways and Footpaths

11.1 LC10 Service disruption during LCC road closure on Walcote Road from 6th to 16th Oct'26: The PC confirmed that LCC will provide a temporary replacement taxi service during the closure. All taxi journeys will require to be booked in advance. LCC will attach details to the bus stops, please also see the PC website, southkilworth.co.uk. Resolved.

11.2 Road Safety in SK, Draft Petition: PA shared the email received from Harrison Fowler, LCC Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Investment, expressing strongly his support of the petition, previously submitted to LCC. TW reported that he had recently received a further complaint from a member of the public, regarding severe safety concerns around the school area, Walcote Road. Pending.

12.0 Grass Cutting and General Outdoor Matters and Maintenance

12.1 Untidy verges on North Road, near The Belt, as reported the previous month: KB confirmed that she had forwarded photos of the area to HDC for their attention. 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 these repairs would be carried out in due course, along with recommendations included in the Aug'26 ROSPA inspection. Resolved.

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 this potential funding option once the Community Grant (see item 13.5) has been fully utilised. Pending.

13.5 HDC Community Grant Underspend Round '26, £10k application to fund installation of a dug-in trampoline within the children's play area: KB reported that this funding application had been successful, and that she had confirmed with

HDC, the PC's acceptance of the offer. KC reported that he, TW, and GB, had met with a representative from Wicksteed on site and discussed available options regarding the installation works. Pending.

14.0 Playing Field

14.1 Playing Field Risk Assessment: No update,

15.0 Proposed MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

15.1 CCTV: KC proposed that the CCTV management policy includes 4 authorised persons to be nominated for access to the camera records, one being the President of the Bowls Club. This in advance of the planned installation of an additional camera to cover the bowls green area. The PC agreed. KC will add further operational procedures once details have been confirmed. Action – Councillors will review the latest draft policy received. Pending.

16.0 S106 and CIC Funding

16.1 PC's CIC application for reimbursement of £2435, to cover the Summer School'26 costs: The PC approved. Action – PA will forward to the CIC Clerk for processing. Pending.

16.2 Remaining funds held in the S106 Greenways and Allotments allocation, £8467 and £1494 respectively, each expiring on 10th Mar'27: KB informed the PC of HDC's confirmation that unfortunately, the proposed upgrade to the bridle pathway at the end of the Belt, would not be considered as eligible for the use of the Greenways funding allocation. The PC are hoping to be able to identify an alternative project that may better fit the criteria required. TW agreed to contact the Allotments Group to encourage the uptake of the Allotments allocation, £1494. Pending.

17.0 Neighbourhood Plan, Monitoring and Review

17.1 Current review: No update. Action – PA will contact the editor. Pending.

17.2 HDC Neighbourhood Planning Grant Offer of up to £10k, to go towards new and reviewed neighbourhood plan: PA agreed to discuss with the editor. Pending.

18.0 Village Youth Club

18.1 PA shared details of a draft proposal from Young Leicestershire to provide a weekly youth club for children aged 8 and over, hopefully to start during the month of October. Various funding raising options are being considered. Action - PA to continue liaising with the potential club organisers. Pending.

19.0 SKPC Policy Review / Update

19.1 CCTV and Surveillance (draft only): See item 15.1. Resolved.

20.0 OPCC Neighbourhood Crime funding round opened 28th Sept'26, grants up to £10k:

20.1 KB reported OPCC's confirmation that the youth club project would be eligible criteria for application to the fund. This option to be considered along with other potential funding opportunities to support the continuation of the village youth club. See item 18.1. Resolved.

21.0 Risk Ready Communities

21.1 PC discussed the email received from HDC offering free resources and support to ensure that SK can be 'Risk Ready'. The PC noted. Resolved.

22.0 HDC Community Coffee Van visit – Community Resilience and Preparedness Engagement

22.1 The PC agreed to arrange a visit to the village, early in 2027. Action – KB to contact the village hall to confirm potential dates to coincide with the Community Café dates and to liaise with HDC for availability. Pending.

23.0 Osmo Flood Barriers – Free supply for Parish Councils

23.1 KC reported that he had collected a free supply of Osmo Flood Barriers from LCC, for storing and distributing locally. These are water-activated barriers which expand on contact with water and create a temporary flood defence. Action – KC to prepare an article to be included in the next SKN edition, outlining details of how these will be made available to residents, if requested. Resolved.

24.0 Items to be Noted / Considered for the next Agenda. GB reported that he had received a complaint regarding overhanging hedges overlapping the pavement in the area of the Leys Crescent bus stop. Action – KB to contact the landowner to request that the hedges are trimmed asap. Resolved.

25.0 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting: 10th Nov'26

Meeting ended at 8.50 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.**







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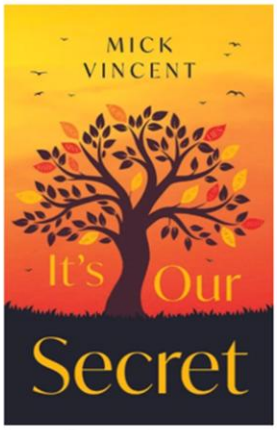
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This insightful and tender novel about sexual abuse of children within the Church of England is both harrowing, and yet, also heart-warming. The story of the abuser, Archdeacon, later Bishop Colin, and the abused child, Jack, takes us through the evil 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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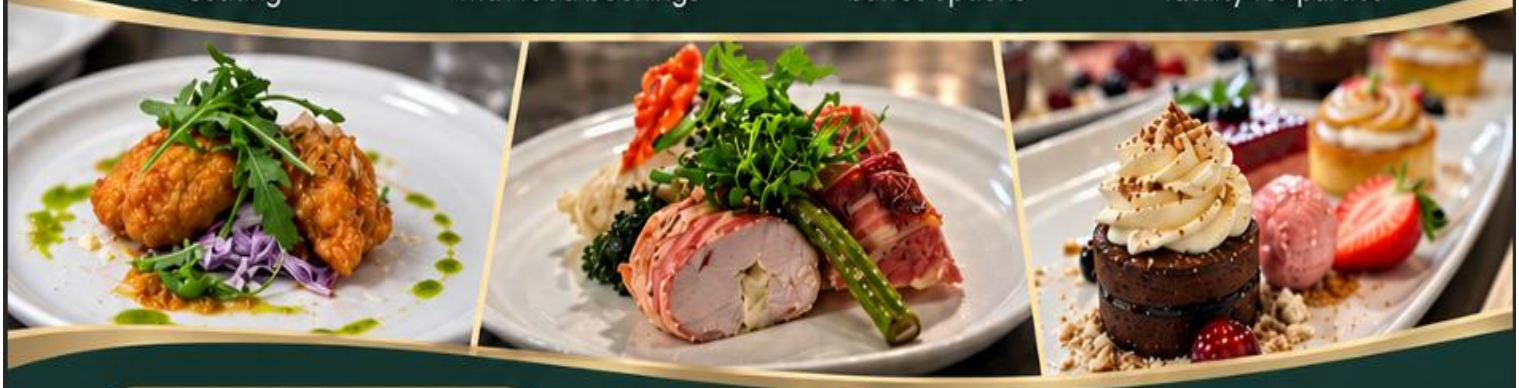


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The PHP Affair

What the recent PHP security warning all over the news means for website owners and visitors.



The visible webpage is only the front counter; PHP works behind the scenes.

Listening to the media recently, if you heard "PHP has been compromised" and wondered whether to switch off your computer or ask the grandchildren what PHP stands for, you can relax. There is no special update for your phone, tablet or laptop: the problem was in software running behind websites.

The warning was serious, and organisations around the world checked their websites, installed fixes and sometimes took services offline temporarily. But what happened — and what did not — is worth explaining.

PHP: part of the website's kitchen

PHP is a programming language. In everyday terms, it is one of the tools that helps a website put together the page you see. When you look at a menu, fill in a form or check an account, PHP may be working in the background to fetch information and prepare the right page.

Think of a website as a café. Your browser is the customer, the web server is the kitchen, and PHP is one of the 'cooks' following instructions.

PHP has been around for a long time and is widely used, including by WordPress, which is behind many small business, community and personal websites. It is not a programme that most people knowingly install on their own devices. It normally runs on a company's or website owner's server — the computer that stores the site and sends its pages out to visitors. It's one of those things that's 'just there' and because nobody who accesses a website needs to know how it was created, the technology used to run it gets largely ignored.



PHP runs on the website's computer, not on your device.

What was the problem?

This October, cybersecurity researchers found two serious flaws in PHP. In certain circumstances, a website visitor could send a specially prepared request to a vulnerable site and make the server that hosts it run instructions it should not. Security experts call this "remote code execution". In plain English, it means someone might be able to make the website's computer do things from afar, without first signing in.

The flaws involved how PHP handled its working memory — the computer's short-term workspace — when dealing with particular requests. Imagine a cook reusing a kitchen note after its order was cancelled. Under the wrong conditions, that confusion could be used to make a dish nobody wants, or in our case, make the web server do something it should not. If an attacker succeeded, they might be able to interfere with the site, access information available to the website's process, or use the server to attempt further activity. That is why the PHP project (which owns the PHP language) rated the issue as critical and released security updates on 21 October. The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (yes, we have one!) urged organisations using PHP to identify affected systems and update them promptly.

"Compromised" does not mean "everyone was hacked"

News headlines sometimes use "compromised" as a catch-all word – after all, the more sensational the headline, the more likely the reader will open that article and read on. Here, it is important to separate a vulnerability from a confirmed break-in. A vulnerability is a weakness that could be exploited. It does not prove that someone has exploited it on every site — or on any particular site.

Some organisations temporarily switched off websites while they checked systems or applied fixes. That was a precaution, like closing the village hall briefly to check a fault in the electrics. It does not mean the hall has burnt down. The warning was genuine, and the potential consequences were serious. At the same time, a website being unavailable for a while is not, by itself, evidence that criminals got in. The people responsible for each service have to check their own systems.

What does this mean for website owners?

The PHP project published fixed releases for supported versions. The right update depends on how a site is hosted, so the person responsible for the server — often the hosting company — needs to make sure the appropriate fix is installed. The PHP project has also reminded administrators that temporary workarounds are not a complete substitute for updating.

If you run a website for a business, club, charity or community group, ask whoever looks after it a straightforward question: "Have you checked and applied the PHP security updates relevant to our hosting?" Your web host or website support person should be able to confirm what they have done.

Updating WordPress, its theme or add-on tools may not update PHP itself; they are separate layers. If you are not sure who manages the hosting, check your website service invoices or account details.

And if you only visit websites?

For ordinary visitors, there is no special PHP update to install on your phone or computer. The issue was in the software serving websites, not in the browser you use to read them. Keep your usual device and app updates up to date, but you do not need to go hunting through your settings for something called PHP.
Do be cautious if you receive an unexpected email or text telling you to download a "PHP security update", install a patch or hand over your password. A genuine fix is installed by the people who run the website or its hosting service. A message asking you to install mystery software is much more likely to be a scam than a helpful visit from the village's unofficial computer department.

A reminder of the hidden internet

Most of us see the internet as a collection of familiar pages: the village website, an online shop, the news, or a page showing when the next bus is due. Behind each page are layers of software, servers and services that most visitors never need to think about — rather like the pipes and wiring behind the kitchen cupboards.

When a flaw is found in one of those layers, the response can be urgent and sometimes visible: warnings appear, a site goes offline, or a hosting company sends a notice. But the repair usually happens out of sight. Website maintainers install the right updates, check their systems and bring services back safely.

So, the short version is this: PHP is part of the machinery behind many websites; a serious flaw was found; fixes were released; and the people running websites need to apply them. If you simply browse the web, you can carry on as usual.

It's not the first, and it won't be the last

But the bigger picture is that unless you work in the IT world, you may be blissfully unaware of what goes on behind the scenes to detect and fix these 'compromises' on a daily basis. Usually in a race against those who would seek to exploit them for financial or political gain: The Hackers. I was fortunate enough to be at a security event in Berlin earlier in October where the keynote speaker was Mikko Hyppönen. No, I hadn't heard of him either! But Mikko, an impressive public speaker, has worked in cybersecurity since the 1990's. He told us that when he first started, a hacker was a teenage boy in his bedroom making cartoons that would walk across your computer screen to annoy you if you were 'hacked'. Today it's more likely to be a global multi-billion-dollar trade run by organised crime and, in some cases, nation-states. The annoying cartoons are now demands for a high-value ransom when control of a critical system or site is gained. Much of this is why when something that is used almost everywhere (like PHP) has a publicly known issue, the industry and eventually the media take it extremely seriously.

For most of us, though, we can sleep soundly and not worry about the internet's plumbing, wiring or anything else out there.

Peter Moore

Sources: UK National Cyber Security Centre alert and PHP project security notices, October 2026. Information checked 27 October 2026.

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The club is particularly keen to encourage newcomers. No special equipment is needed to get started, as bats are available for beginners to borrow. Members are always happy to offer tips and advice to those looking to improve their game. As well as promoting fitness and wellbeing, the club provides an important social outlet. In an age when many activities are increasingly individual, table tennis offers an opportunity to meet neighbours, make friends and enjoy spending time together in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



If you've been thinking about trying something new, improving your fitness, or simply meeting more people in the village, why not come along and give table tennis a try? You may discover a new hobby and become part of a thriving local community.
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BOOK THE HALL FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENT

Our hall can take up to 80 people sitting down and 150 standing. Book it for your children's party/family get-together/wedding or group. Serving kitchen/tables/chairs/music system/toilets. Fully licenced bar. Very competitive rates and **discounted rates** for villagers!

BOOK THE MEETING ROOM

The hall has a meeting room capable of holding at least 14 people. We also have 2 changing rooms and showers.

FOR SALE

MOUNT PLEASANT, CHURCH LANE · SOUTH KILWORTH · LE17 6ED

A renovated three-bedroom bungalow in the heart of the village





EXTERIOR



LOUNGE



KITCHEN



PLAN

THE PROPERTY

Tucked away in the heart of South Kilworth, close to the church, Mount Pleasant is approached by a long drive with generous parking and offers a rare chance to acquire a village bungalow that has just been renovated.

The accommodation comprises three bedrooms, a wet room and separate downstairs WC, a large lounge with a wood burner, and a generous kitchen with dining area, complemented by a utility room and garage. Central heating is installed throughout.

Outside, a private walled garden lies to the rear, with a further garden or allotment to the side – ideal for those who enjoy growing their own.

KEY FEATURES

- Three bedrooms
- Wet room plus downstairs WC
- Generous kitchen with dining area
- Spacious lounge with wood burner
- Utility room and garage
- Central heating throughout
- Private walled garden to the rear
- Further garden/allotment to the side
- Long drive with ample parking
- Recently renovated

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF

£425,000

VIEWINGS

Call or text Tina on **07786496041**