



# **South Kilworth News Rebooted**

Community News for the village of South Kilworth



**January 2021 edition**

## From the SK News Editorial Team

Best wishes for the New Year! Thank you to all for your support for our rebooted issue which went out in November 2020. Thanks too for the contributions from the Parish Council which covered the printing costs for the first edition and to our advertisers who help to make this Community Newsletter self-funding going forward.

We will produce 6 issues this year. For each issue, we will be aiming to bring you regular news from the village. We welcome any new ideas, contributions, or updates on any activities in the Village.

Please volunteer to write for our 'Guest Page' and share something that you're passionate about that could be of interest to the village.

Please contact the news team: Jules, Angela, and Toni at [sknewsrebooted@gmail.com](mailto:sknewsrebooted@gmail.com)

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## South Kilworth Directory – Things to do!

As our lives have become dominated by the impact of the Coronavirus, we look to the things that provide meaning, enjoyment, or even a distraction, within the limits of the various lockdown levels that we experience. Below is a directory of activities that may be of interest. Please drop a line to the SK News team to add to this list and keep it up to date:

Name	Contact details	Description
<b>Allotment Committee</b>	Richard Speake 07711825650	Allotment allocation and coordination
<b>Art Club</b>	Gail Wood 575064	Meet in the village hall first Thursday morning of the month
<b>Bowls Club</b>	Gerry Byrne 01858 575080 gerrypatrickbyrne@gmail.com keithrickhuss@gmail.com	
<b>FOSKS</b>	TBC	Friends of South Kilworth School – primarily raising funds for school
<b>Kids football</b>	Brian Robbins 07795105591	On the village hall playing fields
<b>Kilworth Village Facebook page</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1052827924913620/?ref=share">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1052827924913620/?ref=share</a>	
<b>KILWORTH'S COVID HELP GROUP</b>	Maxine 07875285967 Penny 07889826112 Adam 07875285967 Sophie 07555122079	For help with shopping and all sorts of other stuff 😊
<b>Korks (ladies only)</b>	Julie Andrews: sltonline@outlook.com	A social group from the Village, which meets monthly (outside of Covid restrictions). Add your name to the mailing list.
<b>Luncheon Club</b>	Rita Hallam 575449	
<b>Lutterworth Library</b>	<a href="http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/find-a-library/lutterworth-library">www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/find-a-library/lutterworth-library</a>	Use the free digital library services to download eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers using a smartphone, tablet, Mac or PC
<b>Parish Council</b>	Chair: Phil Alcock 575978 philalcock@aol.com Parish Clerk: Karen Brown southkilworthpc@hotmail.co.uk	Meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm currently virtually, otherwise in the Village Hall. Open to all.
<b>SK Security WhatsApp group</b>	Gary Aram 07799894207	Alerts regarding security issues in the village are posted with a link to community Police
<b>Skittles Team</b>	Ray Dorman 07780846002	Games take place at the pub
<b>South Kilworth Neighbourhood Plan:</b>	Tina Morley: tina.morley@virgin.net	Join one of the groups covered in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Name	Contact details	Description
		<a href="http://www.harborough.gov.uk/directory_record/2256/south_kilworth_neighbourhood_plan">www.harborough.gov.uk/directory_record/2256/south_kilworth_neighbourhood_plan</a>
South Kilworth News	sknewsrebooted@gmail.com	Community news for the village – contact us with ideas & news. Every issue on the village website and paper copies bi-monthly
South Kilworth Village Website	southkilworth.co.uk	New website to be launched in 2021 – Kevin Coyne/Parish Council
St Nicholas Church	Sharon March Pioneer Minister: 07889 488038 Administrator: Grace Bridgeman 01858 882032	Parochial Church Council Jacky Harrison 575257 Jacharrison@globalnet.co.uk
Table Tennis	Bob Morley 575832 bobjmorley1953@gmail.com	Thursday evening in the village hall
Travelling lunch club	Alison Anderton 0870 240 6993	Lutterworth Age Concern currently has two travelling lunch clubs. They travel to a different pub each month. They run a Christmas party at the Wycliffe rooms in Lutterworth. The cost of £10 per person, this includes two-course lunch and the coach. Pickups can include South Kilworth.
Village Email circulation list	southkilworthlist@gmail.com	Send an email to become a member of this list - get information about village issues and events. Note it is a postbox and so doesn't reply! If you send something through for circulation please put contact details on the email. Email addresses are never shared and the list can't be used for commercial purposes.
Village Hall Committee	Chair Mark Tottman 575476	Village Hall bookings contact: Gail on <a href="mailto:woodgail11@icloud.com">woodgail11@icloud.com</a> or 575064
WASOSKS	Mark Tottman 575476	Whiskey Appreciation Society of South Kilworth
Women's Institute	Joanna Wilson 01455 558372	Now combined with North Kilworth
Yoga	Jessie McQuillian 07860937892 <a href="mailto:jessie@globalrefrigerants.com.sg">jessie@globalrefrigerants.com.sg</a>	Held in the Village Hall. Classes will resume towards the end of 2021.
Youth Club	Mel Gould (Project Manager) Kate – local worker 07502365379	In the village hall every Wednesday evening

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## “South Kilworth As I Remember It”

by Constance Coates

The account below was written by Edward Marshall’s great grandmother who as a young girl had been brought up in the Village and lived in the Old Rectory from 1864 to 1884, where her father was the Rector. Some portions have been edited for clarity. The picture below is of her daughter.



“I remember how we used to hear the Royal Mail Cart driving from Harborough to Rugby on summer evenings at about 9 pm. It stopped outside the Post office to pick up the letters before setting off down the Stamford Avenue.

Bricks used to be made regularly in the field a little above the Maltshovel (now South Kilworth House on Walcote Road). I used to think those rows of clay bricks very fascinating as with the nice little hut where they were burnt. We used often to watch the men at work and I longed to play with the clay and make some bricks on my own account – but never had the chance!

In these days of noisy motor traffic along even bye roads in the country, one can only look back on their former peace and beauty with a sort of heartbreak. Those walks around Kilworth were charming at any time of the year.

We always had lamps and candles at home up to the date we finally left (August 1930). It seems curious to me to even mention such an obvious fact, but my grandchildren will have become accustomed to electricity long before they read these recollections. The same thing applies to bathrooms and hot water laid on. Every bedroom had its own big “hip” or saucer bath set out overnight on a thick bath blanket and the housemaid bought a large can of nearly boiling water when she called one in the morning.

Servant: The Village Mothers were only too glad to get their girls (on leaving school) taken on in some house where they would be well-traveled and have the chance of getting on and putting money by. Servants were members of the family and shared the family’s interests, joys and sorrows. They usually stayed in such a place until they married and were then succeeded by a younger sister.

My father’s gardener, Walter Tanser, was in service for over 90 years. The cook, Anne Moore, was employed from 1877 to 1899 when my Mother died. She said then she wanted to go home as ‘Mrs Pownall’ [my mother’s surname and she said that my mother] was the only person with whom she would have’ lived foreign’ (in other words have followed her to London!).

The Village shop was kept by the Tailor Harris and his 2 elderly daughters at the house now called Ivy Cottage. There were 2 counters in the shop; one for drapery goods the other for soap, candles and bottles full of lovely sticky sweets. At the back were shelves full of sustaining things. Once a year Miss Harris used to go off to Manchester and return with bails of goods ready for the close of the "Clothing Club". This Club was started by my parents and the people would pay in a few pence weekly and then draw out their savings with a comfortable bonus added and buy warm things for the winter.

When I grew old enough, I used to help on Monday mornings, putting down the names and amounts paid into the Clothing, Coal and Sick Clubs. When the 2 Miss Harris's gave up keeping shop, it was taken over by Mr. Pitcher who had the Post Office and the 2 businesses have been combined at the corner (*opposite the pub*) ever since.

The remains of the old Village stocks were in position under the Walnut tree until 1881. I remember the brands which fastened the culprits' feet.

There was a Village Butcher (there were no fishmongers, butchers going the rounds, etc. before 1886.) A good many things that are easily bought everywhere now were not procurable: Tomatoes for instance. Bananas and grapes were scarce and most expensive to buy. Fish was only obtainable if we went to Rugby or Harborough (which we seldom did).

"Baker Hill" did the baking for the village and on the way down to Sunday school we used to meet people carrying up their loaves to his house to be cooked while they were at church.

The Church in my Father's time used to be nearly full at Morning Services regularly every Sunday. The North isle was reserved for the School Children; they used to walk up the road in an orderly procession 2 by 2 and I remember the mingled smell of peppermint and hair oil that permeated the North isle on a Sunday.

Sheep used to be turned into the Churchyard in the old days and they kept the grass down, trim and tidy. It is not supposed to be the correct thing nowadays, but why not I never understand; if a sheep can be represented inside a Church on a stained-glass window why is it wrong to have a live sheep keeping the grass down in the churchyard outside?

There was a toll gate on the North Kilworth Road about half a mile from the village; ours was kept by people named Thompson. She is reported as saying with the Church opening of 1869 that 'it wasn't only so many people coming along the road but such a lot of open carriages with a pair of horses.' (Coachman and footman in well-cut liveries and their Coat of Arms on the panels of the carriage.)

I left school in 1881 and then read for the LLG degree at St Andrew's University (took French history and Literature). I went up to St Mary's Hall at Oxford when I was 20. [*St Mary Hall was a medieval academic hall of the University of Oxford. It was associated with Oriel College from 1326 to 1545, but functioned independently from 1545 until it was incorporated into Oriel College in 1902.*] I mention these things to show that a sound education was obtainable in the depths of the countryside. Driving to Rugby for language lessons in a pony-carriage with one horse meant starting from home at about 10 am, taking cold lunch of boiled eggs to eat on the way and getting home again at 4 pm.

The daily paper came regularly every morning, being thrown out of the train at the level crossing on the Welford track; the stable boy and the dog used to walk to fetch it. The post arrived at about 8 am. Welford and Bosworth were the nearest telegraph offices (but people in those days did not send telegrams lightly; they were expensive and only used in case of real needs).

There was a Blacksmith in the Village by name of Stafford - down the Welford road was the site of the Forge. Further down the road, we came to some pretty old cottages just off Dog Lane; Dog Lane was a lovely place; beautiful trees overarching in the old mote where the Moated Manor House once stood.

The 'Pancake Bell' always rung on Shrove Tuesday at 12 noon. The 'Gleaning Bell' was rung at 8 am when the harvest was about so that all the Gleaners should start fair. (*Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested or on fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest*)

The Village women in Winter wore 'pattens'. These were a ring of iron with leather straps into which the foot was pushed and the wearer was lifted well above the mud.

The Country was peaceful and safe before motor cars were invented. Children and dogs could cross the roads in safety and riding, driving and walking were enjoyed."

### **Some Historical Facts**

1864	A law bans boys under 10 from working as chimney sweeps.
1869	The first Sainsbury's shop opened in Drury Lane, London
1870	Schools provided for 5 - 10-year olds
1871	Queen Victoria opens the Albert Hall 
1871	Bank Holiday Act introduced, allowing banks to close a few days a year
1872	First FA Cup Final
1875	Captain Matthew Webb became the first man to swim the English Channel. It took him 22 hours.
1876	Queen Victoria was crowned the Empress of India 
1876	Scotsman Alexander Bell invented the telephone Primary education was made compulsory
1877	The world's first recording of the human voice was heard when the inventor of the phonograph, Thomas Edison, recited 'Mary Had A Little Lamb' and played it back
1878	The first public electric lighting in London, replacing the old gas lamps, which had to be lit by hand every evening.
1880	The Education Act makes compulsory schooling for all children between 5 and 10.
1881	London's Natural History Museum opened
1883	January - Britain takes complete control of Egypt.
1883	First electric railway



## Remember When?

South Kilworth School Nativity Play circa 1961. Submitted by Wilfred Tanser



Standing/Back Row:

Desmond Hancock, ?, ?, Wilfred Tanser, Elizabeth Peabody, Rebeca Nichols, Nesta Whale, Jean Silver, Linda Hancock, ?. Kneeling / Front Row ?, ?, Alan Archer, Ian Day, Melanie Wheat (as Mary)

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## South Kilworth Snippets

### Fundraising

*Cash for Clothes for the Menphys Special Needs Nursery, Wigston.*

We accept any used clothes (clean not ripped), Shoes (tied together), Handbags, Belts, Accessories, Bedding (not pillows) curtains etc.

Pick up a bag from the garage at North Kilworth, but any bag will do, or drop off at Holyoake.

Once again thank you for your support which is very much appreciated. The last collection raised £200 for the nursery. Please do contact me if you have any queries: 07941147194. Nicky Mathias

### Stanford Reservoir

Permits are required for visitors to the Stanford reservoir (agreed with the stakeholders on site at the time 5 years ago i.e., Stanford bird ringers, the angling syndicate and interested members of the public (birdwatchers). Money generated from the permits are invested back into the site e.g.: security, refurbished the bird hide, added tern rafts and replaced benches.

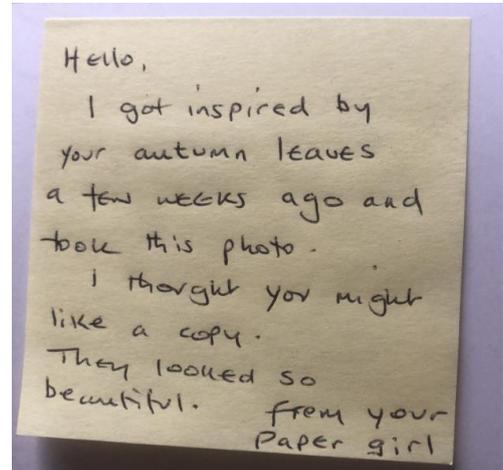
Severn Trent is not currently issuing permits due to record numbers already issued, and the lockdown.

Permits may once again be requested from 1 April 2021. Permits are not advertised to the general public, but may be obtained by South Kilworth residents by posting a cheque made to Severn Trent Water for £17.50 to the below address: - Ian Martindale, Draycote Water Rangers' Office, Kites Hardwick, Rugby, CV23 8AB

The permit is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 31<sup>st</sup> March. On receipt of the cheque, Ian will post out the permit to your provided address as well as give details of the code for the year.

### Random Act of Kindness

Mary Guppy shared a 'random act of kindness'. She received a photograph and this note through her door, much to her delight:



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## Litter Pick

Our second group litter pick at the end of November 2020 was hugely successful again..... glad to say there was less rubbish this time!

Thank you to Beccy & Paul, Kevin, Tina, Toni & Rob, Jackie, Angela and our new residents Sheila and James.

We'll arrange another pick in February when the ground is practically bare and we can reach in places we couldn't get to this time!

A couple of questions came in anonymously concerning extra bins for doggie poo down by the Reservoir (where visitors pass by and dump rubbish rather than take it home). Check out the Q&A page for Parish Council.

Jules

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## Focus on Jason Wright

Local man, Jason Wright, started out at Leicester College, completing a 4-year City & Guilds Plumbing and Heating Qualification, 38 years ago.

An entrepreneur from the age of 21, Jason set up a plumbing and heating company which he sold to form another plumbing and heating company, F&W Plumbing & Heating Services Limited. With this business and working for both commercial and domestic customers, he has built an outstanding reputation over the past 28 years.

Continuing with this entrepreneurial spirit, in 1998, Jason branched into property development, establishing a property letting company called F&W Properties. Later, a successful bathroom showroom he had set up in 2004 in Leicester was sold to an eager buyer.

Following his property development dream, Jason formed JLR Bespoke Property Renovations Limited in 2017. Together with his knowledgeable and highly experienced partner, Larry Lambert, and a reliable and well-seasoned team, they provide top-quality service for the renovation of all types of property.

Jason's newest venture is working with a brand-new product called "Flex-Stone". Flex-Stone is a wafer-thin, real stone veneer. The 100% natural stone surface is supported with a thin layer of fiberglass for better stability and easy application. This product has unlimited uses, for example, in bathrooms, kitchens, feature walls, external walls and gardens.

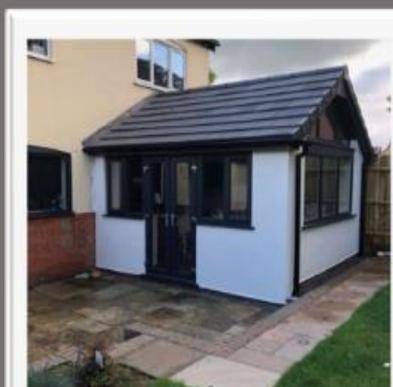


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## THE GREEN PAGE by Angela Langman

### REDUCE\* RE-USE\* REPAIR\* UP-CYCLE\* RE-SELL\* RE-CYCLE\* COMPOST\*

These are in order of priority in managing waste.

As we become more aware of the damage humans have done and are continuing to do to our precious planet, more like-minded people are pledging to become more self-sufficient, sustainable with the ultimate aim of becoming carbon neutral.

Each month, we will share a topic relating to this huge problem we are faced with and how each one of us can help reverse the damage.

#### REDUCE



Packaging is one of the main offenders! There is much which we can all avoid. Most of us now automatically take our own bags to the shops.

With a little thought and practise, we can retrain ourselves to be more eco-friendly with little effort.

You could start by simply choosing loose fruit and vegetables at the shop or go to the Thursday Market in Lutterworth where you can buy all of your fruit & veg from one place. When buying fresh produce from a fish or meat counter, take your own Tupperware or container.



Buying milk directly from farms is becoming popular and it supports our local produce – what about using your local milk man?



Try to only cook the amount you need but if you do over-cater, save and freeze for another meal or donate to a neighbour or an elderly person in your community.



#### Heating during winter months

Research indicates that turning your thermostat down just 1 or 2 degrees can result in significant savings in monetary terms and also reduce the level of energy used. Just putting on a jumper, or socks etc... instead of turning the heating on straight away. Another alternative is to just heat the room you are in with a portable heater.

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## Summary of the Birding Year at Stanford Reservoir

2020 has been a weird and challenging year for all of us but from a birding perspective, Stanford Reservoir has really delivered. Overall, the species list for 2020 was a new **site record of 164 species**, beating the previous best of 160 set in 2017. There are many, many highlights but here are a few:

**Iceland, Glaucous Gull** and **Kittiwake** were among 12 species of gull recorded. Many of these were picked up in a number of cold late afternoons closely studying the gulls that come in to roost at the site from nearby fields and also the Shawell landfill site.

The star bird of the year by some margin was **CASPIAN TERN**, recorded in May and July, the first at the site for 50 years. This is a nationally rare species with only around 5 records per annum. In addition, **Common, Little, Arctic** and **Black Tern** were also recorded. We have had 6 **Marsh Harriers** during 2020 (a new record) as well as several **Merlin** and **Osprey**.

2020 delivered a number of species not seen for some years including: **BEARDED TIT**, the first for 40 years (found by me on the 13<sup>th</sup> November and still present at the time of writing this), **Shag** (the first for 36 years), 4 **Black-necked Grebe, Barnacle Goose, Crossbill, Rock Pipit, Wood Warbler, Bittern, Scaup, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Smew** and **Nightjar**.

The ringing group has also had an amazing year. The star birds being: 2 **Wryneck, Yellow-browed Warbler, Marsh Warbler, Firecrest, Pied Flycatcher, Tree Pipit, Whinchat, Common Buzzard**, record number of **Redstarts** and **Grasshopper Warblers, Common Redpoll** and of course the first ever **Bearded Tits** ringed at the site. In all, 68 species ringed in 2020, a new group record.

Despite the lack of exposed shoreline, we have managed to record 18 species of **wader** in 2020 the highlights being **Black-tailed** and **Bar-tailed Godwit, Ringed Plover, Jack Snipe, Wood Sandpiper** and **Whimbrel**.

There have been no new additions to the overall site species list in 2020 although **Kumlien's Gull** (a sub species of **Iceland Gull**) was new to the site and only the third Northamptonshire record.

So, in summary, **164 species** at a site nowhere near the coast represents a superb effort and clearly shows Stanford Reservoir as a vitally important site for migrating, breeding and wintering birds.

For more information, please visit [www.stanfordrg.org.uk](http://www.stanfordrg.org.uk)



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**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF SOUTH KILWORTH PARISH COUNCIL No: 799/1220**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020, 7.15p.m.**

**1.0 TO CONFIRM MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr K Coyne (KC) – Vice Chairman  
Cllr T Wood (TW)  
Cllr G Byrne (GB)  
Cllr M Darnell (MD)  
Mrs K Brown (KB) – Clerk

**DRAFT**

**2.0 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES**

Cllr P Alcock – Work commitment. Meeting chaired by Cllr K Coyne.

**3.0 DISCLOSURE OF ANY MEMBER'S INTEREST/S**

None

**4.0 TO CONFIRM OTHER ATTENDEES**

None

**5.0 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> Nov'20**

The minutes of this meeting, as circulated, were confirmed to be a true record of matters discussed, and decisions reached, by the Parish Council.

**6.0 PLANNING MATTERS**

- 6.1 New Applications: None
- 6.2 Planning decisions rec'd: None.

**7.0 PARISHIONERS TIME**

- 7.1 None

**8.0 ACCOUNTS/FINANCE MATTERS**

- 8.1 The PC approved the following payments:

Payee	Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
SK Village Hall	114.21	0.00	114.21	To tfr refund from EON rec'd 25/11/20
Harborough District Council	90.00	18.00	108.00	ROSPA Play Area Inspection
Karen Brown	419.67	23.98	443.65	Clerk's Wages plus Zoom Licence £143.88
Royal British Legion	25.00	0.00	25.00	Remembrance Wreath
LRALC	40.00	0.00	40.00	Minutes & Agendas Training

- 8.2 KB reported on the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 30/11/20 - PC approved.
- 8.3 KB confirmed that a closing statement has now been received from Natwest - Resolved
- 8.4 KB reported that notification had been received from MHBS, stating that the interest rate applied to the Club 60 reserve account, held by the PC, would be reduced from 1.25% p.a. to .9% p.a. from 14/12/20. Resolved.

**DRAFT**

- 8.5** Re Budget / Precept request for financial year 2021/2022 – KB to prepare a ytd statement for 20/21, with comparison to budget, and circulate to councillors for consideration, in advance of next Jan'21 meeting. Pending.

## **9.0 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

- 9.1** Further resurfacing of Church Lane pathway – KB reported that LCC had notified this work was scheduled to be carried out on 25/01/21. KB to monitor. Pending.
- 9.2** Broken section of the Grange Gardens kissing gates – MD agreed to carry out repair. Pending.
- 9.3** Kissing gates accessibility – KC reported that LCC had agreed to remove the necessary hoops within these gates to aid access for pushchairs etc, before the repair to the pathway tarmac is carried out on 25/01/21. Pending.
- 9.4** Wildflower Verge Scheme 2021/22 – Council agreed not to take part in this scheme this year. Resolved.
- 9.5** Hole opened up on grass verge, Welford Road – KB reported that LCC have now determined that the hole has been caused by an old well, and are currently considering what action to take to remedy. KB to monitor. Pending.
- 9.6** Report of excessive mud on Walcote Road (Oct'20) – GB confirmed that he had made a strong complaint to LCC, who registered the case with ref FS270357832. It was reported that the road has since been subsequently thoroughly cleaned. Resolved.

## **10.0 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

- 10.1** The erection of a notice highlighting the existence of a cctv camera on the village hall site – TW confirmed that a sign has now been erected. Resolved.
- 10.2** Painting of the village hall car park bumps – GB confirmed that this work has now been carried out. Resolved.
- 10.3** Maintenance, weed killing etc on village hall car park – Council agreed for GB to obtain quotes to cover. Pending.
- 10.4** Aspects donation to the village re their using of the car park during the building period - GB is liaising. Pending.

## **11.0 RECREATION**

- 11.1** Previous proposal of a mound slide being erected within the children's playground - TW continuing to assess feasibility, KC to speak to Husbands Bosworth council for advice based on their installing of this type of slide. Pending.
- 11.2** Recent play area inspection, carried out by ROSPA - Council agreed repairs to be carried out in the new year, TW dealing. Pending.
- 11.3** Bowls Club proposal re setting up of a village Petanque Club – Council agreed that they had no objection to the proposal and were unanimously supportive of the project. Resolved.
- 11.4** HCYC Terms of Service for Spring '21 term – Council agreed to continue the contract, KC to sign paperwork and return to HCYC. Resolved.

## **12.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- 12.1** Re parishioner's request for support in providing a dog walking area in the village - no specific update received. However, Council asked KB to contact HDC to seek advice on measures/support available to help to enforce the 'no dogs allowed' stipulation on the village football pitch. Pending.
- 12.2** School parking action - KB confirmed that a report had been received from a representative of this group, dated 03/12/20. KC to contact PA. Pending.

### **13.0 VILLAGE WEBSITE**

- 13.1** The upgrading of the village/PC website - KC confirmed that communication with the new provider is ongoing and the new website is on track to be launched by the end of February. KC to monitor. Pending.



### **14.0 FUNDING FROM THE SHIRE ENVIRONMENT SCHEME 20/21**

- 14.1** Second application submitted re the proposed bird box scheme – No decision received to date. KB to monitor. Pending.

**MD was called away from the meeting at this point, and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.**

### **15.0 FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY GRANT AND HDC LOTTERY**

- 15.1** GB confirmed that the recent bowls club application to this fund, had been successful. Resolved.

### **16.0 FUNDING FROM S106 FUND**

- 16.1** KB reported that she had received updated values for this fund from HDC, to reflect the increased number of houses having been built by Aspects.

### **17.0 FUNDING FROM THE CIC (EIGHT PARISHES)**

- 17.1** Previous request received from SK Primary School for financial help from the PC to provide an outdoor classroom – No update received, PA dealing. Pending.

### **18.0 SOUTH KILWORTH NEWS**

- 18.1** The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude and appreciation towards the new editing team of the SKN. They would like to congratulate everyone involved on the excellent first edition produced!

### **19.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 19.1** The Parish Council would like to say a very big thank you to all those who volunteered to help with the village 'litter pick' carried out recently. Fabulous community spirit!

### **20.0 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUES, 12<sup>TH</sup> JAN'21, 7.15 P.M.**

Meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

**A copy of these minutes will be published on the South Kilworth Website, no later than thirty days from the date of the meeting.**



## Lockdown Recipe – Chocolate Treacle Tart

Hello, my name is Harriet and I am 8 years old. I attend South Kilworth Primary School. During the lockdown of 2020, I discovered a passion for baking and for Christmas I was given a cookbook. Here is my first recipe I tried out, which was yummy even if I do say so myself!

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup of all-purpose flour
- 6 tbsp butter
- 3 tbsp water
- 4 tbsp butter
- 1 lemon juiced and zested
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of golden syrup
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups breadcrumbs
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of almond flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of cocoa powder
- 1 medium egg



### DIRECTIONS

1. Start by making the tart crust. Simply combine the 6 tbsp of butter, water and all-purpose flour in a large bowl and knead together into a soft dough.
2. Press the dough into a tart dish of 9" to make sure it is even thickness around the bottom of the pan and up the sides.
3. Bake the crust in a pre-heated oven 375 degrees for 30 minutes.
4. To make the filling, place the remaining butter in a large pot and cook over medium heat. When the butter begins to brown, add the lemon juice, stir and remove the pan from the heat.
5. Add the golden syrup, seeded bread crumbs, cocoa powder and almond flour to the pot and stir well.
6. Add the egg last and mix in well.
7. Pour the breadcrumb filling into the cooked tart shell and press it down slightly.
8. Cook for another 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool before slicing and serving with a dollop of ice-cream for pouring cream.

# Joseph Morris Butchers



'Our meat is sourced from Joseph Morris', trumpeted the restaurant menu for our lunch on our first trip to the town of Rugby, back in 2015. My wife, Toni, and I were having a look around the Midlands area as a prospective venue for our relocation from South Africa. As an eager meatosaurus and former rugby player, I was intrigued and impressed at the fact that a separate business's produce was being promoted on a restaurant menu, this at the birthplace of the game I loved.

The serendipity continued when we not only found a home in South Kilworth, but our front door turned out to be 161 ft from the entrance of this renowned butcher. Imagine how chuffed I was when I walked into the Butchery for the first time and within a minute of me opening my mouth, the butcher behind the counter exclaimed: "You're South African... We sell Boerewors!" (It's a beef sausage much loved in my former neck of the woods)". That certainly ensured my loyalty.

My curiosity remained. Joseph Morris Butchers seems to punch above its weight, so I have asked David Morris about his family history and this is his account.



'My parents came to South Kilworth in 1934 – my father, Joseph Morris, had served as an apprentice butcher in Lutterworth, before moving to South Kilworth. The yard that butcher now stands in South Kilworth, was a farm yard. The farm land was actually down by the reservoir and when it was built, the farmer lost the land. My Dad bought the farm yard and converted the buildings into a butcher shop and slaughter house.

Those original buildings form a small part of the current ones and he had only a small shop to start with.

In 1939 with the Second World War, meat was very scarce which brought rationing of meat to every customer – 7 oz of meat per person per week and 2p of corned beef. Rationing lasted until 1953 and then we were able to buy from the farmers again.



When my Dad became ill and wasn't able to do his work, I left school to come into the shop to help. I was called up to do my National Service, but I was able to get a 12 months deferment on the understanding that after that, I would be called up again. Luckily, National Service ended in the 11th month of my deferment and I was able to help to run the business.

We then bought a Travelling Shop, serving the surrounding business. In 1960 we opened a second shop in Wigston and my brother, Reg, followed the path of farming and raising the animals.

I got married to Elaine in 1962 and we had three children,

Robert, Richard and Helen. All three are currently involved in the business.





Ten years ago, we opened a shop in Central Park, Rugby. This has proved to be a successful venture. In 2009 we won the Which? Award for small businesses and I went to London to be presented with the award. More recently we have expanded into catering sector and were very busy until the pandemic arrived. Like all those affected, we are hoping that things return to normal."

As a major employer and institution of South Kilworth, and witness to much that has changed in the village, the business is now in its fourth generation with the great-grandsons of Joseph working in the shops around Leicestershire and Warwickshire at the Rugby, South Kilworth and Wigston stores.

*(the pictures are from David Morris' collection)*

By Robert Snell

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## ADVENT TRAILS – THANK YOU!!



Thank you to all those who took part in our Advent Trails around North & South Kilworth! Our theme was 'COMFORT & JOY', and the decorated windows looked great, as you can see. It gave us all an opportunity to celebrate whilst staying safe. We really appreciate the time you took to help us feel a bit more festive! **Sharon Church**



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