

What's On

In Inkberrow, Cookhill, Kington and Dormston

A large, decorated Christmas tree stands as the centerpiece in a grand, ornate hall. The tree is heavily decorated with colorful lights, tinsel, and long, flowing ribbons in shades of blue, pink, and gold. Several people, including children and adults, are gathered around the base of the tree, looking at the decorations. In the background, a wooden staircase with a dark railing leads to an upper level. The hall has high ceilings and large windows, with a warm, festive atmosphere.

*Happy Christmas
to all our readers*

December &
January
2020/21

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New Year!



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LAXFORD HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE

Poplar Piece, Inkberrow

Sadly, for obvious reasons, we won't be able to hold our usual grand switch-on of the lights.

All being well, the tree **will** be lit with over 1,000 lights and Chris and I hope it will shine as a bright beacon in the village at the end of this difficult year, and give us hope for 2021. Unfortunately Paul Davis, of S.E. Davis, who has generously put the lights on the top of our tree for the past fifteen years cannot legally do it this year until the lockdown has ended. Fingers crossed that it will be lit for Christmas and well into the New Year!

We will be having our usual collection for charity. This year we will be raising money for the

Worcester Food Bank

The number of people who are struggling to find the money for something as basic as food has been rising rapidly as a result of the pandemic. No-one should go hungry.

Please give as generously as you have in past years.

As well as collecting tins in all the usual places, we've also set up a Crowdfunding page:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/laxfordhousechristmastree

Avril and Christopher Rowlands, 01386 792 051

NOTICE BOARD

INKBERROW MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

It's great to see so many users of the Millennium Green – families with children, visitors, disabled people, dog walkers, 'geocachers', apple and pear enthusiasts – and the 'Friends of Inkberrow Primary' treasure hunters in October half-term. In the interests of all users (especially dog walkers) there are new signs in the second field:

“KEEP DOGS ON SHORT LEAD PLEASE”

It is not practical to get agricultural machinery into the second field – it is too uneven. So sheep have a valuable role in keeping the grass down and in the restoration of the wildflowers as part of the Trust's 'Higher Level Stewardship' agreement with Natural England. And children like to see them.

In March 2020, Trustees decided to ban dogs from the second field following yet another dog attack on a sheep. The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 says that if a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the owner and/or the person in charge of the dogs is guilty of a criminal offence.

The Trustees are keen that everyone enjoys this space. The situation was therefore reviewed at the Trust's AGM in October. The new signs are clear and reasonable – and the Trustees ask all dog walkers for their cooperation. Is your dog quite placid? It may be - but if others see you walking it without a lead, they may think they can do so too. So all dog walkers - please follow the signs.

Enjoy the Green – and Season's Greetings from the Trustees.

*******STOP PRESS*******

Another serious incident of sheep worrying took place on the Millennium Green on Saturday November 14 when a man let his dog off the lead in the second field despite all the notices because *he couldn't see the sheep*. This resulted in two sheep ending up on their backs and all four sheep being very traumatised. A sheep on its back cannot get up and will soon die because it cannot breathe properly. Fortunately another visitor to the Green saw the incident, righted one of the sheep and contacted an IMG trustee so the missing sheep was found and put back on its feet. If there are notices there are sheep, **You** are committing a **criminal offence** if your dog worries sheep and this includes chasing them.

INKBERROW MILLENNIUM GREEN GREETINGS CARDS These are being compiled from photographs donated by Rosemary Morris and Basil Yates and will be sold in packs of 5 for £5 per pack, blank inside for your own message. Call 01386 792039 to place your order!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COUNSELLOR LINDA ROBINSON

As your elected District Councillor for the Upton Snodsbury Ward it is as always, a pleasure to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

This year however, is proving to be far from normal. We are in the midst of a second wave of the Coronavirus and our second national lockdown. During winter this is likely to have an even greater impact for our most vulnerable especially if bad weather keeps them increasingly isolated inside.

I was very proud and extremely grateful to all the volunteers, neighbours and friends across our communities, who made such an effort during the first lockdown to ensure that everyone had essential supplies and support where needed. It was a sterling combined effort and I have every confidence it will continue. The review date for current restrictions of the 2nd December is very close to the festive season. The possibility of further controls could make this holiday a very different proposition. Families and friends traditionally gather together to celebrate, often from far afield. Social distancing and travel restrictions make this impossible to plan or maybe even happen.

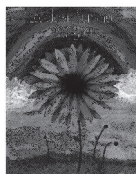
A feeling of loneliness, grief and even despair for some will be inevitable. Many are experiencing financial difficulties and concerns over employment as well. There is clear evidence that Mental Health issues worsen at stressful times and this pandemic sadly qualifies on that score. Help is available though, from both our District & County Councils. Details can be found online (see below) together with frequent Coronavirus updates for our area including financial assistance for affected local businesses and residents. Do remember though that not all our residents are online so could be unaware so please share any useful advice you are aware of.

Christmas is traditionally a time of giving, so please this year give a little of your time to help neighbours and your local community. Together, we will get through this and details of potential lifesaving vaccines are filling the news as I write this. Let's all hope for a 'HAPPIER' New Year.

Stay safe everyone, Linda.

*Guidance for the clinically extremely vulnerable www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help.
www.wychavon.gov.uk/coronavirus*

*If I can ever be of any help to you, please do contact me. My telephone numbers are 01905 841536 / mob 07720 076040 or e-mail me on linda.robinson@wychavon.net
I am also on Twitter @CllrLinda*



THANK YOU

LOCKDOWN SUNFLOWERS

Congratulations to all who achieved the successful growing of sunflowers (ref. July-August *What's On*). The Worcestershire Sunflower Growing Project attracted over 40 participants and households. Hopefully, the sunflowers will have acted as a further visual aid to remind us of our gratitude to the NHS and other key workers who have been supporting us during the Pandemic Lockdown. Meanwhile, the seeds of growth will doubtless benefit the birds around our gardens!

CENTENARY WOOD This has now acquired a 'bench' in the guise of a dead apple tree trunk; not designed for comfort and best suited to 'long-legged visitors'! The grass and wildflower seed mix is germinating and giving the weed-free and mulched surface a flush of spring green. Legislation regarding common land passed on 2000 says, "people can enter and remain on commons for as long as they like for the purposes of open air recreation. This includes picnicking, playing and watching wildlife, but prohibits the use of bicycles, horses, metal detectors, hang-gliders or camping." Ref: *Graham Bathe, 'Common Land', Pitkin Publishing 2015*. It sounds as if the project is exactly what is needed for these days of ongoing 'lockdown'.

INKBERROW FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY A suggestion has been made that a meeting could take place via Zoom. Please contact Marion Willis if you are interested. 01386 792166.

Well done - WI ladies

Brenda Smith and Sally Hodgetts recently organised a litter pick on the community playing fields by eight WI members. Several bags of rubbish were collected containing tin cans, bottles, plastic bags, crisp packets etc., carelessly discarded by people using the playing fields.

As villagers maybe we could all be inspired to pick up dumped rubbish and look after our much valued open shared spaces.



WITH YOU IN MIND MEMORY CAFE As we look towards Christmas in what has been a very challenging year for everyone, the members of the committee of the Memory café would like to share with you some information about who we are and what you can expect from us next year. We are hoping to re-open in January, depending of course on current Government advice.

The café is run by 2 DBS checked organisers and a group of volunteers all from the village and surrounding areas, and is held in St Peters church hall on the fourth Thursday of the month from 11-12.30. It is free to attend as we are funded through donations, our own fundraising activities, and generous financial support from local businesses and groups. We provide refreshments and an opportunity to chat to friends, and there is always some entertainment in one form or another. In the past we have had a Scottish dancing demonstration, harps, handbells, planting, Christmas wreath demos, and a very competitive games morning, to name but a few. We have discussions, reminisces, good old sing songs and poems, and we have regular visits from the children of Inkberrow Primary School to entertain us. The focus is on everyone enjoying themselves, with a varied programme hopefully catering for everyone's interests.

We have no set criteria on who can join us, other than if you have personal care needs you are accompanied by someone who can help you, and would love for more people to join us.

If you are interested, and would like more information, please contact **Melanie** on **01386 793035** or **Lynda** on **01386 793781**.

Date for your diaries: January 28th 2021 - Board games and chat- let's hope the morning is as raucous as the last!

HELP FOR INKBERROW, KINGTON, DORMSTON, AND COOKHILL RESIDENTS

The Facebook Inkberrow Community Page has had many generous offers of assistance by people willing to do shopping etc. and provide help in other ways to those residents of Inkberrow, Kington, Dormston, and Cookhill who might be isolating themselves because of increased risk of Coronavirus.

Please seek help if you need it – there are many kind people in the village on Facebook who are offering their assistance. Please ring one of the following:

Avril and Chris Rowlands
01386 792 051
07957 428 548

Julia and Peter Russell
01386 792 180

Danielle Jarvis
07464 930 803

Penelope Tredwell
07779 194 374

Steve Price
07903 035 415

Carol Davis
07733 086 629

Melanie Hart
01386 793 035
07976 789 444

Barbara Clubley
07923 062 578

Alison Bannister
01386 792 707

CHURCH INFORMATION

St James' Church, Kington don't intend to let the joy of Jesus' birthday slip by this year! From December a 'stable' will be arriving in the churchyard and thereafter figures from the nativity story will start making their way from either end of the village towards the church throughout the month until they reach the stable and take their places. Come and see if you can spot the figures on their journey...



GIFT DAY Saturday 12th December St Peter's Church, Inkberrow 10am to 3pm



CHRISTMAS CHEER Come and see the Christmas Tree and Nativity Scene with live music from **Lauretta Bloomer** - piano, **Brian Telford** - organ

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN by donating:

KIDS PRESENTS for Caring Hands Evesham

FOOD BANK ITEMS for Worcester Foodbank

TO OUR ANCIENT CHURCH for the refurbishment of the south wall

All donations on the day or online gratefully received

via <https://cofe-inkberrow.org.uk/fundraising>

10% funds donated to St Peter's will go to Crisis at Christmas and
The Children's Society . Thank You

PASTORAL CARE In and around Inkberrow: The clergy, together with the wider local Church, offer prayers daily for anyone requested, family or friends, who are sick or in any special need. We also have people who are available to visit, listen and support, all conversations held in confidence. If you would like to ask for prayer and/or support - for yourself, or someone else - please contact Elizabeth Collins 01386 792896, Jill Beddall 01386 792631 or one of the clergy.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES Our Lady and St Joseph's, Priory Road, Alcester with SS Peter, Paul and Elizabeth, Coughton. Parish Priest Fr. Paul Gunter OSB, B.D., S.L.L., S.L.D. The Presbytery, Priory Road, Alcester B49 5DY. Call 01789 762573 or email ourladyandstjoseph@yahoo.com The church is open for private prayer on Sunday mornings. 8.30am Mass is shown on YouTube. Christmas services are subject to 'Coronavirus restrictions' as social distancing would not accommodate normal Christmas congregations so please email Fr Paul for up to date information.

STOCK GREEN BAPTIST CHAPEL When services resume, they are usually held on the first and third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm. Please check www.stockgreenchapel.weebly.com where you can also leave prayer requests.

ST. JAMES', KINGTON 50 Club Winners for November:

1st Prize	No.45	Mrs D Smith	£75
2nd Prize	No.38	Miss F Taylor	£25

ST PAUL'S, COOKHILL Contact Maria Lazenbury admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk

COOKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH Currently all church meetings are being conducted via Zoom and Telephone Conference Links. If you are interested in joining any of these meetings please email our Pastor in Training: Charles.stubbings@gmail.com. Sunday Services for December 2020 at 10.00am:

6 th December	Toy Service, John Platt Birmingham City Mission
13 th December	Worship and Communion Service, Charles Stubbings
20 th December	Christmas Service Special, Rev Alison Mackay
27 th December	Worship and Communion Service, Rev Peter Cook

Sunday Services for January 2021 at 10.30am:

3 rd January	Covenant Service, Communion Charles Stubbings
10 th January	Worship Service, Rev Peter Cook
17 th January	Worship Service and Communion, Charles Stubbings
24 th January	TBA
31 st January	Worship and Communion Service, Charles Stubbings

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Friday mornings at 10.00am – Prayer Meeting. Visit our website: www.cookhillbaptistchurch.com

BENEFICE OF INKBERROW with COOKHILL and KINGTON with DORMSTON

Vicar: Rev'd Bruce Rienstra, The Vicarage, High St, Inkberrow, 01386 792222

Website: www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk.**CofE SERVICES for December 2020 & January 2021****Weekly reoccurring Sunday Online Services**

10.00	Pre-recorded service	YouTube Channel (North Avon Group)
11.00	Zoom Church @ 11am	Online via Zoom

Sunday, 6th December, 2nd Sunday in Advent

09.00	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
15.00	Patronal Evensong	St Nicholas', Dormston

Sunday, 13th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent

09.00	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Cookhill
10.00	Pre-recorded service	YouTube Channel
11.00	Zoom Church @ 11am	St Peter's & Online via Zoom

Thursday, 17th December

19.30	Unsung Carol Service	St Peter's, Inkberrow
<i>(With music and readings, tickets required)</i>		

Sunday, 20th December, 4th Sunday in Advent

09.00	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Inkberrow
15.00	Evening Prayer	St Nicholas', Dormston
14.30	Stable Trail	St Peter's, Inkberrow
<i>(In church & around the churchyard)</i>		

Thursday 24th December, Christmas Eve

13.30	Journey into Light	Dormston to St Nicholas'
16.00	Outdoor Prayers	St James', Kington
23.00	Midnight Mass	St Peter's, Inkberrow

Friday, 25th December, Christmas Day

10.00	Holy Communion <i>(Tickets)</i>	St Paul's, Cookhill
10.00	Family Praise	St James', Kington
10.00	Holy Communion <i>(Tickets)</i>	St Peter's, Inkberrow

Sunday 27th December, Christmas 1

10.00	Joint Benefice Service	St Peter's, Inkberrow
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Sunday, 3rd January 2021, The Epiphany

09.00	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
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Sunday, 10th January 2021, The Baptism of Christ

09.00	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Cookhill
11.00	Zoom Church @ 11am	St Peter's, Inkberrow

Sunday, 17th January 2021, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

09.00	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Inkberrow
15.00	Evening Prayer	St Nicholas', Dormston

Sunday 24th January 2021, The Conversion of Paul

09.00	Said Service	St James', Kington
09.00	Holy Communion <i>(patronal)</i>	St Paul's, Cookhill
11.00	Zoom Church @ 11am	St Peter's, Inkberrow

Sunday 31st January 2021, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

09.00	Joint Benefice Service	St Paul's, Cookhill
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(For ticketed services please email admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk, 07498 550592)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS: *"At God's right hand there is pleasure for evermore"*

12/11/2020 Brenda Carter

St Peter's Church & Westall Park

17/11/2020 Yvonne Burke

The Vale Crematorium, Fladbury

A Journey into Light - Something a little different this year for everyone to enjoy and join in with. Starting at 1.30pm the nativity journey will start from various points in Dormston arriving at St Nicholas' at 2pm. Join us by following the nativity through village to finish with a short service. It will be a family friendly event, so dress up, bring your sheep, donkey or camels to the stable and enjoy this community event.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2020

As it sadly isn't possible to hold a service this year we will be putting the 2018 service on YouTube, with a new introduction from Bruce and new prayers. The congregation's carols have been captioned so that you can join in at home. Available to access from mid-December either from www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk or by going directly to Youtube.com (North Avon Group). Hopefully next year we will be back in St Peter's.

St Paul's Church Cookhill
invites you to safely
sing carols from your
own driveway.



**Sunday 20th Dec,
5pm, Church Lane.**

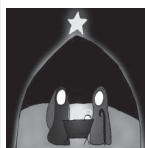
We will then move down into Cladswell
Lane and Lower Cladswell Lane.

**Tuesday 22nd Dec, 6.30pm
Oak Tree Lane & 7.15pm,
Wood Lane**

Happy Christmas to you all.

Visit St Paul's Church Cookhill
during December and find the Nativity
Scene in the porch. Here you can write
a message on one of the wooden hearts
and place it on the Christmas Tree.

There are children's, worksheets and a
book telling the Christmas story to take



away with you and enjoy
telling your children the
real story of Christmas.

God bless you all this Christmas

The Meaning of Christmas...

Come along to our outdoor socially distanced Christmas stable trail
for a taste of the meaning of Christmas.

There will be carol singers (socially distanced) and fairy lights to
welcome you to this version of the Christmas story.

It will be happening in the churchyard on Sunday the **20th December**
from 2.30pm till 4pm. Please enter by the Lychgate so that we can
regulate numbers and we all stay distant and safe.

This is appropriate for all ages and everyone is welcome.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

This year has been a year like no other, our sense of hope and love have been tested. Little did we know how much Last year! What about next year, the EU deal, Vaccines, more lockdown?

We have coped with past crises and we will cope in the future.

What about the present? The lucky ones are those with fixed incomes. Others; business owners, employed in industry or on low, reduced or lost incomes will find the festive season less festive.

How can we help others? I see many of you come to The Vicarage to drop off your food bank donations. During the 1st lockdown, the amount was staggering, it's less now please keep helping if you can.

People very close by who are struggling financially. In May 2019 I introduced the Inkberrow Parochial Charities. This year we are asking for your help to find the people in our communities who could do with a small helping hand at Christmas (see below).

Christmas is about hope and love. Christians believe Jesus brings hope and love. How about this Christmas we try to bring hope and love to our nearest neighbours? A gift, a smile, a helping hand, anything to brighten the day of someone nearby. All the churches in our villages will be bringing good cheer, join us!

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, a Healthy New Year and on everyone in and around our four parishes; God's Holy Blessing.

The Rev'd Bruce Rienstra

Vicar of Inkberrow with Cookhill and Kington with Dormston.

Inkberrow Parochial Charities (reg. nr. 200849)

A local charity for local people.

In May 2019 I wrote then that "we hope to identify deserving recipients which does not rely solely on the judgement of the three trustees" and we asked the residents of the communities of Cookhill and Inkberrow for their help. This year the charity has ca. £1300 to distribute to about 15 individuals and 2 organisations.

We need you to help by nominating (even yourself) an individual or family. All nominations will be treated confidentially between the three trustees; Councillor Robin Lunn (Inkberrow), Councillor Mavis Churchill (Cookhill) and myself. The names of the recipients will never be published, known only to the trustees and our independent auditor.

Please send your nomination with contact details and a short justification to vicar@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk (GDPR secure) or in writing any trustee (addresses elsewhere in this issue) or myself (address below) by 10 Dec. The trustees will make their decisions based on the information we receive and our conversation with the potential recipient.

Any questions? Please be in touch and we look forward to receiving applications for this year's Christmas distribution.

The Rev'd Bruce Rienstra, Chair of the Inkberrow Parochial Charities

The Vicarage, High Street, Inkberrow WR74DU Tel: 01386 792222

TAKEAWAY FOOD

In addition to other local takeaways, the following pubs and cafes have indicated that they will be able to offer takeaway food however please call to check before relying on the menus:

The Bull's Head, Inkberrow	www.bullshheadinkberrow.com	01386 792233
Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford	www.wheelbarrowcastle.com	01386 792207
The Boot Inn, Flyford Flavell	www.thebootinn.com	01386 462658
The Flyford, Flyford Flavell	www.theflyford.co.uk	01905 381900
The Moathouse, Alcester	www.moathouseinn.co.uk	01789 762984
Auntea Rita's, Flyford Flavell		01386 462536
The Nevill Arms, Redditch	www.thenevillarms.co.uk	01527 892603
The Whynot, Redditch	www.thewhynot.co.uk	01527 894289
The Frog, Bidford	www.thefrogbidford.com	01789 772369

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

The Old Bull has a team of helpers who will provide assistance to those who need it: 01386 792428.

Hillars at Dunnington will take orders by telephone for collection or they can arrange delivery for those unable to drive: 01789 773057.

SIMPLY FRESH The Forge Shop, Inkberrow HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

We are offering the following help for those in our community who, on account of coronavirus, are in isolation or unable to leave their home:

ORDER AND COLLECT We will take your order over the telephone, bag it and have it ready for collection. Payment will be taken on collection, or we can arrange a pre-pay account.

HOME DELIVERY We will take your order on the telephone and it will be delivered to your home. Payment will be through a 'pre-pay account'

MEDICATIONS We have teamed up with a pharmacy which will allow us to take your prescriptions by 3.00pm and have your items ready to collect by 3.00pm the next day.

If you need any of these services, or know somebody else who would like them, please contact the Forge Shop on **01386 792454**.

Anyone willing to volunteer to help deliver groceries in Inkberrow or surrounding areas, please contact us on 01386 792454.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS Note: it is unlikely that regular events are taking place. Please call the contact if in doubt.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ROUS LENCH AND INKBERROW BRANCH

Contact Chairman, Janice Briney 01386 792580.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Inkberrow 01386 791575

Kington & Dormston 01386 792458

Cookhill 01527 543887

INKBERROW LUNCH CLUB contact Ann Robertshaw on 01386 792333.

DEBATING GROUP contact Jill Beddall on 01386 792631 for further information.

ST PETER'S BELLRINGERS contact Andrew Hartley 01386 791333.

INKBERROW PLAYERS call Gary Clubley 07788 568760.

INKBERROW TENNIS CLUB contact Debbie Madden 01386 792099 or debbie_madden@hotmail.com.

INKBERROW BOWLS CLUB Contact David Willis 01386 792822 or John Bird 01386 791589 see website: www.inkberrowbowls.wix.com/Inkberrow-bowls or email us at: Inkberrowbowls@hotmail.co.uk

INKBERROW YOUNG FARMERS contact Becky Smith 07563 811166. @InkYFC or www.worcsyfc.org.uk/clubs/inkberrowteams

INKBERROW BADMINTON CLUB For details call Helen Turner 01386 792273.

KINGTON & DORMSTON SENIORS CLUB Contact Jo Carney 01386 792981

BROWNIES (girls 7-10) www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested. For more information please call 07870 598323

ARROW VALLEY BRASS BAND Contact Dave Stanley 01527 852485

TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA CLUB Contact Pat Edwards on 01386 792654.

COOKHILL CRICKET CLUB contact Billy Harris 07751 580069 or visit cookhill.play-cricket.com facebook.com/cookhillcricketclub twitter.com/cookhillcc

COOKHILL KEYBOARD CLUB Contact John or Lyn Hearn 01789 266788.

COOKHILL SEQUENCE DANCING Contact Wendy Richards 01527 402285.

COOKHILL GARDEN CLUB please see cookhillgarden.club for the latest information or contact David Claydon 01527 894317.

STUDLEY CAMERA CLUB Contact Rosemary Morris 01386 792714.

INKBERROW ALLOTMENTS COLLECTIVE contact the Parish Clerk, Janet Cresswell, by emailing: parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk.

INKBERROW AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURE SHOWS Contact Chairman. Tony Perryman, tonyp-overman@talktalk.net or 01386 792024. Secretary Barbara Berriman berri19a@gmail.com or 01386 791580.

STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB Call Rob Cole on 01527 821156

INKBERROW FOOTBALL CLUB contact Amanda Wallis 07769 904378 or Bill Schindler 07403 001712.

INKBERROW CRICKET CLUB contact Alistair Eaton 07771 958636, Robbie Guy 07377 705043 or email inkberrowcricketclub@gmail.com

WALKING FOOTBALL IN INKBERROW contact Roger Winn on 07791 340712.

INKBERROW MILLENNIUM GREEN Visit www.inkberrowmilgreen.co.uk.

INKBERROW FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Contact Marion Willis 01386 792166.

INKBERROW TINY TOTS PLAYTIME Contact Jen Wofford 07930 333481 or inktinytots@aol.com

INKBERROW TWINNING ASSOCIATION Contact: Pam Drysdale, 07889170125, Celia Hart 07790 543248 or Richard Hocknell 01386 792291.

INKBERROW SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB Contact Ann and Richard Dover 01789 764825 or dickieandannie@btopenworld.com

RAINBOWS (girls 5-7 years) Harvington Rainbows-Daen Nutton 01386 870629, Fladbury Rainbows-Karenza Chui 01386 860618, Hanbury Rainbows-Alicia 01386 792304

Please note: Full listings for all local organisations will resume in the next issue.

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Inkberrow Parish Council

Your Councillors

Please contact the relevant Parish Councillor with any comments or concerns:

Chair and Police – Jane Neal
01386 793594

Vice-Chair - David Hunter
07807 622426

Inkberrow Primary School Governor – Chris Burdett
01386 791027

Trees, Millennium Green, Public rights of way –
Dinah Griffin 01386 792993

Allotments – Anthony Hopkins 01386 792342

Community Council, Sports & Leisure Association – Rodger Fooks 01386 793095

Wychavon District Councillor – Audrey Steel
01386 792266

Parish Charities - Robin Lunn
01386 792073

Richard Jordan 01386 793357

Clerk – Janet Cresswell
01527 821442 or

parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk

The latest Parish Council meeting was held on 18th November 2020 via webcam.

Footpaths. The Parish Council were pleased to report that the footpath on Stonepit Lane has been completed and are pleased to hear residents are already making the most of it. In addition, announcements were made regarding several other footpaths. Cllr David Hunter said he was in the process of contacting STL Management about restarting the repairs to footpath 643.

Highways. Due to the pandemic and Highways England workers having to self-isolate, maintenance has slowed down. For example, Councillor Anthony Hopkins has repeatedly tried to fix the road edges on Stockwood, Withybed and Pinhills Lane but has been unable to get workers to come out to deal with that specific issue. That said, Highways England have agreed to jet blast several blocked drains on Withybed Lane and provide more information concerning the extent of damage further downstream.

Sheep worrying. The Parish Council is deeply concerned about the rise in reports concerning sheep worrying and some dog owners not abiding by signage and the general countryside code. Cllr Chris Burdett spoke about the risks and reiterated that it is a criminal offence to let your dog worry sheep. Collectively, the Parish Council would like to remind all residents to respect signage and keep a watchful eye, particularly on the Millennium Green.

Covid-19. Cases are rising in the village and all surrounding areas. As many residents will be aware, Feckenham, to quote one member, “stands out like a beacon” with over 400 cases per 100,000. County Councillor Anthony Hopkins also said that school attendance is creeping down within the district and said the situation was “very difficult and involved a great amount of planning”. As a result of all this, District Cllr Audrey Steel said it was necessary to follow the government rules “if we want to see our loved ones on Christmas Day”.

Financial affairs. The Parish Council is pleased to report that the state of the village's finances are strong. Furthermore, due to the evolving economic situation caused by the pandemic, members decided not to raise the precept and instead to keep it at current levels.

Planning Applications.

20/01909/ 20/01910 Mr. T Harries Basket Cottage, Holberrow Green.

Replacement windows. It was recommended that the application be approved.

Outbuildings in car park of Bulls Head. It was recommended that the application be approved.

Other. Finally, the Parish Council will nominate the Forge Shop for the District Council Chairman's Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award 2020. They have made an amazing contribution to the village during these difficult times and the Parish Council would like to thank Chaz and all the team!

Thanks was given to Inkberrow WI for the litter pick around the playing fields, prior to the recent lock down, and also wished to thank those who regularly collect litter that has been dropped by others.

Thanks was given to Sheila and Jenny for planting up the flowers each end of the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 20th January 2021. We wish you and your families a safe and very Merry Christmas.

CAR SERVICE operates in the village to take those who have no-one else to take to hospital/dental appointments. Please contact Elizabeth on 01386 792896 or 07949 548652 for further information.

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Summary from the Cookhill Parish Council Meeting held virtually on Tuesday 10th November 2020

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:

Cookhill Allotments – The site has been prepared for the winter, with hedges trimmed and tracks to be given one last cut. The perimeter fencing has been repaired. Social distancing rules are being maintained and tenants can attend to their plots safely. There are currently no vacant plots at the site. *Please contact the clerk on 07584 687 283 or Mr David Claydon, the Allotment Association Chairman, on 01527 894317 to be placed on the waiting list.*

Parish Paths Update

Following a request for disabled access to the public footpath on the Ridgeway, the PC are pleased to confirm that a new gate will be installed, giving access to the walk leading down to Botany Bay.

Lengthsman Update

It has been confirmed that the Lengthsman can continue to carry out his duties during the current restrictions. Should urgent work be required on a footpath it will be closed to ensure adequate social distancing can be maintained.

Cookhill Village Hall Update

The Village Hall remains closed during the current lockdown period. The hall is checked on a regular basis, as instructed by their insurance company.

Defibrillators

The battery in the defibrillator at SE Davis has been changed. All the pads have been checked and replaced, where necessary. A regular check of the equipment will be maintained throughout the year.

Cookhill Playground & Adult Exercise Equipment

The playground remains open during the current lockdown restrictions, in line with Government guidelines. The Parish Council continue to monitor the usage and conduct at the park. The equipment is cleaned thoroughly twice a month.

Scams

Residents are reminded to be vigilant to scams. Do not click links in suspicious emails and report anything unusual to the Police on 111.

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Road Safety

The damaged bollards at the top of Arrow, at the junction with the A441 & A422, are still waiting to be replaced.

The issue of speeding on the Salt Way is still under investigation, with a request from County Cllr Anthony Hopkins for a speed survey to be carried out in this location.

Covid19 Update

As cases continue to rise in Worcestershire everyone is reminded to follow the guidelines of 'Hands, Face, Space' and to observe social distancing and mask wearing in shops and on public transport. Although cases are rising, Wychavon continues to show some of the lowest infection rates in Worcestershire.

Worcester County Council are operating their own testing site for emergencies.

Planning: *the Parish Council has asked Wychavon District Council (WDC) to send notification to us of all planning applications that fall within the parish boundary, these are then discussed at a parish council meeting and the ensuing comments are submitted to WDC. All these applications and comments can be seen online via www.wychavon.gov.uk*

The following applications were considered for comment:

W/20/02143/CU Caravan at 47 The Ridgeway, New End, Astwood Bank, B96 6LS

Proposal: Temporary change of use of land for a period of up to 18 months for the stationing of a mobile home and a small portable cabin for use as home office pending the outcome of a current live application ref. 20/00670/TDC5 and a current live appeal ref. APP/H1840/W/20/3260255.

Consultation ended 3rd November: The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL

W/20/02276/LB Knowle Barn, Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LJ

Proposal: New and replacement fenestration with internal alterations (part-retrospective).

Decision: The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL

Reports from Wychavon Planning:

W/20/01754/FUL The Sling, Dogbut Lane, Astwood Bank, B96 6LD

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of agricultural machinery store and workshop area in connection with agricultural contracting business. Variation of condition 9 of planning permission 97/00437/PP

Decision: APPROVED 26/10/2020

W/20/01755/FUL The Sling, Dogbut Lane, Astwood Bank, B96 6LD

Proposal: Proposed replacement of existing stable block with workshop / maintenance building. Variation of condition 6 on planning permission 12/02702/PN to enable the building to be used in connection with non-agricultural contracting work.

Decision: APPROVED 26/10/2020

Next **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING**
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Summary from the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on Monday 9th November 2020.

The Parish Council welcomed new Councillor Mrs Tamzin Richards who was co-opted at the November meeting.

Speeding on the A422 remains high on the agenda with reassurance from County Cllr Rob Adams that this stretch of road is top of the list for additional safety measures ongoing.

A new vehicle activated speed sign and noticeboard will be up and running within the village shortly.

Everyone to please remain vigilant with regards to littering particularly along Cockshot Lane and respect our beautiful villages, although a community litter pick would not be suitable in the current climate it will be kept on the agenda for future meetings.

Messages from District Council include free parking in all Council owned car parks until 3rd January to help support

local businesses and a walk in test centre for Coronavirus is due to be set up at the Wychavon Civic centre site, appointments can be made through Gov.uk and the facility will be converted at a later date into a vaccine centre.

The Parish Council wish you all a happy Christmas and the next meeting will be held virtually on Monday 11th January - everyone is welcome to attend.

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(Translated from a Portuguese poem)

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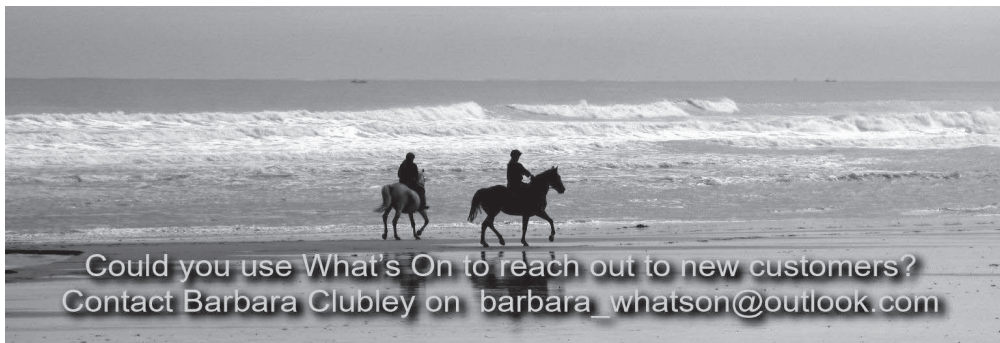
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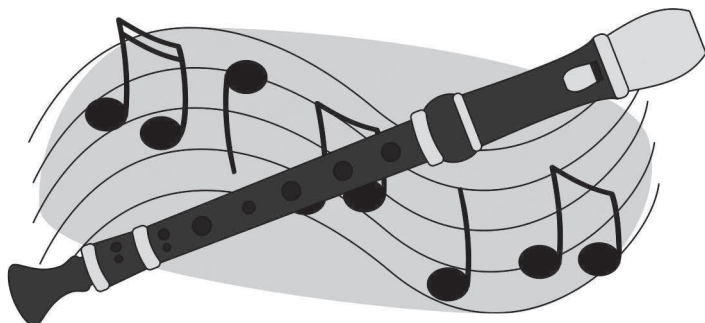
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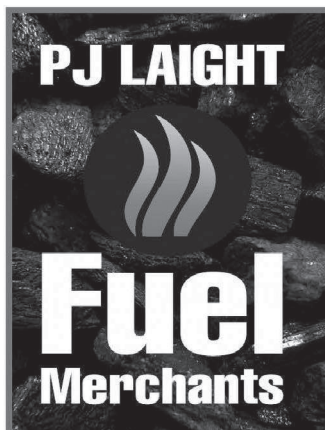
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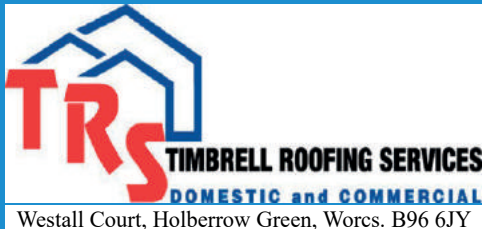
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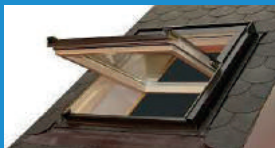


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