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**SEVERN TRENT WATER PAYMENTS** phone 03457 500 500 to request a 'watercard' which enables you to pay water and sewerage at Alcester Road Service Station, WR7 4DB or at 'Simply Fresh', Alcester.

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Third Tuesday in the month

Inkberrow

10 - 10.20am Stonepit Lane 10.25 - 10.40am High House Drive

10.45 - 11.10am The Green

Kington

11.45 – 12noon Glebeland Car Park Second Monday in the month

Cookhill

1.25 – 1.45pm Lower Cladswell

Lane

1.50 – 2.05pm Oak Tree Lane 2.25 – 2.40pm Portway Cottage

Farm

Third Monday in the month

Dormston

2.15 – 2.35pm Cockshot Lane/ Park Crescent



Please note the **sheep** are back **in the 2<sup>nd</sup> field on the Millennium Green**. Please ensure you keep your dog(s) on a short lease. Thank you.

Inkberrow20 is a campaign to lower the speed limit on the High Street between Chaston Close and Sands Road to 20 mph, as it is in many other built-up areas in England. In the first instance, please sign the petition online at <a href="https://chng.it/TymwgQrdM6">https://chng.it/TymwgQrdM6</a> or on paper at The Forge Shop on the High Street. Then we will take this to our elected councillors to petition Worcestershire County Council and the Highway Authority. Thank you.

### **COLOUR!**

**STOP PRESS!** The What's On can now offer you the opportunity to advertise in colour! See the front page for prices. When sending notices or adverts to the editors, please send in black & white or colour accordingly.



### Inkberrow Bowls Club

#### INDOOR SHORT MAT

Inkberrow Bowls Club was founded in 1996, a fairly new club compared with others in the Worcestershire District, and welcomes any new players to the sport. You do not need any experience to start playing the game as many of the current members will testify.

If you've never played bowls and would like to give it a go, then why not come along and try playing short mat bowls, which is a great introduction to the sport. We play indoors on Mondays (2-4pm), Wednesdays (10.30am–12.30pm) and Fridays (5-7pm) from the beginning of October through to the end of March. You will be given you

full instructions on how to play the game, bowls will be provided, all you need to bring along with you are flat-soled shoes. The bowls pavilion is located on Sands Road, next to the village hall. If you would like any further information, then please contact the Bowls Club Secretary, Steve Yeates, on 07714-480086 or by email—inkbowlssec@amail.com



#### SINGERS NEEDED.....

'CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT'
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2024
7.30PM
ST PETER'S CHURCH
INKBERROW



If you enjoy singing carols and Christmas tunes, and would like to join the St Peter's Christmas Choir for this event, please contact Tim Watson on timwatson56@hotmail.com for more information.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ROUS LENCH AND INKBERROW BRANCH



#### **POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING 2024**

Wednesday 13th November, The Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford
10.30 am -12 noon

Raffle, Rollover Raffle, Homemade Cakes and more
Entrance £2 includes light refreshment
All Welcome. Proceeds to RBL Poppy Appeal

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024 HOLBERROW GREEEN MEMORIAL SEAT NOVEMBER 9TH

ROUS LENCH & INKBERROW BRANCH will again hold their annual Act of Remembrance Service in St Peter's Church, Inkberrow, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November followed by the laying of wreaths and Silent Tribute at the Lychgate War Memorial.

We would like to invite residents of Inkberrow and surrounding villages to join with us, and representatives of local organisations, schools, and clubs, on this special day.

Time: 10am in the Church. The branch members with standard will parade from the village green at 09.45am

If you would like to lay a wreath (donation of £20) in memory of a relative, please contact Chris or Gill Bonehill on 01905 381559

There will be a service of dedication of the new seat at the **Holberrow Green Memorial** officiated by the Reverand Ian Perry, together with members of Rous Lench and Inkberrow RBL, at 11am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Janice Briney, Chairman, Rous Lench & Inkberrow Branch

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS



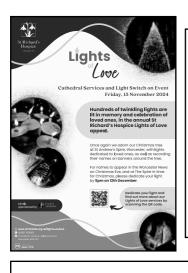
#### 'With You in Mind'



Our next meeting will be held in St.Peter's Hall on Thursday November 28th at 11am

### CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING & DECORATING THE TREE THE KINGTONES - HANDBELLS

For further information, please contact Melanie on 01386 793035 Everyone Welcome



Alcester Singers Christmas Concert



Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm St Nicholas Church, Alcester

Featuring Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' with harp and including audience carols

Tickets £10 (under 14s free) from Humphries Shoes,

Alcester (cash only) or on the door.

The Poppy cascade is now up and we invite everyone to come and admire it and have a look round the church at the same time. The Church kitchen will be open during the day (between approx. 9am and 4pm) where you can make yourselves a drink (for a small donation- cash preferred) and you will also have access to the toilet. On some occasions, you might be lucky enough to have your refreshments, including fresh cake, served to you by volunteers. Please come and support this amazing project.





# Hosted by Inkberrow Tennis Club



Are you ready for a night of trivia and fun? Join us for Fun Quiz Night! Gather your team (max 6) and put your knowledge to the test with our entertaining and challenging quiz questions.

Saturday 23rd November Start At 7:30PM

£20 per Inkberrow Village Hall

team

(max 6)

Raffle

Licensed

Ticket Info email:

inkberrowtennisclub@gmail.com



#### **St Nicholas Dormston**

#### **Annual Christmas Fair**

Saturday 30th November

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

£2 entrance to include tea/coffee/ mincepie

Stalls, Tombola, Gifts, Hot Dogs, Christmas Fayre, Mulled Wine

And much more



# Grand switch-on of over 1,000 lights! LAXFORD HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE Poplar Piece, Inkberrow

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Saturday 7th December, 6.30 pm

Join us once more as we celebrate the start of Christmas by switching on the lights accompanied by a street organ, a vintage 1890s children's roundabout, hopefully a steam vehicle, refreshments and fireworks!

Come along, have fun and raise money for this year's worthwhile charity

This year we will be raising money for

#### The Midlands Air Ambulance

Whose invaluable work in saving lives in our area relies totally on the support of individuals and businesses. We're sure you'll give as generously as you have in past years.

Collecting tins will be around the village and you can also contribute via our Crowdfunding page, https://www.justgiving.com/page/LaxfordXmasTreeforMidlandsAirAmbulance

We are once again indebted to Paul Davis of S.E. Davis, Simon Thomas of Thomas Brothers and PSW for their generous support

Avril and Chris Rowlands, 01386 792051 or 07957 428548

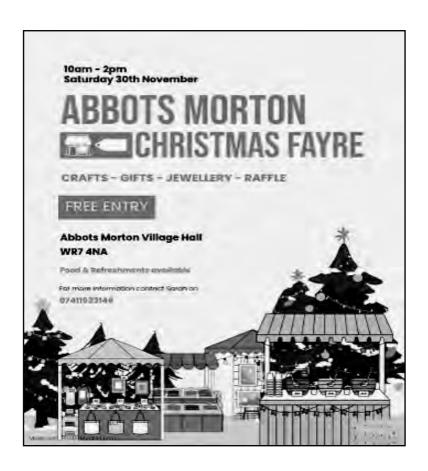
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#### SUDOKO

Fill in the 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 subgrids contain all of the digits from 1 to 9.

This puzzle is classed as 'MEDIUM' difficulty.

Sudoko puzzles are provided by www.sudokooftheday.com



#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at **4pm** St Peter's Church, Inkberrow

With **tarantara** mixed voices choir a wide and varied repertoire to raise funds for St Peter's Church Fabric Fund

Tickets £12 from: Richard Savage 01386792791/07933078989 Melanie Hart 01386793035/07976789444

### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**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 one of the clergy.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES 'Our Lady and St. Joseph', Priory Road, Alcester. B49 5DY

Parish Priest: The Right Reverend Geoffery Scott OSB, Abbot of Lindisfarne.

Safeguarding Officer: David Sullivan

Phone 01789 762573 or email olasj.alcester@rcaob.org.uk

Website: www.catholicchurchalcester.org.uk

Sunday Mass: 8.30 and 10.30am in the 'warm' church. The second collection is for the Parish Development Fund. Children's Liturgy is 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

Weekday masses: Monday, Friday and Saturday at 10.00am Saturday mass is followed by Exposition and Confession.

The Parish Hall is available for hire. Phone 07876 796277 or email hallbookings@catholicchurchalcester.org.uk for rates and availability.

We are able to enjoy the services of two talented cooks. The main hall can seat 48 people for a 'fine dining' experience. You supply the ingredients and explain how you would like them prepared and our cooks will quote you a price and do the rest of the work for you.

New Cleaning Rota - new volunteers are needed to join the cleaning rota. Please contact Jenny Holmes on 07810 141466

Church Gardening - help is required. Please contact Karen Tither on 01789 765089 if you are willing to get involved.

**REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP** meets at the Bridge Centre, Headless Cross, Redditch B97 4JX on a monthly basis. Enquirers are welcome and may contact Dr.Susan Porter (group convener) on 07789741900

#### **COOKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Services for November at 10.30am:**

3<sup>rd</sup> November Worship and Communion Service, Rev. Charles Stubbings

10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service at St. Paul's

17<sup>th</sup> November Worship and Communion Service, Rev. Peter Cook

24<sup>th</sup> November Worship Service, Bryan Conway

Tuesdays mornings-Coffee at Ten- 'A warm space'. Bring a craft or hobby or just come for a chat. Bring those who are lonely. Soup lunch will be served.

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at the church

Friday morning 10.30am - Prayer Meeting at the church.

Visit our website- www.cookhillbaptistchurch.org.uk

#### **COOKHILL BAPTIST LADIES' BREAKFAST** To be held at <u>Kings Court Hotel</u> near Alcester. **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.00**

Full breakfast menu available. Unlimited tea and coffee. £12.50

Speaker Margaret Hooper. "Welcoming the Stranger".

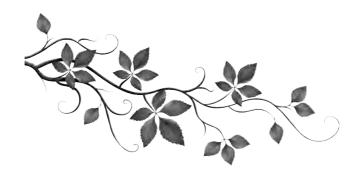
Margaret is a retired GP.

Kings Court Hotel is on the A435 Alcester-Studley Rd. B49 5QQ

<u>Book by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</u> by contacting Hilarie Davey on 01386 792875 or Sheila Roberts on 01527 459235

**STOCK GREEN BAPTIST CHAPEL** Services 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 PAUL'S, COOKHILL Contact Ania Parnell at admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk



#### BENEFICE OF INKBERROW with COOKHILL and KINGTON with DORMSTON

Vicar: Rev'd Ian Perry, 5 Barley Meadows, Inkberrow, WR7 4DR, 01386 339371 Associate Priest: Rev'd Diane Hayward-Wright, 1 Church Drive, Cookhill, 01527 892727

Rev'd Vivienne Heenan, The Risings, Kington 01386 300933 Officiating Minister Janice Swan, Rosevine, Withybed Lane, Inkberrow, 01386 792363 Reader:

Administrator: Ania Parnell: admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk. 07852367085

Website www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk

#### **Church of England SERVICES for November 2024**

#### Sunday, 3rd November, The Fourth Sunday before Advent

08.00	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
09.30	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Cookhill
11.00	Morning Praise	St James, Kington

Church @ 11
All Souls Memorial Service 11.00 St Peter's Hall (PEC), Inkberrow

16.00 St Peter's. Inkberrow

#### Sunday, 10th November, The Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

10.45	Remembrance Service	St Paul's, Cookhill
10.10	Remembrance Service	St Peter's, Inkberrow
11.00	Act of Remembrance	St Peter's, Inkberrow
10 45	Act of Remembrance	St Nicholas Dormston

#### Wednesday, 13th November

Midweek Communion St Peter's, Inkberrow 11.00

#### Sunday, 17th November, The Second Sunday before Advent

09.30	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Cookhill
09.30	Morning Praise	St Peter's, Inkberrow
11.00	Holy Communion	St James, Kington

St Peter's Hall (PEC), Inkberrow 11.00 Church @ 11

#### Sunday, 24th November, Sunday Next before Advent

09.30	Morning Praise	St Paul's, Cookhill
09.30	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
11.00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Dormston

Church @ 11 on 3rd November & 17th November - Live, contemporary and modern worship. All welcome.

Midweek reflection: 10am, Wednesdays, The North Avon Group, YouTube Channel

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**BAPTISMS:** "Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God"

27.10.2024 Remy Roberts St Peter's, Inkberrow

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

i 01.10.2024 Irene Fowler Redditch Crematorium i 17.10.2024 Alma Quiglev St Peter's, Inkberrow

### Thought for the Month

By Avril Rowlands

When Inkberrow Primary School was still a First School, I organised Remembrance Services in the school on behalf of the church. All the children attended as well as many parents and representatives from the Royal British Legion.

At the service we remembered and paid tribute to the fourteen names on the memorial plaque at the school who died in the First World War and the three people who probably attended the school and were killed in the Second World War. Seventeen ex-pupils in all. Prayers, written by the children, were read out, for remembrance and for peace. The most moving part of the service was when seventeen children stood up, and each of them was given a lighted candle while the names of the seventeen who died were read aloud.

They were remembered as children of Inkberrow, who attended the same school, walked the same corridors, played in and around the village, in the streets and in the fields.

I don't know how many children attended the school during the First World War, but the seventeen children who stood up during the Remembrance services we held one hundred years later made quite a hole among the children in the hall.

Why did we hold those services to remember and honour the seventeen people who died so long ago? And why do we now, in 2024, still remember and honour not only those who died in the two world wars, but also those who lost their lives in subsequent conflicts? Sadly, since the ending of the Second World War there have been no days when the entire world was at peace.

But as we stressed to the children, and as we ourselves reflect during remembrance services year after year, we remember that they died so that we could live in peace and freedom. We remember because they went to war for others, not for their own advantage. We remember because it's only by remembering the terrible thing that is war we can try to ensure it does not happen again.

Jesus said: "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." In a wider sense Jesus was telling his disciples to devote their lives to the service of others. The ultimate sacrifice was Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus, who laid down his life on the cross so that we, all of us, might be free to live our lives according to our Creator's will.

We prize freedom in this country but that freedom has to be recognised, nurtured and worked for. We are so fortunate here in Inkberrow and the surrounding villages that we have this sense of service to others and to the community – a wonderful example is the cascade of poppies from the church tower, worked on over the past few months by so many individuals and groups. It forms a striking and eloquent message. We are grateful for the freedoms those in the past have given us and we must never take them for granted.

We WILL remember them.

#### Next Benefice Bookings Evening for Weddings & Baptisms

Wednesday, 6th November, 19:30-20.30, St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow

**St Paul's Church** is open all day for prayers and reflection in addition to being a very adaptable and flexible space with kitchen and facilities for your special requirements together with beautiful grounds for your delight and pleasure. Please contact Ania Parnell at <a href="mailto:admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk">admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk</a> Please visit our website for further details <a href="mailto:www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk">www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk</a>

Our Services can be found under the Benefice Church of England Services



COFFEE MORNING at St Paul's Church, Cookhill on Saturday 23rd November from 11am - 1.00pm. There will be a variety of stalls including arts & crafts, Christmas gifts, jewellery, cakes and much more! Come along and enjoy with us! A warm welcome awaits you!

#### 'St James' Church '50 Club' winners

September 2024 1st £75 Ms A Gulliver

2nd £25 Mr N Bonehill

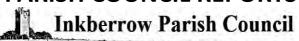
October 2024 1st £75 Ms C Chidlow

2nd £25 Ms A Allington

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#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS



### For any queries, in the first instance, contact:-

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Your councillors are:-

David Hunter - Chair & Police -07807 622426 Jane Neal - Vice Chair -01386 793594 Dinah Griffin - Millennium Green, Public Rights of Way Liaison Officer -01386 792993 Anthony Hopkins - Allotments -01386 792342 Rodger Fooks - Community Council -01386 793095 Robin Lunn - Parish Charities -01386 792073 Elizabeth Jordan - School Liaison Officer - lizzie77powell@aol.com Richard Jordan - Trees -01386 793357 Chris Burdett - 01386 791027

Your District Councillors are:-

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Your County Councillor is:-

Laura Gretton - | Igretton@worcestershire.gov.uk

#### Meeting of Parish Council held 16th October 2024

The Allotment AGM was held before the Parish Council meeting. It was well attended, and Bob Berriman was congratulated on being appointed the Allotment Chair again. The allotment holders were thanked for maintaining a delightful community asset.

It was noted that WCC traffic engineers had assessed parking congestion on Stockwood Lane particularly during school drop off and collection times. There would be a consultation period on any proposals put forward to improve the situation and public safety.

Residents should note that on 4th November 2024 for 5 days a section of Stonepit Lane from its junction with Greenscroft Way to its junction with Withybed Lane will be closed for a new customer connection.

The Parish Council has received notice that Mrs Dot Hunt has resigned from the CIO Inkberrow Community Centre. Dot is a very well-known local figure in our community and has served as the Chair of the ICC for many years. Her commitment and dedication to the maintenance, running and development of the Village Hall has been enormous, and we are very grateful to her, and husband Fred, for this service. David Hunter (Chair of the IPC) thanked Dot and Fred publicly for their service and dedication to the village.

#### Planning Applications and updates:

Application W/24/01750/FUL Priory Forge, Priory Farm Lane, Inkberrow, Worcester, WR7 4HT Conversion of existing ancillary building to form a residential annexe and change of use of land to residential curtilage, both serving Priory Lodge; Erection of horse walker for use in connection with existing equine business.

Planning approved: W/24/01638/HP construction of rear utility room on existing footprint and small pitched roof to front of existing garage and porch Location: 4 Tuer Way, Inkberrow, Worcester, WR7 4EQ

Planning Approved: W/24/01577/FUL Retrospective agricultural storage building. Location: The Old Windmill, Holberrow Green, Redditch, B96 6SF

Planning Appeal: W/24/00638/FUL Development of a live/work unit Site at: The Geldings, Bouts Lane, Holberrow Green, Inkberrow, Redditch B96 6JX

West Mercia Police would like to draw attention to the most recent 'Fraud and Scam Bulletin'. This month its focus is on the increasing number of 'Romance Frauds' that are causing financial and mental harm to victims. The majority of people using dating sites are genuine and honest. However, the Police are asking users to be vigilant when discovering new relationships online to protect themselves and their bank account. People are advised to check that the dating site they are using is a member of the Online Dating Association and never to be afraid to report a suspected scammer to the ODA. A copy of the bulletin is available on the Parish Council Notice Board.

The Parish Council will be honouring and recognising all those gave their lives for their country and our freedom, by laying a wreath at the village Remembrance Day service.

It's not many weeks now until Christmas and plans are underway to celebrate with a Christmas tree on the Village Green. If any villagers would like to be involved and help on the day, then please contact the Parish Council for more details.

Contact your Parish Council via email <a href="mailto:parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk">parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk</a> our Facebook page Inkberrow Parish Council, or our website www.inkberrow.org.uk

Next meeting: Wednesday 20th November, 7:30pm at the Bowls Club, Sands Road.

**CAR SERVICE** operates in Inkberrow 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.

**REDDITCH CONSTITUENCY** MP (Inkberrow and Cookhill) Chris Bloore 01527 362815 chris.bloore.mp@parliament.co.uk

**DROITWICH and EVESHAM CONSTITUENCY MP** (Kington and Dormston) Nigel Huddleston 020 7219 5814 nigel.huddleston.mp@parliament.uk

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#### www.cookhillparishcouncil.com

Summary from the Cookhill Parish Council Meeting held in the conference room at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane on **Tuesday 8**th **October 2024** 

#### **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:**

#### Cookhill Village Hall - Update

Electric Charging Points – To be installed in the coming months.

Yoga – There will be a new yoga group starting at the Village Hall on a Sunday, from 4.30pm Panto – There will be a pantomime hosted by Auntie Jen's Productions on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, more information to follow.

#### Clerk's Report

Dog Bin – A suitable location for a new dog waste bin has been agreed for installation at Platinum Meadows. This should hopefully encourage dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

Unsuitable for HGVs – A report had been received on the amount of HGVs taking unsuitable routes through the village. Worcestershire County Council have carried out an assessment and an 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign will be installed at the entrance to Mearse Lane, from the A422.

#### **Cookhill Allotments Update**

There are now 39 plots at the site, with a potential for 4 others.

The Allotment Association held its AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The Parish Council Best Kept Allotment Award went to the tenants of 10a. Overall the site has never looked so neat and tidy, which is a credit to the tenants.

A big thank you to committee members and those tenants that have assisted with maintenance tasks.

The mains water has now been turned off and tenants are being encouraged to collect as much rain water as possible in water butts and containers, ready for next spring.

Please contact Mr David Claydon, the Allotment Association Chair, on 01527 894317 if you are interested in viewing one of the available plots, or in joining the Waiting List.

#### **Platinum Meadows**

The grass tracks have been mown and the area is generally neat and tidy. In the coming weeks the grass around the crocuses will be cut so that they are visible when they flower in the early spring.

#### Cookhill Parish Councillors

Cllr Bob Pinfield (Chairman) 07971 177373

bob@roconfoam.co.uk

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Cllr Terence Bennett 07765 447997

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chris.bloore.mp@parliament.uk

#### Clerk - Kate Brazier

Contact: 07584 687283 info@cookhillparishcouncil.com

Most of the saplings planted several years ago are growing well, but it is disappointing to see that some damage appears to have been done to others.

Three new fruit trees will be added to the orchard in the corner of the meadow.

#### PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME!

There have been some reports that litter and drinks' cans are being thrown over onto the allotments, from the public right of way that leads around the perimeter of the site.

Please can we remind you to either take your rubbish home with you, or to use the waste bin provided at the entrance to the allotment site. You will also find a dog waste bag dispenser here, if you have forgotten your dog waste bags. Thank you!

#### **Bogus Callers – ADVICE**

There were reports of 'bogus' callers in Cookhill last month. The workmen told residents that they were calling on behalf of Severn Trent Water and, although they showed identification, the lack of prior notification caused some concern, particularly as they were requesting access to property. These visits were reported to the Police, who investigated and ascertained that the callers were, in fact, **genuine**.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case, so West Mercia Police have issued the following advice, should you be suspicious;

Anyone who calls at your door should have some form of identification. You are well within your rights to ask for this and make a note of their details.

Never give out banking or personal details to anyone you're unsure about. If you can't be certain if a visitor is genuinely who they say they are, ask them to come back at a later date. This gives you time to verify their identity and perhaps also arrange for a relative or friend to be there.

Remember, it's ok to tell visitors you're not interested or ask them to leave if you aren't comfortable. Legitimate visitors will understand.

Finally, if you suspect fraud, please contact the Police.

The methods fraudsters use can be extremely clever - there's no shame in having been caught out!

<u>Planning:</u> 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 <a href="www.wychavon.gov.uk">www.wychavon.gov.uk</a>

The following applications were considered for comment;

W/24/01860/HP Ferndale, 29 Lower Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JY

**Proposed:** Two storey side extension

**Decision:** The Parish Council recommended that the application be APPROVED.

Wychavon Planning Authority decisions: None received since the last meeting.

### Next PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.00PM

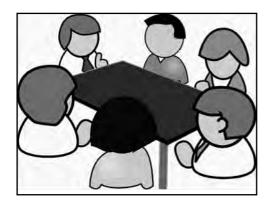
Meetings are held in the Conference Room at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane, B96 6BG. Please park at the entrance to the yard and proceed to the Conference Room to the rear.

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Read the Agendas, Minutes & Parish News at www.cookhillparishcouncil.com

#### **Kington & Dormston Parish Council**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall-everybody is very welcome to attend.



#### **Your Councillors**

Chaiman- Cllr Philip Collins
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**STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB** We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, between September and June, at Bradley Green Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. We are a thriving and friendly group and membership is only £5 per year. Visitors are always welcome (£3 per meeting). For more information on our programme of speakers for the year email meadowfarm33@aol.com or call Rob Cole on 07544 832052.

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**INKBERROW ENVIRONMENT GROUP** We are a group of people who would like to work to enhance, repair and improve the environment in and around Inkberrow. We are working on updating the walking route leaflets and discussed litter picking, enhancing green spaces, and improving the environment for wildlife. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Village Hall at 7pm. If interested, please email contactIEG23@gmail.com

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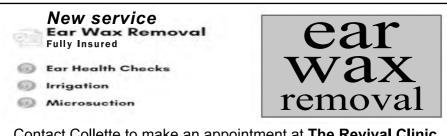
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