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Following the closure of the Pepper Street Post Office a mobile post office will be in the

CAR PARK at THE OLD BULL

every **FRIDAY** from **12.00-1.00pm**

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 **2nd field on the Millennium Green**. Please ensure you keep your dog(s) on a short lead. 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 <https://chnq.it/TymwgQrdM6> 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.



STEPHEN BARRITT: Linda Barritt and family would like to thank everyone for the kindness received following Steve's death. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at Evesham Methodist Church on Friday 14th March at 11.30am.

THE VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES are looking for a TREASURER and SECRETARY to assist them with the smooth running of the Charity. Previous experience is not necessary but would be an added bonus, however full support will be given. Can you help? Please contact Melanie Hart, Chairman on 07976789444, or email

Defibrillators – Lifesavers for bystanders

Inkberrow village is fortunate to have 2 defibrillators that are fully functioning and registered with the National Defibrillator Network – The Circuit. The Circuit has been developed by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and is a National Defibrillator database that ambulance services are connected to. This provides Ambulance Control Centres across the UK with the devices' locations, which can then be provided to 999 callers when reporting a cardiac arrest emergency.

At the time of a call, Control Centre Staff ensure Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) has commenced and will advise the defibrillator's location. This helps to ensure rescues are in line with the Chain of Survival, ensuring chest compressions are delivered whilst a defibrillator is located.

Defibrillation, combined with effective CPR is the only form of treatment for cardiac arrest casualties. Providing treatment within 3-5 minutes of collapse increases the survival chance from 6% to 74%.

Always phone 999/112 if you witness a cardiac arrest emergency or are asked to by a person needing help. The ambulance service will describe the location and code to access the defibrillator and they will send an ambulance as well.

Village locations and what to look for:



What three words locator:
Village Hall///presses.tipping.concluded
The Forge Shop ///shakes.disposing.whirlpool

There are also defibrillator locator apps on the App store



VACANCY FOR POPPY COORDINATOR

Rous Lench and Inkberrow Royal British Legion Branch has a vacancy for the role of Poppy Coordinator. You would be responsible for ordering poppy stocks and merchandise, coordinating a team of collectors, receiving the collections, banking Poppy money and completing Poppy paperwork. The RBL Poppy Appeal takes place from October to November, but fundraising takes place outside of these months. Poppy Organisers don't need a military connection, they just need to be organised and enjoy interacting with others.

The applicant must be over 18 years, own transport required. Training provided.

Time Commitment: You will be working with the branch and focusing most of your efforts on the appeal between October and November, with some occasional branch event fund raising and admin work from July onwards.

Contact the Chairman at jmbriney51@gmail.com or message via our Facebook page.

Inkberrow Environmental Group

It has been just over a year since we formed this group to look at enhancing and caring for the environment in and around Inkberrow. In that time the group has established itself constitutionally and applied for funding. We have also been involved with planting trees, litter picking and setting up bat walks for the villagers.

Below is a picture of some of our members working with Heart of England to plant five fruit trees near the tennis courts (two apple, two pear and one plum, all local Worcestershire varieties). We are keen to work with established groups in the village as well as national organisations. We have had talks from the Millennium Green Trust and Ramblers Association and worked with Men's Shed.



We meet on the second Thursday of the month at the village hall and advertise on What's On and Facebook.

For the forthcoming year we are planning to plant planters around the village as well as continue to organise walks that are informative and free. These will include a visit to wildflower meadows, a butterfly walk and a fungi walk. Please look out for these events on What's On, or better still join us.

We would welcome new ideas and

members young and old. We are a friendly informal group. You can contact us on contactieg23@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Annual General Meeting of the Inkberrow Millennium Green Trust

will be held at the Bowls Pavilion
on Monday 31st March 2025 starting at 7.30 pm.

The meeting will review and approve the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts.

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend to give their views and opinions on the use and enjoyment of the Green, as provided for in the Trust Deed.



'With You in Mind'



Our next meeting will be held in St.Peter's Hall
(rear of church)

on Thursday 27th March at 11am

CAROLYN PYM- MEMORY SUITCASE

For further information, please contact Melanie on 01386 793035

Everyone Welcome

Wheelchair access and parking

Tuesday Afternoon Tea Club

REMEMBER THE SWINGING SIXTIES – a talk by Ray Sturdy

Britain had new cars, motorways, new housing, a youth boom and petrol at 5/- (25 pence) per gallon! Pop music, The Beatles, Twiggy and Concorde arrived in a decade of change and revolution. There were scandals, a royal wedding and almost nuclear war!

Tuesday 25th March 2025 - 3 pm to 5 pm at St Peter's Church Hall

Cost: £5 to include tea/coffee and Delicious Cake

Further information Bob on 07747 865235 or Chris on 07799 835912

COME AND JOIN US AND REMINISCE OR JUST COME AND ENJOY -EVERYONE WELCOME!



Inkberrow & District Horticultural Shows

Spring Show 2025

**SATURDAY 8th MARCH
INKBERROW VILLAGE HALL**

Entries to be staged between 11.00am - 1.00pm
No entry fees

Open to the public at 2.30pm

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Admission £1.00 · Children free

Everyone welcome

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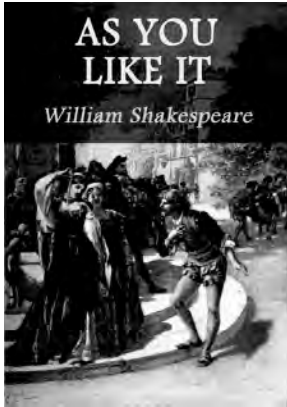


Saturday, April 12th

at St.Nicholas Church, Alcester.

Vivaldi's Gloria
Eternal Light - a Requiem
by Howard Goodall.

Tickets £15 (under 14s free) from Humphries Shoes, Alcester
(cash only) or on the door



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Sandra 07467 022316

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VILLAGE HALL**

With Charlie Farguhanson



Starting 1st April 1pm - 3pm

For full details about this supportive and friendly weekly class, please visit

WWW.ARTYFARKY.COM

or call 07914 431 382



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 Geoffrey 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 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
Weekday masses: Monday, Friday and Saturday at 10.00am
Saturday mass is followed by Exposition and Confession.

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) **LENT FAST DAY TALK, March 14th**
The focus of this Fast Day is on the CAFOD Appeal for Somalia, East Africa. The talk will highlight the need for resources to improve the livelihoods of rural Somalis. Modest financial contributions could provide fishing nets (reducing the practice of using explosives to stun fish, damaging the coral reef which protects future fish supplies) along with investment in fencing and shading for crops.

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

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

COOKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday Services for February at 10.30am:

2 nd March	Worship and Communion Service, Rev. Charles Stubbings
9 th March	Songs of Praise Service, Jo Rolands
16 th March	Worship and Communion Service, Rev. Charles Stubbings
23 rd March	Worship Service, Bryan Conway/ Rev Peter Cook

Tuesday 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

Lent Series- all meetings at 7.30pm

Tuesday 11 th March	1 st Talk....Cookhill Baptist Church
Tuesday 18 th March	2 nd Talk...Cookhill Baptist Church
Tuesday 25 th March	3 rd Talk... Alvechurch Baptist Church
Tuesday 1 st April	4 th Talk... Studley Baptist Church
Tuesday 8 th April	5 th Talk... Harvington Baptist Church
Tuesday 15 th April	6 th Talk... Talk and Summary-Redditch Baptist Church

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SUDOKU

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.

Sudoku puzzles are provided by www.sudokuoftheday.com

BENEFICE OF INKBERROW with COOKHILL and KINGTON with DORMSTON

Vicar: Rev'd Ian Perry, 5 Barley Meadows, Inkberrow, WR7 4DR, 01386 339371
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 Administrator: Ania Parnell: admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk, 07852367085
 Website: www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk

Church of England SERVICES for March 2025**Sunday, 2nd March, The Sunday Next before Lent**

08.00	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
09.30	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Cookhill
11.00	Morning Praise	St Nicholas, Dormston
11.00	Church @ 11	St Peter's Hall (PEC), Inkberrow

Wednesday, 5th March, Ash Wednesday

11.00	Imposition of Ashes	St Peter's, Inkberrow
19.30	Joint Lent Course	Abbot Morton Village Hall

Sunday, 9th March, The First Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday, 12th March

19.30	Joint Lent Course	St Peter's Hall (PEC), Inkberrow
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Sunday, 16th March, The Second Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday, 19th March

19.30	Joint Lent Course	Abbot Morton Village Hall
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Sunday, 23rd March, The Third Sunday of Lent

09.30	Morning Praise	St Paul's, Cookhill
09.30	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
11.00	Holy Communion	St James, Kington
11.00	Church @ 11	St Petre's Hall (PEC), Inkberrow

Wednesday, 26th March

19.30	Joint Lent Course	St Peter's Hall (PEC), Inkberrow
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Sunday, 30th March, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

09.30	Mothering Sunday HC	St Paul's, Cookhill
09.30	Mothering Sunday Worship	St Peter's, Inkberrow

Church @ 11 on 2nd March & 23rd March - Live, contemporary and modern worship. **All welcome.**

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

Thought for the Month

From Rev'd Ian Perry, Priest in Charge
of the Benefice of Inkberrow with Cookhill and Kington with
Dormston



As March unfolds, the season of Lent is upon us, beginning on Ash Wednesday on March 5th—a season of profound spiritual significance, inviting us to reflect, repent, and renew our faith. Lent is a time-honoured tradition within the Christian liturgical calendar, spanning 40 days of, prayer, and reflection, culminating in the celebration of Easter. This period is a journey we undertake with humility and devotion, seeking to draw closer to God and embrace the transformative power of His love.

The 40 days of Lent are reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, fasting and resisting the temptations of Satan. This time is symbolic of our own spiritual trials and tribulations, reminding us that we, too, are called to fortify our spirits against the distractions and temptations of the modern world.

Christians often choose something to give up during Lent focussing our minds on the discipline of prayer and reflection. Chocolate is often chosen to be given up celebrating the end of Lent with your favourite Easter Egg.

Prayer is the lifeblood of our spiritual journey, and during Lent, we are called to deepen our prayer life. It is through prayer that we connect with God, seeking His guidance, comfort, and strength.

Reflecting the sacrificial love of Christ, acts of charity, whether small or large, are expressions of our faith in action, embodying the love of God in tangible ways. The month of March, with its transition from winter to spring, mirrors the spiritual journey of Lent. As the days grow longer and the earth awakens from its winter slumber, we are reminded of the promise of new beginnings. The natural world around us echoes the themes of renewal and rebirth.

March offers us an opportunity to reflect on our personal growth and spiritual development. It is a time to set aside the busyness of daily life and to engage in intentional self-examination. What areas of our lives need transformation?

Lent is not a solitary journey; it is one we undertake as part of a broader faith community. March provides us with opportunities to gather together, to support and encourage one another in our spiritual endeavours. Whether through Lenten study groups, church services, or acts of communal service.

As we journey through March and the season of Lent, let us embrace this time of reflection, repentance, and renewal with open hearts and willing spirits. Let us draw near to God, seeking His grace and guidance as we strive to live more faithfully as His disciples. May our prayer, and acts of charity lead us to a deeper understanding of God's love and a greater commitment to serving Him and others.

Let us journey together, with hearts full of faith and eyes fixed on the cross, trusting that God will lead us through this season of Lent and beyond, into the fullness of His eternal love.

Blessings, Revd Ian

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS: *“At God’s right hand there is pleasure for evermore”*

01.02.2024 John Gareth Edwards

St Peter’s, Inkberrow

Next Benefice Bookings Evening for Weddings & Baptisms

Wednesday, 5th March, 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 admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk

Please visit our website for further details www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk

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

Events in St Peter’s Church in 2025:

26.04 - St George’s Supper

16.05 - Ballards Singers

21.06 - 20th Anniversary of St Peter’s Hall (PEC)

27.09 - Harvest Supper & Quiz

11.10 - Male Choir

St Peter’s Church kitchen and toilet are open during the day for people to use the facilities. Tea, coffee, milk and biscuits are available- all we ask is for a small donation towards church funds in return.

✨ St Peter’s Women’s Coffee & Croissant Morning ✨

For Ladies of all ages from Inkberrow and the surrounding villages

Join us for a morning of great conversation and inspiring company.

📅 8th March 📍 St. Peter’s Church Hall

🕒 9:30am - 12noon 🗳️ Donations on the door are welcome

Please save your place by emailing admin@cofeinkberrow.org.uk

Or, contact Harriet 07877756048 or Melissa 07896175494

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS



Inkberrow Parish Council

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

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Inkberrow Parish Clerk
parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk
[01386 791084](tel:01386791084)

Your councillors are:-

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07807 622426
Jane Neal – Vice Chair –
01386 793594
Dinah Griffin - Millennium Green,
Public Rights of Way Liaison Officer –
01386 792993
Anthony Hopkins – Allotments -
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01386 793095
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01386 792073
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01386 793357
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Ben Hurdman -
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Your County Councillor is:-

Laura Gretton -
lgretton@worcestershires.gov.uk

Meeting of Parish Council held February 19th 2025

The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteer litter pickers who have been active this last fortnight. It makes an enormous difference to our village and one to be proud of.

We are working with Wychavon and Worcester County Council Highways to resolve a couple of litter and parking issues within the village. As the reporting Clerk I'm really pleased to be working with supportive staff, at both levels, who have all been very helpful and informative. Sometimes 'hands are tied' but often it is the process of receiving information and being able to pass it on that is to be considered a win.

Changes afoot in local government

In Worcestershire, there are three tiers of councils in local government. Worcestershire County Council that deals with issues such as child and adult social care, Highways, Education and Waste Disposal. The District, City or Borough Council is the second tier of Council that deals with issues such as household waste collection, housing and planning. The other tier of local government is Town and Parish Councils who have wide-ranging powers to better the place you live, such as putting on events, community hanging baskets and planters, taking care of community buildings, play areas and monuments.

The government's English Devolution White Paper 'Power and Partnerships, Foundations for Growth' published in December 2024 stated that the government wants all areas in England to be eventually restructured into single tier unitary authorities. This continues a trend over several decades towards larger, single tier local governments in England; some restructuring has already taken place.

The government expects that this restructuring will lead to fewer, larger councils in England. For most areas, this will mean creating Councils with a population of 500,000 or more but there may be exceptions to ensure the new structures make sense for an area.

The timeframe from a locality submitting a proposal for unitary local government to delivering the new authority is typically 2 1/2 years. The White Paper says that the government will consider postponing upcoming elections to existing councils where a restructure is agreed.

There is no mechanism for the public to support or oppose restructuring through a petition or a referendum.

It is not clear from available evidence where unitary councils will save money compared with current tiered structure systems. However, in England, estimates published by reputable consultants suggest that unitary councils could save £20 to £25 million annually.

As with all change, there will be opportunities for local councils to develop and take on the provision of some services currently provided at 'district' level and your local councils will welcome your thoughts and opinions on the forthcoming changes.

Further information can be found <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-white-paper-power-and-partnership-foundations-for-growth/english-devolution-white-paper>

The village has benefited from 4 new trees planted as part of a county-wide grant-funded planting scheme called the Local Authority Treescape Fund. The Government funded 'Nature for Climate' fund is administered by the Forestry Commission and is aimed at local authorities to increase tree cover outside of Woodlands in both rural and urban landscapes.

The trees will be maintained for the next 3 years during their establishment phase, each tree being visited every 2 weeks from April to September. When they have reached independence the trees will then form part of WCC routine highway inspection.

These trees are going to enhance the street scene of the village considerably. The species for the scheme have been carefully selected for each site and the trees in Inkberrow offer many different qualities throughout the seasons, the autumn colours all trees display are stunning.

The trees are Sorbus Commixta, Liquidambar Styraciflua, Tilia Cordata, and Corylus Colurna.

Just to remind you that if you see anything in our village that needs attention then please

let the District or County Council (WCC) know via the portals. Wychavon for environment,

animals, parking, transport, planning etc www.wychavon.gov.uk/report-it and WCC for

road and path issues [www.worceteshire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-](http://www.worceteshire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issues)

[highways/report-road-or-path-issues](http://www.worceteshire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issues)

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Vicky Elliott our Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer reported a number of vehicle and trailer thefts in the area and advised that physical deterrents such as crook locks were becoming increasingly popular with the public.

Vicky also agreed that it may be useful for the Council to share and discuss the vehicle speed and number data from our VAS radar signs with the team to improve village safety.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council acknowledged that an enormous amount of time and effort had gone into developing the Neighbourhood Plan. The local volunteers and experts who have worked tirelessly on this were sincerely thanked. Following a long discussion it was agreed, with the unitary authority changes and differences in opinion that were voiced, the Council was best placed to preserve the document and maintain a watchful wait approach.

Precept

It was noted that the precept had been set by Wychavon at a 3.4% increase which compares favourably with other councils and allows the Council to continue its work on behalf of the Village.

Play Areas

Some new ground bark and further repair works were due in the Sands Road Play Area and RoSPA safety inspection is also due. The Council will also be looking to replace the 'much loved' tractor for our children.

Planning Applications and updates

Note: W/25/00052CCO Serenity, Stockwood Lane, little Inkberrow B96 6ST. Discharge of condition 5 (ecological statement of conformity) of planning application reference 18/ 02392/ CU. Consultation end 10/ 02/ 2025.

Note: W24/02597/CCO Land at Stonepit Lane Inkberrow. Discharge of conditions 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of planning application W/ 22/ 00 032/ OUT. Consultation end 28/ 014/2025

Contact your Parish Council via email parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk or our Facebook page Inkberrow Parish Council, or our website www.inkberrow.org.uk

Next meeting: - Wednesday 19th March 2025, 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.

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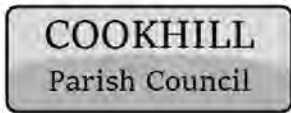
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www.cookhillparishcouncil.com

Summary from the Cookhill Parish Council Meeting held in the conference room at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane on **Tuesday 11th February 2025**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:

Cookhill Village Hall – Update

Murder Mystery Evening – Saturday 12th April 2025.

The evening will be run by Auntie Jen Productions. For tickets, and more information, please contact the Village Hall Committee.

EV Charging Point – The electric charging points have been installed but are not currently available for members of the public to use.

Monthly Pub Night – It has been proposed that a monthly Pub Night will be hosted by the Village Hall.

More information to follow.

Clerk's Report

ARB Festival – 27th – 29th June 2025 at Ragley Hall.

To minimise impact on the local communities, the team have a traffic management plan in place for the duration of the event. This year they have extended the reach, to include additional signage and traffic officers during the morning rush hour in Arrow.

Lengthsman – The Lengthsman has been clearing the headwalls and drains around the village.

Please remember that if you see anything that needs attention in the village, for example blocked drains or potholes, you can report them directly to Worcestershire County Council via their website.

Cookhill Allotments Update

There is one vacant plot at the site, with one person on the waiting list.

The site is extremely wet after the wet weather, with the footpaths and pedestrian gates very muddy.

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

Thirty replacement trees have arrived and will be planted by the Lengthsman in the next month. The grass around the crocuses has been cut ready for Spring growth.

Budget & Precept

The Parish Council resolved to approve the Budget and set the Precept for the 2025/26 financial year. This will result in a Band D charge of £44.75.

Cookhill Parish Councillors

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Bleed Control Cabinets

The Council agreed the purchase of a second Bleed Control Cabinet to be installed at the Nevill Arms. The cabinet will be installed next to the Defibrillator Cabinet.

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/24/02573/HP Somerville, 60 Lower Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JY

Proposed: Single storey and first floor rear extension

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

Wychavon Planning Authority decisions:

W/24/02437/HP Bramble Cottage, 64 Evesham Road, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LL

Proposed: Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension, front porch extension, porous gravel driveway and extension of existing dropped kerb to highway.

Decision: APPROVED 31/01/2025

To comment on planning applications you can visit the planning portal on the Wychavon website here → www.wychavon.gov.uk/planning

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**Next PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for
TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025 at 7PM**

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

Kington and Dormston Parish Council

The next meeting is on Monday
10th March at 7.30pm at Kington
and Dormston Village Hall at
7.30pm

Everyone is very welcome to
attend.



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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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COOKHILL CRICKET CLUB For further information contact Kenny Hirst 07773 771580 or visit cookhill.play-cricket.com [facebook.com/cookhillcricketclub](https://www.facebook.com/cookhillcricketclub) twitter.com/cookhillcc

COOKHILL GARDEN CLUB The next meeting will be Wednesday 19th February at Cookhill Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm with a talk by Diane Clement on a Shady Garden. Non-members are always welcome (£6) Further information, David Claydon 01527 894317 or

www.cookhillgarden.club The TV personality and horticulturist, David Domoney will be giving a presentation on Wednesday 16th April, on "Confessions of a TV Gardener." Members £5, non-members £10. Tickets can be booked via the website.



INKBERROW BOWLS CLUB welcomes new members all year round. Our winter programme of indoor short-mat bowling is a great introduction to the sport. We'll give you free coaching and bowls are provided to start with . . . just bring along flat-soled shoes. Sessions at our bowls pavilion in Sands Road, by the village hall, are on Mondays (2pm), Wednesdays (10.15am) and Fridays (5pm). Contact Steve Yeates 07714 480086 or find us at www.inkberrowbowls.club

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA CLUB Contact Bob Mansell on 07747 865235 or Chris Kane on 07799 835912

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INKBERROW LUNCH CLUB offers a 2 course, home cooked lunch, for £5 on the 3rd Thursday of each month, in the Church Hall from 11.30am. We are a group of sociable, mostly retired people who welcome new company. Transport can be arranged. Volunteers are also welcome to help serve. Please call Carol Pountney on 01386 792945 or Anne Robertshaw on 01386 792333. We look forward to welcoming new and old friends.

DEBATING GROUP Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday in the month at 12 noon in the Bulls Head followed by lunch. Please contact Jill Beddall on 01386 792631 for further information.

INKBERROW CRICKET CLUB (part of Sporting Club Inkberrow) is a family friendly cricket club consisting of a Senior team playing in the Worcestershire County League and a thriving Junior section delivering the ECB's All Stars and Dynamos programmes. New players of all ages are welcome. Contact Alistair Eaton, 07771 958636 (Seniors) and Stu Freeman, 07957 545581 (Juniors) or go to www.scinkberrow.co.uk

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INKBERROW MILLENNIUM GREEN open to the public every day of the year. It is located at the bottom of the hill past the Church. It includes a variety of habitats and archaeological features such as the moat and ponds. The Green relies on volunteers to keep it attractive. If you like working outdoors, come to one of our work parties – 2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday of each month from 10 till 12 noon. Find out more on www.inkberrowmilgreen.co.uk or see the contact details on the sign at the entrance.

INKBERROW BABY AND TODDLER GROUP Are you looking for somewhere to entertain your baby or toddler? Come along to the village hall on Monday afternoons 12.30pm-2.30pm. Look forward to seeing you. Contact Alicia 07890 537258 or Rose 07843 617454. Or just turn up.

INKBERROW ALLOTMENTS COLLECTIVE actively assists allotment holders at the site in Sands Road. If you have an interest in working an allotment and would like to see the plots then come down, meet some of us, have a look around and maybe add your name to the waiting list by contacting the Parish Clerk, Paula Gittoes, by emailing: parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk

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INKBERROW RUNNERS (part of Sporting Club Inkberrow) We are a small group of runners who meet up during the summer months each week to go for a social run. We also have a virtual presence on Strava with more than 40 members and a 5K challenge. If you would like to know more please contact Bill Lee, 07840 760140 or go to www.scinkberrow.co.uk

INKBERROW AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURE SHOWS Contact Sally Jones (Secretary) 01386 793374 or inkberrowdhs@outlook.com

Next event: Spring Show -Saturday 8th March 2025

INKBERROW MEN'S SHED - Meeting every Wednesday 10am to 2pm at the Bowls Pavilion. We have a workroom, meeting room and kitchen. We enjoy community projects from bird boxes to bus shelters. Learn new skills, bring us your expertise or, most importantly, just drop in for a cup of coffee or a chat. For more information contact Mick Trott on 07402 533363 or Rodger Fooks on 07957 862302 Website: inkberrowmensshed.com

KINGTON & DORMSTON SENIORS CLUB meet at K&D Village Hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Contact Miriam Tilt 01386 792458

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BROWNIES (girls 7-10) Please follow the link: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested. If your daughter is younger than 7 you still can register your interest.

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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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