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In Inkberrow, Cookhill, Kington and Dormston



The Bowling Club's new season

May 2025



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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.



Celebrate VE Day on May 5th 2025

**Coffee and Cake at St Peter's Hall,
Parish Education Centre (the PEC)
2PM - 4PM**



CHRISTOPHER ROWLANDS

As many of you will know, my beloved husband, Chris, died on 13 March. I've been overwhelmed by the many on-line tributes, cards, emails and phone calls I've received. I always knew that Chris was special, but had no idea how much he meant to so many people. Thank you all. Your response has been a huge comfort.

Chris's funeral will take place in **St. Peter's Church on Friday 2 May, 11.00**. If you would like to attend could you let me know, as there's likely to be a fair number of people. Don't feel you have to dress in sombre clothes - this will be as much a celebration of his life as a funeral.

One of Chris's passions was steam engines and his coffin will be drawn by a steam traction engine which has been very generously offered by Paul Davis, of S.E. Davis. It will travel through the village Chris loved at around 10.15. The route will be past the shop, along the A422, left into Appletree Lane, left into Pepper Street, back on to the A422 before pausing at the Village Green at approximately 10.45. It will then make its way up to the lych-gate. If you'd like to pay your respects along the route it would be lovely to see you.

Thank you again,

Avril Rowlands (01386 792051 or 07957 428548 – email: avril@laxfordhouse.co.uk)

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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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



'With You in Mind'



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

on Thursday 22nd May at 11am

SINGING FOR BRAIN

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

TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA CLUB

TUESDAY 27TH MAY 2025

HEARTH & HOME – DAILY LIFE IN TUDOR ENGLAND

A talk by James Brogan, from Harvington Hall, at St Peter's Church Hall, Inkberrow,
3 pm to 5 pm cost £5 includes tea/coffee and delicious cake.

Please come along and join us a warm welcome awaits you.

Further information Bob Mansell on 07747 865235 or Chris Kane on 07799 835912

'Alcester Garden Walkabout Sunday June 22nd

12 noon til 6pm (last tickets 5pm) .

£6 (under 11s free) on sale in Church St.

Enjoy exploring Alcester's 'secret' gardens. Plants, cream teas, ice-creams,
music & more!

Enquiries : 01789 764756

(sorry, no dogs allowed in the gardens)

Inkberrow Bowls Club

Join us
at our
OPEN
DAY



Saturday, May 10, from 2pm to 5pm

Dear friends and neighbours . . . you and your family are warmly invited to come along to our club for a free bowls taster session.

We would love you to see our excellent facilities and have a go at our sport. Just bring with you some flat-soled shoes to use on our green and we will provide the rest. Children aged 10 and over are welcome to join in the fun, but must bring their parents with them!

Our club is in Sands Road, Inkberrow, and our main entrance is off the football car park. If you have voted in elections in Inkberrow, you have been in our pavilion. For more details, contact Steve Yeates on 07714 480086.

Free tea and cakes ... see you on May 10



INKBERROW RELAY RACE

Organised by Sporting Club Inkberrow

entry fee
£35 per team

100% of profits will go to
local charities and
community projects.



Sunday 18th May 2025

Race Starts 10.30am - Registration From 9.00am

Distance 4 x 3.26 Miles | Arc Rules (Permit No. ARC/25/0235)

The race has proven to be popular with club runners,
casual runners, and shufflers alike over its first 7 years!

Cash Prizes



- £100 1st overall team
- £50 1st overall male
- £50 1st overall female
- £50 Best Fancy Dress Team
- £25 Best Fancy Dress Individual
- PLUS** - A Prize for a Randomly Selected Participant

Goody bags



for all
finishers

The race starts and finishes at Inkberrow Sports Pavilion WR7 4HJ.
NEW for 2025 - split timing available at the halfway point of the race.

Enter at hillsford.co.uk/news/inkberrow-relay/

Scan QR code

HILLS FORD

Kidderminster and Malvern

#InkberrowRelayRace



ORGANISED BY
**SPORTING
CLUB
INKBERROW**



INNER WHEEL GRAND SALE

MAY 31ST 2025
10.00am - 2.00 pm



Kington & Dormston Village Hall

COME AND BROWSE OUR COLLECTIONS and RELOVE SOME
LADIES BEAUTIFUL PRELOVED ITEMS

NEW THIS YEAR

there will be a
BRING AND BUY
CHILDRENS
STALL



Entrance
£2.50
to include
Tea/coffee/
biscuits

All proceeds to BOYS IN MIND and Papyrus charities
caring for our children

**INKBERROW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SHOWS
ANNUAL SHOW**

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2025

Advanced notice of class subjects for Handicrafts and Artwork.
This will be in addition to our usual Horticultural and Produce classes.

Handicrafts. A hand knitted garment.

A piece of hand embroidery.

Hand knitted Flower(s).

An example of canvas work, including tapestry and anything woven.

Any other needlecraft.

A Wooden Planter or Trough - Max size 50cm(w) x 30cm(d) x 30cm(h)

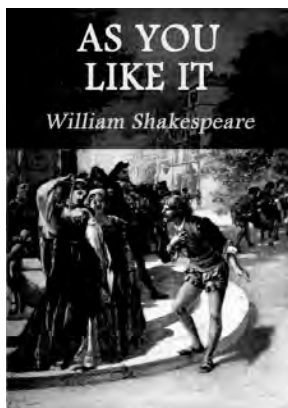
Painting, Drawing or Mixed Media.

Artwork. Subject '**BOUNDARIES**' - any media (must have been produced in the last 12 months).

Photography. Subject '**ABANDONED and FORGOTTEN**' -unmounted 18cm x 13cm photographic print. 1 print per exhibitor.

Children's section. A painting, drawing, collage etc. Subject. '**MY FAVOURITE TOY**'

For further details contact Sally 01386 793374 or email Inkberrowdhs@outlook.com



KINGTON & DORMSTON VILLAGE HALL

THE FESTIVAL PLAYERS PRESENT

AS YOU LIKE IT

at KINGTON & DORMSTON VILLAGE HALL

on THURSDAY 5TH June 2025 at 7 p.m.

TICKETS £12.50

Available from

Hannah 07730 434511

Sandra 07467 022316



FECKENHAM FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL
17th & 18th May, 2025



11am to 5pm
Approximately 25 Gardens Open.
Flower Festival in Church.
Local Nurseries selling Plants.
Garden Accessories and Supplies.
Barbecue
Homemade W.I. Teas

FECKENHAM is located off the B4090
Alcester to Droitwich Road
PARKING in Festival Car Park.
Postcode **B96 6QH**
ADMISSION by lapel sticker
Adults £7.50 - Children under 16 free

www.feckenham-open-gardens.co.uk

FECKENHAM FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

This triennial Festival is in its 40th year. We hope to have approximately 25 gardens open and there will be a themed Flower Festival in the Church. All proceeds to Feckenham Church and Churchyard Maintenance Fund.

There will be stands for: local nurseries selling plants and The Barn's traditional and contemporary garden accessories. There will be a BBQ at the Catholic Church and W.I. Teas in the Village Hall. The two pubs and our award-winning Community Shop will also be open all day.

Contact: organiser@feckenham-open-gardens.co.uk
www.feckenham-open-gardens.co.uk



Poppy Projects
'Knit & Natter'
OR
'Crochet & Chat'

Tuesday 29th April
OLD BULL
10.00 - 12.00

Wednesday 21st May
P.E.C.
1.00 - 3.00

We need poppies with green leaves for the badges and other projects (approx. 6cm) as well as plain red poppies.
Patterns available on request.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFO.:-
MELANIE HART- 0797 6789 444
email - melaniehart2@outlook.com
or
TINA HILL - 07740 447 809
email - tinahill18@hotmail.com

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

INKBERROW TENNIS CLUB



SAT, 17TH MAY 2025 @ 1PM

INKBERROW VILLAGE HALL

£ ENTRY FEE - CASH ONLY

Jumble may be dropped off at Tennis Club

(opposite V Hall 3RD & 10TH May between 10-12)

Contact Tina for further details 07740447809

inkberrowtennisclub@gmail.com



THE JOY OF SINGING

THE BALLARD SINGERS

PRESENT A CONCERT IN AND FOR

St Peter's Church

on Friday 16 May at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £10.00 available from The Forge Shop,

melaniehart2@outlook.com, musicmollyb@aol.com,

or on the door. Under 16s Free



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: 8.30am 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.

'Campaign Literature' on the move to legalise assisted dying was distributed with a request to contact our local MP indicating our opposition to this.

A small group of parishioners visited a new enclosed monastic community at Colwich with some secondhand furniture which was gratefully received by the nuns who are doing much of the renovation to the dilapidated buildings themselves.

Some notelets will be available for purchase shortly focusing on the stained glass windows in Our Lady and St Joseph's.

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 May at 10.30am:

4 th May	Worship and Communion Service, Rev. Charles Stubbings
11 th May	Worship Service, Sam Balloo
18 th May	Worship & Communion Service, Rev. Charles Stubbings
25 th May	Worship Service, 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

Cookhill Baptist Church

*Ladies
Breakfast*

Vicky Dunlop

'GOD WANTS YOU TO BE WELL'

Vicky is married with 3 children, she has been a teacher for 20 years and is just about to be ordained into ministry!

Saturday 10th May at 9am

Full breakfast menu available.
Unlimited tea and coffee
Cost £12.50 (Pay with exact cash on door)

Venue: Kings Court Hotel,
Kings Coughton nr Alcester
(On A435 Alcester-Studley Rd. Postcode B49 5QQ)

Booking essential, deadline 3rd May
To book contact:
Jenny Stubbings 07966 564846
Sheila Roberts 01527 459235

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
 Officiating Minister: Rev'd Vivienne Heenan, The Risings, Kington 01386 300933
 Reader: Janice Swan, Rosevine, Withybed Lane, Inkberrow, 01386 792363
 Administrator: Ania Parnell: admin@cofe-inkberrow.org.uk, 07852367085
 Website: www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk

Church of England SERVICES for May 2025**Sunday, 4th May, The Third Sunday of Easter**

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

Sunday, 11th May, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, 18th May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, 25th May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Thursday, 29th May, ASCENSION DAY

19.30	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Inkberrow
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Church @ 11 on 4th May & 18th May - Live, contemporary and modern worship. **All welcome.**

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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

24.04.2025	Patricia Hassell	St Peter's, Inkberrow
10.04.2025	Patricia Day	Redditch Crematorium

MARRIAGES: *"God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love"*

05.04.2025	Isaac Chidlow & Esther McNeil	St Peter's, Inkberrow
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Next Benefice Bookings Evening for Weddings & Baptisms

Wednesday, 7th May, 19:30-20.30, St Peter's Hall, Inkberrow

Thought for the Month

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



As the month of May unfolds, we find ourselves surrounded by the burgeoning signs of spring. Our gardens fields and hedgerows are alive with new life, from the blossoming flowers in our churchyard to the songs of birds that grace our mornings. It is a season of renewal and hope, a time to reflect on the beauty and grace that God bestows upon us every day.

May is traditionally a month dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Her life is a testament to faith, obedience, and the unyielding love of a mother. As we celebrate Mary, let us find inspiration in her unwavering trust in God's plan and her willingness to embrace the unknown with grace and humility. We are in a period of uncertainty around the world, I am sure we all hope for peace to reign where there is conflict and for everyone to look for the good in each other and to help and support those we know who are in need.

The natural world around us mirrors the renewal that we seek in our hearts as we continue to celebrate the risen Jesus in our lives. Just as the fields and gardens burst into life, we are called to nurture our faith and grow in our relationship with God. This month, let us take time to tend to our spiritual gardens, removing the weeds of doubt and fear, and planting seeds of hope, love, and compassion.

In our surrounding area, community and fellowship are the cornerstones of our journey together. May provides us with numerous opportunities to come together, whether it's through church services, community events, or simply sharing a cup of tea with a neighbour. Let us strengthen our bonds with one another, offering support, encouragement, and a listening ear to those in need.

Let us also use this month to deepen our prayer life if that were something you would like to do. The beauty of our rural surroundings offers countless moments for quiet reflection and communion with God. Take a walk through the fields, sit by a stream, or simply find a quiet corner in your home to offer your prayers of gratitude for the many blessings we receive. Pray for our community, and for the strength to be a beacon of God's love to all we encounter.

As we reflect on the love and sacrifice of Jesus, let us be moved to acts of service in our community. Whether it's helping a neighbour with their garden, volunteering at a local charity, or offering a kind word to someone in distress, our actions speak volumes about the love of Christ that dwells within all of us. May our communities be shining examples of service and compassion.

In closing, I encourage each of you to embrace the spirit of May with open hearts and minds. Let us draw closer to God, and to one another as we journey through this beautiful month together. May our faith be renewed, our spirits lifted, and our community strengthened.

Blessings, Revd Ian

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:

16.05 - Ballards Singers Concert
21.06 - 30th Anniversary of St Peter's Hall (PEC)
27.09 - Harvest Supper & Quiz
11.10 - Alcester Male Voice 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 NICHOLAS, DORMSTON OPEN SUNDAY 8th June, 10am – 4.00pm

Following a very special wedding there will be
An open day for all to enjoy the beautiful church full of wedding flowers
The team of flower arrangers will be on hand to offer
Tea, cake and a little more
We look forward to your support and seeing you there

ST JAMES' CHURCH 50 Club Winners

February 2025	1st	£75 Mr R Haden
	2nd	£25 Ms C Thomas
March 2025	1st	£75 Ms Annie Taylor
	2nd	£25 Ms Maddie Taylor
April 2025	1st	£75 Mr I Bull
	2nd	£25 F&T Newman

BLOOMING CHURCH

To all the ladies who helped with the flowers at Easter..." What a fabulous display you made". They were greatly appreciated by many and even had an applause from the congregation! ---Girls Did Good--- Thank you, Sue Savage

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS



Inkberrow Parish Council

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

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

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:-

Nick Dawkes –
nick.dawkes@wychavon.net

Ben Hurdman -
ben.hurdman@wychavon.net

Your County Councillor is:-

Laura Gretton -
lgretton@worcestershires.gov.uk

Inkberrow Parish Council Meeting April 16th 2025

There were no public questions this meeting and seven members of the public were in attendance. We also had another full complement of Councillors.

There were a number of **Highways matters** to note:

- Worcestershire County Council (WCC) are closing Holberrow Green road to repair the highway on May 7th for 1 day.
- WCC are closing Middle Road Stock Green on May 13th 2025 for 1 day for Airband to work
- Chaston Close Footway reconstruction will be underway for 6 days from May 6th 2025
- Churchway Piece will be closed on May 6th for 4 days to allow a new customer connection by Cadent Gas
- Stockwood Lane will be closed on May 1st for 2 days to allow a dropped kerb to be installed
- The parking prohibition on Stockwood Lane to improve safety and vehicular access has been approved following consultation with the public and authorities.
- The partial road collapse on Priory Farm Lane towards Church Hill has been reported many, many times by the Parish Council. WCC Highways have advised that they are determining land ownership and progressing a repair. They have advised that this is likely to take time and they have allocated an inspector to monitor the condition of the road in the meantime.

BES and Solar Farm Stock Green Planning Portal and the PC have a hard copy for local review for those with no internet access.

There were no **Police reports**, but a couple of vehicle thefts were reported in nearby Stock and Bradley Green. There was also a theft of equipment from the business park in Inkberrow Village.

There was no report from the County Councillor, and it was noted that elections are due to take place so our Parish will welcome a new County Councillor in May.

Our **District Councillor** sent a comprehensive report. It detailed that the seven Worcestershire councils submitted the interim plan for Local Government Reorganisation on governmental changes.

He asked that villagers noted that the Wychavon Rural Grant has now reopened and all information can be found on the Wychavon website.

Ben also detailed that the Government announced major reforms to the planning system through the tabling of its Planning and Infrastructure Bill and he reported the examination phase of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR) started on 4 March, with public hearings taking place at the Guildhall in Worcester.

The report will be on Inkberrow Website for you to peruse.

Our **Finance Officer** reported that the Year End accounts had been prepared and there was a very small surplus.

There are a number of **Planning Applications**

- a. W/25/00430/FUL Inkberrow Football and Cricket Pavillion, Sands Road. Installation of practice facility with nets
- b. W/25/00621/FUL Land and Buildings at Stockwood, Inkberrow Construction of 1 No live/ work unit
- c. W/24/02606/FUL Hindle Wakes Stockwood Inkberrow. Change of use of land and replacement of existing timber stables and separate blockwork garage outbuilding for ancillary accommodation, detached garage and greenhouse
- d. Note W/25/00422/PIP Bouts Corner Farm Bouts Lane. PIP Demolition of house and buildings and erection of up to 5 dwellings was Approved

You may have noticed that the play area on Sands Road has received a refresh of the bark. We are very grateful to Councillors Neale and Jordan who arranged this and all those who helped Jane, Elizabeth and Rodger put the bark into the play area.

Allotments update. Many allotment holders are busy tidying up and working on their plots which is very encouraging and pleasing to see. We have a beautiful asset in our village and all the allotments are let. If you'd like to go on the waiting list, then please contact the Clerk

You may have noticed the pile of **litter pick** bags on the Village Green. This litter was collected on the sunniest morning of Sunday April 6th by many villagers and their children. Thank you everyone on an amazing job. If you are interested in future litter picks let the Clerk know. The dates are also announced on the Parish Council Noticeboard.

Thank you to Cllr Griffin who attended the **A422 Safety Meeting**. There were a number of actions as a result of this that will be carried forward by the Deputy Police Commissioner and our local County Councillor.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on 21st May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavillion, Sands Lane.

COOKHILL
Parish Council

www.cookhillparishcouncil.com

Summary from the Cookhill Parish Council Meeting held in the conference room at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane on **Tuesday 8th April 2025**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting, held on Tuesday 8th April prior to the Parish Council Meeting, was led by the PC Chair and received reports from the Parish Council, Cookhill Village Hall and the Inkberrow Charitable Trust.

Parish Council Meetings – from June 2025

Following just under four years at SE Davis, councillors voted unanimously in favour of returning to **Cookhill Village Hall** for their monthly meetings, commencing in June. The meetings will move to the second Wednesday of the month, with the first meeting back at the Hall being **Wednesday 11th June**. The Parish Council wished to thank SE Davis for the use of their Conference Room since 2021.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Cookhill Parish Council currently holds Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Funds from Wychavon District Council. This money is held in an earmarked fund and is spent on items of benefit to the community. In 2024, the PC used the funds to purchase bleed control cabinets, defibrillators and benches for community use.

Please contact the clerk if you have any suggestions for future projects.

Village Hall Update

VE Day 80 – 8th May 2025 – The Village Hall will light the beacon at 9.30pm, all welcome at the Village Hall.

Village Fete – Saturday 19th July 2025 - Locals wanting to promote their business will have the opportunity to have a gazebo at the event. If you can offer any help with the fete, or have any suitable tombola prizes, please contact the Village Hall Committee for more information.

Coffee Morning – Cllr Sumner reported that she has invited MP Chris Bloor to attend one of the Coffee Mornings in May. The date will be confirmed nearer the time.

Clerk's Update

Battery Operated Jet Wash – The purchase of a battery operated jet wash for use within the Parish was approved.

Wychavon Parish Games – The Parish Council have, once again, been contacted by the organisers of the annual Wychavon Parish Games. If you would be interested in

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entering one of the events, and have a team, or just want more information about the Games, please contact the clerk on info@cookhillparishcouncil.com

Cookhill Allotments Update

There is one plot remaining at the site, with the option to split a further plot if needed. The clerk and Allotment Association Chair carried out a site visit in early April and the mains water has now been turned back on and the water meter read. The new high security padlock has now been fitted to the main gate. 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.

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/25/00552/CU Dogbut Farm, Dogbut Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, B96 6LD

Proposed: Conversion of barn and stables to gym (Use Class E(d)), demolition of pole barn and associated works

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

W/25/00606/HP Associated Ref:21/00232/HP Field House, Church Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JS

Proposed: Removal of boundary hedge and erection of 2 metre high reclaimed brick wall (part retrospective) (Removal of condition 2 Ref. 21/00232/HP)

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

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Next PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be the
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL and is scheduled for
TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2025 at 7.00PM

Please note that this will be the final meeting to be held in the Conference Room at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane before meetings return to Cookhill Village Hall
Read the Agendas, Minutes & Parish News at www.cookhillparishcouncil.com

Kington and Dormston Parish Council

The next meeting is on Monday 12th May 2025 in the Village Hall at 7pm. This will be the Annual General Meeting, followed by the Annual parish Council Meeting. Everyone is very welcome to attend.



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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 on Wednesday 21st May, At Cookhill Village Hall at 7.30pm with a talk by Duncan Coombs on 'Trees for the Smaller Garden'. Non-members are always welcome (£6)
Further information, David Claydon 01527 894317 www.cookhillgarden.club



INKBERROW BOWLS CLUB Try your hand at our sport. Our Open Day this year is on Saturday May 10 (2pm-5pm) and we would love you to come along and give the game a go. Just bring with you flat-soled shoes to use on our green and we will provide the rest PLUS free tea and cakes. For further details contact Steve Yeates on 07714 480086 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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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

INKBERROW SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB For a new way to have fun, meet friendly people and have some regular exercise, join us on a Thursday evening 7.45pm - 10pm at Bradley Green Village Hall. Contact Ann and Richard Dover 01789 764825
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INKBERROW FOOTBALL CLUB (part of Sporting Club Inkberrow) is a FA Charter Standard Community Club with both a successful men's, ladies' and youth sections. In addition to the league teams there is a boys development section for 5 to 7 year olds and a girls FA accredited Wildcats centre for 5 to 11 year olds. All coaches are qualified to FA requirements. Contact Mark Wilkinson, 07795 259723 regarding female football or Ed Wallis, 07810 804624 for male football or go to www.scinkberrow.co.uk

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: Annual Show- Saturday 5th September

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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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 work together to enhance and improve the environment in and around Inkberrow. We organise activities such as litter picking, tree planting, enhancing green spaces, a bat walk and improving the environment for wildlife. If interested, please email contactieg23@gmail.com

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