

Coming up

16th October - WI, Mongolia - land of the Nomads, speaker Kathy Elkin, from 7:30pm, All Saints Church. Visitors welcome, £3. Competition: Something Chinese.

29th November - Wreath making in the church. Book now as places are limited. More details overleaf.

Arts & Crafts Group
Every 4th Thursday, 7:30pm, All Saints Church.

All Saints Cafe
Every Tuesday morning, 10:15am to 12:15pm.

Little Fishes
Children group, 10:30am - 12:00pm every third Wednesday, All Saints Church.

Advent Windows

Would you like to participate in this year's Advent window (garden or door) decoration? Please contact Sharon Shaw and keep your eye on the Nailstone Village facebook page for updates.

Nailstone Parish Council Appointment of Cllr Charles Waterlow

Having been recently appointed to the Parish Council, I thought that villagers might want to know a little about my background.

My wife Liz and I moved to Nailstone in November 2021. We are both relatively local people having been born and brought up in Burbage and Hinckley respectively, and spent 30 years in Kirkby Mallory where we brought up our three children, who went to school in Bosworth and Desford. The kids have now all flown the nest and now live 'down south'. The family unit has now grown and we have been blessed with the addition of three grand-children.

My professional background is in HR and Employment law and together with my business partner have run a consultancy based in Rugby for the last 18 years. I really enjoy my work advising and supporting small and medium sized businesses and as a result I'm still working, albeit now on a part-time basis.

As soon as we moved into Nailstone, we were impressed by the way villagers were prepared to get stuck in for the benefit of the community. Nailstone is a wonderful village and we knew our decision to move here was the right one, and I view my appointment to the Parish Council as an opportunity to get more involved and with just a little more time on my hands a chance to give something back.

I'm looking forward to working with my fellow parish councillors to ensure that all the positives of Nailstone village life are protected and preserved.

Nailstone WI

For our September meeting Joanna from Charnwood Foraging gave us a fascinating insight into the world of foraging. We've all probably foraged for blackberries but there's so much more free food in the wild from the humble dandelion to fantastic fungi. And nearly all of them are packed with vitamins and minerals that are good for us. Joanna talked us through many of them. We got to try Common Hogweed seeds and Rowan syrup.

Our October speaker will be our very own Kathy Elkin to tell us all about her amazing trip to Mongolia.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to Church to support the Macmillan Coffee morning on the 20th of September.



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Opening of the Village show with Luke Evans, MP

Grounds

The PC has now engaged a different contractor to carry out the tasks in the Grounds Maintenance specification. The necessary hedge cutting has been undertaken, the long border on Church Meadow has been given an overdue severe pruning, grass cuts have been undertaken and weedkiller has been applied to the brick gutters around the Church.

Street Lighting

The PC would like to thank County Cllr J Melen for his assistance in progressing this item. The PC is extremely pleased to report that it has received an updated quotation for the necessary works. At the August PC meeting Cllrs considered and resolved to accept the quotation. LCC Officers have been asked to schedule and commence the works, and LCC have given a predicted timescale of approximately 12 weeks to completion. At the September meeting of the PC, Cllrs will consider a quotation for a Service Level Agreement with LCC, whereby the PC pays LCC for both the electricity supply to the lighting as well as the maintenance and upkeep of the lights to keep them all in good working order. The PC has secured 50% grant funding from the Parish and Communities Initiative Fund towards this project.

Cllr Co-option

The PC is very pleased to welcome Charles Waterlow to the team, Charles was co-opted onto the PC in the August meeting.

Road issues

The PC would like to thank County Cllr J Melen and Borough Cllr W Crooks for their assistance in progressing issues with the roads and road signage in and around the village. We now only have one item outstanding, the repair of the carriageway surface on Wood Road, this is scheduled for 12th September. We appreciate the support of both Cllrs and we benefit from their regular attendance at PC meetings.

Fly tipping

Our village has been the unfortunate recipient of several instances of fly tipping recently, the most common location for these items is in the unofficial lay by on Bagworth Road. There has been an increase in the number of canisters that are fly tipped, these containing nitrous oxide. If you see a fly tip, please leave it where it is and report it to either the Clerk or straight to H&BBC. Please do not move the items, as another person may already have reported their location. Fly tipping is reported to H&BBC as the appropriate authority. H&BBC will need the exact location and content of the fly tip and photos are helpful where possible.

PC meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at the Church at 7pm. If you have a proposal that you would like the PC to consider, please email the Clerk in advance so that it can be added to the agenda and Cllrs have time to fully consider the proposal from all aspects.



Gardening Group

The GG are really pleased to have been able to meet up in person since the last newsletter was published. We met on a sunny Friday evening and spent a pleasant couple of hours working on the Church bed, Rock bed and Centenary bed. These beds have been deadheaded and weeded and are set now for the rest of the year. We spent some time looking at the recent work the PC's contractor had undertaken on the long border in Church Meadow and between us threw a few ideas around as to what might be possible in the area in the future. Now everything has been cut back it seems a very much larger area!

For the Autumn our plans are to carry out top up bulb planting across the village and to make a start on the Memorial area planting when weather allows. Members were really pleased to be able to lend a hand with helping at our fabulous Village Show, helping with cleaning and clearing as well as putting up and taking down the gazebo. Members also donated lots of cakes and were enthusiastic in supporting with lots of entries across the sections – and were proud to have prizes across all sections. Congratulations to the organisers, it was a fantastic showpiece for the village.



Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

29th November 2024
9:30 – 12:30 and 1:30 – 4:30
All Saints Church, Nailstone

Come along to our very informal wreath making group and learn how to create your very own Christmas Wreath. All materials will be supplied and tuition given. If you have any special decorations you wish to use, please feel free to bring them. Festive drinks and snacks will be provided.

Spaces are limited, so please book early by sending your details to Teresa 07854 576006.

Cost is £30 per person with all proceeds going to the Nailstone Gardening Group.



Our winners were:

Best in Vegetables/Fruits – Kerry Bates for her tomatoes

Best in Flowers – Emily Gilmore for her vase of mixed cut flowers

Best in Cookery – Emily Gilmore for her pork sausage rolls

Best in Craft – Eleanor Zuercher for her stitched sunflower

People's Choice Photograph – Ely Davis for her photo of the aurora over Nailstone

Tallest Sunflower – Lyra at just over 3m.

Children Under 8 Winner – Arthur for his collage butterfly

Children 9-14 Winner – Alice for her collage butterfly

Overall Best in Show – Eleanor Zuercher

Our thanks to All Saints Church for the venue, to our judges Hilary & Mick, to Kathy as official photographer, to all the competitors and to all of you who came along and supported the event.

Our 4th Nailstone Village Show found us in the new venue of All Saints Church.

We were delighted to welcome our MP, Dr. Luke Evans, to open the show and our Borough Councillor, Bill Crookes, who presented the prizes.

The number of entries was up on last year and the church looked wonderful with everyone's amazing flowers, vegetables, cakes etc.

We were pleased to see so many visitors in the afternoon with people admiring the exhibits, having a go on the tombola and enjoying the wonderful selection of cakes on offer with a cuppa.

