

Coming up

Thursday 18th of June - WI, Laura from Women's Aid Leicestershire, Competition: Something Red, 7:30pm, Church, visitors welcome £3
 Tuesday 7th of July - Classics at the Bulls Head, from 5pm, free to all to display or attend

Regular:

Coffee Morning - Every Tuesday, Church, 10:15am – 12pm
 Church Service - 3rd Sunday every month
 Little Fishes - Currently being held on 3rd Tuesday of the month, Church
 WI - 3rd Thursday of every month, Church, 7:30pm
 Craft Group - Fourth Thursday of every month or when required
 Parish Council Meeting - last Wednesday of every month, Church, 7pm

For events at the Bulls Head, please keep your eye on their Facebook page.

Quiz at the Church

At the end of May, as an experiment, an afternoon quiz was held in the church. Do you know a Viennese Whirl from a Danish Pastry? Can you remember Madhur Jaffrey and Fanny Craddock? How about popular sayings such as 'The of the town', or 'Fine words butter no? (Well done Janet J for knowing that last one!) Three teams took part to test their knowledge of Food and Cookery.

Quiz masters Tim and Sharon prepared 5 rounds of questions, including pictures and music. In deference to having an older audience the music was pre-1970 which suited everyone. Knowing the tunes from one's youth is one thing but thinking of the musician, the title and the food was much more difficult and resulted in much hilarity. Wine, drinks, cake, snacks and tea were available to aid concentration during the hour-long quiz, and afterwards, as people compared answers.

It was a great couple of hours and a repeat performance from Tim and Sharon has been requested. The next one will be advertised in the Newsletter and will be early or mid August. If you like a social quiz please do come along.



Quiz nights

Two quizzes were held in the village this month, both on the topic of "Food & Cooking".

The first one was held in the Church on the afternoon of the 27th and the second one was held in the Bull's Head on the evening of the 28th. A very busy pub saw five teams compete with very close final scores. A fun night was had by all, finishing off with everyone singing along in the music round. It was a great atmosphere and nice to see people from Nailstone and the surrounding villages.

The "My dad's name is Tim" team (pictured) beat Phil's Angels by 1 point in the Food and cooking themed quiz. The next quiz in the pub will be held on the 18th June. If you have not been before, come along and see what you have been missing.



WI

We recently took part in the Bosworth Field Group's Easter Craft Show, where our display was awarded 3rd place. Hilary was very successful in the individual competitions.

Our April speaker was Valerie Sollis. She helped to set up the first fabrics testing laboratory, which was for Marks and Spencer's. Valerie has also worked with many well known brands such as Jaeger. She is also very knowledgeable in the components of fabrics, how well they last and pilling of garments. An interesting topic.

May's speaker was Becky from Saffires, a local charity which supports women involved in selling sex. It was a very interesting and thought provoking talk. Several of our ladies brought donations of toiletries and snacks which the charity provide to the women from their outreach van.

Five of our ladies took part in a Treasure Hunt in Market Bosworth organised by the County WI. They didn't win but had fun and enjoyed the cream tea afterwards.



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The new bench has been installed on the entrance to the Oval and is fully tested by the team of regulars

Annual Council Meeting

The May meeting of Nailstone PC is the Annual Council Meeting. Any PC is obliged to hold their Annual Council Meeting in May by law. At this meeting, the PC is required to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming civic year. The PC also reviews and approves its Code of Conduct, Property Register and the report on Condition of Memorials in the Closed Churchyard. A new report on the safety of the memorials is produced each year and the aim of this is to monitor the gravestones for safety purposes as they can sometimes become unstable. Reviewing the safety of the memorials and updating and reviewing the Property Register allows the PC to maintain suitable levels of insurance. Reviewing the Property Register also allows the PC to see where works may have become necessary during the year. It's also customary in May for the Chair to give their annual report reflecting on the last year for the Council.

NPC 2026 Chair's Report

On behalf of Nailstone Parish Council, I am proud to share some of the successful achievements and highlights from the past 12 months. We do wish to thank those who attend the PC meetings; community engagement is a highlight for us

and we welcome the attendance of parishioners.

Streetlighting – A massive multi-agency project has now been brought to completion, which sees future-proofed lighting stock and increased safety for parishioners. The PC has saved money as we have switched our electricity provider to LCC and now have a Service Level Agreement with LCC so the PC pays circa £550 per year, including maintenance, instead of £1200 per year just for electricity. We achieved 50% grant funding for this project. Thanks to our Clerk for her hard work on this project.

Church Meadow electricity – the PC was able to conclude this project, which came in under budget by £500.

Church Meadow and Closed Churchyard Trees – the PC has completed the necessary safety works on trees in our responsibility to ensure the trees' health and our parishioners' safety.

Audits – our Internal and External Audits found nothing requiring attention. Thanks to the Clerk for her hard work with this.

Church Meadow paths – the PC has agreed a quotation for the refurbishment of the Breedon gravel footpaths in Church Meadow to make them accessible and safe for all.

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May's Classics at The Bulls Head: Rare Finds and Three-Wheeled Fun

Although May's Classics at The Bulls Head was marked by unusually cold weather, attendance remained strong. Classic vehicles on display included Lorna Vickers' rare 2002 Vauxhall VX220 and two three-wheel Reliants—a 1984 Robin and a 1998 Rialto.

Thanks to prizes contributed by the NCG and The Bulls Head, the raffle saw Samuel win a Halfords socket set, Mick receive a bottle of fizz, and Mrs Winterburn take home Thornton's Chocolates.



Pictured:
2015 Westfield Seven



Community Group Report

The garage sale in June was well attended and it did not rain! There were over 20 stalls around the village and the Church put on refreshments. The next garage sale will be in 2027 as it is bi-annual.

NCG ran the games at the Church Fete in August 2025, which was the most successful one for some years, helped by the good weather and the variety of stalls.

The opening of the Bull's Head before Christmas was enthusiastically received and some of the Christmas events ended at this venue. The Christmas lights switch-on and Songs around the Tree were not as well attended as previously as the weather was very cold. NCG is very grateful to the PC for grant aiding the Christmas festivities and additional lights for Church Meadow.

The pensioners' Christmas lunch in the Church in early January had slightly less attendance than usual but the weather, and therefore the Church, was not very warm.

Tim and Sharon Shaw are running monthly quizzes at the pub, and Greg Masters has set up a monthly vintage car meeting there in the summer months.

As the pub is running its own events, it was decided to join in with these.

At the NCG AGM in March, there was a lack of volunteers for the Officer posts, with only the Chair and Secretary remaining. After the meeting, Tim Shaw volunteered to be treasurer and Greg Masters an officer, and at the subsequent meeting, they were voted in. It was agreed that until additional people came forward, NCG will be a management group for the subgroups that operate in the village and will continue to operate the bank accounts. NCG also has sufficient funds to run the pensioners' Christmas lunch for the next couple of years. The constitution will need to be changed to reflect the new operating method.

Book Group Report

Book group has 16 members with an average attendance of 10. It meets monthly in members' houses. Books are swapped enthusiastically and some end up in the Church bookstall to raise donations for the Church. Members have also taken a tour of Market Bosworth Church and will shortly be going up the tower.

PCC

The Church hosts a service each month which is well attended. Two Church lunches are hosted each year and the weekly coffee morning is a well-attended fixture. The coffee morning and bookable events provide the main income for the Church.

Thanks to a grant from H&BBC the Church hosts a soup and pudding event monthly during winter. Last Christmas period the events and services were a great success.

We welcomed a new Rector, Paul Betts.

Village Show

The fourth Nailstone Village Show was held on 6th September and was opened by Dr Luke Evans, MP for Hinckley and Bosworth. Cllr Bill Crooks presented the prizes.

The new venue, All Saints Church in Nailstone, was a great success for both organisers and attendees. Its central village location, with classes and refreshments in the same space, created a better atmosphere for the event. The venue has already been booked for the 2026 show.

The overall number of entries in both the general and children's classes increased from 125 to 166 year on year. Income also increased from £245.90 to £339.77. Surplus funds were donated to the Nailstone Community Group.

A new registration system was used which reduced the time for people to register their entries. A gazebo was also able to be used by visitors at the entrance to the Church.

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Grounds contract – the PC have changed our contractor and reviewed our grounds maintenance specification to ensure a neat appearance for our village.

Kissing gate – the PC have installed a new kissing gate to ensure we are fully 'miles without stiles' and secured 50% grant funding towards this.

New bench seat – the PC installed a new and improved bench seat at the entrance to The Oval, which we are really pleased to see is very well used already.

Newsletter provider – the PC sourced an alternative print supplier and delivery method for the Nailstone News, which will save the PC money. With thanks to Cllr Darlington for her hard work on this.

Remembrance Day – we welcomed more parishioners than ever to the Remembrance Day commemorations, and we hope that this will continue.

The PC undertook smaller items like repair of the play equipment, and the PC funded dog waste bags that we are told make a big difference to our streets.

Grant awards – the PC supported the Christmas group and the Gardening group with grants.

Grant awards to the PC – the PC sourced and received £7340 in grants towards the streetlighting, new bench and kissing gate, which is money that did not need to be raised out of the precept.

Precept – the PC were able to keep the precept the same due to sound financial stewardship.

New Cllr - we warmly welcomed Charles Waterlow as a new Cllr.

CiLCA - Our Clerk commenced the CiLCA training, which is a commitment that will see benefits for our council.

Gardening Group Report

Part of our ethos as a group is that we celebrate the things we can do rather than moan about and judge the things we cannot do. We find this keeps the group positive and encourages members to do what they can rather than feeling guilty about not being able to contribute on a set day.

We have cared for the Rock bed, which at this moment is packed with colour and looking full and fantastic. We have also cared for the Centenary bed, ensuring that both these areas are weeded and tidied. In Autumn 2025, we thoroughly dug out weeds from the Memorial beds and purchased additional planting to fill this area. This area needs to look its best in November (not an easy ask) and we were really pleased with the results.

We undertook bulb planting again in Autumn 2025, battling the wet weather, planting many spring-flowering bulbs to augment previous years' plantings. We have taken pictures of the results so we can learn what works well where, and where improvements can be made.

The wreath-making event at the Church was a huge success last November. We raised approx. £2000 for the group, 100% of which is dedicated back to planting around the village. The event received many compliments with those taking part describing it as accessible, friendly, full of festive spirit, great value for money and a fixture on their calendar.

We have visited many gardens throughout the country in groups, we have enjoyed gardens as far afield as Kew Gardens, Chatsworth, Doddington Hall, Thenford, Waterperry, Coton Manor and Birmingham Botanic to name a few.

Our plans for the year ahead – we are looking to move towards a set day for in-person meet-ups, the last Friday evening of the month, during lighter days. This was requested by members and will allow members to plan around it; we have found a Friday evening really popular as it has been a lovely way to unwind after the week and get rid of frustrations with some vigorous weed pulling! We will hold impromptu meetups in between as necessary. This year we plan to add additional plants to the rock bed (particularly the far side), some more colour to the Centenary bed and some additional planting to the Church and Memorial beds. We will be sorting out the compost corner, separating the usable rotted matter from the rest.

We are particularly proud of the friendships the group has allowed us to make – these are very valuable to us and the group functions as a supportive network and social group as well as a gardening group. Where else could you put out a Sunday morning WhatsApp message, 'has anyone got any spare black bin bags?' to find people on your doorstep half an hour later waving bin bags!

We would like to take this public opportunity to say some thank you's – to our members, without whose generosity of time and spirit the group would not exist, to the Church, who open their doors freely when we meet up so we can refresh ourselves, to the PC, for their collaboration with works on Church Meadow and bulb planting grants and to the lovely people of Nailstone who kindly comment positively on our work. Here's to another bountiful year.

History Group Report

There are nine members of the history group. The Churchyard survey has resumed this year, and members are working on the 'Open Churchyard' recording grave-stones for entry onto the database.

Footpath Warden Report

The Leicestershire Round is in good shape within the jurisdiction of the Footpath Warden and there are no real issues to report.