

Coming up

Thursday 20th March - WI, 7pm, Church, Bracelets making with Liz Jackson

Saturday 12th April - Sunflower and Runner Bean seed sowing, 11am, Church Meadow

Thursday 17th April - WI, 7pm, Church, Easter Craft with Lesley Morton

Saturday 19th April - Easter Egg Hunt with refreshments in the Church

Thursday 8th May - VE 80 Display in the church opens at 10am. Church Bells rung at 10.30am and remembrance reading made.

Friday 9th May - Dove Bank School visits to church to see the VE 80 display

Saturday 10th May - VE 80 Bring and Share Tea 2pm - 4pm, Church

Saturday 17th May - Spring Lunch 12 - 2pm, Church

Saturday 28th June - Garage Sale with Refreshments and Table Sales in the Church

All Saints Cafe
Every Tuesday morning with new opening times - 10:15am to 12:15pm.

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

VE 80 in Nailstone

As many of you will know 2025 is the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. There will be events throughout the UK, mostly on the Bank Holiday weekend of 3rd, 4th and 5th May preceding VE Day itself on the 8th, the day on which the end of hostilities was celebrated. Nailstone History Group is therefore putting on an event from 8th May, VE Day, until Saturday 10th May. For an event on the bank holiday, Saturday and Sunday see the Desford Festival of the 40s at <https://www.desfordheritage.org/festival-of-the-40s-2025> which has lots of things to do and see.

Thursday 8th May

Nailstone Local History Group is devising a display of WW2 and local material at the Church on Thursday 8th May from 10 am - 4 pm. At 10.30 am we will ring the Church bells for five minutes and read the National Proclamation to give thanks and remember those who were killed in the war including those from Nailstone. The church will be decorated, and the display will be open for the rest of the day. If you have any WW2 items you would like to lend us we will be very pleased to see them - please email nailstonecommunitygroup@gmail.com or see someone at the Tuesday morning Church Café. Please note there will always be someone looking after the display whilst the building is open.

Friday 9th May

Children from Dove Bank School will attend class by class to look at the display and learn more about WW2. They are contributing drawings to the display and one class will also be singing. Parents and siblings are very welcome to attend. More information and timings will be available from the school in due course.



Saturday 10th May

The History and Community Groups will open the church from 2 pm until 4.30 pm and invite everyone to come to a 'Bring and Share Tea' with sandwiches, cake and biscuits. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. We hope the weather will be good and allow visitors to sit outside and we hope to provide some games for all to play. The display will also be open. Contributions to the tea are welcome but it is not essential - come and enjoy yourselves. If you would like to contribute, please email the Group as above or talk to someone at the Church Café or from the Community Group. Any donations made during the three days will be in aid of a UK Veterans Charity (tba). This is the last time that WW2 will be officially remembered.

Talk

You may remember that last year we held a very successful D-Day 80 event in the church with a talk about Gopsall and also about Nailstone in wartime. If there is anyone who missed the Nailstone talk by Kathy Elkin it is possible that it could be given again to a smaller group if there is interest. Please let us know.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Making bracelets with Liz Jackson
Thursday 20th March
7pm, All Saints Church
New members and visitors welcome, £3 entry

Nailstone WI

@
Hinckley Market

SATURDAY 10TH MAY



We are having a fundraising stall at Hinckley market. A variety of items will be on sale.

NAILSTONE Newsletter



Gardening Group Crazy Golf outing at Ibstock

Speedwatch 2025

All Parish Councils within Leicestershire have been contacted by Community Speedwatch 2025 to see if they wish to make an application to coordinate and participate in a Speedwatch in their Parish. A Speedwatch event can also be run by approved, recognised Community groups. A Speedwatch event needs a minimum of 12 volunteers and an identified coordinator in order to apply to participate. The coordinator will be responsible for organising several speed recording sessions and maintaining and entering the speed data in a spreadsheet. All volunteers must also undergo a mandatory training session in order to participate. The locations for the speed recording sessions must be approved by Speedwatch for safety reasons. If any parishioners and/or members of Community Groups wish to volunteer to be coordinators or participate in a series of recording events for Speedwatch, please email the Clerk.

Approved budget

At the January 2025 PC meeting the PC considered the setting of the budget for 2025-26. Certain cost centres had been felt by Cllrs to need increasing and the budget included these increases. It was resolved to earmark the £5000 carry forward for the proposed street lighting upgrade. Cllrs resolved that the budget be approved and it has been published on the PC's website for transparency.

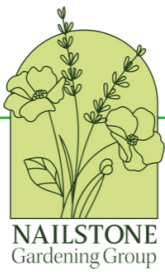
Risk management report and internal financial control report The PC is required to review both of these documents annually, these were reviewed and approved in the January meeting and have also been published on the PC's website.

Schedule of statutory responsibilities, policy review and meeting schedule

The PC is required to publish a schedule of its upcoming meetings - scheduled and publicly accessible meetings for 2025 can be found on the PC's website. The PC is also legally required to review policies and frameworks as part of good and safe governance - these policy reviews are placed on the agenda and spread throughout the year so they are more manageable. The schedule of reviews can be found on the PC's website.

Minutes and agendas are also published on the PC's website. Many thanks to Cllr Darlington for uploading documents and maintaining the website.

The PC meeting for March will be held on 26th March, 7pm, All Saints Church.



Gardening Group

Despite the changeable weather, members of the GG have been busy.

On February 21st the group held their first planning and social meeting of the year. 15 group members met - we went to 'The Secret Garden' in Ibstock to have a round of crazy golf, then to 'The Potting Shed' for a meal. Plans for the upcoming year were discussed before we tucked into our meal.

We are looking forward to building on our previous years' successes and working collaboratively with the PC and the Church again and can't wait to get stuck in for our first in-person practical meet-up.

The bulb plantings the group undertook in Autumn are just beginning to show their noses despite the cold weather. We are looking forward to Iris, narcissi, allium, hyacinth and muscari this year.

Group members have enjoyed several days out in February. In very cold weather we visited Thenford (photo top right), which is the garden made by Lord Michael Heseltine. Thenford holds the National Collection of Snowdrops. We enjoyed meeting the Heseltine family and exploring the extremely large and immaculate garden.

Several members also travelled to Kew Gardens to visit the Orchid Festival which was fantastically exuberant and had to be seen to be believed!

Our well-travelled members also visited Cambridge University Botanical Gardens (remaining photos) where we were extremely impressed with the Winter Garden and the historic glasshouse range.



Easter Egg Hunt & festivities are confirmed - save the date

The Easter Egg Hunt and Afternoon Tea is to take place this year on Saturday 19th April at All Saints Church and Church Meadow. This all family event is always great success with many children from the village and its residents enjoying hunt in the Church Meadow with various activities in the Church. There shall be egg donation appeal soon please help where you can to make this event as special as last year.



Village Crafts Group

A few of us in the village want to set up a crafting group. This could cover any type of craft, including woodwork, photography, needle crafts, yarn work, metal work, painting, etc. We would like to have an initial meeting just to discuss what the community might want from such a group.

If you're interested then please get in touch via email to nailstonecrafting@gmail.com. You'll then be given further details.



Nailstone Village Show 2025

Nailstone Village Show will be back again this year on Saturday 6th September so make a note in your diary. Meanwhile, have a look at this year's schedule to get you thinking about what you're going to grow, cook or create.

Fruit and Vegetables

1. 3 onions
2. 5 potatoes
3. 3 carrots
4. 5 runner beans
5. 2 courgettes
6. Plate of any 4 vegetables
7. Longest runner bean
8. 5 tomatoes (same variety)
9. Plate of 4 apples (same variety)
10. Plate of 4 plums (same variety)
11. Oddest vegetable or fruit
12. Exhibit consisting of a flower (any), a fruit (any) and a vegetable (any)

Flowers and Plants

13. Vase of 3 roses (any variety)
14. Vase with a single flower stem with either a single or multi flower head (not dahlia)
15. Vase of 3 dahlias (any variety)
16. Vase of a single dahlia (any variety)
17. Vase of herbs (label stating type of herbs)
18. Vase of mixed cut flowers
19. Vase of sunflowers
20. Pot plant (flowering or non-flowering) (max size of pot 12 in/30 cm)
21. Tallest sunflower (one entry per household)

Cookery

22. Focaccia bread (any flavourings)
23. 4 Fruit scones
24. 4 pork sausage rolls
25. Victoria Sponge (6 inch/15cm) (using recipe provided)
26. Homemade jam (label stating type)
27. Homemade chutney (label stating type)

Craft

- 24 Peoples Choice: Photograph of a building or structure in Nailstone – maximum size 7 x 5in/18 x 13cm. Not framed
- 25 Photograph of a Leicestershire tree - maximum size 7 x 5in/18 x 13cm. Not framed
- 26 Original painting of an animal – maximum size A4 (12 x 8in/30 x 21cm)
- 27 Colourful crochet scarf any size (using pattern provided)
- 28 Knitted hat
- 29 Picture of a sunflower in any needlework discipline - maximum size A4 (12 x 8in/30 x 21cm)



Village Show

Vegetables, Flowers, Produce, Craft.

- Children (separate classes for 8yrs and under, and 9 – 14 years). Please put age of child with each exhibit
- 30 Painting of a bird – no bigger than A4
 - 31 Decorated stone
 - 32 Animal crafted in any material
 - 33 Miniature garden on a plate containing natural objects
 - 34 Collaged picture of an animal (A4 outline)

This year, as well as the tallest sunflower competition, we're looking for the longest runner bean.

To encourage you all to have a go at growing these, we are holding a FREE event on Saturday 12th April at 11 am on Church Meadow.

Everyone is invited, both young and old, to sow sunflower and/or runner bean seeds. All materials will be provided and "experts" will be on hand to assist. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come along and join the fun.

SEEDS

Nailstone Village Show

FREE EVENT

Sunflower & Runner Bean Seed Sowing

Saturday 12th April
11 am
Church Meadow

ALL WELCOME

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