

# Advent events

## November

Monday 10th - School Remembrance Church visit, 9:30am  
Thursday 20th - WI AGM followed by “A true Victorian style Christmas” with Jo Goalby. Competition: Homemade Christmas Card, Church, 7:15pm, £3 per visitors  
Saturday 29th - Wreath Making, 9:30am and 1:30pm, details below  
Sunday 30th - Light Switch on. Meet at the Christmas tree for the light switch on, then a candle lit, carol singing walk to the Bulls Head.

## December

Saturday 6th - Christmas Fair, Church, 11am – 1pm  
Monday 8th - Regional WI Carol Service, Church, 2pm  
Wednesday 10th - School Christmas Carols and Songs, Church, 9:30am  
Friday 12th - Heather Choir Christmas Concert, Church, 7pm  
Saturday 13th - Church Children’s Christmas Party, Church, 2 – 4pm  
Sunday 14th - Christmas Bingo, Bulls Head, 2:30pm  
Wednesday 17th - Carol Service, Church, 6:30pm  
Saturday 20th - Christingle, Church, 4pm  
Sunday 21st - Songs around the tree. Meet at the Christmas tree for songs and mulled wine then a candle lit walk to the Pub.  
Thursday 25th - Church Service, 8am  
Monday 29th - Christmas Quiz and Bingo. Get you team together and meet at the Bulls Head for a Christmas Quiz and Bingo, 7pm  
Wednesday 31st - New Year Eve Party at the Bulls Head. Details to follow

## January

Saturday 3rd - Seniors Lunch and Bingo, All Saints Church  
This is a free event - Contact Catherine Senior or Wendy Cauldwell to book your place, or drop into the Church coffee morning every Tuesday.

## Regular Events

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 in Church  
WI - 3rd Thursday of every month  
Parish Council Meeting - last Wednesday of every month (except December), Church, 7pm  
Craft Group - Fourth Thursday of every month, when required

# Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

29th November 2025  
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.



# NAILSTONE Newsletter



Aurora Borealis in Nailstone, a winning photo by Elly Davis at the 2025 Nailstone Village Show

## Kissing gate replacement

The PC is pleased to be able to report that the remaining wooden stile within the village (footpath R66) has now been replaced with a kissing gate. The PC is grateful for the 50% grant funding from the Community Equipment Fund towards this project.

## Wood Rd resurfacing

The PC thanks Highways at LCC for the resurfacing of the carriageway along a length of Wood Rd. Borough Cllr Bill Crooks and County Cllr J Melen are also thanked for their assistance in progressing this item.

## Highways reports

The PC has reported the following highway issues to LCC  
The ‘20mph Children’ warning sign adjacent to Dove Bank Primary School, which requires replacement, having bent over and become detached.  
The red and silver reflective safety tape on the wooden bollards on the Main Street bend, which has peeled off and requires replacement  
30 mph speed sign on the entrance to the village on Barton Lane, which is obscured by overgrown foliage.

## Remembrance Wreaths

The PC has ordered two wreaths for Remembrance Sunday, thanks to Cllr Harrison for organising this. Cllrs Harris and Harrison will be putting up the lamppost poppies.

## Closed Churchyard pathway

The PC’s contractor has re-seated the line of slabs comprising the path, which were slightly uneven, to make them safe.

## Street Lighting Update

Following the PC approving LCC’s quotation to repair and upgrade the PC’s street lights, LCC were asked at the end of August to carry out this work. Their estimated lead time is 10-12 weeks to cover the ordering and delivery of parts and the allocation of labour.  
Service Level Agreement - text continues overleaf.

The PC’s meetings are held at 7pm in All Saints Church, the last Wednesday of the month. The PC does not meet in December.



## Gardening Group

Firstly, a big 'congratulations' to the Village Show group on such a successful 4th Village Show. The extent and quality of the exhibits was remarked on by judges and visitors. It was great to see so many people at the event, and it had a real community feel. A lot of unseen work and time goes into organising these events for everyone to enjoy. Well done!

The GG is really pleased that the PC approved its top up bulb planting proposal at September's meeting. It's been a strange couple of growing years, firstly last year being mostly rain, and this year mostly dry. In these circumstances bulbs do not always appear as perennial and the group is very keen to contribute its efforts in top up planting to make sure that the village is well presented, both for

those driving through and those walking around. We have learned which bulbs do well in particular areas and have refined our palette of bulbs accordingly. This year we will be planting blue dwarf Iris, dwarf daffodils, deep purple hyacinth and for the first time, species Martagon Lilies and some snowdrops. We are spreading our planting around the village, and will be planting the A447 crossroads, the Christmas Tree triangle, the area by the Post-box, plus the Church bed, the Rock bed and the Centenary bed and Memorial Area. It is these areas that are most noticed by those walking around and driving through the village and these areas where the landowner permissions have been obtained.



## Nailstone WI



Our speaker for October was our very own Kathy Elkin, who gave a talk and slide show about her and her husband Bob's three weeks trip to Mongolia last year.

Kathy started with a bit of geography and history of Mongolia, then told us about their journey from the capital, Ulanbaatar, flight south to the Gobi desert and travelling North, with a guide, in a fleet of Toyota Land Cruisers, staying in Ger Camps - traditional tourist accommodation consisting of Gers (yurts) set up in a campsite. We learnt about some of the people and animals they met along the way. We learned about Mongolian food, costume and listened to some Mongolian music.

All agreed it was a fascinating insight into a country that few of us know much about.

November is our AGM plus a talk about A Victorian Christmas.

On 8th of December, we will be hosting the Bosworth Field Group's Christmas Carol Service. This will be at 2pm in Nailstone church. Everyone is welcome.

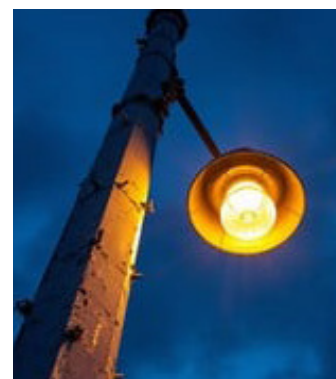


## NPC Service Level Agreement

In September's PC meeting, Cllrs considered and approved a Service Level Agreement from LCC. The Agreement means that the PC pays an annual premium to LCC. The purpose of the Service Level Agreement is twofold; to ensure that the street lights are properly maintained and promptly repaired so that they are always functional and to change the PC's electricity provider from Npower to LCC.

A communication cell on the light allows the light to be remotely programmed and controlled by LCC and will allow the lights to be programmed in harmony with the adjacent LCC lighting stock. The communication cell will also alert LCC to any maintenance and repair needs, which means that the lights should be promptly repaired if necessary. Currently, the PC pays Npower to provide electricity to its street lights.

By changing electricity provider to LCC the PC is projected to save approximately £650 per annum. The PC thanks LCC and County Cllr J Melen for their assistance with this project and the P&CIF for the 50% grant funding.



## 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.



We are already planning for next year's show, which will be held on Saturday 5th September 2026. Put the date in your diary.

We will publish the schedule early next year. Meanwhile, to give you plenty of time to get snapping, we can announce that The People's Choice photography competition for 2026 is "Nailstone Nightlife".

Interpret that as you like; as long as it's at night, it's Nailstone and was taken since the last Village Show. Elly's great shot of the Aurora Borealis over Nailstone was our winner this year.

Also, we are amending the rules for the Photography classes. Instead of one entry per household, it will now be one entry per person. Happy snapping.

## Re-opening of the Bulls Head

Join your fellow villagers at the Grand Re-opening of the Bulls Head pub on the 14th of November 2025.

The team led by a landlady Alex has also started a Facebook page so keep your eye on the page for more information.



## Harvest Festival

The Church welcomed the children of Dove Bank Primary School and many of their parents on the 10th of October for harvest celebration. The children sang songs and recited poems whilst donating food to a local foodbank.



## A walk in the fields photography

Anya Keith - Howe has captured the changing seasons of Nailstone landscape and displayed the photos in the Church.

"This Summer, I promised myself that I would make the most of the weather. This resulted in one walk a week turning into a promenade every evening. Setting off around 8/8:30 pm, this meant that I was able to capture Nailstone both in the early evening light and then just as the sun began to set. I became fascinated with the changes in the environment, as in the cornfields, for example. Beginning in June and finishing around the start of September, my photographs depict the growth of the corn until it was gathered in for the harvest.

Another 'item on the agenda' was the cows. I have lived in Nailstone for most of my life. When I was a child we would play in the fields; sometimes we were even chased by the cows! This caused me to be a little nervous around them but the more I walked, the more I realised they aren't out to get me at all. They're just nosey! I overcame my fears of walking near them, which meant I could stand and photograph the cows going about their evening business. Nowadays when I pass them, I usually say hello!

I experimented with capturing the sky and the sun, focusing on achieving sun flare within my photographs. This is done by the sun hitting the camera lens which then results in the light scattering. You can see this effect in some of the images - see if you can guess which ones!

The Summer season came and went so quickly this year, so I wanted to share with you some of my favourite moments from my walks. Here's to next Summer!"

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