

Coming up

Thursday 19th June - WI, 7:30pm, Church, 100 years of the BBC

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

Saturday 5th of July - Cream Tea at Church, 2:00-4:00pm

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

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

Nailstone WI

Thursday 19th June

7.30 pm

All Saints Church, Nailstone

100 Years of the
BBC

Dave Andrews

COMPETITION: A FUNNY POEM ABOUT YOUR
FAVOURITE BBC PROGRAMME

New members and visitors welcome
Visitors £3

Regular meetings 3rd Thursday of the month
at All Saints Church, Nailstone

VE 80 in Nailstone

Early in 2025, Nailstone History Group decided that the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday, 8th May, should be commemorated in Nailstone. We'd received an email via the Parish Council from the British Legion asking communities to take part, so we thought we would put on a display in the church of information about Nailstone during WW2, together with some memories of VE Day.

Mary Wicker put on a display of her father's wartime experiences and souvenirs. Stan Crane bought along his magnificent model boats and Sue and Tony Wilkinson drove up their army jeep and set out some WW2 American radio equipment. On VE Day, Thursday 8th May, Wendy C, Mary W and Alison P rang the bells and the Proclamation was read. The morning was busy with visitors who browsed and read the information and albums on the tables, though the cold wind seemed to stop visitors in the afternoon.

Friday afternoon, we welcomed all the pupils of Dove Bank School for an assembly in the church. They sang the song 'The White Cliffs of Dover' and read some poems.

On Saturday afternoon, the weather was warmer and sunnier. Over 50 people came for a 'Bring and share tea' as originally in Nailstone in 1945. Whilst we did not have dances as we did then, everyone had a great time, sitting in the sun and eating sandwiches and cakes. Many thanks for helping go to the History and Community group, especially Caroline, Kerry, Alison, Cath J, Teresa, Sue, Joy, and Kathy. Windows were by Janet J and W, Mary, Catharine, Wendy, Joy, Marion and the WI. Thanks go to all who bought cakes, biscuits and other refreshments.

We are also grateful to HBBC for a small grant of £150 to cover church hire and the sandwiches, tea and coffee. Monetary donations for the food and drink were in aid of a local charity 'Forces Support'.

Donations totalled £303.03 and the money was presented to the local charity who were especially pleased to receive it (pictured Kerry & Allison presenting the £303.03 we collected in donations to Forces Support in Coalville).



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VE 80 Day in Nailstone, celebrations at the Church

PV Panel for MVAS

The PC has purchased a solar charging panel for the MVAS located on Bagworth Rd, it is anticipated this will mean that charging and changing the battery at the top of a ladder on a weekly basis will now be a thing of the past!

Fly tipping and waste bins

Further instances of fly tipping in the 'unofficial' layby on Bagworth Rd have been reported to H&BBC. The overflowing waste bins on Church Meadow and Church Rd have also been reported to H&BBC.

AGAR and finance meeting

At the April meeting of the PC the Cllrs examined and approved the year end accounts comprising the payments and receipts and VAT spreadsheets and the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return). The Internal Auditor's Report and the Fixed asset Register were also examined and approved. The paperwork has been electronically submitted to the External Auditors who will conduct their own examination of the accounts.

Play Equipment

Also at the April meeting, Cllrs approved a quotation for the repair of the wood on the monkey bars equipment.

May meetings

By the time the newsletter reaches you, May's PC meeting will have been held, and Cllrs will have voted to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming year. The May meeting had a busy agenda with regard to policies, with the PC's Property Register, Code of Conduct, and Insurance renewal being reviewed and approved.

Community Benefit Funding 'Share Your Views' questionnaire

Many thanks to those who completed and returned the questionnaire and took the time to share their views on potential Community projects. The questionnaire received good engagement and was pleased to receive 40 responses, via email and post and many ideas and comments were put forward. The data will now be collated and presented to Cllrs and reported in a PC meeting and it is intended that further feedback will be shared.



Gardening Group

The Gardening Group have been active since the last newsletter, with an in-person meet-up to work on areas in Church Meadow and the Closed Churchyard. The Rock bed is full of colour now, and the area was thoroughly weeded. The Centenary bed has established better than expected in its second year and we eagerly anticipate the blossoming of the flowers in what is designed to be a later-flowering bed. Members of the group have been growing on Iris sibirica, Iris germanica and species lilies since January, and these were planted out. These will add colour this year and in years to come. We have also been growing on annual seeds such as nigella, cosmos, stock and nasturtiums to plant as gap fillers in our borders to provide an extension of colour through the flowering season. Of course, we are also keeping an eye on our Sunflowers for the Village Show competition! We also enjoyed an outing to the Plant Hunters Fair at Donington Le Heath Manor House, which was an excellent opportunity to acquire some less common plants.



In a change to the usual, our May meeting was in fact a behind the scenes tour of the Hinckley Concordia Theatre, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



We held a fundraising Tombola stall at Hinckley market and raised over £200 for our funds.



Public Rights of Way Consultation

Leicestershire County Council is responsible for over 1915 miles (3084km) of public rights of way, including paths in both the countryside and urban areas. They are important for leisure, travelling to work or school and health and wellbeing.

Although Leicestershire's rights of way network has developed over hundreds of years, the Council recognises that it must meet the current and future needs of the public. Every council that is responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).

In February 2025, Leicestershire County Council invited Members, Stakeholders and the public to give us their views in order to help us to make sure that the Council's new Rights of Way Improvement Plan meets the needs of communities within Leicestershire. Views and comments were collected through a Survey, Social Pinpoint Mapping tool and through workshops held at the Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Forum.

The Council would like to hear your views on the draft ROWIP and associated Action Plan. You can do this by completing a survey on Leicestershire County Council's Have Your Say Webpage (<https://rb.gy/6co2yt>) which will be open for a 12 week period from the 22nd May 2025.

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.

Nailstone Village Show

Saturday 6th September

