

Coming up

- Saturday 12th April - Sunflower and Runner Bean seed sowing, 11am, Church Meadow
- Thursday 17th April - WI, 7pm, Church, Easter Craft with Lesley Morton, Competition: Easter poem written by yourself
- Saturday 19th April - Easter Egg Hunt with refreshments in the Church
- Thursday 8th May - VE 80 Display in the church from 10am. Church Bells rung at 10.30am, remembrance reading.
- 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 in the Church, 10:15am to 12:15pm.
- Little Fishes - Children group, 10:30am - 12pm every third Wednesday, Church

Nailstone WI

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Hinckley Market

SATURDAY 10TH MAY



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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our very own Liz Jackson was the speaker at March's meeting. Liz has been doing beading for nearly 30 years after attending a WI beading craft day. She told us a bit about the history of beading and the significance of beads in cultures across the globe before showing us some of her creations and explaining how she makes them.



Thank you Gardening Group for blooming great work

VE Day 80 - The Last Celebration

During 'Lockdown' for Covid in 2020 we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day by decorating our houses and having a socially distanced tea outside our front gates which was very successful. This year will be the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and will be the last time that the end of World War 2 will be remembered. Veterans of that war are mostly gone from us now and we remember them. As a final tribute, Nailstone History Group invites you to the Church on Thursday 8th May to see a display of items and memories from that time, photographs that were taken of houses and people in 2020, and pictures of the past in Nailstone. The Display opens at 10 am and the bells will ring at 10.30am and the national VE Day Proclamation will be read. The display will be open until 4 pm.

Friday 9th May children from Dove Bank School will come to the church. Parents and siblings are also welcome. Saturday 10th May, 2.00pm - 5.00pm, the church will be open in the afternoon for tea, sandwiches, cake, biscuits, and games (outside or inside, depending on the weather). The display will still be up for anyone unable to come on Thursday. Please come and make this an afternoon to remember.

Nailstone History Group with Nailstone Community Group are very grateful to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council who have awarded a small grant to make these events possible.



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Fly tipping

There has unfortunately been an increase in the number of fly tips in the Borough and the Parish, in the last month Nailstone PC has reported 3 fly tips within Nailstone on Barton Lane, Carlton Road and Bagworth Road. Fly tipping is dealt with by H&BBC and anyone can report a fly tip via H&BBC's website. H&BBC will need to know the content and amount of the tip along with an accurate location.

Items reported to LCC Highways

The PC has reported quite a few road issues to LCC Highways over the last couple of months, as the weather has taken a toll on the roads. The full list of items reported along with dates of any remedial work can be found within the published minutes on the PC's website.

Tree Work

By the time the newsletter reaches you, the tree work on Church Meadow and in the Open and Closed Churchyard should be underway and potentially complete. Planning permission has been granted by H&BBC. The work is needed to make the trees safe but also maintain their health, so that they have many growing years ahead of them. Work is also needed to reduce the height of the laurels within the Closed Churchyard and to clear them from encroaching over Church Road.

Policy reviews and Publication

At the February meeting, the PC reviewed and approved its Grant Awarding Policy, Complaints Policy and Publication Policy. These have been published on the PC's website. All the PC's current policies can be found on the website.

Victorian Lanterns

There are three heritage Victorian lamppost columns within the Closed Churchyard and its environs, all three are without their lantern tops and in need of painting. At the February PC meeting Cllrs resolved to source replacement lantern tops for the columns, to be powered by a solar cell in the top of the lantern. The columns will then be painted, (the gardening group have volunteered to do this) and Cllrs considered that this would add considerably to the aesthetic and heritage of the Churchyard. Cllrs resolved to apply to H&BBC's Environmental Improvement Grant to assist with funding this project and an informal application has already been made.

A reminder that the PC meetings are open to all parishioners and the dates and times are advertised on the PC's website and the village noticeboards.

If you have a photo showing Nailstone events or scenery that you think is suitable for the newsletter the PC would be pleased to receive it. Please send your photos to cllrdarlington@nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk



Gardening Group

Nailstone Gardening Group really enjoyed their first in-person practical meet-up of the growing season.

11 members enjoyed the fresh air and company and between us, we donated 22 hours of time. Members cleared away the previous season's debris from the Rock bed and Centenary bed, cutting back so the new season's growth could show through. All waste was placed in the compost bins to rot down. There was a lot to tidy, and the areas looked much more presentable when finished!

Members also worked on clearing the overgrowth from the post-box path. The turf that had rooted in the path was removed to fill in holes around the back of the centenary bed and the rest was stacked to rot down into loam. The area around the bench was cleared and then all was swept up. Hopefully the path will now be more usable for people with prams, toddlers or wheelchairs.

After the meeting, we had a sit-down and chat in the Church and enjoyed Sam's excellent cakes. Thank you to Sam for baking, Catharine and Deryck for opening the Church and Jason for helping with the path clearance. We really look forward to more meet-ups and socials in the coming season.



Easter Egg Hunt & festivities

The Easter Egg Hunt and Afternoon Tea is to take place this year on Saturday 19th April, 2.00pm - 4.00pm, 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.

Nailstone Village Garage Sale Saturday 28th June 2025, 9.30am to 1.00pm (now bi-annual)

Hot Dogs and Refreshments in the church.
Start sorting out your unwanted items. Someone else will love them!
If you would like a stall, sign up in advance so that your location can be put on the map for visitors.
£5 fee per stall (collected on the day).
Opportunity for individual tables in/outside the Church (depending on the weather) for anyone not in the centre of the village.
Email: Nailstonecommunitygroup@gmail.com
Facebook message: Nailstone Community Group
D Senior at 39 Church Rd, Tel 01530 263838 or at the Tuesday morning Church Café 10.15am - 12.15pm.



Nailstone Parish Council Parish Councillor Vacancy

Join our team and become a Parish Councillor

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for co-option to the Parish Council.

No special qualification is required to be a Councillor. It is important that all sorts of people serve as Councillors so that all parts of the community are represented. Training for new Councillors is also available to help you understand the responsibilities of the role.

Nailstone Parish Council is made up of 5 voluntary Councillors. We meet once a month to discuss and act on issues that are important to the local community.

The Parish Council sets a proportion of local taxes to be spent in the Parish, comments on planning applications in the Parish, is responsible for Church Meadow and other green spaces and supports projects that help maintain, improve or enhance the local area. Local Government is changing, and Parish Councils are seeing an increase in the responsibilities and opportunities to influence decisions made that affect our local community.

Becoming a Councillor is a rewarding experience as you will be able to make a change in your community to help improve residents' lives.

Nailstone PC meets 11 times a year for the council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss.

Once elected, Parish Councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post, they can stand for re-election.

Applicants should note that Councillors are expected to attend the Council meetings and to respond to their Council emails. You will need to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

If you think you'd like to join the Parish Council or would like to know more, please get in touch with the Clerk (clerk@nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk) who will be happy to talk with you about the role and what's involved. The closing date for applications is Monday 21st April 2025. We look forward to hearing from you.

Eligibility for a Parish Councillor:

You must be:

- A British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union and
- Over 18 years of age

And additionally, you have to be one of the following:

- A local government elector for the Council area in which you want to stand,
- Have during the whole of 12 months occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area or within 4 miles of it for the whole period,
- Have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the Council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period.

You cannot stand for election if you:

- Are a subject of bankruptcy restriction order or interim order,
- Have, within 5 years before the day of election, been convicted in the UK of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over 3 months without the option of a fine,
- work for the Council you want to become a Councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities including the principal authorities that represent the same area.)

You don't have to be connected to a political party.



Hinckley & Bosworth Rural England Prosperity fund OPEN NOW

Capital grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 available
(minimum 25% match funding requirement)

Are you a business or community group that has a project that supports:

- Rural tourism sector businesses or organisations
- Wider rural small and micro enterprises
- Enhancement of our heritage
- Improvement of community facilities

The closing date for applications is Monday 12 May 2025 at midday
More details available at hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/businessprosperity

