

# Coming up in November & December

## November

12th – Remembrance Service. Church Meadow/Memorial Garden. 11:00am

16th – WI AGM. Church. 7:30pm

Competition: Something made from paper, visitors £3. New members & visitors welcome



18th – Little Fishes children group, singing stories and interactive play. Church, 10:30am -12:00pm

## December

2nd - Light Switch and activities at the Nut & Squirrel

All welcome to join in the festive activities for the whole family. Children can share their wishes in Santa's grotto with activities for the children (stone decorating, tombolla, etc.), starting at 4pm. Following this whole family is welcome for sausage roll, mince pie, mulled wine and Carol singing.

5th - Rotary Santa Visit

Santa and his sledge will be passing through the village from 5:30pm

9th - Christmas Coffee Morning from 11am-2pm. The Seniors Lunch 12-1pm. Church.

Join us for soup and a roll, dessert. The entry includes a raffle ticket with a chance to win a hamper.

### Village Nativity play & Christmas Pub Quiz

14th December, doors open at 7.00pm for the play to start at 7.30pm  
£2.50 entry, children free. Quiz for teams of up to 4 players

Come along and enjoy an evening of festive fun with a mildly competitive quiz suitable for the whole family. Hosted at the Dove Bank school, the Nailstone villagers will perform a hilarious nativity followed by a quiz for up to 4 players with prizes up for grabs.

You are invited to purchase tickets in advance by emailing or collecting from [cllrdarlington@nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:cllrdarlington@nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk) (97 Main Street) or [tmwshaw61@gmail.com](mailto:tmwshaw61@gmail.com) (49 Bagworth Road), tickets can also be purchased on the door. There shall be a bar with drinks and snacks available for purchase as well as raffle with a hamper as a main prize. Please book your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment and arrive early for a good seat.

All proceeds go to Friends of Dove Bank.

16th - Childrens Christmas Party. Church. Starting at 2pm  
Festive activities and craft for children and their families

18th - Songs around the tree

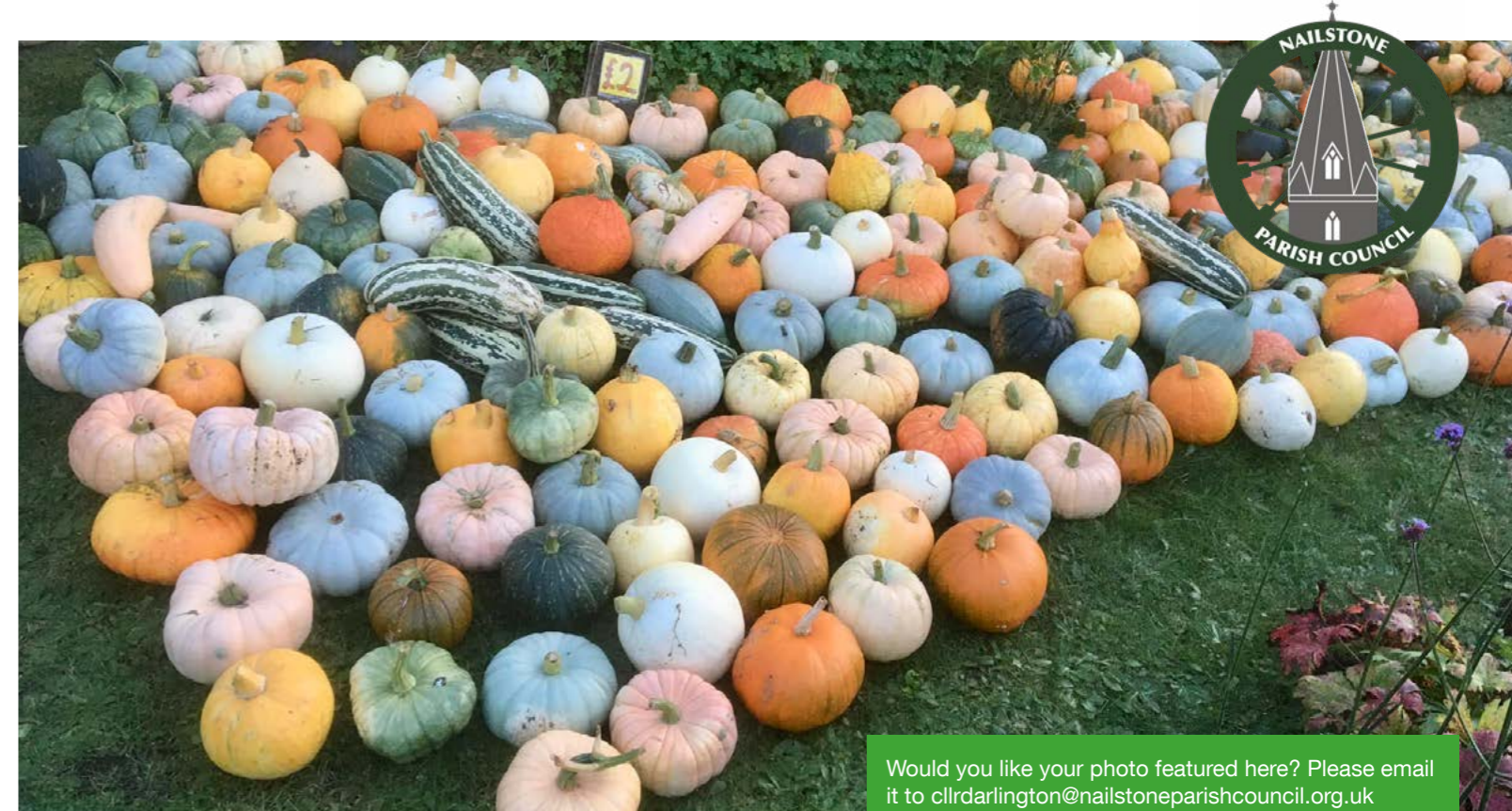
An annual event of singing Christmas Carols around the village tree. Everyone welcome to join from 6:30pm and sample the finest mulled wine, sausage rolls and minced pies. Children and vegetarian options available.

20th – Dove Bank Primary School Christmas Carols singing at the Church. Start at 10am and all residents are welcome to join the singing

25th – Christmas Service. Church. Starting at 8am

All Saints Cafe every Tuesday 10:30am - 12:00pm

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### Introducing our Locum Clerk Chris Peat

The Nailstone Parish Council is pleased to welcome Chris Peat as our Locum Clerk. He has kindly stepped in whilst we are looking for a new Clerk and we would like to invite interested parishioners to step forward for this role. More details about this role can be found inside of this issue.

I have been Clerk to Carlton Parish Council for over 30 years, so am familiar with the local area and the arcane procedures of local government. I have collaborated with Nailstone PC in the past; most recently with your previous Clerk Nicola to create a stile-free footpath from Harry's Grave in Carlton to Nailstone cross roads.

Every Parish Council is different and carries out its business in its own way, and I am gradually finding out how Nailstone does things with the help of your Parish Councillors. I see myself as a temporary caretaker and will do my best to follow established procedures. I have been very impressed by the number of voluntary groups in the Parish and their contribution to the community, and am looking forward to meeting more of the people involved.

To anyone considering applying for the position of Clerk I would say that I have found it to be a very interesting, varied and rewarding job, with flexible hours which can easily be fitted around other commitments such as childcare. I have also offered to mentor anyone who has little or no experience, and the Parish Council will support a programme of study leading to the recognised CiLCA qualification.



## Are you looking for a flexible, interesting and rewarding part-time job?

If so, Nailstone Parish Council would like to hear from you

Nailstone Parish Council wishes to appoint a local resident to take on the role of Parish Clerk. Applicants need to have good written English, be able to take and publish minutes of meetings, deal with correspondence and work closely with councillors concerning Parish Council matters. They will also need to keep simple accounts and help produce yearly budgets. The workload is variable but averages 20 hrs per month and will be paid at a starting hourly rate of £11.76 per hour.

The successful applicant will be expected to hold or be prepared to study for the Certificate in Local Council Administration, which is a nationally recognised qualification. Full training will be provided as required.

For more information and to apply please contact  
Lee Harris (Chair)  
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Nailstone  
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## Nailstone Jubilee Park update

The first tree planting in the park took place in 2014 and since then 40,000 trees have been planted with only 1% loss. The poisonous weed Ragwort is growing quite considerably in places and these plants are being sprayed. A dipping pond has been created and fencing and seats provided. Mowing to the edges of the paths has started and a monthly litter pick has been carried out. Information boards of cast iron have been installed and a couple of dog waste bins have also been placed in the park, these bins are emptied by HBBC. The water run off from the mounds is being intercepted into a pond where it was found to be acidic, and this water is now being treated with bicarbonate of soda to neutralise it. This has helped with the stability of the mounds and protected local water courses.

The Education Centre has 2 classrooms, 4 toilets, an office and a kitchen, all disabled friendly. The building is clad in wood and has a metal roof. The outside toilets have steel security doors. The centre is overlooked by camera's and linked into ALDI'S 24 hour security system; this also covers the adjacent sewerage pumping station. Air source heat pumps heat the building, and together with the underfloor heating all goes to make the building the highest energy saving possible. The ALDI warehouse is supposed to be the largest in England and Europe and it is expected to open in 2025/26.

The power will come from panels on the roofs which is also supposed to be the largest number of solar panels on a single roof. The country park is to be funded up to 2030, after that it has to break even or it will have to go commercial! Government grants are being looked into, also the carbon offset which has been put in by the developers where they have to offset housing by a 10% biodiversity gain. The Government allow developers/builders to offset this off site, and the country park management team are looking to cash in on this.



## Lorries in the village

Have you seen a lorry driving through the village? Take a photo, write down the registration number or company name and email to Cllrsmith@nailstoneparish-council.org.uk



## Gardening Group

Members have been busy this month donating 17 hours of their time. We have been maintaining the newly planted rock bed on Church Meadow, weeding it and adding the compostable green waste to the new compost area. One bay of the compost area is full already and we have started to fill the second bay. Once decomposed the waste will be re-used and spread on the soil in Church Meadow to enrich it. By doing this we are making a valuable soil conditioner for free, saving money by using what would previously have been thrown away.

Members have also given their attention to the Memorial area on Church Meadow, thoroughly weeding the beds, removing dead plants and lifting and dividing the plants already there, so the planting is evenly spread and the ground is not left bare. To finish, the beds were edged to give a neat and respectable appearance, in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

Finally, the bed under the Church Notice board was again thoroughly weeded and deadheaded and the area tidied and swept.



On 10th December, there is the Gardeners' Christmas Fair in Loughborough town centre. This event is free for all visitors with displays between 10-4pm. Perfect event for those appreciating beautiful gardens and plants.



## A WWI Grave in Nailstone - Walter Coleman

Some time ago there was a Community Group Facebook post asking for information about the war grave at the front of the churchyard next to Church Road. It is the grave of Walter Coleman, who, so it says, died on 8th November 1918. Here is what is known so far. Walter was born in Lyddington, Rutland in 1883 before moving to Leicester. He enlisted with the Leicestershire Regiment in November 1900 during the 2nd Boer War and may have gone to Egypt or South Africa.

When this war ended in 1902 he probably became a reservist and returned to Leicestershire to find work. He became a 'collier roadman' an underground job repairing the haulage tracks on which coal wagons moved to the surface. He married Ada Houghton, born in 1883 in Nailstone, whilst both were living here before moving to Newbold Verdon.

Walter was recalled to the Regiment in November 1914 with the rank of Corporal, then promoted to Lance Sergeant. He was wounded in March 1915 with a gunshot to the leg and was discharged in November 1916 with the Silver War badge.

In 1917 he rejoined the 83rd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment Training Reserve in Newcastle as Acting Sergeant until the end of the war. He died (reason currently unknown), in Cadeby, on 7th November 1920, age 38, where he and Ada were living. The date on the stone is wrong and we will be writing to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission to point this out. Walter was buried in Nailstone Churchyard on 11th November 1920. Tragically their son, Leslie, predeceased him and was buried in Cadeby churchyard on March 10th 1920, age 1 year, 8 months old.



## Vaccination transport

There is a free transport service available to vulnerable residents of the village to attend their vaccination clinic. Call this number 01530 512456 - the number is operational Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm - and the provider will proactively check your eligibility, book you into a clinic and will arrange to pick you up from your home, transport to the clinic / wait / run back home. All at no cost.