

December Events Highlights

NAILSTONE Newsletter



The festivities started at Nut & Squirrel with Santa's Grotto, hot dogs, mince pies and mulled wine as well as carol singing. Rotary Santa

Nativity and pub quiz organised by Tim Shaw with the support from the Friends of Dove Bank and fellow villagers provided great fun for around 70 attendees. The event was a huge success raising over £400 for the FoD. Well done Kerry and her team on winning the quiz.



The Children Christmas party at the Church saw many families having the opportunity to engage in various craft activities, biscuit decoration, crown making, singing, meeting Santa and enjoying good food including a chocolate birthday cake. It's great to see so many children in the village with a happy smile.



Carol singing around the tree brought together over 40 residents who enjoyed mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine.

The children of Dove Bank hosted a wonderful singing event at the Church. The amount of attendees filled the whole Church which provided a fantastic acoustics for their young voices.

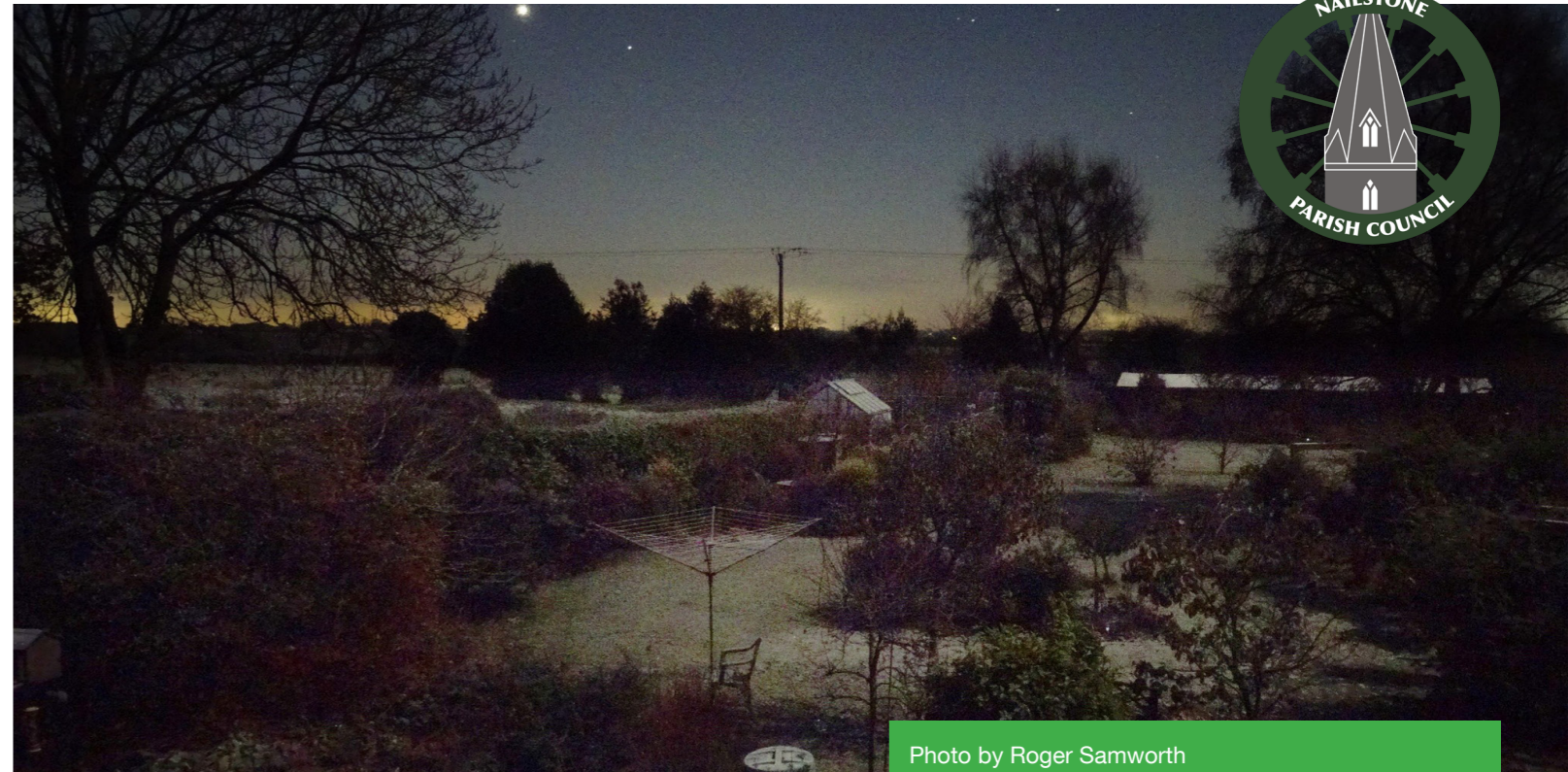


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Welcome to 2024

Welcome to your January Nailstone Newsletter. December has seen many Christmas-themed events in the village and the Parish Council wishes to thank everyone who helped organise them and those who attended. It's truly been a magical season.

We are starting 2024 with many projects and the PC is to finalise its budget for 2024-25 at the next meeting on 31st January. Preliminary estimates can be found on the PC website.

The key issues pressing the Parish Council at the moment are the contract for ground maintenance which is currently ongoing and our thanks go to the Gardening Group which has taken some of the village greens and will maintain them. The Solar Farm funding is still ongoing and the PC is awaiting JBM to sign the amended Legal Deeds document; with that in mind the installation should commence in Q1 of 2024 and as stated in the terms the funds should be available to the PC at the same time. The PC shall keep all parishioners updated on the progress and the public will be invited to any consultations taking place in regards to spending the funds.

A grant is being applied for to help with the cost of installing a mains electricity supply to Church Meadow.

This will be an expensive job because National Grid will have to lay a supply cable across Church Road, but in the long term will enable a wider range of events to be held there.

We are also pleased to report that new signage with 30mph speed limit will be installed at the entrance of the village (Bagworth Road and Barton Road). The PC also hopes to acquire a new mobile vehicle-activated speed sign through the LCC Members Highways Fund, thanks to our County Councillor Bertie Harrison-Rushton. The new sign will record vehicle numbers and speeds and enable an objective assessment of speeding at different locations in the village. This sign might provide us with merits to apply for future speeding awareness items to further improve the speeding situation. Proposals for a village gateway feature to help reduce speeding on Bagworth Road have had to be deferred.

For further topics currently discussed please read the meeting minutes which are available on the PC website. If you wish to voice your opinion on any of the above or have an idea, you are invited to attend any of the Parish Council meetings which take place last Wednesday of the month at 7pm, at the Dove Bank.

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)
6, Rectory Lane
Nailstone
07923372799

**Closing date for all applications:
Friday 26th January
2024**



Gardening Group

The Gardening Group held its second member's Christmas wreath-making workshop in December. We have been very fortunate to welcome several new members to the group in 2023 and it was lovely to see everyone at the event which was generously hosted for the second year by Teresa. Members all had access to the same materials but were creative in making very different wreaths.

We also reflected that as well as the gardening projects the group has undertaken, the group has brought together like-minded people from around the village who previously wouldn't have known each other. Nailstone is very fortunate to have its various community groups that work towards helping the village and each other.

Next year, the group aims to hold a fundraising wreath-making workshop that is open to the whole village. Once costs have been covered, the remaining money will be used solely towards the planting projects around the village.



2023 Summary by Ann Neale, the President

The year started with afternoon tea at Liberteas, where we had a good catch up with each other after the Christmas period. The speakers programme this year had something for everyone. The topics covered included nature, history, cookery, music and even some scary tales. We particularly enjoyed the hula hooping with John Parnell in August and our social evening in July.

In March we hosted the Ivanhoe Group meeting, enjoying refreshments together and flower arranging by Stephanie. During April some of our members enjoyed learning the dos and don'ts of afternoon tea etiquette with Baroness Bolsover.

In July Shirley, Anne, Mary and Alison represented us in the Federation Quiz. Nailstone WI entered the Ashby Show's various sections with the enthusiasm for which we are known; winning several of the categories.

August was a busy month with our summer trip to Middleport Pottery in Staffordshire. We learnt about the history of the company which was established in the 1800s and still retains its unique processes in producing pottery.

During August we also had our usual cake stall at Nailstone Church Summer Tea Party. Members supplied home-made cakes and biscuits and raised a large donation towards church funds.

In the autumn some of us attended the group meeting at Ravenstone, where we enjoyed a super light buffet and an interesting talk about Aluminium Art, which included making new creations out of recycled aluminium.

Throughout the year we have supported the local community and church.

We now look forward to 2024 with another interesting programme promised.

Upcoming Events:

January 20th at 2:30pm
Afternoon buffet and post Christmas catch up
Competition: A favourite cake recipe
(this event is pre-book only)

February 15th, 7:30pm, the Church, visitors £3
Seated yoga with Emma Glover
Competition: A Handkerchief



Bernadette Burns

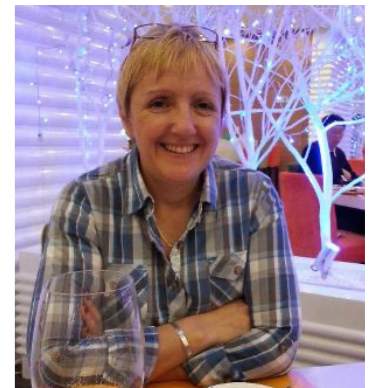
Bernadette Burns passed away on Thursday 7th December. Berni leaves a husband, 3 children, 2 step children and 6 grandchildren.

A resident of Nailstone since 2007 Berni was an energetic, friendly, open minded woman who made an impact in the village early on. Many people will remember her fund raising activities and generosity as well as being a member of the Parish Council.

Successful in her career in automotive engineering she has travelled widely and generated respect for her disciplined, innovative and sensible style.

A sociable and helpful outlook means she will always have a warm place in the hearts of those who knew her.

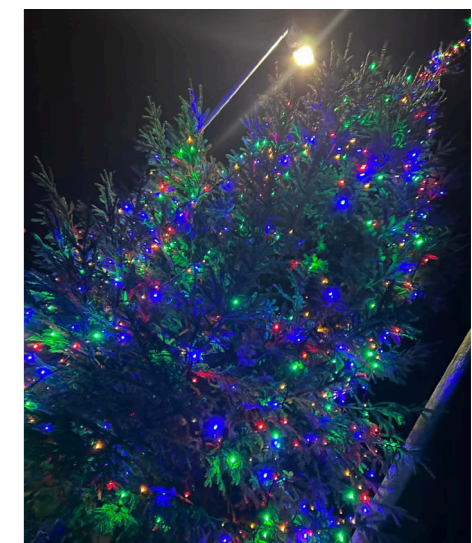
Bernadette will be deeply missed by her family and will be remembered as a loving, caring and passionate woman. Truly one of a kind.



Seniors' Christmas Lunch

Once again, the village Community Group and the Church provided the annual Nailstone Christmas Seniors' Lunch. It was attended by 34 over 65's who enjoyed a free Christmas lunch on Saturday 9th December at All Saints Parish Church. Hot lasagne, jacket potatoes and a selection of puddings were served together with a vegetarian option. The names of all attendees were entered into a draw for a Christmas Hamper, provided by the Community Group, and the winner was Marian Ingham. A good time was had by all who attended.

Thank you Tom Theobald and the Cadeby Tree Trust for the Christmas



A new bench has been very kindly donated to the PCC by Osbaston Parish Council and has been installed next to the path to the church door, it replaced an old bench which had rotted.

