

Coming up in February

8th – Community Group meeting, at The Gate Hangs Well, Carlton at 7.30pm.

15th – WI, Seated Yoga, Emma Glover. Church, 7pm, £3 entry. Competition: a handkerchief

21st – Little Fishes children group. Church, 10:30-12:00

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

Notice of Vacancy in the Office of Councillor

A casual vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for Nailstone Parish Council. If by 12 February 2024 (14 days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the Nailstone Parish, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will take place no later than 18 April 2024.

Bill Cullen, Returning Officer, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0FR

Dennis is celebrating 90

Dennis Turner, born on the 26th February 1934 is to celebrate 90! Dennis was born in Coalville to a family of 8 children, his mum had full hands being a housewife and his dad worked 7 days a week as a surface mechanical engineer for the British Coal to keep his family comfortable. Dennis went to school in Coalville and, at 16, joined his dad at British Coal in the Planning department and remained there for 39 years until his retirement in 1990. He managed to work his way up to become the Head of Project Planning taking care of new plants in a large area of the Midlands.



Dennis enjoyed dancing and it was at the Ball Room in Coalville where he met Doreen whom he married in 1959. Doreen lived in Nailstone since she was 5 months old and therefore naturally their

wedding took place at the Nailstone Church. They immediately moved to the end cottage of 67 Main Street (by the Oak Tree, now a single house) and Dennis with the help of Doreen and her dad started to build their forever home The Coppice (47 Church Street). In 1972 their daughter Kathryn was born and when she got married she also chose the Nailstone Church as a venue.

Dennis and Doreen travelled around the world visiting New Zealand, Canada, Thailand etc but Dennis's true passion has always been gardening. He fell in love with Chrysanthemum and after retirement, he joined the National Chrysanthemum Society and started exhibiting around the UK. His speciality was the Anemone species with which he became twice the National and also Northern Champion. There is no surprise as he kept a detailed planning diary to make sure every plant was precisely prepared for each show demonstrating its outstanding beauty. Dennis retired from exhibiting in 2004 but every year his front garden transforms into a show-ground for us all to enjoy.



History of the electricity at Nailstone Church

The beauty of researching history is that interesting snippets of information often come to light about other things. For instance, whilst researching a particular village family, I stumbled upon some interesting historical newspaper articles about All Saints Church. The articles detailed the first connection of the Church to mains electricity, something we now take for granted. The Church was connected to mains electricity in 1930 and a service to commemorate the occasion was held which the Bishop of Leicester attended and preached. There had obviously been fundraising efforts to pay for the connection and a rather wonderful picture of Nailstone ladies in Japanese robes complete with fans, staffing a fundraising bazaar appeared in the Leicester Chronicle in 1929.

This parish has a very enthusiastic rector in the Rev. S. B. Baron, and he has been heart and soul in seeing the electric lighting of the church accomplished. The church was so illuminated last night for the first time, and the special preacher for this interesting occasion was the Bishop of Leicester.

NAILSTONE CHURCH.
The Bishop of Leicester is to preach at Nailstone Church next Sunday evening, when the church will be lighted with electricity for the first time.

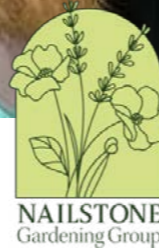


PICTURESQUE JAPANESE ROBES were worn by the party of workers at the bazaar held in aid of the lighting fund of Nailstone Church.

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Bulb Planting Project

Nailstone Gardening Group were excited to secure a 'Making a Difference' grant that funded the planting of nearly 5000 bulbs throughout Nailstone. We worked in partnership with Nailstone Parish Council to discuss and identify key areas in the village that could be planted. Through meetings, we were able to identify four key areas that when planted would provide a visual spectacle when viewed on foot and by car. This would engage both residents of the village and those passing through the village. Once the Parish Council had obtained the relevant landowner permissions it was time to order the bulbs. The bulbs were chosen to provide a succession of flowering from February to mid-May and were chosen for their garden-worthiness. Two suppliers were used, one a local business and one a specialist supplier. The bulbs took 3 weeks to all arrive. Long-handled bulb planters were ordered to minimise the need to bend. Once arrived the bulbs were divided into four lots, one for each location. We chose a slightly different mix of bulbs for each location due to the conditions of the ground.

Planting sessions were held on a weekend morning over six sessions, starting in November and finishing at the start of the New Year. Volunteers were provided with a hi-vis to wear and tasks rotated to avoid straining muscles. We planted in some rain, wind, cold, mud and a bit of sunshine! We enjoyed our time planting, as not only were we creating something attractive for everyone's future, but we were also able to enjoy fresh air, exercise and make valuable social contact. Planting the bulbs has allowed people to work together and has brought together people in the village who wouldn't previously have known each other. We look forward to seeing all 4905 bulbs flowering in the coming year!

