

Coming Up in August/September

Wednesday 26th August	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, All Saints Church, All Welcome.
Saturday 29th August	Breast Cancer Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, 2pm - 4pm
Saturday 5th September	Village Show, All day, All Saints Church
Tuesday 8th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning and Raffle. 10am - 12 noon, All Saints Church
Saturday 12th September	Ride and Stride. Nailstone church and many others will be open all day in aid of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. Walkers, joggers, cyclists, runners and mobility scooter users choose a church and get around as many as possible to raise funds. All Saints will be open. See https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/ for further information.
Tuesday 15th September	Little Fishes, Parent/toddler/babies, 10am - 12noon All Saints Church
Thursday 17th September	WI, 7.15pm, All Saints Church, The Naughty Allotmenters - growing your own with The Potty Plotters.

Coffee Morning - Every Tuesday 10am-12 noon, All Saints Church, All welcome, come for a chat, a drink and cake/biscuits

Nailstone Church Fete

The Nailstone Church Summer Fete on Saturday 18th July was blessed with gorgeous weather (see also pictures on front page). There was a varied range of stalls, garden plants, a raffle and two tombolas, both of which sold out. The popular game of skittle was outside on the green space and visitors battled it out to get the highest score. Several people saw the fun when going past and decided to stop and come in for tea and cake. Homemade cakes, tea and coffee, strawberries and prosecco were offered as refreshment. Although quite a number of people were away our thanks go to the many villagers and friends who attended to make it a great success. Also, a big thank you to all who donated, ran the stalls, baked the cakes and helped in so many ways. We are pleased to report that £956 was raised and this will go towards the running costs of the church which has increased substantially in recent years particularly with the rise in costs of utilities and the ongoing maintenance of the building. We hope to run another Fair in late October, just in time for the Christmas season.



Book Swapping

All Saints Church has a book swap area in the north aisle which is providing very popular with people at coffee morning. There are a wide variety of novels, including action/adventure and also cookery and other reference books. Children will also find some books for them and we would like more. The Church is now open every Sunday - please just keep the metal grill door closed to stop birds getting in. A small donation for every book is welcome. Please help to keep the contents of the book table turning over.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Tuesday 8th September 10am

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New Noticeboard

The wooden noticeboard at the entrance to The Oval is in poor repair, with the wooden supporting posts rotting at the base. For safety a replacement has been looked at. To ensure best value Councillors are considering a longer-lasting metal heritage noticeboard. The board will still have 3 opening windows, one of these being a turnkey rather than a lock so community and village notices can be placed. The new noticeboard was an agenda item for the PC July meeting.

Review of Policies

The PC has a schedule for review of its policies which is spread throughout the year. In June meeting the PC's Standing Orders were reviewed and approved. The Anti bribery policy was reviewed in July.

Wooden Planter

Many thanks to the parishioners who planted up the planter at the junction of Bagworth Rd and Main St with beautiful summer bedding. Following the recent property register review it was noted that the planter was in poor repair, so the it will be removed in the autumn when the bedding has died. The PC will be looking at buying new planters for the village.

The Footpath (Public Right of Way - Prow) across the Stoneshollow Solar Development

We are very fortunate to have an active Footpath Warden in the village. It was noted at recent PC meetings that the PROW across the Stoneshollow Solar Development was very

boggy where it meets the contractor's road. This has been reported to the County Hall PROW team.

Dog Waste bags and Dispensers

The PC funds the provision of the dog waste bags and dispensers that can be found on lampposts around the village and attached to the noticeboard on Church Meadow. Following parishioner reports that there has been an increase in dog fouling extra dispensers have recently been added around the village. Please do use these if your dog is 'caught short' and you do not have a waste bag handy, the aim in providing them is to keep our pavements and common areas free from dog waste. Dog waste can be placed in any litter bin, if the bin is full, please take the waste home for disposal and please report the full bin to the Clerk at clerk@nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk who will ask H&BBC to empty it. Thanks to our volunteer parishioner who monitors and refills the dispensers.

Thanks

Thanks go to our Borough and County Councillors for their support in furthering issues raised during the previous month and to Kathy Elkin for compiling this issue of the newsletter.

Next Meeting

PC meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm, All Saints Church, all are welcome. Agendas and minutes can be found on the PC's website, details below.

Garden Group

The group is really looking forward to supporting our upcoming village show on 5th September. Village Shows generally have seen a decline in entry numbers, exhibitors and people who are willing to organise; we are really pleased that Nailstone has bucked that trend with a year-on-year increase in numbers. We are monitoring our sunflowers (some are ok, some have peaked too early and some are described as puny!) and watching over our dahlias and tomatoes.

This growing season has been very challenging this year for everyone with the lack of rain and high temperatures, for the second year running. The group had to postpone one of its meet ups due to the high temperatures, this was rearranged and the memorial area and centenary bed got a thorough weeding. We had to cut back some of the plants on the centenary bed as they had fallen over through lack of water. We will turn our attention to the Rock bed next, which is due for a thorough weed and cut back of spent foliage. We were sad to find a very deceased small hedgehog on Church Meadow recently, it looked unharmed, so we suspected a lack of available water and food to be the cause of its demise. The compost in the bins



has rotted better than expected and were turned out, with the unrotted waste being put back to form the base layer. Members have been busy visiting others gardens visiting on their holidays and across the summer and we have enjoyed seeing the photos on our WhatsApp group. We have welcomed 2 new members to the group which is fabulous. One of our members has suggested a first for us, a 'garden safari' where those who are comfortable with visitors to their garden let the interested group members have a wander around, gain some inspiration, before moving on to the next members' garden. The idea is to end up with a cream tea at the final garden! Next stop Nailstone Open Gardens? Who knows!!

Picture left of Garden Group members at Donington Le Heath Manor House Plant Fair where many new plants were purchased.



NAILSTONE
Gardening Group



Nailstone WI

Eleven members were involved with the Ashby Show in July, in both collaborative and individual competitions with some success. Our Craft and Cookery entry on the theme of Autumn won a First. Our Cookery entry, themed on Burns Night, was joint Second; with Shelley Ray awarded Most Outstanding Cookery item for her Black Bun cake. Individual competitions saw Nailstone ladies winning rosettes for Photography, Cookery and Floral Art. Our July meeting at the church was a social with food, skittles with the Community Group skittle alley and a quiz on plants, flowers and trees.

Pictures: Right - First prize in Craft and Cookery Left: Mary throws a winning ball; members are on hand to stand up the pins.



Skittle Alley & Gazebo

The Community Group Skittle Alley and Gazebo (pictured left) are stored in the village and are available for use at parties etc. A trailer or van is required the alley is to travel any distance, the gazebo will fit in a car. A donation to Community Group funds is appreciated.



Ibstock Outlook Group Visit to All Saints Church

On Thursday 2nd July the Church welcomed Ibstock older persons Outlook Group for lunch. As well as a lovely lunch provided by the ladies of the church the children from Nailstone Dovebank School Choir came to entertain the guests with songs old and new. Their singing was very much enjoyed, especially as they performed the actions to many of the songs. Ibstock Outlook Group, both men and women, meet weekly at The Palace, Ibstock, for fun and food.



Nailstone Village Show Schedule Saturday 5th September 2026

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Fruit and Vegetables

- 3 onions
- 4 potatoes
- 3 carrots
- 5 runner beans
- 2 courgettes
- Plate of any 4 vegetables
- Plate of any 3 salad vegetables
- Longest runner bean
- 5 medium/large tomatoes (same variety) Diameter greater than 1.5in/35mm
- 5 small tomatoes (same variety) Diameter less than 1.5in/35mm
- Plate of 4 apples (same variety)
- Plate of 4 plums (same variety)
- Funniest vegetable or fruit
- Exhibit of any vegetable – surprise the judge!
- Exhibit consisting of a flower (any), a fruit (any) and a vegetable (any)

Flowers and Plants

- Vase of 3 roses (any variety)
- Vase with a single flower stem with either a single or multi flower head (not dahlia)
- Vase of 3 dahlias (any variety) larger than 4in/10cm
- Vase of 3 dahlias (any variety) smaller than 4in/10cm
- Vase of a single dahlia (any variety)
- Vase of herbs (label stating type of herbs)
- Vase of mixed cut flowers
- Vase of sunflowers
- Pot plant (flowering or non-flowering) (max size of pot 13cm/5in)
- "Autumn" Floral arrangement. Space allowed 18 X 18in/45 x 45cm – height unlimited. Use of accessories/props - optional. Flowers and foliage may be purchased for the arrangement.
- Tallest sunflower (one entry per household- Nailstone only)

Cookery

- Sourdough bread
- 4 Plain scones
- 4 Cheese and onion rolls
- Chocolate cake
- 4 Flapjacks (any flavour)
- 5 pieces of Vanilla Fudge
- Homemade jam (label stating type)
- Homemade chutney (label stating type)
- Homemade relish (label stating type)

Craft

- Peoples Choice: Nailstone Night Life – maximum size 7 x 5in/18 x 13cm. Not framed
- Photograph of a door knocker - maximum size 7 x 5in/18 x 13cm. Not framed
- Original drawing/painting in any medium depicting Autumn – maximum size A4 (12 x 8in/30 x 21cm)
- Knitted or crocheted soft toy
- "Autumn" in any needlework discipline - maximum size A4 (12 x 8in/30 x 21cm)

Children

- (separate classes for 8yrs and under, and 9 – 14 years). Please put age of child with each exhibit
- Winnie the Pooh inspired painted paper plate
 - Collaged picture of a scarecrow (template provided)
 - Flowers in a jam jar
 - Painting of your family (any medium) - maximum size A4 (12 x 8in/30 x 21cm)

RULES FOR ENTRY

- All exhibits to have been grown or made by the exhibitor (unless stated in schedule)
- Only one entry per household in each class is allowed - except for photography classes where it is one entry per person
- Entries will not be allowed after the staging time
- Sunflowers must be grown in Nailstone Parish. Only one entry per household
- No exhibits can be removed before the end of the show at 4.00pm
- All exhibits must be removed by 4.30pm
- Nailstone Village Show organisers are not responsible for any losses or breakages
- There are no refunds on entry fees
- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

Bring your entries and set them up 8.30am to 10.30am
Judging 11.00am to Midday
Church open for exhibit viewing,
Tombola, refreshments 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Prize giving 3.30pm
Close of show and removal of exhibits 4.00pm to 4.30pm



VENUE:

ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH NAILSTONE