

Nailstone Women's Institute

On what was one of the hottest days of this summer so far, we set off for our annual trip. We went first to Forge Mill Needle Museum in Redditch, south of Birmingham, where our guides gave us an introduction to needle making. In Victorian times, Redditch produced 90% of the world's needles. We learnt of the processes involved in making them and the many health hazards associated with this and saw some wonderful displays of different needles and were surprised to learn that fishing flies were also produced in the same factories.



In the afternoon we went to the National Trust property Baddesley Clinton, a lovely moated house (photo left), where we had lunch in the cafe or a picnic in the grounds. Afterwards we were able to explore the beautiful house and gardens.

August Meeting

Our WI speaker for August was Vanessa Morgan who read to us various stories that her grandfather had written about his younger life in Cannock, recalling events and characters from his adventures as a "Midnight Wanderer" (ie a poacher!)

September Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday September 18th when our speaker will be Joanna Richart on 'Foraging'. Meet at the church 7.15 for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £3.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Saturday 20 September 11am

Every cuppa matters

Cancer can disrupt someone's whole life. Coffee Mornings like this mean we can do whatever it takes to help people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Physical support

We provide specialist nurses and information on cancer, side effects such as hair loss, exercise, and nutrition, so that each day is a bit more bearable.

Financial support

We provide benefits advice and are on hand to help make sure money is one less thing for people with cancer to worry about.

Emotional support

We offer a dedicated support line, a peer-to-peer Online Community and a signpost to local support groups so people with cancer can talk and get help with how they're feeling.

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It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Nailstone All Saints Church

Date: Saturday 20th September 2025

Time: 11am - 1.00pm

All money raised goes to Macmillan Cancer Support. The jam and chutney stall will be there - come and buy your Christmas presents!

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Grounds maintenance

Cllrs are keen to see the areas that the PC is responsible for looking cared for and respectable providing a positive impression of the village. Cllrs are aware of the comments received from parishioners regarding the appearance of Church Meadow and the closed churchyard. Following much discussion and attempts at resolution Cllrs resolved at the July PC meeting to give notice to the grounds contractor. The hedge cut and grass mowing have been undertaken by another contractor and discussions are ongoing about a new contract. Although it is always concerning when emails of complaint are received Cllrs are pleased that there is an obvious desire from parishioners for the village to look good and that parishioners are invested in the area they live in.

External Audit AGAR 2024-25

The PC is subject to both an internal and external audit each year. The audit looks at finances and the process behind decisions taken and for evidence of sound governance. The external audit is often referred to by its acronym, the 'AGAR' - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The external auditors have scrutinised Nailstone PC's accounts and returned their report and certificate, with no items requiring further attention or action. The notices and reports are uploaded to the website and placed on the village noticeboards.

Street lighting upgrade

The PC thanks County Cllr J Melen for his assistance in obtaining an updated quotation from LCC for this work which is on the August PC meeting agenda for Cllrs to consider. Further updates on this project with anticipated timescales will follow in the next newsletter.

Policy and training update

At the July meeting Cllrs resolved to adopt the new anti-bribery, fraud and corruption policy as they considered it prudent with the receipt of the Community Benefit Funding. Nailstone PC holds the General Power of Competence until 2027 after which to maintain this the PC will need both of the following:

- at least two thirds of its Cllrs must be elected not co-opted and
- a Clerk holding the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). At the July PC meeting Cllrs resolved that they will support the Clerk in gaining this qualification. Interviews for acceptance to the course are held by LRALC (Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils) at the end of the year.

Wooden stile footpath R66

H&BBC require an updated quotation for the replacement of the wooden stile of footpath R66 with a kissing gate. Cllrs resolved at the July PC meeting to accept the updated quotation, and the contractor has been asked to carry out the works. H&BBC have awarded the PC 50% grant funding from the Community Equipment grant towards the costs.

Repairs to Wood Road

The repairs to the surface of Wood Road are due to be carried out on September 12th. The PC thanks County Cllr J Melen and Borough Cllr Bill Crooks for assistance in progressing this matter.

PC meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the church and all are welcome. Minutes and agendas can be found on the PC's website.

Coming up in September

Nailstone Community Group General Meeting, 7.30pm, 4th September, 25 Church Road (discussing Christmas events!)

Little Fishes - Childrens group, 17th September, 10:30am - 12pm (3rd Wednesday), All Saints Church

WI 3rd Thursday every month, 7.15 for 7.30pm, 18th September, 'Foraging' with Joanna Richart. Guests £3

Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12 noon, All Saints Church. Coffee, Tea and cake, please come and support

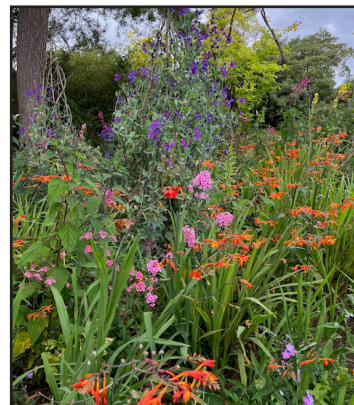
Parish Council Meeting - 7pm, 24th September, last Wednesday of the month, All Saints Church

Garden Group

It's usual for us to hear 'rain stopped play' but we are not used to hearing 'sun and heat stopped play'! The group had been looking forward to getting stuck into this year's larger project, the enlargement of the planting area and addition of new planting to the Memorial Area on Church Meadow. This project will involve the lifting of turf as the beds are enlarged, but it has simply been too dry and hot to attempt this so far. The ground is like concrete. Additionally, spending money and trying to establish new planting in this weather will be an uphill struggle. To give ourselves the best chance of success the group sees this as an early Autumn project. The work will be done in stages, so that the area will look presentable for Remembrance Sunday. We have been really pleased to see that the home-grown gap fillers planted in the Centenary, Rock and Church bed are in flower, extending the colour in these beds. We were able to do some tidying up and cutting back of the plants in the rock bed and the centenary bed and you may notice when walking through Church Meadow that there is a new flush of leaves on some of the plants, this may lead to additional flowers though some rain would be helpful for this.



Whilst the weather has prevented much of our usual practical hard work, the group has been very busy socially and visiting other gardens. We also entered two teams in the Ibstock Garden Centre's 'Potting Shed' Restaurant's inaugural quiz, with one team coming 4th, with only 4 points between 1st and 4th place. It was great to see this local business full and busy. A 'Summer Social' was held on 22nd August with 'other halves' also welcome. We are really proud of the support our members give each other through life's ups and downs and of the friendships made. Some members took the opportunity of the hot summer days to investigate open gardens in the midlands. Ideas for our village gardens were seen.



Nailstone Church Fete

September 2025

The weather was warm and bright for Nailstone Church Fete on Saturday 16th August, enabling many visitors to sit outside the church for tea and cake. Games were set up outside and much fun was had playing skittles, splat the rat and throwing a bean bag through the clown's mouth. Prizes were awarded to the highest scorers. There were plenty of stalls to browse: plants, jams and chutneys, books, bottle tombola, gift tombola, crafts and old bygones. The Raffle was well patronised. Although fewer children than expected attended visitor numbers were well up on the previous year which was reflected in the money taken which was a lot more than last year. The money will be spent on church maintenance and renovation. Plans are in place, and final approval awaited, to make the north aisle into a larger community space and to relocate the existing kitchen.



Old Nailstone



This is a picture of Main Street Nailstone in about 1921. The road is not tarmac and the school is in use with railings enclosing the yard. Further on from the school is a large tree which stood in the garden of Malthouse Farm which you can see behind it. Malthouse Close is now there. The church is the same but the tree on the 'point' is much smaller - planted around the turn of the century. On the extreme left hand side you can see the 'Bulls Head' - literally an iron representation of a bull's head. The cottages next to the Bull were demolished to make way for the bungalows.