

Coming up in October

5th – Community Group meeting
 14th – Harvest Lunch and Service. Church
 19th – Little Fish’s children group. Church (10:30-12:00)
 19th – WI, All about playing cards, Mike Lister. Church
 All Saints Cafe every Tuesday 10:30 - 12:00

Save the date:
 A wide range of Christmas themed events is currently being planned for December. Children activities with Santa and Choir, Mulled wine & Minced pies with Christmas tree light switch on the 2nd, and Nativity & Quiz on the 14th at the School. Read the next issue for updates.

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Our annual Summer Trip last month took us to The Potteries. Specifically Middleton Pottery, which you may recognise from The Great Pottery Throw Down. Middleport Pottery is the UK’s last working Victorian potbank in continuous production. They have been making the famous Burleigh Pottery since 1889.

Groups of us had a guided tour of the factory, where we saw all stages of production. There was also a self guided tour exploring the heritage of the site including their last remaining bottle kiln, Bath House and steam engine.

Some of us gave in to temptation in the factory shop and may have made a purchase or two. A very interesting day. Would you like to join the Nailstone WI? Everyone is welcome. Regular meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month in the Church.

Coming up:
All about Playing Cards with Mike Lister
Thursday 19th October, 7pm, All Saints Church
Competition: A pack of cards
New members and visitors welcome, £3 entry



Birmingham Workhouse Token found in Nailstone

In September, Hinckley Search Society came to Nailstone to investigate at the back of the school. Around 15 searchers walked across the lower fields. The star find was a small Roman coin, with one and half a medieval hammered silver coins also found. Although nice to find, none of these coins was a surprise as coins like these have been found here before, indicating that Nailstone has been a settlement for a long time and that cultivation goes back a long way. However, a ‘coin’, or token, of a different type was also found. These were issued by Birmingham Workhouse to poor people to exchange for food at local shops. They

were issued from 1812 during a national shortage of coins, and were specially minted as poor relief. When they had taken 240 tokens local shopkeepers could redeem the tokens at the workhouse for a £1 note. The token shows a picture of the workhouse and instructions for redeeming. So how did it get to Nailstone? It was quite common to apprentice young people from the workhouse to various trades, often quite far away. It is likely that a young man was sent to Nailstone as an apprentice agricultural labourer and the token fell from a hole in his pocket.



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The Nailstone Parish Council update

The Councillors have been intrigued with the amount of groups and parishioners that come along to meetings to discuss issues affecting us all. We have some ongoing topics such as the solar farm, speeding & lorries, village events, planning, footpath conditions, gardening plans etc. We are a team that is united in a goal to make living in this village more pleasant and strive to deliver improvements. We wish to hear your ideas on how to make living in Nailstone comfortable and how to enhance our lives. The Parish Council meets every last Wednesday of the month, at 7 p.m., in the Dove Bank Primary School and everyone is welcome to attend and voice their views. Currently, the Parish Council is looking for a new Clerk which is a permanent, paid role with available training. Full details about the role are to be published soon. We are also actively looking for available fund-

ing opportunities and ideas that these could support and have learned that a large sum is available for any projects that might aid in mitigating climate change. Do you have any suggestions for this topic? We are legally engaged to make sure the deed promised by JBM for the installation of the solar farm in the village shall be paid. We are chasing the approved grant that shall fund a new gate by the village entrance to attempt to reduce speeding and also are looking to tender out the village grounds maintenance contract. There is an interest from the gardening group to help maintain the beds in the Church Meadow however if you wish to be involved in maintaining any of the existing beds please contact the Parish Council. To get involved and to share your views please come along to our next meeting.

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 Councillor John Smith at Cllrsmith@nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk





Nailstone 2023 Village Show

The second Nailstone Village Show, held first weekend of September, was a great success. The number of entries was up on last year with 138 entries across the classes.

We have opened a number of classes including vegetables, fruits, flowers, baking, preserves, crafts and photography classes which were all keenly contested; the judges had a tough job of choosing winners.

Throughout the day visitor could enjoy a cup of tea and home baked cakes, admire all entries on display as well as networking with fellow parishioners. Prizes were proudly presented by our Parish Council Chair, Lee Harris.

Thanks to everyone who entered and to those who helped to make the event a success. Congratulations to tombola winners and also to all class and category winners.

We hope it has inspired you to have a go next year. Thanks to our esteemed judges, Hilary and Mick and to Dove Bank School for allowing us the use of their premises.

See you all next year.

Winners

- Best in vegetables/fruits - Lyra
- Best in flowers/plants - Su Howarth
- Best in cookery - Emily Gilmore
- Best in crafts - Diane Hutchinson
- Best in children's classes - Edith Gilmore
- The tallest sunflower - Malcolm Mackay, 3.483m

Best in Show

- Diane Hutchinson, crocheted throw




Gardening Group

One year on...

The group is celebrating its inaugural year, our first year seems to have flown by! We are proud to have achieved the following: secured circa £6000 of funding towards projects to benefit the village, welcomed new members, worked with the Parish Council and Community Group, held several socials including a Christmas wreath making workshop, joined together



to rejuvenate the planting in the Rock Bed, donated our own members money to plant up the Church Notice Board bed and coordinated the provision of the compost area in Church Meadow. Our members have been generous with their time and energy in digging over, enriching, sourcing plants, planting up and maintaining these areas. We hope that you are enjoying the new planting. Photos and more details of our first year projects will follow in the next few issues.



Are you aware of any isolated parishioners that might be looking for a bit of company or a visit from Santa's helper this Christmas? There are volunteers in the village who would like to share a smile and a small

donation. Please let us know who these neighbours are by the end of October by posting their details to Nut & Squirrel or bringing it along to any Tuesday coffee mornings at the Church. Thank you.

A huge THANK YOU from the Nailstone children

Due to the growing number of children in the Nailstone village, the parents have embarked on a journey to install additional play equipment in the Church Meadow. Following consultations with the Parish Council, crowdfunding efforts and very generous donations from numerous businesses, the children can now enjoy a wonderful wooden trim trail. It was designed to not only fit the environment but also to provide equipment for a wide range of ages and physical abilities that would help develop both physical and social skills.

Driving force behind the children's project Hana Darlington said: "Having the trim trail not only encourages children to be more physically active and to enjoy the outdoors, but also to build relationships. Especially children with disabilities who previously had to travel to neighbouring villages can now bond with other children in their community."

Children were involved from the outset, and they are delighted with the result which is now creating hours of fun for them outdoors with their friends. Thank you to Oakland International, Cadeby Tree Trust, Caterpillar, Forterra, Kirby Pro-Seal, FPMc-Cann, Uptonsteel, Midland Quarry Products, Roberts Travel Group and everybody who supported this seemingly small but impactful project.

The children with their families have enjoyed the "Cutting the Ribbon" event on the 30th of July and are looking forward to making many happy memories.

