

Coming up

Saturday 16th May - Country and Western Night, Bulls Head, 7pm
Country & Western Dress / Hog Roast / Bucking Bronco (hopefully) / Line dancing / silly saloon games.

Thursday 21st May - WI, Prostitution: Profession or oppression with Becky Panting, Competition: Something Red, 7:30pm, Church, visitors welcome £3

Coffee Morning - Every Tuesday, Church, 10:15am – 12pm
Church Service - 3rd Sunday every month

Little Fishes - Currently being held on 3rd Tuesday of the month, Church
WI - 3rd Thursday of every month, Church, 7:30pm

Parish Council Meeting - last Wednesday of every month, Church, 7pm
Craft Group - Fourth Thursday of every month or when required

For events at the Bulls Head, please keep your eye on their Facebook page.



New bench

A new composite bench has been installed at the entrance to The Oval due to the old one being damaged. Thank you for your patience as the installation proven slightly tricky.

Seed Sowing

Our Seed Sowing Event, held in the church during the Easter Egg Hunt & Tea, was a great success. 65 pots were sown with Sunflower and/or Runner Bean seeds. Hopefully they are all growing nicely.

We also handed out 25 packs with the Scarecrow template and paper plate for the other children's classes.

If you would like one of these, please email: nailstonevillageshow@gmail.com

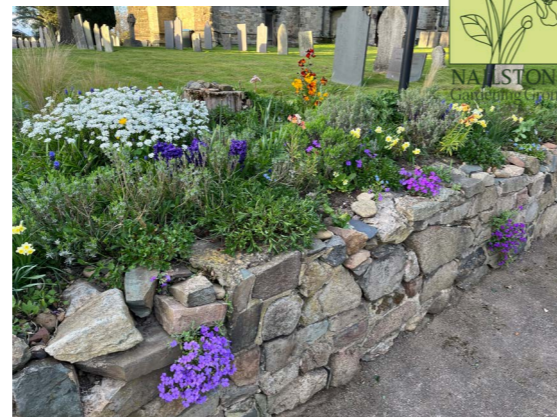


Gardening Group

The GG have held their first two in-person meet-ups of the season – it was fantastic to catch up with each other after the long winter. Our meet-ups gave us the opportunity to review what plantings had lasted well over winter and assess any planting gaps that were there. We wanted to get our areas tidy in time for the Easter Egg Hunt and looking spick and span. We tackled the Rock bed first – there was plenty of cutting back and weeding to do here, but also plenty of new shoots pushing through. We also tidied the Centenary bed, weeding and cutting back.

Our second meet-up was to tackle the Churchyard bed, which had fared well over winter; the bulbs had lasted well in this bed. The sharp drainage in this bed really helps plants such as lavender and salvia to survive over the winter. We were able to sit in the Church after our efforts and make a cup of tea and enjoy some home-made treats as a reward for our work. The social and support side of the group is important; we have made friends with people whom we would otherwise not have met, and this is really valuable to us.

On the agenda for our next meet up is to tackle to the compost corner in Church Meadow. This needs turning out, and the rotted compost spreading on beds and the rest putting back in the area to break down. This should give us space for pruning for the season to come. We also want to give the Memorial Area some attention with weeding, before we plant our additional plants in this area. Many Thanks to Catharine and Deryck for allowing us access to the Church; it is much appreciated.



The Classics event at the Bulls Head attracting audience to Nailstone

AGAR

By the time the newsletter reaches you, the PC will have met at the end of April. The April PC meeting is largely taken up with the AGAR – the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. This is an Audit process which all Parish Councils are legally obliged to undertake each year. The accounts are audited by the PC's appointed Internal Auditor and then by the external Auditor, Moore's. The external Auditor will check both the financial transactions and the decision-making to ensure legal compliance.

All the audit paperwork will be published on the PC's website as required by law, in addition to the external Auditor's report. In practice, the Clerk is happy to answer any queries about the accounts throughout the year.

Policies and Insurance reviewed

In line with good governance, the Accounts and Audit Regulations and the General Data Protection Regulations the PC reviewed and approved its Data Protection, Investment Strategy and Insurance requirements at the March 2026 PC meeting. The approved policy documents can be found on the PC's website.

Stoneshollow localised flooding

The PC has had emails from parishioners regarding the localised flooding near the PROW on the Stoneshollow development. Cllrs have viewed the area and taken images of the flooding. Our Borough Cllr Bill Crooks has forwarded these on to planning at H&BBC and requested that they be reviewed as part of the application to discharge planning conditions recently submitted by the developers.

May PC meeting

The May PC meeting will be the legally mandated Annual Council Meeting at which the PC will elect both the Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming Civic year. Also on the May agenda will be the review of the safety of memorials within the Closed Churchyard, which the PC is legally required to undertake, and the review of the PC's Code of Conduct and Property Register.

PC meetings are open to all and are held on the last Wednesday of the month at All Saints Church, 7pm.

Chrome, Community, and Classics: A Great Turnout at The Bull's Head

The first in a summer series of Classic Car Nights took place at The Bull's Head on Tuesday 7 April, drawing a terrific mix of beautifully presented vehicles. The line-up ranged from Peter Daly's sprightly Peugeot 205 GTi (now a modern classic at 30 years old) to the imposing, 100-year-old American LaFrance Type 75. While many owners were local, several enthusiasts travelled from further afield to be part of the evening.

Organiser Greg Masters said the event had been a great success, enjoyed both by owners proudly sharing their cars and by villagers who turned out to soak up the atmosphere. A raffle prize—a Halfords socket set—was won by Mac and raised funds for the Nailstone community.

The next Classics at The Bull's Head will take place on the first Tuesday of each month, with the next meet on Tuesday 2nd June.



1933 Wolseley Hornet Special



Classics
at the Bulls Head

The Bulls Head,
Main Street, Nailstone,
CV19 0QB.
All classics welcomed!
Every first Tuesday of the month.
This is a free event.

Next event:
Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026, from 4pm

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History Group News - Back to the Graveyard

Nailstone History Group took advantage of the good weather in April to start recording the gravestones in the Open Churchyard area. After a 'year off' due to the weather in 2025 (often too hot, or too wet!) we are copying the information on the stones for input into our graveyard memorials spreadsheet.



If you walk around the Open Churchyard, which lies at the back of the church beyond the path, you will see that there are many gaps between the graves in the older part.

This is because memorial stones have always been quite expensive and not everyone, particularly in the 1920's and 1930's was been able to afford one. Sometimes a small stone flower container is the only memorial.

The Open or 'New' Churchyard was consecrated by the Bishop of Peterborough on the 24th September 1925 and was originally a field. There was a service in the church and then the Bishop, the Rector of Nailstone the Rev S B Baron and the Rectors of Ibstock and Carlton processed around the new ground accompanied by the churchwardens Mr Hilder and Mr Robotham and watched by members of the congregation.

In the background to the photograph (sold as a postcard in the village post office) you can see the barn of Manor Farm which is where the new houses on Church Road now stand.



Quiz Night

Tim hosted his popular quiz night at the Bulls Head on 2nd April with 8 teams competing to answer questions themed "Easter and Spring-time". It attracted enthusiasts from beyond our village providing good fun and entertainment as well as raising funds for the Community. Keep your eye on the Community Facebook page for upcoming quiz nights as more are being planned.



Church Easter Tea and Easter Egg Hunt

The church was beautifully decorated for Easter thanks to the efforts of Church members with special thanks to Janet W for the flower arrangements, and windows contributed by Nailstone WI and the Community Group. Lots of cakes and treats were made for the Easter Tea which was taken full advantage of by the large numbers of people who came to visit on a sunny afternoon.

Community Group member Sharon S was kept busy handing out Wendy C's handmade Easter bags and giving instruction to over 40 children who then ran around Church Meadow looking for their egg pictures whilst Tim S replenished them and kept order. The appeal for donations of Easter Eggs for the hunt was again this year very successful - thank you to everyone who donated.

There were crafts in the church to entertain children who had finished their hunt plus the Garden Group encouraged everyone to plant a sunflower by providing a free seed in a pot to grow for the Village Show in September. The second-hand book stall did well for donations and books taken away and the jam stall contributed to Parkinson's UK as well as church funds.

It was a busy and happy afternoon - many thanks to everyone who came and made it a success. £372 was raised in donations for church funds including £50 redonated to Community Group funds for their hard work.

