

Advent events

December

Saturday 6th - Christmas Fair, Church, 11am – 1pm
 Monday 8th - Regional WI Carol Service, Church, 2pm
 Wednesday 10th - School Christmas Carols and Songs, Church, 9:30am
 Friday 12th - Heather Choir Christmas Concert, Church, 7pm
 Saturday 13th - Church Children's Christmas Party, Church, 2 – 4pm
 Sunday 14th - Christmas Bingo, Bulls Head, 2:30pm
 Wednesday 17th - Carol Service, Church, 6:30pm
 Saturday 20th - Christingle, Church, 4pm
 Sunday 21st - Songs around the tree. Meet at the Christmas tree for songs and mulled wine then a candle lit walk to the Pub. Starting at 6pm.
 Thursday 25th - Church Service, 8am
 Monday 29th - Christmas Quiz and Bingo. Get your team together and meet at the Bulls Head for a Christmas Quiz and Bingo, 7pm
 Wednesday 31st - New Year Eve Party at the Bulls Head. Details overleaf.

January

Saturday 3rd - Seniors Lunch and Bingo, All Saints Church
 This is a free event - Contact Catherine Senior or Wendy Caudwell to book your place, or drop into the Church coffee morning every Tuesday.

Regular Events

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 in Church
 WI - 3rd Thursday of every month
 Parish Council Meeting - last Wednesday of every month (except December), Church, 7pm
 Craft Group - Fourth Thursday of every month, when required

Rotary Santa

As it is a tradition, the village will welcome the Market Bosworth Rotary Santa. He will start his voyage through the village at 5pm on the 8th of December by the school gate.



Christmas windows

The Nailstone Christmas Windows have been a beautiful part of the season since 2020. This year we are breaking away from the Advent element, where participating homes reveal a window every day. Instead everyone is invited to decorate a window, door or garden whenever they like.

There will be a small Christmas Hamper as a prize for the best display as voted for by the Village Christmas Group 2025.

The theme is CHRISTMAS TREE to match the displays in Nailstone All Saints Church. Any window, door or garden can be decorated freely.. as long as there is a Christmas tree small or large for onlookers to spot.

To take part DM Sharon Shaw on Messenger or email Sharonshawxxx@gmail.com or catch me in the Church or pub. Put your window up by December 18th.



Please email your contribution to this newsletter to cllrdarlington@nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk by 22nd of each month

NAILSTONE Newsletter



Grand re-opening of the Bulls Head with ribbon cutting by Dr Luke Evans MP

Church Meadow footpaths

At the November meeting of the PC, Cllrs considered the current state of the Breedon gravel footpaths within Church Meadow. These footpaths are now 26 years old, and the original wooden edging has rotted away. The paths themselves have broken down and are difficult to maintain with moss and weeds growing on the surface. The PC are currently considering a scope of works for the resurfacing of these paths and once a surface option has been decided upon quotations will be sought. The aim is to make these paths safe for all users of Church Meadow and to give a good appearance to the area with a surface that is readily maintainable.

Changeover of street lighting electricity provider

The PC now has a date for the changeover of electricity provider for the street lighting. From the 1st December 2025 the electricity provider for the PC's street lighting will be Leicestershire County Council. Npower is still the electricity provider for Church Meadow, and the PC remains under contract with them for 12 months.

Grant funding for a new bench

The well-used bench seat at the entrance to The Oval requires replacing. The PC determined that a slightly bigger bench should be purchased, whose appearance would suit the conservation area. The PC considered the

upkeep of the bench and determined that the new bench should have recycled polymer slats with the appearance of wood. An application for 50% grant funding was made to the Community Equipment Fund at H&BBC. The funding application for £600 was successful. The remaining £600 will be met from the PC's General Contingency Reserve.

Repair of footpaths and signs

Following reports to LCC regarding the uneven and unsafe state of the footpath on Main Street (near no. 30) the PC is pleased to see that this has been marked up for repair. The footpath on the post-box corner has also been marked up for an extension of resurfacing. Thank you to LCC for responding to these reports.

The reflective safety tape on the wooden bollards on the junction of Bagworth Rd/Main Street has now been replaced with additional bollards, having been added to increase road safety. Additionally, the broken '20mph' warning sign by Dove Bank Primary School is to be replaced by LCC.

A reminder that the PC meetings are open to all parishioners and are held on the last Wednesday of the month in All Saints Church. The PC does not meet in December.

The PC would like to wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and sends its thanks to the Cadeby Tree Trust and the Theobald family for the donation of the Christmas tree.

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Gardening Group

The Group have been extremely busy since the last newsletter reached you. The group have had 3 in person practical meet ups, braving the cold and rainy weather. The Group have used the money that was raised at last years Wreath making event to provide additional, rejuvenated planting in the Memorial Area. The plants that were purchased were chosen as suitable for the site conditions and had to meet the additional difficult test of being colourful and presentable at Remembrance time. Shrubs and perennials were chosen for this area. On two rainy Saturday mornings, hardy group members met and thoroughly weeded and tidied both beds in the Memorial area. The new planting was added in, and it filled the area, despite us thinking we had over-purchased! We worked around the existing planting and gave the roses a good prune, these should flower better next summer.

Any bulbs that were disturbed during planting were put back in. We were very pleased with the finished effect. The group do not normally post their efforts on Facebook but an exception was made in this case so the families of the American airmen could see that the Memorial to their relatives was being cared for. The group will continue to maintain these areas throughout the year.

The group also met up to plant nearly 600 Spring flowering bulbs around the village. The group managed to plant all the bulbs in one session which was rather a mammoth feat!

Bulbs included dwarf daffodils, chosen because they stay upright in poor weather, early blue dwarf iris, dark purple and dark blue hyacinth, species gladiolus and snowdrops. The snowdrops have been planted on the damp slope behind the bench on post box corner and we planted nearly 100 bulbs in the Churchyard bed which included species gladiolus byzantinus, hyacinths and daffodils. We are really looking forward to the planted areas looking colourful and vibrant in Spring and giving a positive impression of our lovely village.

We are looking forward to our Wreath making event on



30th November with great excitement, thank you to all those who have booked a space. The money raised at the event goes directly back into the village and is used wholly towards planting and future projects. An update on the event will be in the next newsletter.

The Group would like to say a big 'thank you' for all the supportive and kind comments it has received throughout 2025. We wish all in the village a Merry and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Nailstone WI

November's meeting was our AGM. The committee was duly re-elected and Ann gave her President's Annual Report.

After the official business, our speaker was Jo Goalby with tales of Christmas in Victorian times mainly from the point of view of a ladies' maid.

We will be hosting the Group Carol Service in the church at 2pm on Monday 8th December. Everyone is welcome.



Re-opening of the Bulls Head

It was a fantastic night for the Grand Re-opening of the Bulls Head pub on the 14th of November 2025. The team led by the landlady Alex has welcomed the villagers, selling over 400 pints that night, as well as the local MP, Dr Luke Evans, who did the honours of cutting the ribbon. Keep your eyes on the new Facebook page dedicated to the pub for their latest events.



Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all who attended this year Remembrance Sunday and commemorated the fallen by laying the wreaths in the Memorial Garden. It was great to see so many participants and thank you to Wendy Caudwell for the reading.

Despite the many leaves, the efforts of the Gardening Group to clear the area for this event were visible and also appreciated.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning 2025

This certificate is presented to All Saints Church Nailstone and friends.

This year you fundraised £531.00

Congratulations on your fundraising. Your kind support is helping to change the lives of people affected by cancer.

Thank you.

Hannah

Hannah & the Coffee Morning Team