

Coming up

September	
Tuesday 8th	Macmillan Coffee Morning and Raffle. 10am - 12 noon, All Saints Church
Saturday 12th	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. Details: www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/
Tuesday 15th	Little Fishes, Parent/toddler/babies, 10am - 12noon All Saints Church
Thursday 17th	WI, 7.15pm, All Saints Church, The Naughty Allotmenters - growing your own with The Potty Plotters.
Thursday 17th	Quiz night at the pub, 7pm
October	
Saturday 10th	Harvest Lunch – 12 till 2pm
Thursday 15th	WI, Severn Trent, Wonderfull on tap with Siobhan Bray, £3 - visitors Competition: A favourite glass
November	
28 and 29th	Wreath Making Event
Thursday 19th	WI AGM followed by Our Christmas Story with Mike Burton. Competition: A poem about winter, your own work
December	
Saturday 5th	Christmas Fayre – 11am – 1pm
Tuesday 8th	Little Fishes Christmas Party (Times to be advised)
Thursday 10th	WI Christmas meal
Friday 11th	Choir Concert – 7pm TBC
Wed 16th	Carol Service – 6.30pm
Wed 23rd	Christingle followed by Christmas Tea Party
Friday 25th	Christmas Day Service – 8am TBC

Regular events

- Coffee Morning - Every Tuesday, Church, 10:15am – 12pm
- Church Service - 3rd Sunday every month
- Little Fishes - 3rd Tuesday of the month, Church
- WI - 3rd Thursday of every month, Church, 7:30pm
- Craft Group - Fourth Thursday of every month or when required
- Parish Council Meeting - last Wednesday of every month, Church, 7pm

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



Quiz night

Tim and his entertaining assistant Sharon hosted another quiz night at the pub themed “Cars”. The result was very close, with the Pheasant Pluckers beating Lez Quizerables by one point. Everyone enjoyed singing along to the great collection of car songs in the music round. You are invited to the next quiz night on the 17th of September from 7pm.

WI

Our Summer outing was to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas where we explored the woodlands, gardens and over 400 memorials dedicated to those in the Armed Forces, Emergency Services and civilian organisations. A very interesting and sometimes poignant visit. And we found the WI bench; Kathy kindly posed for a photo.

Our August speaker was author John J Delaney, who spoke to us about his journey from accountant to author, with a bit of murder mystery games writing and musical composing thrown in.



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Parishioners are observing the solar eclipse on the 12th of August. Photo courtesy of Roger Samworth.

Annual Play Equipment Inspection

The PC needs to ensure that the play equipment is regularly inspected for safety and maintenance issues and is inspected annually by an external company, with the resulting report considered at the next available PC meeting. Currently Cllr Darlington conducts fortnightly inspections. The annual play equipment inspection by an external qualified company is booked for September.

New noticeboard

At the July meeting of the PC, Cllrs decided upon the design and supply of the replacement noticeboard. An aluminium board with dark green paintwork has been purchased and we await delivery. The board will have 3 opening windows, with a keyless turning catch opening the right-hand side window. This will enable parishioners to put up their community notices as they can currently. The aluminium construction was considered to be the most cost-effective option, as it will last longer than a timber version and require little maintenance.

Policies

At the July meeting, Cllrs reviewed and approved the PC's anti-bribery policy, which has been uploaded to the PC's website. At the August meeting, Cllrs will be reviewing and approving the PC's financial regulations, which are a statutory policy.

Pit wheel brickwork

The essential remedial works to the brickwork under the pit wheel on Church Meadow have been completed. The brickwork was found to need rebuilding, as after 26 years, damp had penetrated the existing bricks and split the facings.

External Audit and AGAR

The PC is pleased to report that the annual external audit has been completed and no items of note or requiring attention were found in the accounts in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The conclusion of the audit forms has been posted on the noticeboards. In practice, the Clerk is happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Classics at The Bulls Head

The event has truly gathered momentum this year, drawing both regulars and new classic-car enthusiasts to our village. A big thank you to Greg Masters and his dedicated team of volunteers for creating something special. Our final meet-up of the season took place in September, as these cherished vehicles now take a well-earned rest over the colder months.

Keep an eye on next year's events calendar for announcements — we're already looking forward to welcoming everyone back.



Gardening Group

The GG held a highly successful practical meet up at the end of July and thoroughly weeded and cut back the Rock bed foliage. It was striking how well the plants in this bed had fared in the extreme heat, the benefit of being quite shaded and out of direct light. Even the hydrangeas were looking healthy and flowering! We sat in the Church afterwards and refreshed ourselves with a cup of tea.

We are really pleased to report that last month the group welcomed 3 new members, all from within our village. We are a friendly, open, inclusive group and our three new members take our group's total membership to 21. We have grown a lot in 4 years!

We are looking forward to supporting at the Village Show on 5th September and are gazing anxiously at our sunflowers, dahlias and tomatoes and wondering if our flowers will make it in this heat!

By the time you read this, the group will have held their first garden group 'garden safari,' and we will hopefully have some photos along with a report in the next issue. Members' outings this month include Snowhill Manor and Boughton Grange Gardens, along with Rutland and Badminton Flower shows.

Pit wheel refurbishment

The much-needed refurbishment of the pit wheel was completed over three days in August, and the result is fantastic. A huge thank you to Nick Pinnelli for the stellar work. Our next step in enhancing the appearance of our community assets is the improvement of the path within Church Meadow, scheduled for Q4 this year. We'll keep you updated as dates are confirmed.



Treasure Hunt

Thank you to everyone who attended the Haven't got a clue? treasure hunt on the 9th of August organised by Steven Kearns. A good time was had by all, with the winners being the "Dafty Ducks" team, closely followed by the "GeeGees". Thanks to the Bulls Head for hosting.

The event raised £133 for the charity "Wishes4 Kids" and 5-y/o boy who was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma and is receiving chemotherapy will benefit by having a great family time at lion lodge at West Midlands Safari park.



Musical Bingo

Saturday 22nd August was a blast at the Bulls Head! An 80s Musical Bingo kicked off at 7.30pm, with cards full of classic song titles instead of numbers. As each tune played, the room lit up—so many absolute bangers. The winners were Shawn and Alice from Bluebell Cottage in Occupation Road, and all proceeds supported the Nailstone Community Group. The new pizza van kept everyone well fed before the games began. Leg warmers were optional... but strongly encouraged.

Thank you for Tim and Sharon organising such a great village fun.



Caterpillar

The Community Rock Caterpillar has been growing by the pit wheel by children adding new painted and decorated rocks to grow its body. What a great idea. Have you added yours yet?

