

# Newsletter



Senior's Christmas Lunch with home-made cakes and festive catch-up, held in Church on the 3th of January.

## Budget

Following consideration of the Precept amount at the November 2025 PC meeting, the PC met in January to finalise the budget for the upcoming Civic year. When doing so, the PC needs to consider the amounts set aside against each cost centre. Examples of the items the PC must consider include Grounds, Insurance, Clerk's salary, Remembrance poppies/wreaths, supply of electricity to Church Meadow and street lights, website provision, email provision and auditor's and Membership fees, amongst many others. The PC must ensure it has set aside sufficient funds to cover the known costs, plus any potential increases during the year due to minimum wage increases and inflationary effects on electricity prices. The PC is also required to set aside money in reserves, it being recommended to hold a General Reserve equivalent to the precepted amount, plus a contingency fund for events such as emergency tree works or other unexpected repair works. Once approved, the budget is published on the PC's website.

The PC also publishes its policies on the website, along with other statutory documentation.

## Newsletter items

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep parishioners up to date with news from the PC as well as publicising and highlighting community not-for-profit events held by village groups and mentioning their achievements. Examples of this include regular updates from the community group, the gardening group, the Village Show group and the W.I.. Nailstone really does 'punch above its own weight' with the number and variety of community groups and is fortunate to have community-minded individuals living in the village who volunteer their time. Individual parishioners' not-for-profit items and achievements can also be included in the newsletter, such as parishioners running the London Marathon for charity, for example. The PC is not legally permitted to undertake or include any form of advertising or endorsement of companies, businesses or for-profit events in the newsletter.

All PC meetings take place at 7pm on the last Wednesday of the month in Church and are open to members of the public who are welcome to attend. Meetings are advertised on the village noticeboards, and a list of scheduled meetings can be found on the PC's website.

# Coming up

Tuesday 17th February - Pancake Day Event, Bulls Head, time TBC  
Pancake fun and frolicking at the Bulls Head – Details to be announced shortly – watch Facebook and the Village notice boards.

Thursday 19th February - The WI, St John's Ambulance CPR Demonstration with Rob Bowers. 7:30pm, Church. Competition - an item beginning with J. Visitors welcome for £3.

Saturday 14th March - St Patrick Day Party, Bulls Head, 7pm. Lots of singing, dancing, drinking and eating. Tickets will go on sale soon watch Facebook and the Village notice boards for details.

Thursday 23rd April - St Georges Day Celebrations, Bulls Head, 7pm. Fish & Chips / Quiz / come dressed as a famous British person.

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

Saturday 20th June - Ladies Day at the Bull (not at Ascot), Bulls Head, time TBC – Daytime and Evening. Get glammed up and enjoy an afternoon tea, followed by a race night.

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

**The community Group will be hosting a regular 'Pudding Club' on the last Monday of the month. Venue The Bulls Head, from 7pm. Anyone who is willing to provide a pudding is welcome to bring one along. Anyone who owns a bowl and spoon is welcome to bring it along to sample what is on offer (also bring a bag to take home your dirty bowl and spoon). There will be no prior notice of what will be available and it is on a first come first served basis. There is no charge for this event – it is just a bit of fun.**

## All set for 2026!

It's been rather grey at times out there, but that has not deterred the GG from thinking ahead to the 2026 growing season.

We are looking forward to the flowering of the bulbs planted on a wet day in 2025. They are already poking through, giving us some hope that Spring is on its way. Each year, we make a photographic record of what has bloomed in each location. This helps us to understand which bulbs are most perennial in the areas planted. In this way, we can tailor future planting and money will not be wasted.

2026 will see the group finishing off the Memorial area planting project. The unusually dry weather meant that the project was part-completed last year. Still to plant is the semicircular living screen comprised of Calamagrostis grasses that delineates the Memorial area from the rest of Church Meadow. The existing beds are also to

be enlarged, and the planting added to. This planting is designed to look particularly good at Remembrance time and will comprise of shrubs along with perennials suited to the area.

We will, of course, be maintaining our existing beds -the Rock bed, the Centenary bed and the Churchyard bed. We plan to cut back and tidy these in preparation for the new growth and we will be adding to the planting of these areas this year.

It's always interesting to see what does well in particular areas and what struggles. However, this does help us to make the most of our money and plant accordingly.

We are also looking forward to the Village Show this year and will look to contribute to entries with our flowers, fruit and veg, plus as some members are very good cooks, with yummy food entries!



## Nailstone Village Show

Saturday 5th September

Schedule coming soon



### Book Club Christmas meal

The ladies have concluded the year with a nice Christmas meal at La Torre in Coalville.



NAILSTONE  
Gardening Group