

# January events

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

## Nailstone Village Show award

We were delighted to receive a “Making a Difference” award from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in the ‘Creating a Sense of Community Pride’ category. Four of us were able to attend the ceremony and receive the award from the Mayor.

The Village Show would be nothing without all of you who support it either by entering the competitions or just turning up to view the exhibits and have a cup of tea. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you all at next year’s Show on 5th September.

Jenn explains: “In the spring of 2022, I sat in my garden with Alec Duthie discussing the idea of creating a village show. With the support of the Community Group. I gathered a small team, and together we explored how we could bring the idea to life. Our first Village Show took place at Dove Bank School in September 2022, and we were overwhelmed by its success. Each year since, it has continued to grow and surpass our expectations.

I stepped down as Chair after the 2024 show, and it was wonderful to see that this year’s event, held in the church, was even better and a tremendous success. I hope the Village Show continues for many years to come.”



## Stan Crane turns 90!

Many will remember Stan from the Nailstone Village Bomber Crash remembrance video, where he shared vivid memories of witnessing a World War II bomber crash at the age of eight. But beyond history, Stan’s lifelong passion has been building and operating models; planes, boats and now trains.

Stan began with model planes, flying competitively and even earning his pilot’s license after two years of determined effort. After 25 years of flying, he shifted to model boats, building replicas and powerboats in his meticulously organized “man cave”. For Stan, each build is an “addiction”, a year-long process followed by the joy of seeing it glide across the water.

Though lockdown briefly paused his boating, Stan is back on track, proudly sailing his warship. Now, with age, he has turned to model trains, carefully constructing tracks while warning grandchildren to “look, not touch.”

“I miss my planes, but my love for models will never go away,” Stan says, locking the door to his boat-filled room with a sparkle in his eye.

From planes to boats to trains, Stan Crane embodies passion, patience and craftsmanship - a true Nailstone treasure at 90. Congratulations, Stan, on achieving this life milestone.



# NAILSTONE Newsletter



Wreath making event at the church, afternoon group.

### Precept

At the November 2025 meeting of the PC, Cllrs reviewed the precept amount. For the Civic year 2025/6 the PC had requested a precept of £23,125.

Cllrs reviewed the current year-to-date expenditure against the approved budget and looked ahead to anticipated expenditure for the upcoming Civic year. Cllrs resolved that the current precept amount was sufficient to meet the next years anticipated expenditure and therefore the precept amount will remain the same at £23,125.

For a band D property, this should be £101.87 per annum or 28p per day. This equates to approximately a quarter of a Mars Bar per day!

### The Oval trees

Thank you to the parishioners who emailed the Clerk regarding the two trees planted at the far end of The Oval. The PC’s current grounds contractor has been asked to remove both trees. One of the tree’s root balls has been exposed and out of the ground for some weeks. Attempts have previously been made to set the other tree upright, but without success.

### Repair of footpaths

The PC is pleased that the footpath by the post-box has now been resurfaced along its whole length, which means it has a new, smooth and level surface with the path being the full intended width. Hopefully, this will make it a lot easier

and safer to use for those with pushchairs and toddlers and those using wheelchairs and mobility aids. Thanks to LCC for attending to this.

### 2026 schedules – Policies and the shape of the year to come

A full list of planned PC meetings for 2026 is published on the PC’s website. The PC is also legally obliged to undertake reviews of most policies annually and a list of the planned review dates can also be found on the PC’s website. The dates for the PC’s other statutory responsibilities (for example, the Annual Governance and Accountability Review - AGAR) are also published on the same document. The PC will be reviewing the grounds maintenance specification in the new year. Cllrs will be considering the frequency of the cuts to the grassed areas and hedges as well as the plans for the maintenance of the long flower bed in Church Meadow as well as any other potential one-off requirements.

### New bench seat

The new bench seat for the entrance to The Oval has arrived, with thanks to Cllr Crane for taking the delivery. The bench will be installed in the new year to replace the well-used, broken one.

The PC would like to wish all parishioners a very Happy New Year and looks forward to welcoming all to the meetings.

### Christmas windows

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

There was a small Christmas Hamper as a prize, created by Elly Davis Curly Gurdy Creations for the best display as voted for by the Village Christmas Group 2025. Results will be announced in the next issues or check Facebook for an update.



### Rotary Santa

The Rotary Santa and his elves visited the village on the evening of 8th of December. As every year, they collected donations for the Rotary club in exchange for festive cheers and sweets from Santa.



### Nailstone WI



In a change to the norm, we opted not to have a restaurant Christmas meal, instead 18 of us gathered at a member's home and sat down to a delicious meal cooked by the committee and treats brought by members. With crackers, a Secret Santa and a quiz, a fun time was had by all.

We hosted the Bosworth Field Group Carol Service at All Saints Church. We welcomed Sheepy, Hinckley Holycroft, Gopsall Villages, Witherley & Stoke Golding for carols and readings followed by refreshments.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Barbara Payne. Barbara started Nailstone WI back in 1964 and was a very active member until relatively recently.



### Quiz nights

The reopening of the pub also saw the return of the quiz. Hosted by the village very own quizmaster Tim Shaw, the locals could enjoy a mild competitive challenge whilst tasting the beverages from the bar. Following the first night the quiz returned for a second round just to see the winners reclaiming their victory. Well done to everyone involved, it is great to see the village spirit growing and the community coming together. There are more quiz nights planned so please keep your eye on the Nailstone Village Facebook page or the new Bulls Head page.



### Children Christmas party

On Saturday the 13th, the church held its traditional Christmas party for the village children. Over 20 attended joining in the crafts activities and listening to Christmas stories. Even Santa popped in to greet the children who could share their wishes with him. Thank you to all the organisers for this wonderful Christmas tradition.



### Gardening group

A very 'Happy New Year' to you all from the Gardening Group. We hope you enjoyed the festivities and the various activities that our fabulous village groups organised.

The Gardening Group held a very successful Wreath Making Workshop on 30th November at All Saints Church. We held a morning and an afternoon session, both of which were fully booked.

This year, we purchased some Nordman fir foliage from Cadeby Tree Trust; all other foliage was 'foraged'. Teresa and Kerry spent the day before the workshop collecting foliage from the Churchyard and from members' and families' gardens. Accessories for the wreaths had been ordered beforehand and the moss and floristry supplies sourced from a friendly local florist.

A big thank you to Deryck Senior for allowing us access to the Church to set up for the workshop the day before. Once we had rushed around and had everything laid out, there was a moment of quiet as we looked at our setup in the beautiful Church building, with anticipation for the next day

Teresa capably provided tuition for crafters in each session and group members acted as 'elves', making sure crafters had what they needed, clearing up and providing encouragement! We had some lovely feedback from those attending which means a lot to us all! Everyone had access to exactly the same materials and yet no two wreaths were alike, it was joyous to see people's creative sides.

So, 'thank you': to the Church for their facilities and help, to those who attended and crafted, to those who gave up their time to help clear up and organise, and to group members for doing whatever was needed.

Every penny left after costs goes back straight back into future projects and planting around the village.

**This year, after costs, we raised a fabulous £1087.**

