

Coming up

Thursday 8th May - VE 80 Display in the church from 10am. Church Bells rung at 10.30am, remembrance reading.

Friday 9th May - Dove Bank School visits to church to see the VE 80 display

Saturday 10th May - VE 80 VE Day Tea (bring something to share or just come along), Games, Display Open, 2pm - 4pm, Church

Saturday 17th May - Spring Lunch 12 - 2pm, Church

Sunday 1st June - Collation and induction by the Bishop of Loughborough, of the new Rector of Bosworth Benefice, Revd Paul Betts, 6.30 pm At St Peters, Market Bosworth

Saturday 28th June - Garage Sale (sign up soon) with Refreshments/Hot Dogs, map and Tables in the Church if wet (Note: Event may be cancelled if not enough people want to participate).

All Saints Cafe - Every Tuesday morning in the Church, 10:15am to 12:15pm.

Little Fishes - Childrens group, 10:30am - 12pm every third Wednesday, Church

WI 3rd Thursday every month (See Facebook for meeting information or ask at Coffee Morning)

Parish Council Meeting - last Wednesday of the month

Nailstone WI
@
Hinckley Market
SATURDAY 10TH MAY



We are having a fundraising stall
at Hinckley market.
A variety of items will be on sale.

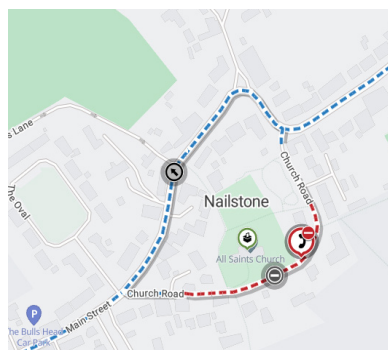
Regular meetings 3rd Thursday of the month
at All Saints Church, Nailstone
the WI
DISCOVER WOMEN

Easter Egg Hunt & Church Tea

The Church and Community Group together organised a very well attended Church Tea and Easter Egg hunt on Easter Saturday. We had around 45 children and their parents to the Egg Hunt run so brilliantly by Sharon and helpers. All children received a hand made bag with a book of the Easter Story as well as an Easter Egg. We are very grateful to Coffee Morning members and the community who donated the eggs. Tables were set up for children's crafts and the church was very busy. There was also a tea table laden with cakes which drew a crowd of people. Thanks to everyone who baked - it was difficult to know which cake to go for. The Village Show Group were also busy outside with their sunflower seed giveaway.



Clockwise from left: Church windows by Eileen, Marion and Janet W. The WI trimmed hats for their window; Sharon with Lamb Chop; Mary serving cake; Sharon giving instruction; the font decorated and lit up.



Advance Notice

From the 28th May for 2 days BT and their contractors will undertake replacement of two poles in Church Road, near the bend opposite the Manor House. The road will therefore be closed at this point. Residents can access their drives but there will be no through traffic. The work is not anticipated to take longer than the 2 days. A press release will be issued to confirm this closure approx 2 weeks beforehand.

Inside this Newsletter you will find a Share Your Views Questionnaire. It is important that you fill it in and send your answers back by email (below) to the Parish Council or to 46 Main Street. Also enclosed is a Butterfly Outline for the children's collage for the Village Show.

NAILSTONE Newsletter

May 2025



One of the Easter windows in the church. Decoration painted by Janet J

Street Lighting Refurbishment - Grant Award Success

The PC applied to the Parish and Communities Initiative Fund for grant funding towards the refurbishment and upgrade of the PC's streetlighting stock and happily the PC has been notified that the application for grant funding has been successful.

The works are significant as the lighting stock is of various ages and types, including outdated fixings and poles and inefficient sodium bulbs which are being phased out. The works needed include the removal of the old parts and the installation of new poles and LED lamps with dimmers and timers. The use of modern energy efficient parts means a day-to-day running cost savings for the PC and a reduction in the carbon footprint of the lights. The LED lights will be brighter and benefit both residents and motorists. The use of timers and dimmers will comply with modern standards.

AGAR

The April meeting is a busy one for the PC, as it is the 'AGAR' meeting. AGAR stands for Annual Governance and Accountability return, which is an audit of the PC's finances and financial practices. The PC is audited once a year, both by an internal auditor appointed by the PC and by external auditors. The PC must follow strict rules of financial practice, and these are scrutinised to ensure compliance. At the April meeting the Councillors are presented with the complete year end accounts, detailing payments and receipts, a bank reconciliation, the internal auditor's report as well as an explanation of significant variances alongside the register of fixed assets. The unaudited accounts are published on the PC's website following the April meeting and the results of the external auditor's report are published when received later in the year.

Tree Work

The necessary tree work within the Open and Closed Churchyard and Church Meadow have now been completed. The work included safety works and the removal of dead wood and thinning of congested trees. The chippings were re-used by the gardening group as a path and logs were cut into rounds and made into stepping stones and seating for children.

Repair Work to Play Equipment

The monkey bars section on the children's play equipment needs repair due to a section of rotten wood and a quotation for the repair was considered at the April meeting.

May Meetings

There are two meetings being held in May 2025, the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a PC meeting and has no agenda and Councillors do not attend in their role, but as a resident. In practice the Clerk takes minutes of this meeting. The meeting is intended as a forum for electors and groups within the Parish to provide updates on their activities in the previous year. The Annual Council Meeting is a formal PC meeting, and the first business of this meeting is to elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the PC for the coming year. Once this has been decided, and the acceptance of office has been signed, the meeting progresses as a standard meeting with an agenda.

A reminder that all parishioners are welcome at the PC meetings which take place on the last Wednesday of each month. The May meeting is on the 28th at 7.00 in the church.



Gardening Group

The GG has been busy with two in-person meet ups. We have welcomed the addition of 4 men volunteers – thank you to Brian, Clive, Greg and Jason - we pride ourselves on being inclusive and stress that all are welcome!

Our practical meetings in April included the start of the creation of the ‘enchanted walkway’ – an area underneath the trees in Church Meadow that was asking for some extra use. The bark chippings from the Parish Council’s tree work have been thickly



spread underneath the trees to create a soft walkway. Logs were sliced into ‘seating’ for children and placed under the trees. Branches and twigs at ‘eye poking’ height have been removed. This is the beginning of this project and additional seating is planned. We

really hope that the area will be used by children to explore outside and in nature, and they will enjoy making dens under the trees.

Members have also thoroughly weeded the Churchyard bed and planted 200 Summer flowering bulbs in it. Thank you to Janet J who generously donated them. Thank you also to Sam for her excellent baking skills, keeping the workers going with tasty home baking and Catharine and Deryck for opening the Church for refreshments.

The path by the post box has now been cleared of its overgrowth. This was quite a tough project as the grass was very rooted in the path and special thanks go to Jason H for the heavy work here. We hope the path will be much easier to use for those in wheelchairs, and with walkers and prams.

Upcoming projects for this year include additional planting for the Churchyard, Rock and Centenary beds and enhancement of the planting in the Memorial Area. We look forward to working with the Parish Council on this project.

Nailstone Village Garage Sale Saturday 28th June 2025, 9.30am to 1.00pm (now bi-annual)

Hot Dogs and Refreshments in the church.
Start sorting out your unwanted items. Someone else will love them!
If you would like a stall, sign up in advance so that your location can be put on the map for visitors.
£5 fee per stall (collected on the day).
Opportunity for individual tables in/outside the Church (depending on the weather) for anyone not in the centre of the village.
Email: Nailstonecommunitygroup@gmail.com
Facebook message: Nailstone Community Group
D Senior at 39 Church Rd, Tel 01530 263838 or at the Tuesday morning Church Café 10.15am - 12.15pm.



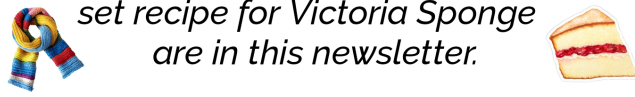


Nailstone Village Show

Saturday 6th September

Craft / Cookery

The pattern for the crochet scarf
&
set recipe for Victoria Sponge
are in this newsletter.



Children's Collaged Picture

Outline is included in this newsletter.
If you need more copies, email
nailstonevillageshow@gmail.com

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Nailstone Village Show 2025

Class 31 Colourful Crochet Scarf Set Pattern

Please read ‘notes’ and ‘ehtr’ before starting.
You may adjust the width and length of this scarf as you see fit. When extending the width keep in mind that you must chain an even amount of stitches. This ensures that the final stitch count is odd and the pattern works up the way it should

ehtr
Yarn over and insert your hook into the stitch. Yarn over, pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through one loop then yarn over and pull through remaining three loops on your hook. The ehtr row is the only row in which the starting chain of 2 is viewed as the first stitch. At the beginning of this row you will chain 2, which counts as the first stitch, then make your first htr in the 2nd stitch. This is simply to keep the edges a little straighter.

Materials

- 600g of any Aran weight yarn of any fibre, e.g. wool, acrylic, cotton, etc., in five different colours of choice: A, B, C, D, E.
- 6mm crochet hook
- darning needle

Abbreviations (UK)
dc: double crochet htr: half treble
tr: treble ehtr: extended half treble
ch: chain rep: repeat st: stitch

Gauge is not crucial for this pattern, see dimensions for more info on size dimensions roughly: 46cm x 231cm or 18in x 91in (if you wish to extend or decrease size see note)

Pattern Using a 6mm hook ch 60
Using A: Row 1: 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each ch to end, ch 2, turn [59]
Row 2: ch 2 counts as 1st st, ehtr in 2nd st and each st to end, ch 1, turn
Row 3: 1 htr in 1st st, *ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 htr* rep from * to end making sure st 59 is a htr and in the 2nd ch of the ch 2 from the previous row, ch 1, turn
Row 4: 1 dc in 1st st, *1 tr in ch 1 space of previous row, 1 dc in top of htr of previous row* rep from * to end

note: each tr will be in a ch 1 space and each dc in a st, last st (59) is a dc
Cut yarn and weave in edges.
Repeat rows 1 to 4 in B, then C, then D, then E.
Repeat colour rows until length is achieved.
Finish with a dc row. Cut yarn & weave in ends.

Class 25: Victoria Sponge Set Recipe

Ingredients
170g butter, softened, or soft margarine (straight from the fridge)
170g caster sugar
3 medium eggs
170g self-raising flour
Raspberry jam to fill (shop bought or homemade)

Method
Set the oven to 160°C (fan oven) or 180°C/gas mark 4
Grease and line the bottom of 2 x 20cm/8-inch sandwich tins.
Cream the butter/margarine and sugar using a wooden spoon or electric beaters very thoroughly until pale in colour. Creaming well will create air in the mixture which will help the cake to rise.
Beat the eggs then gradually add them to the mixture, beating well each time.
Sieve the flour and fold lightly into the mixture with a metal spoon.
Check that the consistency of the mixture is “soft dropping” – ie will just drop off the spoon.
If you have measured accurately no extra liquid should be needed, however, if it is too thick you can add a little milk or water.
Divide equally between the 2 tins and bake for 25 mins in the middle of the oven.
They are ready when they are golden, shrunk from the sides of the tin and spring back when touched.
Remove from the oven and place on a cooling tray for 5 mins.
Carefully remove the cakes from the tins and sit them on a clean tea towel on top of the cooling tray.
Peel the paper off carefully and fill with raspberry jam when cold to avoid jam bleeding into the cake.
Finish your cake with a light dusting of caster sugar on top.