



# NAILSTONE Newsletter



The Bull's Head Pub  
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Hello everyone, after a successful show last year we're getting ready for our third Village Show. This year it will be on Saturday 31st August. We hope you will put the Nailstone show date in your diary.

If you are planning to attend then this is the time to sort out your planting schemes, get your plants into the ground and plan your crafts and baking.

As before, we want the village show to be a fun event for the community so we won't be expecting perfect specimens. You can find the schedule overleaf and this lists all the items you can enter. You can enter as many categories as you like but please remember it is one class per household, apart from children's entries which are one per child. This year we are having a "people's choice" category where you can vote for your favourite photograph of life in Nailstone. We hope as many as you as possible will enter this category. **The show is open to anyone, not just residents of Nailstone parish.**

We will judge the sunflowers in situ in your garden again and they will be judged on **height** (not size of flowers). **Please note, the sunflower category is open to Nailstone residents only.**

The show will take place at Dovebank Primary School and there will also be a tombola and an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours over a cup of tea/coffee/soft drink and home made cake. This year we are hoping to have some craft demonstrations with participation. We will also be amending this year's timetable so that there is less waiting around.

We will again have independent judges from outside of the village and there will be rosettes, prizes and cups for the category winners and for best in show.

There will be an update in the summer with more detailed information for you on how to enter, timetable, rules, etc. and hope that as many of you as possible will enter something.

In the mean time, if you have any questions at all then please put your question on our Facebook page – just search for [Nailstone Village Show](#) on Facebook, or email us at: [nailstonevillageshow@gmail.com](mailto:nailstonevillageshow@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to put Saturday, 31st August 2024 in your diary!**

**Full schedule overleaf.**



## Welcome to March issue

In January, John Smith left the Parish Council due to personal commitments and we wish to thank him for his contribution to the community. John was particularly interested in helping with the lorry issue and was always ready to phone the company in question to inform them of their driver's offence. Going forward, please email the Clerk if you spotted inappropriate vehicle passing through our village. John's departure offers an opportunity to welcome a new Parish Councillor and since there was no call from the community for Election, the Parish Councillors are to co-opt a new member at the February meeting.

As a Council, we have selected new ground maintenance company due to the contract with our previous company coming to an end. Please keep us informed of any areas that might need attention so we can communicate with the new contractor.

Kerry Bates has been appointed our new Parish Clerk, with effect from 1st March. Chris Peat, our Locum Clerk, will shadow and support Kerry during her training. Kerry is the leading member of the Gardening Group and has managed to bring together various members of the community to enrich the village greens as well as

raise many funds to obtain tools, bulbs and plants. She also is a member of the Nailstone Community Group, History Group and Book Group. She works in a local school supporting students to access the mainstream curriculum which she thoroughly enjoys. "There's a real sense of community in the village and a sizeable number of community minded people who volunteer their time to improve things for all which is a pleasure to be a part of" adds Kerry.

During the December meeting, we discussed developing a new website for the village as the cost of the existing website was very high and its maintenance very complicated. The newly developed website is de-cluttered, vibrant and fully managed by the Parish Council therefore always up to date. We look forward to receiving your feedback so we can continuously improve it.

You may have seen the progress of the pub building and its opening is "imminent". The Parish Council has applied to register the Bull's Head as an Asset of Community Value which means that if the current owner wishes to sell the building the Community has the opportunity to make an offer.

The next meeting is on 27th March, 7pm at the school.



# Coming up in March

7th – Community Group AGM, 39 Church Road, 7.30pm followed by general meeting at 8pm.

20th – Little Fishes children group. Church, 10:30-12:00

21st – WI, Bear With Me, Janice Quinn. Church, 7pm, £3 entry. Competition: a favourite teddy

27th – Parish Council Meeting, school, 7:00pm



All Saints Cafe every Tuesday 10:30-12:00

NAILSTONE Gardening Group

## Gardening group visits

The Gardening Group have taken a well earned rest after the mammoth Spring bulb planting, but nevertheless we have still managed to pull in some activities! For some, gardening visiting season doesn't start until summer, but the intrepid members of the Gardening Group are not to be deterred, finding gardens worth visiting even in Winter season.

In January members of the Gardening Group visited two gardens, Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Oxford Botanical Gardens (part of Oxford University). We chose these gardens on the basis that they had extensive glasshouses so there was somewhere to shelter if the weather was very wet! Both visits were greatly enjoyed with a fabulous range of different glasshouses to explore and extensive outdoor gardens which were impeccably maintained. Plenty of inspiration.

On Sunday 18th March members of the Gardening Group visited Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens which had an extensive display of different snowdrops. By tradition, Gardening Group visits always involve some cake somewhere along the line too.....!

Using money raised by our Christmas Wreath making members event, we have purchased seed which members

will be sowing themselves. Once grown on these plants will be used to augment and accentuate the existing planting in areas we are maintaining so there are less patches of bare earth. Coverage with plants means less opportunities for weeds! The beauty of growing from seed means that you get more plants for your money and in addition members will enjoy personally contributing something they have nurtured. We look forward to working in collaboration with the PC this year and discussing further projects with them.



The half century of the HBBC will be celebrated with a festival, an exhibition at Atkins Gallery, a young person conference and tree planting across the borough and much more.

A one-off dedicated 'birthday celebration' will commemorate the anniversary, taking place on Saturday 25 May at Hollycroft Park, 12 - 8pm.

## Nailstone Village Show (vegetables, flowers, produce, craft) 31st August 2024

### Schedule

#### Category: Fruit and Vegetables

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- 1 3 onions
- 2 5 potatoes
- 3 3 carrots
- 4 5 runner beans
- 5 2 courgettes
- 6 Plate of any 4 vegetables
- 7 Heaviest marrow
- 8 5 tomatoes (same variety)
- 9 4 apples (same variety)
- 10 4 plums (same variety)
- 11 Funniest vegetable or fruit

#### Category: Flowers and Plants

- 12 Vase of 3 roses (any variety)
- 13 Vase with a single flower stem with either a single or multi flower head (not dahlia)
- 14 Vase of 3 dahlias (same variety)
- 15 Vase of a single dahlia (any variety)
- 16 Vase of herbs (label stating type of herbs)
- 17 Vase of mixed cut flowers
- 18 Vase of sunflowers
- 19 Houseplant (flowering or non-flowering)
- 20 Tallest sunflower (one entry per household - Nailstone residents only)

#### Category: Cookery

- 21 Soda bread loaf made by hand or bread machine
- 22 4 cheese scones
- 23 Savoury quiche (label stating type) (8 inch/20cm)
- 24 Victoria sponge (8 inch/20cm)
- 25 Home-made jam (label stating type)
- 26 Home-made chutney (label stating type)

#### Category: Craft

- 27 Photograph of life in Nailstone, taken since our last show – maximum size 7 x 5 inch/18 x 13 cm ("people's choice")
- 28 Photograph of Nailstone sunrise or sunset - maximum size 7 x 5 inch/18 x 13 cm
- 29 Original painting of an animal – maximum size A4 (12 x 8 inch/30 x 21 cm)
- 30 Crocheted woolly hat for everyday use
- 34 Knitted shoulder bag

#### Category: Children (separate classes for 8 yrs and under, and 9 – 14 years) Please put age of child with each exhibit

- 35 Painting of a vase of flowers – no bigger than A4
- 36 Collaged picture of an animal
- 37 Animal designed in fruit or veg
- 38 Miniature garden on a plate containing natural objects

## Calling all who remember the D-DAY

Nailstone History Group are gathering information with a view to putting on a small display in the church of memories of D-Day on 6th June 1944. The Allies invaded Europe on that day and it took a year before the war came to an end on Victory in Europe Day in 1945. Nationally there will be memorial events on Thursday 6th June this year. If you live in the parish and either have a memory of where you were on D-Day, or (more likely), where your parents were, or your grandparents, (none of whom need to have lived in Nailstone) we would love to hear from you. Email us with a couple of sentences with the name of the person(s), where they were and what they were doing and we will get back to you. Thank you. Nailstonecommunitygroup@gmail.com

