



TOWN COUNCILLORS

For local electoral purposes Nailsea is split into four wards with five town councillors in each.

Golden Valley

- Cllr Jeremy Blatchford
01275 810511
- Cllr Rod Lees
01275 791940
- Cllr David Packham
01275 853131
- Cllr John Phillips
01275 810389
- Cllr Mary Ponsonby
01275 854781

West End

- Cllr Mike Bird
01275 856360
- Cllr Helen Hamblin
01275 798533
- Cllr Saeeda Jameel
01275 855016
- Cllr Julie Petford
07779 327871
- Cllr James Tonkin
01275 856472

Yeo Ward

- Cllr Philip Barclay
01275 854124
- Cllr Mary Blatchford
01275 810511
- Cllr Liz Frappell
07974 096195
- Cllr Jane Holt
01275 794236
- Cllr Ann Tonkin
01275 856472

Youngwood

- Cllr Jan Barber
01275 854851
- Cllr Anita Heapey
01275 851478
- Cllr Clare Hunt
01275 540735
- Cllr Neil Middleton
01275 854756
- Cllr John Wilson
01275 852942

GARDENING

Allotment wait has reduced

The waiting list for allotments has reduced significantly down from three years at the peak to less than a year. To put your name on the waiting list for the Engine Lane or Whitesfield Road sites then call the town council on 01275 855277

Lots to do at Nailsea Tithe Barn

The beautiful medieval tithe barn in Church Lane is licensed for civil marriage ceremonies as well as being available for wedding receptions after ceremonies held elsewhere. Since the Barn was licensed in April 2014 many couples have chosen to be married here.

We have two rooms licensed for weddings: the large Tithe Hall and the smaller Hannah More Room and couples can marry in either.

A particular benefit of hiring the barn is couples are free to use their own suppliers or, if they wish, enlist the help of family and friends to organise the day. This enables them to tailor the wedding to their own budget and wishes.

Wedding hire at the barn is for the weekend from Friday to Sunday which allows couples time to set up and decorate the barn on the Friday afternoon, enjoy their wedding on the Saturday and then persuade family and friends to help clear up on the Sunday.

The barn is a beautiful blank canvas and each wedding held here has been very different with some couples choosing to decorate the barn with bunting or fairy lights and others choosing to use many different types and colours of flowers.

If you are interested in knowing more about hiring the barn for your wedding, please contact Pennee our events co-ordinator by email on events@nailseatowncouncil.gov.uk or by phoning her on 01275 855277 or 07925 265482. Pennee will be very happy to talk to you about your requirements for your special day.

■ Music and film at the barn

Some old favourites, like Misbehavin' and Emily Wright, will be welcomed back and there'll be a chance to enjoy new talented musicians and singers.

The season kicks off with Apple Day on October 15 with all manner of apple-themed fun and games during the afternoon and a great new band, Fromage en Feu, to round off what promises to be a great day.

The audience for films at the tithe barn is growing all the time and once again there will be a varied programme of films that are less likely to have made it to the big multiplex cinemas. Old favourites and classic films also pop up and we are always happy to receive suggestions for ones you might like to see or see again. With an interval, bar and, quite often, some interesting nibbles, our film nights are times to relax and enjoy without the hassle of leaving

Nailsea. The full programme will be available from the beginning of September and you can always keep up with what's going on at the tithe barn by visiting our website.

■ Education at the barn

You may or not know that the tithe barn has a long and interesting history as a school and we continue those links through our schools programmes.

All of our local schools, and some further afield, have visited the barn to take part in activities linked to the barn's Victorian history including its role as a school for evacuees during World War Two and more recently a Tudor experience.

These sessions are very popular with schools and we already have bookings in place for the autumn term. The education team is always happy to welcome anyone who might be interested in joining the team as a volunteer – full training given.

If you think this appeals, email education@nailseatithbarn.co.uk.

■ Music and memories at the barn

Music and Memories is run by Nailsea Tithe Barn Trust. It is free and is organised for people with

dementia and their carers, though all are welcome. If you like a friendly, lively and entertaining Sunday afternoon then this could be for you.

David and the rest of the team provide a varied menu of cheerful, stimulating and often nostalgic musical experiences.

If you want to sing along, clap along or just sit back and enjoy the music you will be very welcome at the barn's monthly Music and Memories on Sunday afternoons between 2-4.30pm. There will be tea and biscuits too.

■ Friends of the barn

Friends of the Tithe Barn have enjoyed a few trips and get-togethers over the year, including a visit to the BBC studios, garden visit and lunch, and a tour of Arnos Vale cemetery.

For more information about Friends do look on the website.

■ Open Doors at the barn

And finally the Tithe Barn will once again be part of the Open Doors weekend in September.

If you want to have a look around and find out more about this wonderful place, right on your doorstep, do come along to the barn on the afternoon of September 11.

CELEBRATIONS FOR HEALTH GROUP IN NAILSEA

Town's leg club marks one-year anniversary with a cake

Nailsea Leg Club celebrated our first birthday with a fabulous cake made by local supporter Irene McGill.

The leg club is a community initiative covering Nailsea and Backwell, helping those suffering with leg ulcers and other leg problems. NHS nurses provide the expertise and volunteers provide refreshments, entertainment, information and an opportunity for friendly social interaction. It is free to join and open to anyone in the area.

No appointment is needed – just drop in any Wednesday morning between 9am and noon at the Nailsea Tithe Barn, or ask your GP surgery or district nurse about it. The club can offer assessment, advice and

treatment – so whatever you are worried about, we can give reassurance and support.

We are delighted our first year has been such a success but acknowledge it could not have happened without the amazing support of our local community.

We are financially stable, at least for another year, and knowing we can continue to provide this excellent service to those who need it is brilliant. But this is only possible due to the support of such organisations as the town council, Rotary, Inner Wheel and other local groups who have helped us financially.

We are also dependant on our great team of volunteers who turn out every week to man



reception, provide refreshments, support the nursing team and spend time with our members, chatting, helping with activities and giving important informa-

tion out.

For more details, call Sandy Riley on 01275 853547 or drop in to see us at the tithe barn on a Wednesday from 9-11.30am.

Town Talk is available in large print on request by calling 01275 855277.



PERFECT END TO LONG CAMPAIGN

New skatepark officially opens for people living in Nailsea



■ The new skatepark.

The annual skatefest on July 9 was the perfect opportunity for the official opening of the new concrete skatepark.

Eighteen months after the campaign to replace the nearly redundant skatepark, more than £115,000 has been raised and the new skatepark has been installed. It is a great investment in the young people of the town.

This project has been a great example of a core team with the right mix of skills being supported by the enormous generosity of individuals and groups in the town.

The users of the skatepark were central to creating the design, which was brought to life by contractor Wheelscape.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Nailsea Tithe Barn.

Members of the public and press are welcome and may, subject to prior arrangement, address the meeting on an item which is on the agenda.

At full town council meetings members of the public may address the council on any issue relevant to the town, during a 10-minute period set aside for the purpose.

The agenda for each meeting is published online at www.nailseatowncouncil.gov.uk approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Minutes and meeting papers are available on the website.

- Today: Planning, finance and policy.
- July 27: Town council.
- August 3: Community engagement.
- August 10: Planning.
- August 24: Environment and leisure.
- August 31: Planning, finance and policy.
- September 7: Town council.
- September 21: Planning.
- September 28: Community engagement.
- October 12: Planning, environment and leisure.
- October 19: Town council.
- October 26: Finance and policy.
- November 2: Planning.
- November 16: Community engagement.
- November 23: Planning, environment and leisure.

Society's summer flower show

The horticultural society's show will be held at Nailsea School on August 6.

The doors open at noon for the public and the prizes are awarded at 4.30pm. For those wishing to enter, schedules are available at Nailsea Library and PS Travel.

There are 274 classes to enter so there should be something for everyone. There are 33 classes for young people aged four to 16.

Entry forms have to be in by 9pm on the August 3.

Staging of exhibits can take place between 7-8.30 pm on August 5 and 6.30-9.30am on the day of the show.

Three new awards will be presented this year.

H J Copestake (Bill) was a distinguished member, treasurer and vice president of the society. Donations made at his funeral have been given to the society and an award in his name will be presented to the winner of the planted container classes.

Penny Santer, a lifelong exhibitor, supporter and judge has kindly donated an award for the best exhibit in the handicraft classes.

Henry Fisher (Harry) was a member and renowned exhibitor of vegetables at the shows and won the Cottager Cup 1922-1924.

His grand-daughter has generously returned the cup which will be awarded, in his name, to the winner of the vegetable class.

■ Helen Glanville at last year's show.



As usual there will be high quality refreshments, craft stalls, ice creams and the excellent Filton Band throughout the day.

FOOD AND DRINK

Love local produce at the monthly markets at Crown Glass Shopping Centre

Nailsea Local Market is a great culmination of the farmers' market, craft market and community stalls, filling the Crown Glass Shopping Centre from the Post Office to the Library every third Saturday in the month.

The next markets will be on August 20 and September 17.

The farmers' market boasts more than 25 stalls of great local produce, offering local organic meat, free range poultry, pork, game, sausages, fish, bread, baked goods, gluten free pastries, preserves, apple juice, pies, plants, organic vegetables, cheeses and more.

The craft market is only steps

away and has a bright and colourful range of great local handmade crafts including beautiful jewellery, fabric items, beanie bags, woollen items, hand bags, pictures, children's clothing, home decorations, ceramics and wood items.

Along with this market you will find Community Stalls run

by local people or organisations selling or promoting their causes.

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■ If you are interested in having a stall at a market, then see details and rules at www.nailseatowncouncil.gov.uk/markets.php or email farmersmarket@nailseatowncouncil.gov.uk

NATURE

Allotment wait has reduced

Nailsea in Bloom brings beautiful colours to the town but it can only do so because of the work of its happy volunteers.

The group has a few meetings a year, planting-out twice a year and does monthly maintenance. The work is not onerous and the results are greatly appreciated by residents. Many hands make light work so if you are interested please call Wendy Mobbs on 01275 856701 or the council.

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