Nafferton Newsletter

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LIBRARY SHUTTLE SERVICE - REMINDER

Remember that you can hitch a ride with the community minibus if you are finding it difficult to get to the new library bus on Mondays.

Nafferton Millenium Committee and the Library Service have agreed to run a shuttle service within the village for a trial period this Autumn. On Monday afternoons, between 2pm and 3pm, the minibus will be available to take people to and from Westgate in order that they can visit the library bus.

Call Tim on 07743 443029 anytime up to 12 noon on Monday to arrange your lift.

Please make use of this free service otherwise it may be withdrawn.

Driffield & Wolds Concert Society

The 2006/2007 season starts on Saturday, 14th October 2006 at 7.30pm in Nafferton Parish Church with a recital by celebrated pianist, Elizabeth Altman. She will play works by Chopin and Schumann, and actor Christopher Webb will read letters written by both composers. Tickets, priced £10.50, including refreshments and a programme, will be available on the door or from Jill Vint on 01377 254323, who also has details of Series Subscriptions (at £35 or £15 for students, for 5 concerts).

The second concert is on Sunday 5th November 2006, starting at 2.30pm, in Nafferton Parish Church. Performing works by Brahms and Shostakovich are cellist Stefan Popov accompanied by Elizabeth Altman. Tickets are £8.50 and are available as above.

On Saturday, 25th November 2006, at 7pm in Driffield Parish Church, a performance of Handel's Messiah will take place. Elizabeth Altman will direct professional soloists and the DWCS Choir (for which participation is invited) with celebrated local organist, Mark Pybus. Tickets are £10.50 and are available as above.

Project SAM

The organisers of SAM - Southburn Archaeological Museum - wish to thank the residents and businesses of Nafferton for their generous contributions to the Tombola stall which they ran at the Driffield Festival, on 22 July last, where a total of £95.55 was raised.

They hope to announce completion in due course, but, meantime, if anyone would like to see the work in progress, please contact Margaret Coultard on 01377 271180.

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Nafferton in Bloom

As you may have heard, Nafferton has won two awards at the recent Yorkshire in Bloom 2006 awards ceremony. A Bronze medal was awarded in the large villages category and a Silver Gilt to the St Quintin's Field development for new housing of 26 or more homes.

The judges were impressed with the hanging baskets in front of many homes and the well kept gardens; they also liked the displays at the War Memorial, the bus stop window boxes, the 'Rainbows' display near the Pinfold and the spring daffodils. They welcomed the support of Northern Rail in the station displays.

They were also impressed with permanent plantings at the Jubilee Gardens and the private gardens in Parsonage Close and St Quintin's. They also commended the cleanliness of the village, the lack of graffiti and well cut verges. However, as many in the village would agree, they noted the damage to verges (caused mainly by careless, impatient drivers, especially of large trucks and tractors!). But they were not impressed by the lack of contribution made by businesses in the main street and thought that the Methodist Chapel was 'dull'.

Commenting on these successes, Richard Boddy, Nafferton in Bloom (NIB) Co-ordinator writes: 'To gain a Bronze medal for the village plus a Silver Gilt for St Quintin's is something we can all feel pleased about. However the NIB committee feel that we can do a lot better in the future'.

To ensure this improvement, the NIB Committee seek the support of villagers and, if you are able to answer 'yes' to any of the following questions, they would like to hear from or meet you.

- Q1: if you do not have any type of floral display in front of your home or business, would you like to place one or more there?
- Q2: if you have a street/lane/road sign near your home, would you consider enhancing it with a small border/trough/planter?
- Q3 : Could you help during the summer months with watering duties at such as the War memorial/railway station/elsewhere?
- Q4: if you are a business owner, would you like to sponsor NIB in any way possible?
- Q5: would you take on the job of maintaining the floral displays at the bus shelter?

Contact details are: Richard Boddy on 01377 256472, John Allred on 01377 249551 and Tom Morton on 01377 240267.

Finally, many thanks for the continued support which many have already given. The NIB Committee look forward to working with you in future..

Village Hall Events

By the time this Newsletter has been delivered, you will have received details of the annual Auction Sale on Saturday, 7th October 2006, starting at 2pm with viewing from 10am.

If you have any items to donate which would be suitable for auction - furniture, bric-a-brac, etc, but no clothing, please, nor items which would be difficult to sell - please contact the following to arrange collection:

David Crawford (01377 254455) Alan Hook (01377 254247), Joan Merritt (01377 254740) Gerald Winn (01377 254573).

Your support would be much appreciated both for items to sell and attendance on the day of sale. All proceeds to Village Hall funds.

On Friday, 13th October, a rare event for the village takes place in the Hall. For one night only, a travelling theatre group will put on a 'Yorkshire comedy' entitled 'Vacant Possession', written by Ray Brown, who, although perhaps unknown to most, has had critical success with previous productions.

The 2 actors are both very experienced and one, Geoffrey Wilkinson, will be recognisable to TV viewers, having appeared in, amongst other things, 'Coronation Street', 'Heartbeat' and 'Last of the Summer Wine'.

The play starts at 7pm and tickets are £7 each, concessions £5, and are available from the Post office or on the door on the night. So, if you are looking for a laugh, why not go along.

Anyone for piano?

Newcomer to the village, Jenny Bray, has opened a studio at 42 Priestgate which offers piano and theory tuition to students of all ages. Call her on 01377 255721 for further details.

Church Services

Sunday, 8th October: Harvest thanksgiving & supper, 6.30pm at St Mary's;

Jeanette Oates (Ordinand)

NB: There is no 9.00am Service at Wansford.

Each Sunday, there is Holy Communion service at 8.00am at All Saints' and at 9.00am at St Mary's. In addition, the following services are held at All Saints' at 10.30am:

Sunday, 1st October - Family service for Harvest with a baptism

Sunday, 8th October - Holy Communion in contemporary language

Sunday 15th October - Morning Prayers

Sunday 22nd October - Family Communion

Sunday 29^{th} October - Joint Service at the Methodist Church, celebrating All

Saints'

patronal festival with our Methodist friends. A Bring and

Share

lunch at All Saints' after the service.

You will be made very welcome at any of these services.

Dog Fouling (yet again . .!!)

This subject will not go away, alas. Having noted earlier how tidy the village was during the Yorkshire in Bloom summer judging, there is a sad irony in the following.

A dog - loving mother writes :

'It's that time of year again : children back at school and new shoes covered in dog poo . . .

As a mum of 3 young boys, I am disgusted by the amount of dog faeces left on village pavements. I have just had the unpleasant task of cleaning up my toddler's legs, socks and shoes after he trod in some. Nor am I the only parent to arrive at school and start cleaning shoes.

My children are taught not to drop litter, have respect for their surroundings and other people. I just wish that those people who allow their dogs to foul pavements would consider what messages they are sending to the young people of Nafferton.

Please pick up your dog's mess; it's unpleasant, unhygienic and anti-social'

This polite rebuke to those (hopefully few - but nevertheless very active) dog owners is well made. However, perhaps the culprits deserve a more personal reminder?

Nafferton Web Site

If you enjoy the Nafferton Newsletter and want more village chat, news and information, why not visit the web site, which is at www.nafferton.net. Recent 'surfers' from a far afield as Russia, N America and Kenya have been noted! Also, you can add details of events, news and gossip by using the 'add news item @' and/or the 'contact us' prompts. So, log on - if you can - and see what you are missing!

This issue edited by Geoff Hall with thanks to all contributors. Copy for the next issue to Ken Carter, 5 Westgate Meadows, Nafferton (254553) by 15th November please.