

NAFFERTON NEWSLETTER

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Santa is Back!

We are pleased to announce that at 6pm on Friday 2nd December, Santa will be rowing across Mere once again as the Christmas lights are switched on to the accompaniment of festive music from Driffield Silver Band.

Following tradition, the scouts will then lead Santa up the hill to his grotto at Nafferton Primary School - where he will be pleased to meet you!

As usual, the traditional Christmas Fayre will be held at the school providing stalls and games including a raffle, tombola, hoopla, lucky dip, 'pick a straw' and a bottle

stall. There will be opportunity to shop for some presents and cards from trade stands including jewellery, handmade crafts, Body Shop and Phoenix cards, whilst the band will provide seasonal tunes to get us all in the spirit!

Refreshments will include hot drinks, squash, mince pies and hotdogs!

We hope you'll come out to support and enjoy the evening's festivities! The organisers have arranged for the weather to be seasonal but safe, however, if we should experience heavy snow, we shall try to re-arrange this event for the following week.



Little Bears' Christmas Party!

The Little Bears stay and play toddler group are having their Christmas party on Friday 16th December 9.30am-11.15am. A special visitor is invited so make sure you bring along a small gift for Santa to present to your little one! We have refreshments, songs and games in store, so come along to the Methodist School Rooms for some special Christmas Fun!



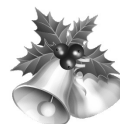
Christmas Eve Carols

Join us for carol singing 7-8pm on Jubilee Gardens, carol sheets provided but please bring your own lamp along! (Collection will be taken in aid of HARP)



All Saints' Church is going Festive!

Why not come and join us on Saturday 10th December in the Village Hall from 10am to 2pm? Coffee will be served from 10am and at 12noon light lunches will be available, homemade soup, mince pies and drinks. Festive stalls and tombola too!



Christmas Bells: The bells will be rung for the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.

A band of Ringers from the Hull area will ring a peal at 10am on Wednesday 28th December. If anyone would like to learn to ring, please contact Les Senior Tel. 254402.

For church services over the Christmas period, please see back page.

PROPOSAL FOR A VILLAGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT AS PART OF THE 2012 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

INITIAL BRIEF by Brian Hawe Tel: 01377 253441

This project would require a number of village families to volunteer to dig a small investigative test pit in an area of their choice within the boundaries of their own property. The excavations would, for consistency, need to all be of the same size (to be determined) but 1m x 1m x 60 cms. is considered an appropriate size. Once volunteers are available, the areas within the village covered by the project can be determined, a day for digging to take place decided and the back-up infrastructure, i.e. recording, identification and conserving, arranged to complement the project size.

This is something that everyone is able to take part in and could be a good educational and informative time for family participation.

The logistics required behind the scenes, even on a project of the size considered, needs to be quite comprehensive so that an acceptable standard of practice method and presentation is achieved. I personally have comprehensive hands-on experience of field archaeology, however I already have offers of advice and assistance from professional and academic sources. The tools required on the day would normally be in the possession of households with a garden.

There will also be a requirement for a small number of volunteers to keep in contact all day and to take some initial action if any participants unearth something which appears to warrant some professional input.

This could then be followed by a day when all the items found, having been cleaned and identified, are put on display for village residents.

Anyone wanting to get involved can contact Brian on the number above.

Nafferton.net information update: The Nafferton web team would like to ask all club organisers and business owners to please check the details of their organisation on www.nafferton.net and use the 'contact us' form to advise us of any necessary changes to information. This would be a huge benefit to ensuring the information about our village remains current and of practical use to residents looking for local groups and services. Thank you!

NAFFERTON PARISH COUNCIL RENOVATION OF NAFFERTON WAR MEMORIAL

The funding target for the renovation of Nafferton War Memorial has now been reached, and the renovation work is due to commence in early 2012.

The work is to be agreed with the Stonemasons – J. Rotherhams and The War Memorial Trust in London

The Parish Council would most sincerely like to thank the residents of Nafferton past and present for their generous donations.

The Parish Council would also like to take the opportunity to thank The Feoffee Charitable Trust, Nafferton Millennium Committee, and Jefferson Hodgson Trust for supporting this most worthy cause with funding.

A rededication service of the War Memorial will take place on completion of the work.

On behalf of Nafferton Parish Council thank you all.

An appeal for volunteers: Winter snow and ice clearing

Well it's that time of the year again and remembering back to last winter there was quite a lot of thick ice and snow covering the pavements and roads of Nafferton. This is an ideal time of year for a bit of community spirit - and actually I probably don't have to mention it because so many people do this already (thank you for your time and effort) - but wouldn't it be great if everyone who was fit and able cleared the snow and ice from in front of their houses and their neighbours on either side?!



With that in mind it would be good to have a snow and ice "task force" for the winter. If anybody feels they are capable of a bit of shovelling and has some time they are free in the daylight hours who would like to volunteer for a stint of snow clearing when the pavements are bad, please ring the chairman of the Parish Council - **Mike Jackson on 240 625** or **contact the parish council by clicking on the button on our village website www.nafferton.net** Call now so we can get a list organised - Then when the pavements need doing we can ring round and get out there for an hour or two and make it better for everyone. Thank you!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We attended the Federation Autumn meeting at Beverley. This was very enjoyable with a hilarious afternoon speaker who left us with aching sides!

We did win the Press and Publicity cup there but it was a hollow victory as there were only two entries, ours and Sewerby's, so we share the cup.

Christmas is fast approaching and our shopping trip to Lincoln will have taken place by the time this is read.

The November meeting saw Valerie Billham presenting 'A Christmas Cracker' which we all assumed would be members making a cracker, but in fact turned out to be mix of stories, jokes, carols and songs with a Christmas theme.

We have no speaker for December but are looking forward (after the annual meeting) to our Christmas party - a lovely supper, cards given out, entertainment, and yes! Santa is coming too. Aren't we lucky?!

Come the New Year there will be a change of officers but we shall continue to champion enthusiastically those issues relevant to women and their communities as well as enjoying ourselves tremendously.

You are always welcome to join us or just come as a visitor and see what it's like.

For further details: Telephone Joan Shawcross on 254291

PGL Brownies Adventure Holiday

By Eleanor Morgan

On 25th September 2011 ten excited brownies set off for PGL in Lincolnshire. We decided the letters stand for 'Parents Get Lost' as it was our own adventure without any parents!

When we arrived we had tea and then did some late night games and races which were lots of fun. After a good night sleep (well some of us!) we began our first outdoor activity. Kayaking wasn't my favourite; we were all worried about it because it sounded difficult to control a boat with one paddle. Once we got the hang of it we managed to play some games like ugly ball and zombie tag. One of us got pushed in by our instructor but she found it funny and most of us jumped in the water at the end, I did!

Next we did abseiling. Thirty feet off the ground on a rope was quite scary! Most of us did it and when you are stepping over the edge you thought you were going to fall. It was exciting but terrifying at the same time. We also took part in a century trail. We were blindfolded and had to help each other around the trail. The trail was very long and we had to work as a team so no one hurt themselves! I almost banged my head on a tree!!

On Sunday we went on the zip wire. I went first. It didn't look very high but when I got to the top it was! I held on tightly and when I got to the end I had to drop a bag with a rope on it so the instructor could pull me down. Aeroball was a trampoline and a ball. There were goals on the net and you had to throw the balls into the net to score. I wasn't very good at this but lots of the others were. It was fun anyway! We also had to do an obstacle challenge course with one person blindfolded!

On the giant swing I went with a partner and we swung the highest out of everyone. It was as high as a house. The others had to pull a rope to make us go higher, the rope held us really tight so I was glad to get off!

I had a brilliant time at PGL and I would love to go again. I liked the abseiling and the giant swing the best! Most of all I like going and spending time with my friends. Everything was scary, but everything was fun. Without our two owl leaders we couldn't have gone - thank you Elf Owl and Little Owl.

Please can we say a big thank you to Nafferton Millennium committee and all the parents that helped support our fundraising for the trip.

Family Fitness! Fancy getting fit whilst sharing some family fun? Dawn Nicholson's Thursday evening aerobics class may be the answer to your New Year's resolution! Dawn is hoping to raise awareness on the importance of fitness - and secure the future of her class for its loyal regulars - by encouraging more Nafferton residents to attend her gentle aerobics class as a family! She would like to enable children to participate in the class for free

(currently available for ages 16-96) when accompanied by their parents, siblings and grandparents - but this can only be pursued if take-up is high enough to cover additional insurance. This class isn't a money-making venture; the fees cover costs to ensure the continuation of the class and an on-going fun fitness programme for all ages. For more information please contact Dawn on 01377 241964 or email dawn.nicholson1@btinternet.com

All Saints' Church Services for December 2011 and January 2012

All Services at 10.00am except where stated



DECEMBER

Sunday 4th Family Service

& at 6pm 'Carols by Candlelight' at Wansford

Sunday 11th Holy Communion

& at 2.30pm Sykes Lodge Carols in Church

Sunday 18th Lessons and Carols (no service at Wansford)

CHRISTMAS EVE 4pm Crib Service

& at 11pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY – Family Communion

JANUARY

Sunday 1st Benefice Family Communion (no service at Wansford)

Sunday 8th Holy Communion

Sunday 15th Morning Praise (no service at Wansford)

Sunday 22nd Holy Communion

Sunday 29th 10.30am Joint Service at the Methodist Church

In addition, we meet each Wednesday morning from 10 – 11am for prayer. Do join us if you can. Prayer requests to Rev'd Jean, or in the box at the back of Church. You will be most welcome to join us over

Christmas and the New Year. Children always especially welcome.

Everyone at All Saints' wishes you a very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year!

Nafferton Methodist Chapel

is holding an **Advent Carol Service on Thursday 8th December starting at 7pm.** This will be led by Mr Alan Moir and his worship group. There will be music, readings and reflection. All are welcome.

Nafferton Methodist Chapel invites you to their Christmas services:



Sunday 18th December: A family candle lit carol service at 4pm followed by coffee, mince pies and buns. This will be led by Revd. Robert Amos.

Christmas Eve: Carol Singing 7-8pm on Jubilee Gardens, carol sheets provided please bring your own lamps. Collection for HARP.

Christmas Day: A family service will be led by Mr Alan Moir starting at 9:30am. There will be a collection for Hull HARP (Homeless and Rootless Project in Hull).

Dog fouling seems once again to be prevalent in Nafferton – especially in the vicinity of Westgate and Middle Street.

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant; it carries a significant health risk too. Many parents have complained about it en-route to school recently and there is real concern that the mess will be walked into the Primary School due to the amount of it continually present of late in this high footfall area.

On behalf of the parents and children who walk this stretch every day, can we please ask dog owners to be responsible for their dog's mess and show consideration to others? And may we encourage residents to be vigilant and report owners who fail to pick up after their animals too? Wouldn't it be a great Christmas present for all to be rid of this problem in our village and have paths we can freely walk on without having to be cautious about where we tread?!



This issue has been edited by Nicola Clarkson-Hall, as always a big thank you to everyone who contributed and Happy Christmas to you all! The February issue will be edited by Sheila Stone Tel. 241891. Copy can be emailed to newsletter@nafferton.net. Please submit content by **15th January 2012**. Thank you! This newsletter is bi-monthly, please visit www.nafferton.net to keep up to date with news and events in the meantime - or comment on topical village issues in the online forum!