

# Nafferton Newsletter

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## News from your Parish Council

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** The Parish Council would like to express appreciation to everyone involved in the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial. In this Centenary year it was most pleasing to have such an active participation from so many children in the village. They all did a terrific job in enhancing the dignity of proceedings; particularly those who laid wreaths and the standard bearers who lowered and raised their standards at exactly the right times, both showing respect and adding reverence to the day. We would also like to say a special thank you to Bugler, Andrea Grace, who played the Last Post and Reveille - a most welcome surprise on the day, and so much better than the CD we had originally planned. Perhaps though, the greatest thank you should go to Flt Lt Tony Shingles RAF (Ret). We received a significant number of nominations for people worthy of recognition and after much deliberation, Tony was chosen to deliver the Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph. Having served with the RAF Flying Mosquitos during the war, he stayed on to complete regular service after 1945. He has also made a tremendous contribution to the village, being involved with the Newsletter for over 25 years. Now in his 90s, Tony delivered his lines with great professionalism and hopefully made us all realise exactly why we were stood there in front of the Cenotaph that morning. It is with immeasurable gratitude to Tony and the many thousands like him that we have our freedom today; we remain forever in their debt.

**RECREATION CLUB:** Having only taken over as Trustees of the Recreation Club in March 2014, it took the Parish Council some time to get to grips with the challenges at hand, but thanks to a small band of willing volunteers we are making great progress! We still have a long way to go before the Rec Club becomes the thriving centre for the village we would like it to be, and welcome your views and ideas on how we can better utilise the facilities for all the local community. The teams we already have playing at the Rec (bowls, cricket,

football, tennis) are often looking for new members, and we would also encourage anyone wanting to set up new teams to please get in touch. Additionally, if you have any spare time and would like to volunteer at the Rec we would love to hear from you! As well as the usual Parish Council meeting, we have a separate Rec Club monthly meeting which is open to the public. Dates, times and agenda of these meetings are published on the village noticeboards and website. We have also recently created an enthusiastic 'Events' sub-committee, who are busy planning a number of exciting events for 2015 to promote our charitable aims of Sport and Recreation for all members of the village. Please do contact us with your thoughts by email at [naffertonrec@gmail.com](mailto:naffertonrec@gmail.com) or look out for upcoming events in this Newsletter or via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NaffertonRecreationClub](http://www.facebook.com/NaffertonRecreationClub)

**SEASONAL ADVICE...**winter is now upon us! A few important reminders...

**CAN YOU BE SEEN?!** ...When walking... cycling... jogging... exercising the dog. Please remember to wear 'HIGH VIS' clothes to remain safe and make sure that you, your children - and pets can be seen on our dark country lanes!

**GRITTING...**ERYC only grit main roads through the village. The PARISH COUNCIL will grit the junction of Westgate and the school area and some pavements including outside the doctor's surgery, bus stop, the Post Office, Londis and the Fish and Chip shop...Grit bins are placed throughout village.

**LOOK AFTER THE DRAINS!** Please keep them free from LEAVES. Thank you!

**SANDBAGS...**if needed, please contact Cllr Kitching on 01377 256341.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!** The Parish Council wishes all village residents a very Happy Christmas and New Year...especially those who have recently moved into Nafferton. And don't forget to welcome Santa on the Mere!

## SANTA ON THE MERE & SCOUT CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm

Welcome Santa as he rows across the Mere to start the Scout's Annual Christmas Fayre in true Nafferton style! Get in the festive spirit as Christmas lights are switched on to music from Drifffield Silver Band, then follow Santa to his Grotto at Nafferton Primary School where an array of craft stalls, fun games, seasonal tunes and refreshments await! All welcome!

## CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SINGING, JUBILEE GARDENS, 7-8pm

Everyone welcome, carol sheets provided, please bring your own lamp!  
Bucket collection to be taken for Charity.



**A QUERY?!** Dr Stephen Harrison's new history of Nafferton is nearing completion. Can anyone help with this query? On 8 October 1824 Nafferton resident John Danby died. He was buried three days later, not in the churchyard but at his home address. The details are recorded in the parish register: 'The whole Service was read in the Church and afterwards his body was interred in his own garden at the North End of the Town'. Presumably the 'North End of the Town' refers to High Street and/or North Street, possibly also Driffield Road. Despite extensive research Stephen has not been able to locate Danby's address. Does any resident have any information on this? Does the grave still exist? If you can help, please email [stephen2564@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen2564@btinternet.com)

### **NAFFERTON SPORTS TALENT!**

**We all know that Britain's got talent, 'But where is it?' you might ask! Well you will be pleased to know that some of it is right here in Nafferton!**



Just over a month ago, James Lee of Rectory Close, competed at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow and became the British Kata Karate open age Champion. At age 18 he fought off the best from various countries to be crowned champion but he didn't stop there, he went on to take silver in a separate under-21 competition.

A week or two later he competed in the Eindhoven Open International in Holland. He entered two categories, Senior Brown and Black Belt and the Open category. The standard of Kata was very high, with Belgium and Dutch champions competing in both categories. After 5 gruelling rounds in each category, James found himself in both finals, where he was narrowly beaten. However gaining silver in both sections was a great achievement.

James started karate at the age of five and now trains with the Hull and East Riding Karate Academy, under the instruction of Wayne Clark. He has had his fair share of injuries, which unfortunately goes with this type of sport, but he is becoming well respected within Karate and is strongly tipped to be selected for the England squad at the forthcoming selections.

Sadly there is no funding for Karate so competing at a high level can be very expensive and the English Karate Federation is hoping that the sport will be included at the next Olympics. However if anyone is interested in sponsoring James, you can contact him on 07739878636 Keep up the good work James!!!! Looking to the future, I think it's a case of watch this space because clearly Nafferton does have talent!



**Congratulations also go to Niamh Titchener, a junior archer at 'Archers of East Riding' Cranswick, who recently represented Yorkshire in the FIVE counties tournament held in Cheshire helping the junior girls win the 'RECURVE TROPHY', for the first time since 2006!**



**Nafferton Primary School also enjoyed success** this term, winning the first round of the junior Athletics tournament at Driffield Sports Hall in November. Competing in a range of activities including javelin, long jump, speed bounce and relay, both year 3-4 and 5-6 teams beat competition from Burton Agnes, Kilham and Driffield to secure their place in round 2, to be held in Beverley next term!

If there are other group or individual achievements happening in our village then do keep the Newsletter informed; we love to hear about and share your success.

### **Financing the Nafferton Newsletter**

In the August Newsletter (no 75), we provided some background as to the production of our village Newsletter, but we didn't mention how it was financed and let me stress immediately, this is not a begging letter. As you are aware it is a bi-monthly production and normally 4 pages just about covers our needs. However this past year we have had cause to make the Newsletter a 'six-pager' on not just one occasion, but three (now four)! Needless to say the six-pager costs one and a half times that of a 4-pager.

Although the 3 editor/compiler's do not request payment, the Co-ordinators try to defray some of their costs with a small annual donation. So where does the money come from to finance this important village activity?

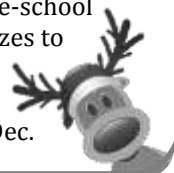
Well over the years the Parish Council and the Nafferton Millennium Committee have sponsored the Newsletter with an annual donation of £250 each and until this year that has kept the Newsletter afloat. We must also appreciate that the number of houses has increased considerably over the past few years and the 'print-run' now runs to 1140 Newsletters per issue and as you can guess printing costs have also increased, so coupled with the need for 3 issues being six-pagers, we were very close to running out of funds. However the Nafferton Feoffees Charity Trust came very quickly to our rescue with a one-off donation of £250 which has ensured the Newsletter will survive.

So without going into finite detail, on behalf of all the Nafferton residents we offer our thanks to the Parish Council, the Millennium Committee and additionally the Nafferton Feoffees Charity Trust for their financial support, both past, present and hopefully future.

**A NOTE OF THANKS:** ALAN AND NORMA FASSNIDGE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED ALAN DURING HIS RECENT ILLNESS. MANY THANKS FOR THE CARDS, CALLS, AND VISITS, AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO RAN THE TRANSPORT NETWORK, ENABLING ALAN TO ATTEND HIS APPOINTMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY XMAS. AND A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

### **Nafferton Under Fives are holding a Christmas Raffle to raise money for pre-school funds.**

Tickets are available to purchase, priced £1 each from Nafferton Village Hall during pre-school hours (9am-3pm, Mon-Fri). Great prizes to be won including panto tickets, local business vouchers and days out! The draw will take place at 2:30pm 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.



## COMING SOON...



**The Millennium Committee's Race Night** is not to be missed! This entertaining evening is always full of fun and has been a great source of fundraising, benefiting many village clubs and organisations – Make this a date for your diary: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015, you'll love it!!

## BRIEF LIVES by PATRICK GARLAND

**COMING TO NAFFERTON VILLAGE HALL, THURSDAY  
19th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm. TICKETS £9**

*"Everything is here – wit, farce, tragedy, pathos – often bawdy, frequently uproariously funny. A truly delightful entertainment." The Guardian*

Publicised as a highly entertaining one man show tracing a day in the late life of the seventeenth century diarist, John Aubrey. The show last approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes including one interval. **For tickets, contact Other Lives Productions on 01482 862752, email [otherlivesproductions@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:otherlivesproductions@yahoo.co.uk) or visit [www.otherlives.org.uk](http://www.otherlives.org.uk) for further information.**



**Scarecrow Festival organisers** will soon be looking to plan the 2015 event and are interested in your feedback! If you have ideas on how the event could be improved for next year please get in touch! You can contact them via email [scarecrow2014@nafferton.net](mailto:scarecrow2014@nafferton.net), or through the Nafferton Scarecrow Facebook page - or come along to an open meeting (details will soon be listed on village notice boards in the New Year). If you would like to get involved as an organiser or volunteer next year, we'd be glad to have extra helpers on board. Please email us so we can contact you with meeting details nearer the time. Thank you!



Rainbows, the Girl Guiding group for 5-7 year olds, is about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning by doing and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking and playing games. Nafferton Rainbows urgently need a voluntary deputy leader to help at their weekly Tuesday meetings (5:45pm-6:45pm during term time). If you can help, please contact Christine on 252570. Thank you.

## NAFFERTON BELLRINGERS



Nafferton Bellringers rang for Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November. The bells were partially muffled and were rung before the Remembrance Service began at the War Memorial, some lovely comments were made about the ringing which is always nice to hear.

Nafferton tower have continued to attract visitors from other towers over last few weeks. Two members of the St Michael's and All Angels church in Penkridge, Staffordshire joined us on our practice night and everyone enjoyed a full night of ringing and a good night was had by all. We also had a visit from the Nunburnholme ringers and a group of ringers from various towers came together to celebrate a special birthday for the tower captain of Bishopthorpe.

A quiz night was held at the Trout Inn at Wansford in aid of the church in October and the bellringers entered a team and even though we didn't win everyone had a really good evening.

Finally Nafferton Bellringers would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you would like to learn to ring the bells or just see what we do please contact Paul Pickering (Tower Captain) on 07917391052 or 01377 241711



## NAFFERTON VILLAGE HALL

During the summer months Nafferton Village Hall underwent a refurbishment with an electrical rewire, the wooden windows were replaced with double glazed units and the floor was sanded and re-varnished. The committee were awarded a £5000 grant from the Lissett Wind Farm, the residue paid for from our fundraising events.

The auction held in October raised over £1400 for village hall funds. Thanks are expressed to all who supported this event especially the committee who have worked hard over the past year.

The hall is available for long term let on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, or Saturday or Sunday for one-off events, parties, fundraisers or meetings. Call Sheila on 254249 for details and availability.



**APPLE PRESS:** The NMC held its inaugural Apple Pressing event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

The weather didn't play its part on the Saturday but for those that did brave the rain we believe they found the experience well worthwhile. Children especially found the process of making their very own juice from apples fallen from their trees extremely enjoyable and educational. And to cap it all they got to take home freshly pressed apple juice, delicious...

The NMC look forward to seeing you next year sometime in October and here's hoping for a bumper crop for you all to press your own apples.

**WI:** October was a busy month for us with the Federation meeting at Beverley and the Group Rally in Driffield. The Federation event was much enjoyed by everyone with an excellent speaker from The Great British Sewing Bee. Stuart kept everybody laughing with his hilarious talk. The Group Rally with its vintage theme was also a success. We were very pleased to win the competition with our entry on the 1950s. Our thanks go to Marilyn Kitching who designed and put together our entry and to all the members who contributed items and helped. Well done, ladies.

Our November meeting saw President Heather Winn and committee member Pat Jowett as our speakers. Pat showed us how to make two floral table arrangements, one with fresh flowers the other with artificial ones. Heather then showed us how to make a Christmas cracker which provided much hilarity as we attempted to assemble them with varying degrees of success.

Due to lack of support we shall not be holding the Senior Citizens' lunch next year but hope to do an afternoon tea instead, still with appropriate entertainment. It will be very sad if this event has to be discontinued after over 40 years, but if more people do not attend then we must do that.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party in December and this has already been organised. Once again we are promised a visit from Santa! Should you wish to join us please contact Secretary Rhoda Berry on 272629. You will be very welcome.



### **NAFFERTON IN BLOOM - 25 YEARS**

Twenty Five years of Nafferton in Bloom was celebrated in 2014. A celebratory dinner at the Blue Bell, finished the year off in style.

The village has been a splash of colour in all areas, from New Road, Driffield Road, the Bus Shelter, through to the Mere, Jubilee Gardens, the Primary School, Westgate, Markman Lane, Lowthorpe Lane, Rail Station and several other sites throughout the village. We trust residents and visitors have been impressed and pleased.

As we move into 2015, we are looking for more volunteers to join NIB, particularly with any help that can be given around Howe Lane, the War Memorial and Jubilee Gardens. The turn of the year will see activity heighten as we look forward to a splash of colour in spring.

Anyone interested in joining NIB please contact either Jan Holman on 250175 or Bill Kavanagh on 538629

## **Harvest at Nafferton Primary School**

Nafferton Primary School celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival this year.

Year 6 reflected on how important Harvest is to their school – so important that the word is an integral feature of their school logo.



H is for Happiness  
A is for Aspiration  
R is for Respect  
V is for Values  
E is for Endeavour  
S is for Success  
T is for Togetherness

Children considered their thoughts on these words to demonstrate what a magnificent Harvest there is to gather as they grow and move through the school. They also represented the meaning of the words through dance.

Photographs of past Harvest Festivals were on show and they wondered what Harvest is like in France, treating everyone to some French songs and all the children spoke in French!

The generous gifts of food from all the pupils in school were sent to the HARP project in Hull, an organisation which helps people who have fallen on hard times because of ill health or ill fortune. The organisation helps people to get back on their feet and they were very grateful for this gift of food. The children really wanted these people to know that we, at Nafferton Primary School, care.

Janet Burtenshaw, Year 6 Teacher.



## Nafferton Methodist Church Advent & Christmas Services

Thursday 4th December	Advent service at 7pm	Led by Mr Alan Moir
Sunday 21st December	Family Carol Service at 4pm	Led by Rev Alison McDonald
Christmas Eve	Carol Singing on Jubilee Gardens 7-8pm	Bucket collection for charity Carol sheets provided, bring lamps!
Christmas Day	Family Service at 9.30am	Led by Alan Moir Collection for charity.



## All Saints' Church Ministry Team

(For the Benefice of Hutton Cranswick with Skerne, Watton & Beswick, and the Benefice of Nafferton with Wansford)

Anyone wishing to arrange a wedding please contact Revd Brian Lees. To arrange a baptism please contact Revd Hilary Boon

Revd Brian Lees	Priest in Charge	01377 270806
Revd Hilary Boon	Associate Priest	01377 202084
Mrs Gwyneth Southall	Reader	01377 253572
Mrs Caroline Lees	Reader	01377 270806
Mr Martin Adams	Reader-in-Training	01377 270120
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Mr Michael Anderson	Church Warden	01377 254410

## All Saints' Church, Advent, Christmas & New Year Services

7 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Service	10am
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion	10am
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carol Service	10am (Joint service with St.Mary's, Wansford)
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Crib Service	4pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion	11pm
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion (by extension)	10am
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion with Baptism	10am
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Service	10am
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion	10am (assemble at the War Memorial)



**Bird Flu Information.** The village website, Nafferton.net, has this item in its 'News' section, with links to 'Official Regulations' and press releases issued by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. They contain useful information, and contact numbers, including the Poultry Register Helpline, should you need any advice.

**This issue of the Nafferton Newsletter has been edited by Nicola Clarkson-Hall. As always a big thank you to all contributors ~ and on behalf of the Newsletter team, may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**The February issue will be edited by David Cooper. Telephone: 249240. Please submit content to newsletter@nafferton.net by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Thank you!**

This newsletter is bi-monthly, please visit the newly updated [www.nafferton.net](http://www.nafferton.net) to keep up to date with village news and events in the meantime!



## NAFFERTON FUN FAIR



*"...I always admire those who try new ideas to bring communities together. Look at the Scarecrow Festival; major triumph! ..."*

The Fun Fair, held at Nafferton's Recreation Ground from 1-4 October this year, was enjoyed by many who appreciated having something fun and new in the Village - but to others, its arrival was less than welcome.

The Parish Council, sole trustees of the Rec Club, voted at their September meeting to hold the Fair in early October, although there were concerns raised over possible damage to the ground and potential harm to relationships with sports clubs and neighbouring residents.

A group of 10 residents, living adjacent to the Rec, were less than happy to have it on their doorstep and wrote a letter of complaint to the Parish Council following the event. This was copied to the Nafferton Newsletter and the Parish Council have since issued a report regarding the Fun Fair, addressing the issues raised in the letter, plus details concerning the timing and planning of the event. Both letter and report are available, in full, to view on the [Nafferton.net](http://Nafferton.net) website.

In their letter, the signatories conveyed disappointment with the decisions of the PC regarding the Fair and asked the PC to explain the reasons behind their decisions. They criticised:

- The lack of consultation (before, during or after the event) with the locals living closest to and thereby most affected by the proximity of the fair, including senior citizens
- Late notice (just 8-10 days) of the Fair's arrival
- The size of the vehicles required to bring the rides and consequential problems with access, road congestion and damage to grass
- The litter deposited in front gardens by people leaving the fair
- Diesel spilt on the roads by the fair vehicles leaving

In their report, the Parish Council explain why notice was so short, stating that whilst the Fair had been on the PC/Rec Club agenda as a possible event for some months, a meeting with Fair organisers to assess the site, and access to it, had not been achieved until Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Once confirmed that access was 'acceptable', the Fair was tabled as a formal agenda item at the next Rec meeting (15<sup>th</sup> Sept.) As Fair organisers had only early October available in their annual schedule, the committee voted to hold the event in just 16 days' time - as the alternative was to wait 12 ½ months for the next available slot. Although the PC recognised the short timescale was not ideal, it was agreed October 2014 was feasible, and a project plan put into place.

The Rec committee held a follow-up meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, at which it was confirmed all necessary regulatory paperwork and plans were in order. Some residents attended this informal meeting and again, concerns over potential noise, access and damage were raised, together with issues of notice and lack of engagement with residents. The residents in attendance accepted however, that risks had been mitigated where practically possible and points on timing and consultation were taken on board for future events.

The Fair operated for 3 of its advertised 4 days, during which time the PC received many enthusiastic comments from Fair-goers in person, through emails and Facebook:

*"...The Fair is a great idea! As was the scarecrow festival earlier this year and hopefully there will be many more community events in the future."*

*"Had a lovely evening at the fair. The guys on the rides were great with the kids and very friendly. Support staff visible and reassuring. Well done to the committee!"*

Due to inclement weather on Sat 4<sup>th</sup>, the Fair operators took the decision to pack up early. Protection of the pitches was paramount to the Parish Council, and considerate of this, Fair operators moved their heavy machinery before any real damage was done. As a result, only a small amount of repair work to the outfield was needed, which PC volunteers performed on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct to the groundsman's satisfaction - although the PC do apologise to any residents who had planned to go to the Fair that day only to be disappointed.

The PC received one complaint upon the Fair's departure concerning spilt diesel and damage reportedly caused to kerb stones. Local police officer, Chris Webster, went to assess but couldn't see any damage to the kerbs; the diesel spillage, caused whilst the Fair operators waited for residents' vehicles to be moved, was slight, and sand duly applied.

In response to the letter received by the 10 local residents, one of the signatories attended the monthly Rec Club meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October and was given a full breakdown of the timeline and reasons behind decisions concerning the event. The Parish Council did perform leafleting and door knocking to inform local residents beforehand, but concede due to the limited time frame, and notwithstanding that all the Parish Council members are volunteers and have other commitments to family and work, insufficient consultation was given to residents on this occasion.

On balance, the PC deemed the event a success based on the following factors:

- The Recreation Club benefited from a hiring charge - funds are badly needed to make the operation self-funding
- The Recreation Club benefited from higher visibility of the Rec facilities to residents that potentially would not have been there before, and hopefully will come again
- There was good attendance on the 3 days it ran, and the Fair operators would like to be considered for future events
- There were no formal complaints from residents to Parish Councillors whilst the Fair was in operation
- There were no Fair related issues where the police were called during the event
- There was very minimal / superficial damage to the Rec grounds and the surrounding areas

At the Recreation Club meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014, it was voted unanimously that the Fair be held again next year. The PC plan to give residents 6 months' notice of the event and are looking at alternative access routes into the Rec grounds - although it cannot be guaranteed that this will be achieved. The PC report finishes *"The aim of the Recreation Club Charity is, as stated in the conveyance documentation, "to promote sports and recreation in the village", and we hope that the Fair is just one of a number of events over the coming months that will help us do that."*

*"The Recreation facilities are for the benefit of all local residents, please feel free to utilise them when there are not league games or team practices on, and if you would like to volunteer, or have any ideas on how we can improve things going forward, please contact us on [Nafferton.net](http://Nafferton.net), via our facebook page [www.facebook.com/NaffertonRecreationClub](http://www.facebook.com/NaffertonRecreationClub), or attend one of the monthly meetings. The dates of the meetings are posted on Facebook, Nafferton website and Village noticeboards."*

