



NAFFERTON & WANSFORD NEWSLETTER

Issue 5 - December 2024/January 2025

The Newsletter is bi-monthly. The deadline for the next edition is 15th January 2025. Please email your contributions to newsletter@nafferton.net

Nafferton Craft and Social Group

The Craft and Social Group meet every Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist schoolroom from 1:30pm to 4:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us from Nafferton and the surrounding area. Bring along any craft activity you enjoy or just bring yourself to have a relaxing afternoon together. £2 per session - tea and coffee provided.

Please contact Penny Renn 07759 487 646 for further details

Mustard Seed Café

This is run by a group of volunteers and is open every Monday morning from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Methodist Schoolroom. It is a great place to drop in for a cuppa and a snack and to meet up with friends or make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



Father Christmas will be arriving in Nafferton on Friday 6th December 2024!

Make sure to visit the Mere ready for the light switch on at 6pm and hopefully you will be able to catch a glimpse of Father Christmas travelling in his boat across the Mere.

The Scouts will be there selling hot drinks including hot chocolate and non-alcoholic mulled wine along with mince pies and hot dogs to keep you warm whilst you wait.

There will also be activities to keep the youngsters entertained and we are moving the grotto to the mere this year! Hope to see you there!

Nafferton WI



In October Nafferton WI held their legendary Pensioners Tea. Over 60 people came along, and everyone had a fantastic time, eating and dancing the afternoon away! We would like to thank local businesses and charities who supported our event and without whose help it wouldn't be possible. They are - PrimePak Foods, Nafferton Village Store/Post Office, Spar, and the Feoffees charity.

At the end of November we presented Love Driffield Food Bank with a tremendous amount of toys and we would like to thank everyone who supported our WI to make this happen -THANK YOU!

We are looking forward to our Christmas event/Decembers meeting as we hold our annual party night. This year we will be learning how to make a sugarcraft Santa for a cost of £3.

We are looking forward to new and exciting things in the New Year, including fundraising events, so watch this space!

January's meeting is a lady magician! The night includes a talk and a demonstration.

Everyone as always is welcome, guests first meeting is free.

Why not start the New Year by joining something new where you can meet new friends and get involved in your community.

For more information, please contact Pat Ablett 01377 324734.

Finally, Nafferton WI would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Nafferton Recreation Club

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the club and any events this year.

We continue to bring you Warm Space on Friday mornings which is really well supported. It's open to all and everyone welcome 10-11:45 every Friday morning!

We now have a lottery running at the recreation club. If you would like to be part of this lottery, find us on one lottery.

Watch out for our events in 2025.

Happy Christmas and all the best for the New year.

Contact Caroline Events@naffertonrecclub.org.uk



Nafferton Garden Club

The club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Annual

membership is £12 or you can just come for the evening for £3, which includes refreshments. New members and visitors are very welcome.

December 2024 - **NO MEETING**

Our meeting in January will be on Wednesday January 15th 2025 and will be a talk about "**The National Trust gardens of York**" presented by Sam Shipman. Sam is Head Gardener at Beningbrough Hall, Gallery and Gardens and for three National Trust properties in and around York.

For more details email: naffertongardenclub@gmail.com

Little Bears

Little Bears runs every Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am in Nafferton Methodist Schoolroom for all children under school age, their parents, grandparents, and carers.

We have toys, games, crafts, activities, books, and areas for soft play and babies. It is £1 per person. The adult price includes refreshments.

We offer a welcoming, supportive, caring, and friendly session for all.

Details from Sarah on 07523976826

Nafferton Methodist Chapel



Minister Rev Peter Barnett 01377 538806

Advent Bible Study

Thursdays 5th, 12th, and 19th December in Nafferton Methodist Schoolroom from 7:00 - 8:00pm. This is a joint Methodist/Anglican Study Group and this course is led by Rev Peter Barnett.

Wednesday 18th December

A Christmas Concert by `Cadenza` from Driffield. £5 on the door, 7pm start in Nafferton Methodist Church followed by a light supper. A concert not to be missed, lifts to and from the Chapel available please contact Sarah 07523976826.

Sunday 22nd December at 10:30am

Carol Service led by Mrs Irene McGowan and the members of the Sunday School. This will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

Christmas Eve 24th December 7:00 - 8:00pm

Carol Singing on Jubilee Gardens. Carol sheets available and please bring your own light, lamp, or torch. A bucket collection will be taken for charity.

Christmas Day

Family service at 9:15am led by Rev Peter Barnett.

Christmas Day lunch served from 12:30pm in Nafferton Methodist Church. On your own or a couple and need some Christmas company? You will be welcome to share a turkey Christmas lunch and all the trimmings followed by Christmas Pudding or dessert alternative. Takeaways are also available. Please let Sarah know if you want to join us 07523976826.

Sunday 12th January

This will be our Covenant service at 10:30am led by Rev Peter Barnett and will be followed by lunch. All welcome.

Nafferton Village Hall

Presents

New Years Eve 2024 Dance

Tuesday 31st December

7:30pm until late

Music from East Yorkshire Discos

Tickets £12 available from Sarah on 07523976826

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WANSFORD



December services - Sunday December 1st at 4pm:
Evensong with advent carols taken by Louise Sanderson.

Sunday December 15 at 10:45am: Morning praise taken by Trish Barker

Carol singing - Carol singing around the village will take place on Tuesday December 17th starting at 6pm from the Lych gate. The 'choir' will first make its way to Pleasant Wood before returning along Nafferton and Driffield roads taking in The Square and Chapel Lane before finishing the evening at the Trout Inn, by kind permission of landlord Paul Anderson, where it will sing to the diners and drinkers. All are welcome to join in either at the start or anywhere enroute.

Lych gate – Moves are afoot to repair the Lych gate, which was damaged by the falling bough of a beech tree during Storm Lilian in late August. However, these things take time. A quote for the repair has been obtained which, at the time of going to press, was being considered by St Mary's insurers. In parallel the Parochial Church Council had to apply to the York diocese for a faculty in order to carry out the repairs and the outcome of this will not be known before mid-December at the earliest.

Beech tree logs – After the felling of the beech tree, which was diseased, by The Tree Walkers, members of the village community were invited to make donations to the tree felling cost in exchange for logs. To date this has raised £225; a further very generous donation of £500 towards the tree felling cost was also made.

Finances and fundraising - Following the unexpected £2,400 cost of felling the beech tree along with a £500 insurance excess, St Mary's, which, more or less held its own financially last year, looks on course to make a substantial loss the year ending January 2024. Should anyone wish to raise funds or support St Mary's in any way that would be most welcome; it is your church.

Contacts - Currently the church has neither a priest nor church wardens. To organise a wedding or a baptism please email hcn_chris_wed@outlook.com . For funerals, the liaison with the church is via our Secretary Margaret Buckton, telephone 01377 254293.

John Seaton – as many of you will know, John Seaton, of Nafferton, who died in November shortly after his wife Gill, was a stalwart of both St Mary's Church and the village from the 1980s. He was church warden and treasurer for many years, thankless tasks that he undertook diligently and without complaint. St Mary's and Wansford owe both John and Gill a great debt of gratitude.

Nafferton Scout Group

We are looking at starting the youngest section of Scouting - Squirrel Scouts - for young people aged 4 - 6. We are hoping to start this in the new year on a Wednesday evening at the Clubhouse. In order to run this section, we need young people! If you have a young person aged 4 to 6 years old who would like to start their adventure with Scouts, please get in touch! For more information, email Nafferton.scouts@gmail.com, ring Sheenagh on 07961 944 331 for a chat, or pop down and see us on our meeting nights listed above.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us provide the adventures for the Squirrels. You will be fully supported and guided in your role and it's a wonderful opportunity to give something back—no experience is needed! We rely on volunteers to give young people opportunities to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life.



The Beavers have spent the term looking at different faiths and celebrations and also understanding disability awareness.

The Cubs spent an exciting weekend in London with a sleepover at the Natural History Museum!

The Scouts had a sleepover at the National Space Centre and met Tim Peake on his tour in Hull.

If you would like to see what we do, please come along to the clubhouse (the Bowls Club) during one of our meeting nights. We currently offer the young people of Nafferton:

- * Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm for Beavers aged 6 - 8 years old,
- * Tuesdays 7:15pm - 8:15pm for Cubs aged 8 - 10 years old, and
- * Wednesdays 7:00pm - 8:30pm for Scouts aged 10 - 14 years old.

We look forward to welcoming you!

We also have some exciting events for you to add to your diaries for the new year...

Saturday 15th February 2025 - Valentines' Dance at Nafferton Village Hall

Saturday 22nd March 2025 - Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea at Nafferton Village Hall.

Friday 11th April 2025 - Easter Bingo

More details to follow in the next newsletter

All Saints Church

Sunday Services

For most of December and January services will continue the current pattern of services each Sunday from 9:15am to 10:15am, with Holy Communion and Traditional Morning Praise on alternate Sundays.

However, there are several exceptions and additions, as follows:-

- **Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm – The Annual Carols by Candle light Service** – (by all means, wear your Christmas jumpers etc.)
- **Sunday 22nd December. The 9.15 am** will be the annual service of Christmas Carols and Readings.
- **Christmas Eve 24th December at 4.00pm. A ‘Crib’ service** – with costumes of shepherds etc., for those who would like to join in.
- **Christmas Eve 24th, at 9.30pm,** the late evening Christmas Holy Communion Service. Mince Pies and Mulled Wine before hand.
- **Christmas Morning 25th at 9.15 am a short ‘Said’ Communion Service.**
- **Sunday 29th December at 9.15 am will also be a short ‘Said’ Communion Service.**

In January the services revert to the usual pattern.

Baptisms On 15th December at 10:30am - Lillah
And 22nd December at 11:15am - Nancy

Will be baptised and welcomed as new members of The Church.



Prayers The joint Methodist-All Saints prayer group continues to meet at All Saints each Monday at 6:45pm (except for Bank Holidays) for about half an hour. Anyone can come along and join in – or if you are unable to attend in person, we are more than happy to offer prayers on your behalf. There is also a prayer requests box at the back of the church if anyone wishes to leave a note of what they would like us to include in the prayers.

Bible Study Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th December at 7.00pm, in The Methodist Chapel – A short Advent themed series – again a joint Methodist-All Saints activity, but as with all of the activities above, all welcome to come along and join in.

Finally, a special **‘thank you’** to all who helped make a success of the Remembrance Services on 10th and 11th of November. Thanks to Sq Leader D Milam and the Brownies/Scout Groups for assistance on the Sunday in church.

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals Anyone wishing to enquire about these are invited to contact **Barbara Fairfield (Church Warden)** in the first instance (Tel: 075 382 70335 or barbsbri@yahoo.co.uk) – or better still come along to one of the services and have a chat afterwards about what you need.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL



Driffield Silver Band

Entertaining the community since 1837

Driffield Silver band are still actively rehearsing in Nafferton Village Hall for the 2024 concerts. The Band Rehearse there every Friday evening (with 1 or 2 odd exceptions during the year) between 19:30 and 21:30. If you would like to listen to the band rehearsing you will be most welcome to walk in and sit at the rear of the hall. Chairs will be available if required.

The band is booked to play at the following forthcoming events:

Mon 16 th Dec	Lions Christmas Concert	Bridlington Spa	7:00pm until 9:30pm
Sat 21 th Dec	Christmas Concert	Hornsea Floral Hall	5:30pm until 7:30pm

We would like to invite you to join us to any or all of these events.

If you would like to enquire about booking or wish to book the band, please contact the band secretary Mike Clark Tel: 01377 252291

Driffield Silver Band are proud to be associated with Nafferton and their Headquarters in the Village Hall.

If anyone would like to know how to join us, or would like to get in touch, you can contact us through our webpage use the "Join Us" Tab for contact details or use the secretary's number above.

Driffield & East Riding Community Band

The East Riding Youth Brass Band (ERYBB) has now been rebranded as Driffield & East Riding Community Band started approximately 38 years ago and drew its players from all over the county. The Band still rehearse in Nafferton Village Hall from 6:00pm until 7:00pm weekly during school term time. Instruments are available on a free loan basis, the band welcomes mixed ages, and returning players. If you want to discuss about you or your family member joining the band or to find out more you can initially chat to the Musical Director Graeme Appleton on 07747 122098 or email him at andreaandgraeme@tiscali.co.uk you can also contact the band secretary Margaret Buckton on 01377 254293 and Mob 07970 632638 who will be pleased to give you more information.

Nafferton in Bloom



This October you may have seen our members around the village planting the autumn flowers and tidying up the many areas such as outside the school and on and around the train station plus the bus stop. Thanks to Dr Gwen Egginton (Green Growers) for helping us dispose of all the clippings!

We are always on the lookout for more members. If you have some time and want to meet some new people, please feel free to chat to us when we are out and about. As well as our friendly working relationship we also have an excellent social side; dining out, quizzes and trips. You can contact either Ann Ingle, Ann.ingle@live.co.uk or Pete Robb, therobbs7@gmail.com for more information.

Finally, many thanks to all those who entered this year's Nafferton in Bloom competition. As ever the standard was high, and the decision was difficult to make.

The winner of the Feoffees Trophy for front of house is: Mr Malcolm Harrison

Second - Mrs Hilary Slack

Third - Bethany Harrison

The winner for the most colourful front garden: Mr & Mrs H Raines

We would also like to take the opportunity to publicly thank the Parish Council and Feoffees for their continual support, for without it we would struggle given today's financial climate.

Nafferton Under Fives

What a busy Autumn term the children are having at pre-school this term. The children have enjoyed lots of activities around Autumn including going on Autumn Treasure trails with families during the half term and decorating pumpkins. The children are also having a spotty day for Children in Need with lots of spotty things happening.

Before the half term Pre-school held a Pumpkin and Prosecco fundraising evening with a wonderful evening spent with parents and friends. We also are holding our Quiz night on the 22nd November at the Blue Bell and we have our first Elf Hunt planned for the 15th December for families to find and name our Elves hiding around the village.

Finally, pre-school are taking enquiries for September 2025 for children aged 2 years and older. If you'd like to come and have a look round please do give us a call on 01377 240082 or you can email us on:

enquiry@naffertonunderfives.org.uk. There is some funding available for parents through the Early Education funding and the Families Information Service website will be able to direct parents through this.

Driffield Male Voice Choir

As we approach the end of another fantastic year for our choir, we have a few performances booked.

For your diary:

Saturday 7th December

Lidl Carols
Lidl Driffield
11am - 1pm

Saturday 14th December

FREE Concert for the Community
All Saints Church
Driffield
7pm

First concert for 2025

Saturday 5th April

All Saints Church
Nafferton
7pm

Please call Chris
07879 461682 for either booking the choir or joining us.

Best wishes, and thank you to all our loyal supporters for Christmas and the New Year.



SKERNE & WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancies

There are two casual vacancies on the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, caused by the resignations of Mark Padgett, of Skerne, and Charlie Dewhirst, of Wansford. The council meets on alternate months in Wansford Village Hall, usually on the third Tuesday, with the next meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday January 21st at 7:30pm.

Anyone resident in either village for at least 12 months or living within three miles of it can apply to join. If you are interested, e-mail the clerk on Sandwpclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Nafferton Parish Council

www.nafferton.net

The Parish Council meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at The Recreation Club – these meetings are public and open for anyone to attend.

Remembrance Day A large number of people attended the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in the centre of the village. The Parish Council would like to thank all who took part in the event, the organisational skills of a few ensured that the event ran smoothly.

Nafferton Recreation Club – Friday Friendship at the Recreation Club is a great success but there is always room for more – please support this great initiative if you are able.

Now that the weather is chilly come and spend time at the Recreation Club and enjoy a bacon butty, some cake and a cuppa with friends and neighbours.

Friday mornings at Nafferton Recreation Club – 10am to 11:45am

The Nafferton Community Support Group is still available for anyone in need of assistance please contact them direct or the Parish Council in the strictest confidence.

The Mere – Nafferton Mere is owned by Nafferton Parish Council and under no circumstances must anything go in or on The Mere without prior approval at a Parish Council Meeting. Planning permission has been granted to carry out the required work on the trees on the island, full planning to cover removal of the tree was requested only as a last resort. The Parish Council have instructed the specialist that has been arranged to carry out the work to perform as much minimal work as possible but if the tree is fully diseased and there is nothing that can be done to save it then it will have to be removed.

If this is the case the Parish Council will be obtaining a replacement Willow tree to be planted in its place on the island, as it is understood what an important part a tree of this type is to the view of The Mere but also to the wildlife that uses the tree for shelter and food.

Any routine maintenance required at the Mere will be carried out during the winter months. Please take care around the area of Coppergate as ducks may be sleeping on the highway.

If you notice any items of pollution in the Mere, please contact Yorkshire Water or the Parish Council immediately.

Village Maintenance - Village maintenance is always ongoing and you will still see Ross around the village carrying out some jobs.

Parish Council News continued...

The Telephone Kiosks – Books for borrowing are now available in both the village telephone kiosks. Please feel free to borrow and return when you have finished with the book.

We are very grateful Mrs. S. Preston is kindly looking after the books in the kiosk on Driffield Road. Donations of books can either be left in the kiosks or by contacting – clerk@naffertonpc.org.uk

Dog Fouling – Please be a responsible dog owner and carry a bag at all times to collect, take home, and bin any excrement from your dog.

The Parish Council have to follow the guidelines as set out by ERYC and details are available on the ERYC web site for reporting any dog fouling in the Parish.

Please be visible on your walks and cycle rides by wearing high visibility clothing

Parish Council Members – 13 members representing the Parish

Any member of the Council can be contacted on email clerk@naffertonpc.org.uk
The postal address and telephone number are available on the website.

Any anonymous correspondence received by the Parish Council will unfortunately not be acted on – so please if you do contact the Parish Council some type of contact is required for any action to take place – in the strictest confidence if necessary.

WANSFORD VILLAGE HALL

Various events, both public and private, take place at Wansford Village Hall throughout the year.

It hosts a weekly coffee morning on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:00am with an entry price of £1, which includes coffee and light refreshments; all welcome.

On Monday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:00pm there is a craft session - Crafty Fingers - which costs £1 (cup of tea/coffee included). All are welcome to knit and natter or to work on a more ambitious project.

Groups meet at the hall regularly. These include the Makara Morris Men, a county-wide organisation, a ukulele group which draws people in from the Driffield area, and the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council.

The well-equipped venue is available for hire at £5 per hour, by contacting bookings secretary Shirley Botterill on 01377 254403.

Dates for your diary

Friday December 6: Bingo night starting at 7pm; doors open at 6:30pm.



Wishing all our readers a very Merry Christmas
and all the best for 2025!

