## NAFFERTON,

# SKERNE & WANSFORD

# **NEWSLETTER**

## Issue 2 December 2025/January 2026

This newsletter is produced bi-monthly. The deadline for the next edition is 15 January 2026. Please send all articles to 'newsletter@nafferton.net'

Wishing all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and joyous New Year!

#### **Makara Morris**

Wansford Village Hall is home to Makara Morris, which draws members from Wansford, Nafferton and many parts of East Yorkshire. In the summer you might have seen us at the "Trout" in Wansford or in Driffield, where we not only dance regularly but also organise the Annual Driffield Day of Dance. We also dance at Morris Festivals around Yorkshire and Lincolnshire and in 2023 some members travelled to Millau in France as part of the Bridlington twinning group.

We are a friendly, mixed side, performing mainly Border Morris, welcoming new dancers and musicians. If you fancy doing something traditional and unusual, we are always looking for new members. It is a good time to join us as we learn and practice through the winter ready to shine in the spring and summer. Try us without obligation. Your first two sessions are free and thereafter it is only £1 per session.

Check out our website at: www.wansford.wordpress.com . For more information you can email Debby at withbelzon@hotmail.com or give her a ring on 01482 473070.

## **Nafferton Scouts**

Father Christmas will be arriving in Nafferton on Friday 5th December! He will be travelling across the mere at 6pm and you can join the Scouts for hot drinks, hot food, and crafts that the Scouts have made. The grotto has also been upgraded and you can visit Father Christmas in his grotto and receive a small gift for £2 per child. Please come and see us at the mere from 5:30pm.

We are also hosting a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Saturday 20th December from 2pm until 4pm. Tickets are £8 each and includes a selection of home made sandwiches, mince pies and festive treats. 

Please email Naffertonscouts@gmail.com

### **Driffield Male Voice Choir**

The choir has a busy December schedule:

Thursday 4th December, 8pm Mini concert Benjamin Fawcett, Wetherspoon, Driffield (in aid of Young Lives v cancer)

Saturday 6th December, 11am-1pm Carols Lidl, Driffield

Sunday 7th December, 3pm
Charity Carol concert, All Saints Church, Driffield

Saturday 13th December, 3pm Free Concert for the Community All Saints Church, Driffield

The choir then has a Christmas break until Thursday 8th January (Practice's restart), 7.15pm-9.15pm

Methodist Chapel, Driffield

2026 will be our 55th Anniversary year with 7 celebratory concerts booked up until July.

More details on our website.

The choir is currently recruiting for all four sections, and we would welcome any prospective new members to "come and see" at any of our Thursday practices.

Methodist Chapel, Driffield 7.15pm-9.15pm

There are no auditions and no requirement to read music. You will however have a great evening and meet a fantastic welcoming bunch of friendly guys.

Contact Chris (Vice Chairman) on 07879 461682 for more details.



**Little Bears playgroup** session every Tuesday morning including school holidays 9-11am in Nafferton Methodist Community Room, entry via the drive side and through the side door. £1 per adult, £1 per child includes tea, coffee, juice and biscuits. Various tables of toys, games, play dough, books, activities and a time of singing. The group is suitable for babies, toddlers and their carers. Hope to see you there. More details from Sarah on 07523976826

**Mustard Seed Café** 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

**Nafferton Craft and Social club** meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Schoolroom from 1:30pm to 4pm. 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 in the company of others. £2 per session, tea and coffee provided.

Please contact Penny Renn on 07759 487 646 for further details

#### **Nafferton Methodist Church**

Minister Rev Peter Barnett 01377 538806

A performance of `The Snowman` On Saturday 6th December at 2pm In Nafferton Methodist Church. Children Free Adults £7.50 available from Sarah on 07523976826

Performance by local musician Jenny Bray, her students and professional friends. Christmas raffle and seasonal refreshments.

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Christmas Eve Carol Singing 7-8pm on Jubilee Gardens
Carol Sheets available, bring your own light. Bucket collection for charity

Family Christmas Day service at 10:30am in Nafferton Methodist Church led by Rev Peter Barnett All welcome to share with us.

Christmas Day Lunch on Christmas Day at 12:30 Don't be alone at Christmas, come and share with us Turkey and all the trimmings.

To book your place ring Sarah on 07523976826



### **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 £4, which includes refreshments.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

**December - NO MEETING** 

The meeting in January 2026 will be on Wednesday 21st and will be a talk about 'A Year at Sledmere' by Janet Latham.

For more details email: naffertongardenclub@gmail.com

## Nafferton Village Hall

Table Top Sale
Saturday 21st March
10-2pm in Nafferton Village Hall
tables and tables of bargains
Refreshments will include bacon butties, egg butties
cake slices and cream scones
All money raised for Nafferton Village Hall Funds



Nafferton Village Hall is available for all your parties children and adults, fundraising ideas, group meetings.

Large Hall plus smaller committee room available.

Well equipped kitchen cutlery and crockery, ovens, fridges and microwave Round and rectangular tables and 100 chairs available.

To book or view ring 01377 254249

### **Nafferton Recreation Club**

As we come to the end of the year, we would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you for all your support throughout 2025**. Your involvement and encouragement continue to make the Recreation Club a thriving part of our community.

## **Christmas Party - 12th December**

Join us for a Christmas Party at the Nafferton Recreation Club at 7:00pm. Live music by local group The Sticklebricks. Buffet included and extremely reasonable bar prices. £10 per person. For tickets contact the Recreation Club via the Facebook page or email events@naffertonrecclub.org.uk

#### **New Bar Licence**

We are delighted to announce that the Recreation Club now holds a full **licence**, which means we can provide a bar for your private events. Please get in touch if you'd like to make use of this for any upcoming celebrations.

## **CCTV Reminder**

A gentle reminder that the Recreation Club is fitted with CCTV. Unfortunately, we have had a few incidents involving children entering the building without permission. We kindly ask parents and guardians to speak with their children and remind them that they should not be entering the Recreation Club building unless attending an authorised event.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy **Christmas and New Year**, and we look forward to seeing you all in **2026**.

## **All Saints Church**

Sundays – as far as possible we will be maintaining the pattern of regular services at 9:15am. However, for the two months covered by this newsletter, it may be necessary to share services with other churches at their premises. The reason for the uncertainty is that the six churches in our benefice do not have a vicar, at the moment. We are very grateful to our Authorised Lay Ministry leader, Liz, who is taking quite a lot of the services for us.

## December services:-

- Sunday 7th 9:15 Holy Communion
- Wednesday 10th 6:00pm Carols by Candlelight, with the Nafferton School Choir. Wearing of Christmas jumpers very much encouraged for this occasion!
- Sunday 14th no service at All Saints.
- Sunday 21st 9:15 Service of Carols and Lessons.
- Wednesday 24th 4:00pm Crib Service especially suitable for children.
- 10.00pm Late night Communion Service, led by Bishop Eleanor, Bishop of Hull.
- Sunday 28th 9:15 Holy Communion.

## January services:

At time of writing, the plan is to have 9:15 services at All Saints, Nafferton each Sunday.

## **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 three quarters of 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.

## Advent Bible Study & Discussion

Another joint Methodist -All Saints activity, meets at 7:00pm on Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th December.

A dedication or present for the Christmas season? You can dedicate the lighting up of The Church Building, for only £5 per week, with the name of the person to whom dedicated acknowledged on the notice board – contact Barbara.

Enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals – and just about anything else to do with the church – to Barbara Fairfield 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.

### **Driffield Silver Band**

The Driffield Silver Band rehearse at Nafferton Village Hall every Friday evening between 19:45 and 21:45. If you would like to listen to the band rehearsing, you will be most welcome, seats are provided at the front of the hall for anyone wishing to 'drop-in' for a listen.

Driffield Silver Band Upcoming Autumn/Winter Events:

- Saturday 18th October, 7pm Parkway Cinema, Beverley
   Driffield Silver Band retells the story of 'The Great Gatsby'
- Saturday 6th December, 2pm Driffield Methodist Church A Christmas Concert for All
- Saturday 13th December, 5pm Hornsea Floral Hall Christmas Concert (Theme to be announced)
- Monday 15th December, 7pm Bridlington Spa Bridlington Lion's Charity Christmas Concert
- Saturday 20th December, 2pm Church of Ascension, Hull
   A Festive Themed Concert with a Driffield Silver Band twist.

The band currently have a vacancy for a tenor trombone player. If you are interested in this position, please contact the band either via their website or by messaging their Facebook page.

For any further information about the band or any queries regarding booking the band, please take a look at our website and/or Facebook and Instagram.

## The Driffield and East Riding Community Band

The Driffield and East Riding Community Band (previously branded 'The East Riding Youth Brass Band') rehearses at Nafferton Village Hall every Friday evening from 18.00-19.15.

The band features players of mixed ages and varying abilities ranging from established players to complete beginners. Musical tuition is provided free of charge and instruments are provided on a free loan basis to all brass and percussion players. To find out more about joining the band, please contact musical director Graeme Appleton on 07747 122098 or band secretary Margaret Buckton on 07970 632638.

The band are currently looking for opportunities to expand their concert diary. If you have an upcoming event and would like the community band to perform, please contact either Graeme or Margaret on the mobile numbers above who will be happy to discuss these opportunities with you.

## **Nafferton Parish Council News**

#### **Remembrance Service**

The Parish Council would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Remembrance Service held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025.



A special mention goes to the children of Nafferton Primary School, along with the Nafferton Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Brownies. Your thoughtful participation, smart turnouts, and respectful silence were a true credit to you all, and a reminder of the strength of our village community.

We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to the veterans who joined us, and to the members of Nafferton Parish Council for their ongoing support and attendance.

A special thank you to Mr Chris McLelland (Cornet) for his moving performance, which brought a poignant and dignified atmosphere to the service. Our thanks also go to Rev. Anne White and Captain Ed Cole (Retired) for leading the service so beautifully, and to Humberside Police for assisting with road closures to ensure everyone's safety.

Your collective efforts made this years' service a meaningful and memorable tribute to those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Thank you, Nafferton, for coming together as a community to remember.

Councillor Margaret Buckton and Councillor Nigel Sawyer

## Stay Safe on Dark Nights This Winter

As the evenings draw in and the nights get darker, it's more important than ever to take extra care when you're out and about in the village. Whether you're walking the dog, cycling to work, or just popping to a neighbour's house, visibility is key to keeping yourself (and children) safe.

## Be Seen, Be Safe

Some of our roads can be especially tricky at this time of year, with limited street lighting and sharp bends. Make sure you can be seen by drivers and other road users:

- Wear high-visibility or reflective clothing such as a hi-vis vest, armband, or jacket.
- Carry a torch or wear a headlamp if you're walking it helps you see and be seen.
- If you're cycling, check that your bike lights are working properly and remember: a white light at the front and a red light at the back are required by law after dark.

#### Nafferton Parish Council news continued...

## For Drivers

Visibility works both ways:

- Clean your headlights and windscreen regularly to improve visibility.
- Watch out for wildlife deer and other animals are more active during dusk and dawn.

## For Dog Walkers

Attach a light-up collar or reflective lead to your dog so they're easy to spot. It's a small step that makes a big difference!

Please take a few simple precautions to keep yourself and others safe this winter. A little light goes a long way!

## **A** Christmas in Nafferton

As Christmas approaches, we're looking forward to a festive season filled with warmth, light, and community spirit. There's something for everyone to enjoy around the village this December:

- Santa's arrival across the Mere on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, joining the Scouts and local families, promises to be another magical moment for children (and adults!) alike. This will be followed by fireworks at the Recreation Club.
- The Children's Crib Service on Christmas Eve is always a highlight, bringing families together to celebrate the nativity story in a joyful and welcoming way.
- The Methodist Church Christmas Lunch offers a chance to share good food and good company everyone is welcome to come along and join in the celebration.
- **W** Keep an eye out, too, for carol singing, festive lights, and community gatherings that make Nafferton sparkle at this special time of year.

Wherever you celebrate, we wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you for continuing to make Nafferton such a wonderful place to live.

## **Parish Council Meetings**

Nafferton Parish Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August). Meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held in the main hall at Nafferton Recreation Club, Eastlands, YO25 4LA.

Members of the public are warmly welcome to join us. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are dedicated to an open forum, where you can raise any issues or ask questions.

### Nafferton Parish Council news continued...

**Upcoming Meetings:** 

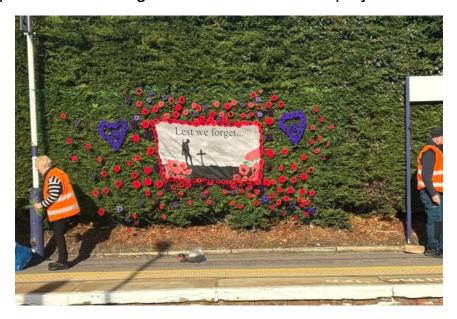
- 9th December 2025
  - 13th January 2026
  - 10th February 2026
  - 10th March 2026
- 14th April 2026
  - 12th May 2026
  - 9th June 2026
  - 14th July 2026

For questions, support, or to get involved, contact us at:

□ clerk@naffertonpc.org.uk

## **Nafferton in Bloom**

Many thanks to all of you dedicated knitters and crocheters who provided so many poppies for our remembrance displays in the village. With everyone's efforts we were able to create a display for the train station, decorate the school, bus shelter, Jubilee Gardens, the war memorial and the many other planters we look after in the village. Thanks to the members of the Wednesday afternoon craft club who carefully sewed poppies to the netting for the train station display.



Nafferton in Bloom is a dedicated community initiative that brings vibrant colour and natural beauty to our village by tending to flowers and plants in public spaces. The group is always looking for new volunteers and fresh ideas—if you love gardening or simply enjoy seeing flowers flourish in our community, we invite you to get involved and help keep Nafferton blooming.

You can contact either Ann Ingle, <u>Ann.ingle@live.co.uk</u> or Pete Robb, <u>therobbs7@gmail.com</u> for more information or to share your ideas.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, WANSFORD

**Carol singing:** House-to-house carol singing this year will take place on Monday 22 December, starting at St Mary's lychgate at 6pm. The 'choir' will make its way around the village, finishing at the Trout Inn, by kind permission of landlord, Paul Anderson, where its members will sing to the diners and drinkers. The annual event is in aid of St Mary's Church funds.

**Lychgate gates:** A faculty for the repair of the lychgate has been applied for but as the newsletter went to press the result had not yet been communicated to the parish by the York Diocesan Advisory Committee.

**Services:** A holy communion service will take place at St Mary's on Sunday 21st December at 10.45am, conducted by the Rev Anne White. Details of services at St Mary's and throughout the two Nafferton and Hutton Cranswick benefices can be accessed at the St Mary's page on www.achurchnearyou.com

### QUIZ NIGHT AT THE TROUT

**Quiz:** The Christmas quiz night will take place at the Trout Inn on Tuesday 16th December at 6.30pm prompt and will be in aid of Wansford's St Mary's Church. The cost per ticket will be £6 per person with supper once again provided by the Trout. There will be a grand raffle; anyone with prizes to donate can drop them off with organiser Tink Rush, at Canalside, Wansford, Soshana McKnight-Hill at Wansford Manor or take them on the night. Attendees are asked to arrive armed with cash.

Tickets are available from the Trout but, as all events are a sell-out, early booking is advisable.

The November quiz in aid of Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue raised £273.

### WANSFORD VILLAGE HALL

**Christmas bingo:** This will take place at the Wansford Village Hall on Friday 12th December at 6.30pm with eyes down at 7pm. Bingo cards are £6 a book or £1 a card.

**Terry's Christmas do:** Terry Jarvis's Christmas entertainment is scheduled for Thursday 18th December starting at 7.30pm. The event includes a selection of seasonal songs and sketches. No entry fee but donations for Wansford Village Hall are gratefully accepted.

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

It hosts a weekly Wednesday coffee morning from 10-11am with an entry price of £1, which includes a drink and light refreshments; all welcome.

On Monday afternoons from 1.30-3pm 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 county-wide organisation the Makara Morris Men, 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.

### OIL CO-OPERATIVE

Skerne and Wansford parish is served by the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council (HWRCC) bulk-buying oil co-operative; the minimum order is 500 litres and the HWRCC negotiates the best price from a range of suppliers. In October, the price achieved was 48.95p per litre against the average normal price per litre of 54.44p making a saving of £28.82 (inc VAT) on 500 litres. Membership costs £20 per year. For membership details contact oil@hwrcc.org.uk\_or call 07918 147 006/01652 638 814.

The Skerne and Wansford contact is Billy Waites, of Skerne, whose email is william.waites08@gmail.com

#### SKERNE & WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Pie and pea supper:** A community pie and pea supper will take place at the Trout Inn on Tuesday 9 December with a start time of 6pm and music from 7pm. This event, subsidised by the Harmony Energy fund, will cost £5 per head for residents of either village. Non-residents will pay £10 and entrance is by ticket only; these can be purchased at the Trout.

**Defibrillator training:** Free defibrillator and resuscitation training will take place in Wansford Village Hall on Friday 23 January in two sessions – 6-7.30pm and 7.30-9pm. It will be taken by resuscitation training officer Gary Hewitt. Places are limited and booking is essential. To book contact parish councillor Julia Priestley on julia.priestley@skerneandwansford.pc.uk.

**Christmas trees:** Greengrocer Andy Rafter has once again generously donated a Christmas tree to his home village of Wansford and is providing another one for Skerne at cost price. If you can help with provision of battery lights – plus batteries - for the Skerne tree, which will be sited near the bus shelter, please drop them off with Julia Priestley at Ingram, Back Lane.

**New benches:** Three new benches have been bought by the parish council – two for Wansford and one for Skerne, and will be in situ later in the year. These are to replace old and dilapidated benches that had been in place for many years.

**Casual vacancy:** There is a casual vacancy on the parish council which can be filled by co-option. For more details contact the clerk by e-mailing clerk@skerneandwansfordpc.co.uk

**Website:** The parish council website, which is to keep the community up-to-date with parish council business, events, news and community information, is now up and running at www.skerneandwansfordpc.co.uk

**Future meetings:** The next meetings of the parish council will take place at 7.30pm on 14 January 2026, 11 March and 13 May. The annual parish meeting will take place on 13 May at a time to be decided. Meetings generally take place on the second Wednesday of alternate months, starting in January. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is an opportunity for them to raise issues of concern regarding the parish at the beginning of each meeting.

#### TRACTOR AND TRUCK RUN

Wolds Festive Illuminated Tractor and Truck Run: This annual charity event takes place on December 13 and the decorated procession of tractors and trucks, which tours the Driffield area, is scheduled to come through the three villages served by the newsletter. Approximate times are Nafferton 5.55pm, Wansford 6.05pm and Skerne 6.15pm. There will be bucket collections for the three charities the run is raising money for, which are Blood Cancer UK, RABI and the DanKitching35 Foundation. The run is organised by Nicola and Mark Roper, of Golden Hill Farm, Wansford.

#### **Nafferton Under Fives**

Autumn has been a busy time for our children here at Nafferton Under Fives. We have been busy with lots of nature activities, making gigantic spiders webs with sticky tape and scooping out pumpkins!



During the half term the children went on Autumn Treasure Hunt's with family and friends bringing lots of treasures back to Pre-school for us to explore.

Tessie, Bramble and Bearemy our Pre-school bears have started visits home with our older children and have been so busy pumpkin picking, baking, gardening and even appearing in a local Dance show.

Many of you may know that we held our Quiz night recently at the Blue Bell with which we plan to purchase a Lifevac first aid device for choking emergencies.

We also have our 2nd Christmas Elf Hunt planned for Sunday 7th December 10.00-3.00pm at the Village Hall. Please do join us for a magical Elf hunt. Tickets can be purchased on the day.