

NAFFERTON NEWSLETTER

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High-speed Broadband for Nafferton!

It should mean an end to coping with painfully slow downloads, and with buffering BBC I-Player! "Streaming" will not be a problem.

It should allow children, or anyone else, to play online games without persistently losing connection.

It should make Nafferton an attractive prospect for those who wish to run a business from the Village, or to live here and work from home. They will enjoy a speed and quality of service comparable with that offered in the centre of our major cities.

We certainly need better broadband, and we expect to get it soon!

Parish Councillors have found out what is on offer, taken advice, attended presentations, and compared technical information. Three companies, all using wireless technology, have been considered. All three are able to beam signals into Nafferton.

Relay stations will need to be set up inside the Village. The Parish Church will apply to higher authority (though perhaps not the highest!) for permission to use the Church tower as a site for the main one.

After careful consideration, LN Communications Ltd., a local company based on Skerne Road in Driffield, has been invited to install the necessary equipment and to provide the service in the Village. To private residents and businesses they will offer a range of packages with varying speeds and bandwidths, and these should be quite competitively priced. In addition, the Company has agreed to offer a free wireless broadband service to the churches and the Village Hall. We think the result of all this will be a very rewarding partnership, and considerable local benefit.

Recently, LN Communications has installed a relay mast behind the Methodist Church. Quite a few households should be able to receive a signal from there. Check whether you have a clear line-of-sight from your roof. Anyone interested should contact the company direct at Unit 10 Scotchburn Garth, Skerne Road, Driffield, YO25 6EF. Alternatively, visit their website: <http://www.lncomms.co.uk>
More extensive availability can be expected in the spring.

The new wireless broadband, already available to many remoter communities in North Yorkshire, will be several times faster than the present slow service that is only accessible over traditional copper phone lines.

Newsletter editor wanted

As this will be my last issue, the Newsletter editing team are looking for a new member.

This person will need reasonable computer skills, be able to manipulate text, cut,copy, paste etc. Most of the items come by email via newsletter@nafferton.net.

It consists of just a few hours work over a ten day period twice yearly.

If you are interested and would like to know more, you can telephone John Gledhill on 254354 or Sheila Stone 241891

NAFFERTON IN BLOOM IN 2012



We shall be entering the village into the Yorkshire in Bloom competition and we have high hopes of achieving an award if everyone pulls together.

We are bulk buying a large number of red, white and blue plants to put in most of our planters and tubs to make a coordinated presentation and will be replacing several of the worn out tubs and planters.

With the support of a number of keen new members, and after consultations with Northern Rail and Network Rail, we are replanting our railway station.

There are plans to put new planters somewhere on the junction of Howe Lane and Lowthorpe Lane and we hope to be able to build a new brick planter outside Pudsey's Coal Yard on Station Road.

Working closely with our Parish Council and handyman Steve Kirkwood we shall try and keep on top of grass cutting, litter clearing and

general tidiness. We hope everyone in the village will support us in this, particularly by keeping the outside of your own home up to scratch.

Good news is that the new owners of The King's Head will be entering that public house into the competition and we hope our school will also be able to enter. Together with our Parish Council's work on finding land for allotments and plans for improving the quality of water in our mere we hope Yorkshire in Bloom judges will see a lively and committed village community.

Judging dates are between 26th March and 20th April, and 2nd and 20th July. Make a note!

We shall need more funds for all this and, as well as our indebtedness to our Parish Council, the Nafferton Feoffees and our Millennium Committee, we hope as many people as possible will support our Good Friday plant sale on Jubilee Gardens and our autumn coffee morning sale.

More helpers are always needed. If you can join us please contact John Allred, 25 Priestgate, Nafferton, 01377 249551 or any member of our teams.

Recycling update From Betty Jakins

With great reluctance I have to inform you that I can no longer accept milk bottle tops for recycling. Despite endless enquiries I have been unable to find an outlet.

As a result of our collecting we have contributed to the purchase of 6 specially adapted wheelchairs for children and 1 portable lung machine for a teenager.

Thank you very much for your past support. However if you are holding any you have already collected, I will be pleased to receive them.

(The Blue bin collections 2012 information sheet states that 'Plastic bottles (including lids separately)' may be placed in the Blue bin.)

I am still collecting Yorkshire Tea tokens for the Yorkshire Rainforest Project. To date we have sent tokens to the value of £453.50.

If you have any queries you can telephone Betty on: 01377 254393.



Londis Raffle

A total of £150.00 was raised for the Nafferton Scouts as a result of the Londis Christmas Raffle.

The hamper was won by Mrs Carol Oliver.

Kevin and the staff would like to thank all who gave their support.

Nafferton Diamond 'Lympics

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in this Olympic year, Nafferton Millennium Committee, with Parish Council support are organising a family fun event to be held on the School playing field, on Bank holiday Monday 4 June, from 4pm, until dark, finishing with fireworks. More details will be given in the next Newsletter due out on April 1st.

In the meantime, a planning meeting is to be held in the Methodist school room on Thursday 22nd March at 7.30 pm.

The meeting is open to representatives of any Nafferton organisation that may like to help in the organising of what we are sure will be a fun day.

For more information or to give us your ideas call either John Gledhill 254354 or Sheila Cook 254281

Planning for Emergencies – Can You Help?

The Parish Council has an emergency plan in place, which gets reviewed every 5 years. The plan covers what we would do in an emergency, such as being cut off by snow or dealing with extreme cold or hot weather, fire, flood, flu epidemic, earthquake, train crash, nuclear accident etc.

We are seeking people in the village with useful skills who would be able to volunteer in an emergency if the village were cut off. For example persons with medical training or foreign languages, electrical, plumbing, heating or mechanical skills, amateur radio for communications, etc. As well as that people with equipment such as generators, portable lighting, pumps, 4x4s, winches and so on.

We hope that this plan would never be needed but it pays to be prepared.

If you feel you have anything to offer please contact the Parish Council via the website: www.nafferton.net or: Mrs M Buckton on 254 293 (SouthCattleholmesFarm, Wansford, YO25 8NW).

WI News

A new year and a new beginning. Our Annual meeting in December brought us a new President, Pat Birch, and a new Secretary, Heather Winn, both experienced WI members.

January began with the inimitable Rev. Robert Amos on his experiences of 'Bargain Hunt' with his son James. We had an hilarious evening, a real tonic to start the year, and look forward to more interesting talks. There are also many other events from Federation meetings, courses and demonstrations, singing and a band concert, to our own Institute events.

Dates for your diary include Coffee mornings on June 2nd and September 1st, the first for Yorkshire Air Ambulance the second for Institute funds, details later. We are also collecting old mobile phones for the Air Ambulance.

Our birthday lunch will take place at the end of March. But the BIG event to come will be the Senior Citizens' lunch on Saturday, March 2nd. Do attend if you can; we love doing it and we love having you. Look out for posters about the event. By the time you read this all will be organised and slips will be in the Post Office and Londis shop.

Transport will be available if you need it.

We welcome new members; you can come as a visitor first to see if you like it!

For further information contact Heather Winn Tel: 254753.

Church Services for February and March 2012 [at 10am unless otherwise indicated]

Sunday, 5th February – Patronal Service **at 10.30** [with baptism] at St. Mary's. NO

SERVICE @ All Saints'.

Sunday, 12th February – 'Celebration of LOVE'. Something for everyone!

Sunday, 19th February – Morning Praise. Come and enjoy a good sing!

Sunday, 26th February – Holy Communion.

Sunday, 4th March – Family Service

Sunday, 11th March – 'Celebration of LOVE'. Something for everyone!

Sunday, 18th March – Mothering Sunday Service – a special time for all ages!

Sunday, 25th March – Holy Communion.

We meet each Wednesday morning from 10 – 11am for prayer. Do join us if you can.

If you would like us to pray about a situation or for someone you care about, please ring and speak to the vicar or leave a message for her on the vicarage answer phone [01377 254372] or contact Joan Shawcross on 01377 254291. Any request is in confidence.

WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU AT ANY OF THESE SERVICES. DO COME!

Nafferton Mustard Seed Hobbies and Craft Group

Would like to announce

'New Year - New Challenge'

We opened in June 2011 and so far have enjoyed the following activities

Flower arranging demonstrations and coaching

Card making activities

German classes for beginners

Knitting items for Christmas shoe box appeal

Christmas Crafts

Scrabble

Also many people come just to 'do their own thing' or have a cup of tea and chat.

In the New Year we have plans to have the following workshops:-

Poker work, bead work/jewellery, pebble painting, torn paper collage.

We would welcome any other requests or suggestions

Meetings are held in the Methodist School Room on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome!

This issue was edited (for the last time) by Sheila Stone who thanks everyone who contributed items. Sheena Austin will be compiling the April edition and will be delighted if all contributions arrive by the deadline of March 15th. Please email to newsletter@nafferton.net or telephone Sheena on 252039. For all village news and information log on to www.nafferton.net. Thank you.