

# **NAFFERTON, SKERNE & WANSFORD NEWSLETTER**

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

## **Nafferton Parish Council**



## **Tree planting at the Recreation Club**

Our sincere thanks go out to our volunteers who together planted 420 saplings donated to us by The Woodland Trust. The new hedge consists of hawthorn, silver birch, rowan, wild cherry and dogwood which will hopefully bring year-round colour to the recreation club field and in time shield the allotments from strong winds.

## **Community First Aid**

Members from across the community joined together to take a first aid course generously funded by Nafferton Feoffees. Representatives from the village hall, bellringers, All Saints Church and the Parish Council took part in the training, and all passed the qualification with flying colours. The course provided by FAB training of Driffield taught them vital skills with a hands-on demonstration of a defibrillator.

## **Come and join us**

Our Friday Friendship group (also known as Warm Space) runs on Fridays from 10am until 11.45 am at the Recreation Club on Eastlands. Everyone is welcome to join us for free bacon sandwiches and hot drinks. Supplies are kindly provided by Nafferton Spar.

## Take care in Cold Weather



### Salt Bins

Nafferton have a number of salt bins scattered around the village in area where ice can be problematic. You can use the salt in a salt bin to help with snow and ice on public roads and footpaths. You must not use it for private driveways or other non-public areas.

If you find a salt bin is empty you can request a refill by calling ERYC on 01482 393939 and quoting the number of the salt bin that is shown inside the lid. It can also be reported online using the web address below:

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/roads-streets-traffic-and-parking/gritting-salt-bins-and-winter-road-services/>

In addition to this Nafferton Parish Council provide three salt bins – at the junction of Coppergate/Howe Lane, Lowthorpe Lane and High Street. We aim to keep these well stocked but if you do find them running low then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Salt for private roads and properties can normally be purchased from local builders' merchants or garden centres.

### Snow Code

Clearing snow and ice from the pavement outside your home or public spaces can help prevent slips and falls. Here's some handy advice issued by the Department for Transport.

Don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice from the Department for Transport below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively. And don't believe the myths - it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.

### Clear the snow and ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So, if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it from refreezing overnight.

## **Clear and prevent slips**

Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas

Use salt or sand - not water. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery

You can melt snow or prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear unless your council advises otherwise. Please contact your local council for more advice.

Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot

### **Offer to clear your neighbour's paths**

If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather.

## **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.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

10th February 2026 12th May 2026

10th March 2026 9th June 2026

14th April 2026 14th July 2026

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

[clerk@naffertonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@naffertonpc.org.uk)

## **Nafferton recreation club**

### **Happy New Year to everyone in the Village!**

As we step into 2026, the Recreation Club would like to wish all our residents a very happy and healthy New Year. We're looking forward to another busy and enjoyable year and hope the Village will continue to give the club and its events their valued support.

The Recreation Club plays an important role in bringing our community together, and we're always grateful for the encouragement, attendance, and goodwill shown by local residents. As we move through the year, we're also reaching out for volunteer support to help us run events and activities. We're hoping to form a friendly volunteer group called **Friends of Nafferton**, where people can lend a hand at events and occasionally support our popular Warm Space sessions.

Our **Warm Space** runs every **Friday morning from 10.00am to 11.45am** and is open to all ages. It's a welcoming place to pop in for a chat, enjoy a bacon sandwich, and warm up with a hot drink while spending time with others in the community.

We're also excited to ask you to **look out for our new daytime Bingo**, which will be running **fortnightly on Thursday afternoons**. This will be a relaxed, social event and a great way to spend an afternoon with friends and neighbours.

For full details of all events, dates, and upcoming activities, please **check out the Recreation Club website**, [www.naffertonrecclub.org.uk](http://www.naffertonrecclub.org.uk) where everything is kept up to date.

The Recreation Club is only possible with the support of the community, and we truly value everyone who attends, volunteers, or helps spread the word. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and new ones alike throughout 2026.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **February**

- **5th February** – Daytime Bingo 12.30pm
- **Friday 13th February** – Children's Valentine Disco 5.30-7pm
- **19th February** – Daytime Bingo 12.30pm
- **20th February** – Quiz Night 7pm
- **27th February** – Bingo 7pm

## **March**

- **5th March** – Daytime Bingo 12.30pm
- **7th March** – Step Back: 70s/80s Disco 7pm
- **19th March** – Daytime Bingo 12.30pm
- **Friday 20th March** – Wedding Fair (Evening Event) 7pm
- **27th March** – Family Horse Race Night 6.30pm
- **Saturday 28th March** – Easter Bingo 7pm
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For bookings or any other enquiries, please contact Caroline at: [events@Naffertonrecclub.org.uk](mailto:events@Naffertonrecclub.org.uk)

## **Nafferton Amateur Production Society - NAPs**

On behalf of everyone at NAPs, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who attended the performances of Robinson Crusoe at the Methodist Church. Your enthusiasm and support truly made the event special, and we are incredibly grateful for your presence and audience participation!

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors; Dewhurst Trust, Feoffees, Lissett Windfarm, Jewsons, Horace Taylor, SPAR, Dogger Bank, Parish Council and Primepak Foods. Without your backing, such a memorable show would not have been possible. Thank you for supporting local theatre and helping us create a wonderful experience for our community.

Our director, Marc Jay, was keen to stage a production, and over the course of a year—with invaluable support from Sue Phillips—he assembled a dedicated group of people to help turn this vision into reality. We have been amazed at the talent available in our village, from the dedicated cast and crew to those who contributed their skills in set building, health and safety, finance, and the persistent pursuit of sponsorship. Special thanks also go to everyone involved in ticket selling, ice cream selling, programme design and promotion—your hard work and creativity brought the production to life and ensured its success. It has truly been a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and if you would be interested in joining us for next year's production, we would be delighted for you to join us in the back room of the Blue Bell Inn on Thursday 12 February at 7 pm to find out more. You can also contact us via email [naps\\_info@yahoo.com](mailto:naps_info@yahoo.com)

## **Nafferton in Bloom**

Happy New Year to everyone in Nafferton! We hope 2026 brings plenty of cheer, colour, and community spirit to our village.

We're excited to share some updates from Nafferton in Bloom.

First off, a warm welcome to our new members. Looking forward to working with you and enjoying the social side of Nafferton in Bloom. Remember we are always looking for more new members– no gardening expertise required, just a willingness to get stuck in and enjoy making the village brighter.

This year, we plan to replace or renew our planters and tubs to keep the village looking its best. To support this, we are on the lookout for fresh sponsors, so if you or your business would like to support our efforts, please do get in touch.

Don't miss our popular plant and cake sale on Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 10am-12 on Jubilee Gardens. This is a great opportunity to pick up something new for your garden and enjoy some delicious treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

We're also working on a new scheme starting in May to help more villagers get involved in caring for the planters, particularly in the long hot summer. We'll share full details about this closer to the time, so watch this space!

Finally, a special thank you goes to Peter McCormick, our outgoing treasurer, and his wife Minnie for their dedication over the years. We all wish you well. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ross for the Wednesday watering! We will miss you when the sun comes out again!

For any further information please contact Ann Ingle ([ann.ingle@live.co.uk](mailto:ann.ingle@live.co.uk)) or Pete Robb ([therobbs7@gmail.com](mailto:therobbs7@gmail.com)).

### **County Council cemetery, Westgate, Nafferton.**

Recently, I have received two separate complaints from Nafferton parishioners regarding dogs not being kept on leads and being allowed to roam freely over the graves in the cemetery. In particular, the oldest part, furthest away from the road. Therefore, on their behalf, I would like to ask all dog owners to respect the primary purpose of this public space and draw your attention to the signs that clearly state ' Keep dogs on leads at all times'.

Councillor Chris Melhuish

## 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. Our next talks will be:

February 18th - '**Ponds**'. - Our speaker for the evening will be Morag Alker who will talk about all aspects of ponds and pondlife.

March 18th - '**Alpines**' - Mark Padgett from Skerne Nurseries will talk about the many alpine plants available and how to care for them.

For more details email: [naffertongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:naffertongardenclub@gmail.com)

## Nafferton Under Fives

The children here at Nafferton Under Fives have started their Spring term enjoying the snow and icy weather outdoors and have all settled back into pre-school exceptionally well.

This month the children are making bird feeders and taking part in the RSPB.s Bird Watch.

We have our annual Easter Egg trail booked for the 29th March with further details to come nearer the time.

We are now taking enquiries for September places. Please get in touch either by calling us on [01377 240082](tel:01377240082) or via our email at [enquiry@naffertonunderfives.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@naffertonunderfives.org.uk).

You can also follow us at Nafferton Under Fives Pre-school



**Nafferton Scouts** are back for a new exciting term - we are going to a pool party, making paper, celebrating Chinese New Year and Burns Night with lots of food and crafts!

Some of our Cubs are going to Disneyland Paris in February half term and we have lots of adventurous camps planned for the young people of Nafferton.

If you are interested, come along and see what we do - Beavers runs from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesdays and is for young people aged 6 - 8 years old. Cubs runs from 7:15pm to 8:15pm on Tuesday and is for young people aged 8 - 10 years old. Scouts runs on a Wednesday from 7pm - 8:30pm for those aged 10 - 14. All sessions are at the Clubhouse. Adults can gain a lot from volunteering aged 18 - 100 - all welcome!

Contact Sheenagh on 07961944331 or email [naffertonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:naffertonscouts@gmail.com)

### **Nafferton brownies**

Autumn term for Brownies was incredibly successful. We said hello to new faces and enjoyed our slowing down months, keeping warm inside, creating autumn and winter crafts, playing games, sharing letters from our Australian friends and learning how to use our strong, female voices to make change and be a positive force in our area and beyond.

Nafferton has shown us kindness, with The Scouts Association inviting us to join them at their annual Father Christmas on the Mere event, where we raised some much needed funds to support our unit moving forward into the new year. Thank you so much for inviting us along and thank you to the village for so generously supporting us. We also received a generous donation from The Mustard Seed Cafe, which will allow us to continue keeping our costs low for parents so that girls can enjoy Brownies and get the most out of our meetings. Again, thank you so much to those involved in these kind donations, the volunteers at The Mustard Seed and the villagers for supporting. It is very much appreciated and will be made use of right away.

As I write this, we are excited for our last meeting of this year, where we will enjoy Christmas sweets and a little bit of a disco; we will again join with Driffield 2nd Brownies and attend the pantomime this weekend at Bridlington Spa.

In Spring term, we hope to welcome more new faces as we prepare to say goodbye to a few old ones. We are hoping to explore more of our Brownie programme and develop in new skills and areas we've not yet covered. We are very much looking forward to our chocolate challenge, a challenge set by Girlguiding North East England and we will be looking forward to lighter nights so we can explore outside again.

If you have a daughter aged between 7 and 10 and would like her to join us on Thursday evenings during term time, please get in touch [1stnaffertonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stnaffertonbrownies@gmail.com)



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM **NAFFERTON WI**

The first month of a new year and it brings with it new challenges for us all but together we can try to overcome them.

With the help of our members and residents, we have been able to support the Drifffield Food Bank by collecting toiletries and food items and donating them each month. At Christmas we did a Toy Appeal and the response was amazing – thank you to everyone who donated. We even managed to collect and donate 50 Christmas puddings which went into the Christmas grocery bags. It does not seem much, but it meant a lot to many families who are struggling all year round but more so at Christmas.

The December meeting was our Party night with lovely food prepared our members. Everyone had a fun night with a quiz, competition, and games, plus a glass of Christmas cheer. There was certainly a party atmosphere.

Some of our members managed to go to a couple of different Christmas shows, one was at the ERT in Beverley “Cabaret with Claus” and the other was “Step into Christmas” at the Spa Theatre, Bridlington. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I am sure our outings secretary will have more exciting things in mind for us in the coming year. Our WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall, 7pm. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

Additionally, we have a Book Club, which meet regularly to discuss the book of the month they are reading, or you can just read along for your own pleasure. There is also a Coffee and Cake club, which meets on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm at Elsie’s Parlour.

#### Forthcoming attractions:

JANUARY is a painting evening, and FEBRUARY is a Quiz night with a social. MARCH our speaker is Butterflies Chocolates. At each meeting, there is also a little competition held, which reflects the talk.

APRIL is our AGM and the start of a new and exciting year.

We are also holding a few additional activities.

4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 7-9pm – Tai Chi - Open to members and non-members. £5 incl. tea and biscuit. Limited numbers. Venue – Village Hall.

Contact Tricia Harrison, Tel: 07979621430

28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 10-1.30pm Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. Bottle Tombola and a Raffle. Everyone is welcome.

16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Craft Dabble Day in the Village Hall 10 -4pm (time may vary) Three different and interesting crafts to try. More details to follow.

Being part of a national organisation allows online educational opportunities, also to talk to other members all over the country and to get involved in national campaigns etc to improve women's lives and much more besides.

But above all it is about our members, providing a safe and friendly space for them to meet and opportunities for them to socialise.

Thank you, Pat Ablett – President.

### **East Yorkshire Handbell Ringing Rally**



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 10am till 2pm Nafferton Methodist Chapel

The handbell ringers of Nafferton will be hosting the East Yorkshire Handbell Ringing Rally at the Methodist Chapel in Nafferton. Teams from across East Yorkshire will be coming together to ring their hearts out and enjoy a wide range of music.

I am inviting you all to come and listen and support your local team.

Stay for the morning or come for the afternoon or just stay all day and be entertained. Sarah will be serving her famous bacon sandwiches, teas, coffees and other delights

There will also be a **have-a-go** session, so you don't feel left out. **No ticket is needed**

Contact Steven Southcoat – [ssouthcoat@aol.com](mailto:ssouthcoat@aol.com) or tel. 07717415876

## Drifffield Male Choir

We are celebrating our 55th Anniversary in 2026.

We have 14 performances booked before our summer break in August (including a concert at the All Saints Church in Nafferton in April)

### First Quarter 2026

Friday 20th February at 2pm

Cranswick Lodge care home, Hutton Cranswick

Wednesday 4th March at 1pm

Meals4Misters Cass Hall Drifffield

Saturday 21st March (Time TBC)

All Saints Church, Drifffield Joint concert with Dalesmen MVC (Whitby)

We are currently recruiting for all 4 sections of the choir to help bolster our ranks for our extremely busy year.

We have 4 'open rehearsal' sessions booked for prospective new members.

There is no need to read music, and there are no auditions. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

### Open practices:

Thursday 15th/22nd Jan

Thursday 5th/12th Feb

For more information please call Chris on 07879 461682

## All Saints Church



**Sundays** – Services continue to be at 9.15 for an hour or so – all welcome.

Note that 15<sup>th</sup> March is Mothering Sunday so there should be flowers and possibly a sweet or two for children to take home to Mothers, Grandmothers etc. Parents may also wish to note that we have 'activity bags' for children to explore during the Sunday services. The idea is to give younger friends an activity or two related to the theme of each service.

**Additional Service** 18<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday, and there will be a service for that special day in The Church calendar, at 10.00 am, led by Rev Anne White.

**New Vicar** Rev Craig Smith has agreed to become the new leader of group of churches (Benefice) that All Saints belongs to. The official licencing and welcoming service will be at 3.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> March – venue yet to be decided. A huge ‘thank you and welcome’ to him and his wife, Sheila, for joining us.

**Prayers** The joint Methodist-All Saints prayer group continues to meet at All Saints each Monday at 6.45 pm (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.

**Foul!** There is an awful lot of dog poo in the cemetery, which is distressing for folk visiting the graves of loved ones. Please show respect and in the case of accidents, please clear up the mess.

**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](mailto:barbsbri@yahoo.co.uk)) – or better still come along to one of the services and have a chat afterwards about what you need.

### **Nafferton Methodist Church**

Minister Rev Peter Barnett 01377 538806

**Christmas Eve**-thank you to all who supported the Carol Singing on Jubilee Gardens, again we were blessed with good weather. A collection taken on Christmas Day at Nafferton Methodist church service and bucket collection on Christmas Eve amounted to £300, which was sent to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Thank you to Hugh Penny for playing the keyboard.

**Christmas Day Lunch** was enjoyed by almost 60 people. Thank you to all the helpers who served up, waited on and washed up. To Dave Garbutt from Cranswick Country Foods Ltd for their donation, Graham Eyes Butchers in the Spar Nafferton for their donation, Nafferton Feoffees for their monetary donation, Primepak Foods for their donation, Tracey for entertaining with Christmas Carols, For others who gave monetary donations, Thank You One and all. We made a lot of people's Christmas a little more enjoyable.

**Shrove Tuesday** 17th February, 12-2pm, in Nafferton Methodist Schoolroom and Community room, a homemade soup and pancake lunch. £5 per person, a

variety of different soups and various pancake fillings. No need to book just turn up.

**Spring Craft Fair** Saturday 7th March 10-2pm in Nafferton Methodist Church and rooms. A variety of craft and gift stalls. Refreshments available will include bacon butties, egg butties, cake slices and cream scones, gluten-free bread buns and cake. All money raised for Nafferton Methodist Church funds. Sunday worship takes place every Sunday morning at 10:30am led by our Minister, retired ministers or local preachers. All will be welcome and refreshments are available at the close of worship.

**Sunday 1st February** at 10:30am service led by Mr Peter Brown

**Sunday 8th February** at 10:30am service of Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Barnett

**Sunday 15th February** at 10:30am service led by our own congregation

**Sunday 22nd February** at 10:30am service led by Mr Peter Rogers

For any details, please contact Sarah on 07523976826

**Mustard Seed Café** is run by a group of volunteers and is open every Monday morning from 10am to 11.30am in the Methodist schoolroom. It is a great place to drop in for a cuppa and a snack and to meet friends in a relaxed environment.

**Nafferton Craft and Social Club** meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Schoolroom from 1.30pm to 4pm. Bring along any craft activity you enjoy or just yourself to enjoy the company of others. Everybody is welcome. £2 a session - tea and coffee provided.

Please contact Penny Renn on 07759 487646 for more details.

### **Nafferton Village Hall**

**Valentines Day Afternoon Tea Takeaways** available on Saturday 14th February 12-2 in Nafferton Village Hall. afternoon tea includes sandwiches, sausage roll, quiche, cream scone, cake, jam tart and heart biscuit, £7.50 each. to book a takeaway please text or ring Sarah on 07523976826. All money raised for Nafferton Village Hall funds.

**Table Top Sale** on Saturday 21st March in Nafferton Village Hall 10-2pm, tables and tables of bargain items. Refreshments will include bacon butties, egg butties, cake slices and cream scones, tea and coffee. All money raised for Nafferton Village Hall funds.

Nafferton Village Hall is available to hire for all your parties, events, meetings and fundraising ideas, contact Sheila on 01377 25424

## **SKERNE & WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Benches, bus shelter and bin:** Many thanks to Billy McLoughlin for removing the dilapidated bench in Main Street, Skerne, and offering to install the new one. Replacement benches for Wansford at the canal side and on Nafferton Road will be installed shortly.

Skerne's new totally grant-funded bus shelter is on schedule to be installed in the coming months and an application to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for a replacement litter bin has been approved.

All these will vastly enhance that area.

As the parish council is carrying a surplus, if anyone has any thoughts about subsequent improvements for either Skerne or Wansford, please let one of your parish councillors know or contact the clerk on [clerk@skerneandwansfordpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@skerneandwansfordpc.co.uk)

**Precept:** The parish council has set a precept of £3,500 for the forthcoming financial year, £1,000 less than the 2025-26 year. This should be reflected in an £8.47 (or 25.4%) reduction for a Band D property in the parish element of your ERYC council tax bill due in the spring.

**Christmas trees:** Thanks go to Andy Rafter for once again supplying a Christmas tree for his home village of Wansford and another at cost for Skerne – a first Christmas tree for Skerne in living memory. Thanks also to all the volunteers who help decorate and then dismantle the trees – you know who you are, and your efforts are much appreciated.

**Parish council meetings:** Due to unforeseen circumstances the January meeting of the parish council had to be postponed until January 27, thus taking place after the newsletter went to press, However, the minutes will be posted on the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council website and village noticeboards. Future meeting dates are 11 March, 13 May, 15 July, 9 September and 11 November.

## **WANSFORD QUIZ NIGHTS**

**Volunteer call:** The organiser of Wansford's popular charity quizzes is hoping that someone will fill her shoes after making the decision to step down. Tink Rush has raised into thousands of pounds for various good causes over the last two years but family commitments are forcing her to take a back seat. The quizzes, held at the Trout Inn by kind permission of landlord Paul Anderson, bring the community together as well as raising money for good causes, which supporters can nominate. The last one, in December raised £445 for Wansford Church.

An entry price covers supper; up to press they have been held every other month and include a raffle. However, this arrangement is not set in stone - Tink is happy to help the new host or hostess, saying: 'I can assist and tell you my format or you can create your own from new.'

Anyone interested can email Tink on [belfast\\_tiger@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:belfast_tiger@hotmail.co.uk) or direct message her via Facebook.

## **WANSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**Annual meeting:** A call for new members has gone out from the Wansford Village Hall committee, which holds its annual meeting on Friday 13 February at 7pm.

The hall, which is home to various groups, needs a regular income to pay all its bills – water, electricity, insurance as well as fund regular maintenance and needs villagers to use and support it as much as they can. If you wish to join the committee, have any suggestions for further use or wish to support in any other way contact Terry Jarvis on [thejarve@googlemail.com](mailto:thejarve@googlemail.com) or turn up at the annual meeting.

**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, the Cloggers group, 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.

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH, WANSFORD**

**New faces:** A new priest-in-charge has been appointed to serve the six churches in the benefices of Nafferton and Hutton Cranswick. The Rev Craig Smith, who is currently in New Zealand, will take up post in March when he and his wife, Sheila, will move into The Vicarage at Hutton. His licensing service is scheduled for Sunday, 22 March at 3pm. As the newsletter went to press the venue was still under discussion; for more up-to-date details see [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

**Carol singing:** The annual carol singing event around the village raised £319.03 for St Mary's Church. Thank you to all who supported in any way and to Paul Anderson and staff at the Trout Inn for refreshments at the conclusion of the three-hour walk from end-to-end of Wansford and back again.

**Lychgate faculty:** As the newsletter went to press the Wansford PCC was awaiting confirmation that the faculty to repair St Mary's lychgate gates had been approved by the York Diocesan Advisory Committee. The repair, to be funded by a direct donation from the Lissett Wind Farm Community Fund, will be carried out by W Calvert Ltd, of North Ferriby, and is expected to take about one month from the faculty being granted.

**Services:** Details of services at St Mary's and throughout the two benefices can be found by searching for Wansford, East Yorkshire, at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

## **OIL CO-OPERATIVE**

**Bulk-buying:** 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, which is a registered charity, negotiates the best price from a range of suppliers. As many suppliers charge a premium price for small orders, this not-for-profit scheme assists householders in budgeting for their fuel. It is a service designed for villages such as Skerne and Wansford which are not on mains gas.

In December, the price achieved was 54.95p per litre against the average normal price per litre of 65p making a saving of £52.76 (inc VAT) on 500 litres.

Membership costs £20 per year. For membership details contact [oil@hwrcc.org.uk](mailto:oil@hwrcc.org.uk) or call 07918 147006 or 01652 638814.

The Skerne and Wansford contact is Billy Waites, of Skerne, whose email is [iswilliam.waites08@gmail.com](mailto:iswilliam.waites08@gmail.com)