

# Nafferton Newsletter

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## **A New Minibus for Nafferton**

By the time this Newsletter falls onto your doormat, Nafferton will have a brand new minibus! Why not be one of the first to make a booking? It will go into service in April and details of hire charges, etc are set out in the enclosed leaflet.

The new minibus is a Mercedes Sprinter which can seat 14 passengers, or seats can be removed to accommodate up to 2 wheelchairs or extra luggage. It is slightly larger than the old 'bus with wider aisles and seats.

The Millennium Committee would like to express its grateful thanks to everyone who helped raise funds for the new vehicle. These include the Langed Rural Community Development Fund, Awards for All, the Nafferton Feoffees Charity Trust, Lloyds TSB and Yorkshire Forward. They all added to the funds already raised by NMC drivers and volunteers who support fundraising throughout the year.

NMC is also pleased to introduce a new recruit. Anne Karam of Carr Lane will be the new minibus co-ordinator, from April. Ray Watts will continue to drive the bus, but will hand over booking responsibility to Anne. We are very grateful to Ray for all his hard work over recent years and hope he will continue as driver for many more to come.

The minibus will continue to transport Tuesday Club members and do the MiBus run into Driffield each Thursday. If you would like to make a booking, please give Anne a call on 07833 528618, and watch out for the new 'bus travelling through the village.

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## **Nafferton 'Childs Play' Group**

**The members of Nafferton 'Childs Play' group, who are in the process of providing a safe play area for under 11's in the village, wish to thank a group of particularly enterprising young people who took part in the Humberside Police Lifestyle project, through Driffield School.**

**The 'Bring It On' lifestyle team of Jessica Johnson (Team Leader), Jonelle Priestley, Bethany Horsley, Georgia Bransby and Olivia Fisher, together with their adult supervisor, Tracey Laughton, raised £305 for Childs Play. They undertook many fundraising events, including car boot and bring & buy sales.**

**With such community-minded young people as this in Nafferton, we can all look forward to the future.**

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## **NMC Race Night**

The Nafferton Millennium Committee thanks most sincerely all those villagers who supported their Race Night on 17 March. Whether you sponsored a race, bought a horse or simply purchased tickets and came to the Village Hall, you will be pleased to know that you helped raise **over £1,000** which will help maintain the new minibus referred to earlier in this Newsletter.

It was a very successful evening with over 100 people trying their luck at backing a winner and congratulations to those who did. It was good to see and hear everyone joining in the fun, cheering their horse on which made for a noisy and, at times, quite electric atmosphere. Just what the Village Hall should be like. Thanks for coming and many thanks to the Committee ladies for providing an excellent supper.

## Nafferton School Healthy Eating Day

Villagers are cordially invited to lunch with the school on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in the School Hall between 11.30am and 1.30pm.

You can choose between :

- Turkey, tuna, cheese or eggs and mixed salad
- Bread/jacket potatoes
- Fruit/yoghurts

Tickets are £2 each from the School Office by 5<sup>th</sup> May. Profits go toward their Adventure Trail.

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## New Housing Developments in Nafferton

In the February Newsletter, there was a piece about the newly-approved houses to be erected on the former Thirsk's Mill site. Together with a second site on Station Road, 97 new houses are proposed. Readers were invited to comment.

In a letter received in response, the writer suggests that whilst traders and businesses will gain, the village would be better off with more light industry rather than more houses. With so little industry, to replace such as the Mill and the Maltings, and perhaps too many houses, the village is in danger of becoming a dormitory community - in other words, sleepy.

Whilst one objection to light industry is a traffic increase, there is little doubt that a further 97 homes will bring far more cars. It would take a great deal of new light industry to match the likely increase in traffic that 97 houses will generate.

As the 2001 Census noted - see also village website for details - each Nafferton household owns, on average, 1.3 cars. So, there is every prospect of another 130 cars travelling along Station Road, Priestgate and the village in general.

Another aspect of the Old Mill development is worrying some villagers. It concerns the footpath which ran **outside** the boundary fence of the mill. It appears that the developer has brought the path **inside** the boundary, hence it may be lost forever..

Enquiries of East Riding Council have failed to clarify the status of the footpath or indeed who owns the field adjacent to the site. Nafferton Parish Council have also taken the matter up and are attempting to establish ownership of the land.

So, if you have any knowledge of or information on the footpath, especially long-time residents of the village, perhaps you would let the Newsletter know.

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## Village Activities

Among the many and varied organised activities in the village, readers may care to note the following which are already established.



# NAFFERTON WORLD OF YOUTH

**Youth Workers :** Having received a grant from the Local Network Fund, we have appointed an assistant youth worker, Kirsti Eling. As a result, East Riding of Yorkshire Youth services are providing a youth worker, Richard Walton. Both are very experienced working with young people and have many ideas for activities and sessions.

**Volunteers Needed :** Despite the above appointments, there is still a need for volunteers as the number of young people attending is increasing. If you are interested or know of anyone would like to experience working with young people and can give a regular commitment, even if it is just one evening a month, please contact Jean Towers on 01377 254763.

**Please Note : From 4<sup>th</sup> April, meetings will be held on Tuesday nights in the Village Hall at the usual time of 7 - 9pm.**

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## Protecting Grass Verges : A Plea to Drivers

It's that time of year when many grass verges in the village are being reduced to muddy strips. Whilst much of the damage is caused by commercial vehicle drivers who are passing through or making deliveries, all drivers are asked to take more time and care and not drive onto verges. Muddy, torn verges will do Nafferton no favours when the village in bloom spring judging takes place in the near future.

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## Combined footpath/cycleway : Nafferton to Driffield

Readers will be aware that the path from Nafferton to Driffield is now a shared footpath/cycleway. The Parish Council has written to the local authority requesting the appropriate signage to be put in place to show this.

Horse riders are reminded that the Highway Code states that 'you (riders) must **not** take a horse onto a footpath, pavement or cycle track'.

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## Village Website

**The village website - [www.nafferton.net](http://www.nafferton.net) - includes lots of useful information : coming events, village statistics, Parish Council minutes, a directory of organisations and businesses and much, much more. BUT, its success does depend on you helping the team to keep it up to date. The 'contact us' page is the way to do it, or e-mail [info@nafferton.net](mailto:info@nafferton.net) or you could simply call John Allred on 01377 249551.**

**There is also a news page on the site for you to send the team anything you want others to know. And there is space for comment on items read and, soon, you will be able to send in pictures. These are all ways to keep Nafferton a buzzing village!**

<p>This issue edited by Geoff Hall with grateful thanks to all contributors. Contributions for the June issue to Ken Carter, 5 Westgate Meadows (254553) by 15<sup>th</sup> May please.</p>
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