

NAFFERTON NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Our centenary celebration was a great success, and we are immensely grateful to all those who took part, supported us or helped in any way.

The weather was a little challenging - torrential rain at 11.15 a.m. when we were trying to set up the field did not help. Wolds Gym Club deserve a special mention in that they literally brought their floor with them; they managed to get, just before the builders merchant closed, large plastic sheets that they placed below the gym floor from the club. It was a great benefit to Driffield Karate club and the Wolds Academy of Dance who also used the floor for their performances. The arena events culminated with all the children performing routines that Rebecca Howley had taught them especially for the performance.

We had a huge range of stalls, everything from Punch and Judy with our very own puppet master Mr Buckley, to archery run by Archery of the East Riding. There were special cream teas in the canteen; Mrs Blackburn had been making scones since before 9 a.m. in the morning to ensure they were fresh.

The school was open, with a special display in the hall of old and new photos, the school log books and lovely displays of the children's work based around the theme of the school being a hundred years old.

Thanks should also go to some special musicians and former pupils: Bridie Stagg and her band "Organized K-hos" who opened the afternoon (yes I know the spelling is interesting), the bell ringers (many of whom had been pupils at the school) who announced the start of the afternoon by ringing the church bells, and present pupils in the form of the steel band who always raise the spirits with their wonderful playing.

The steel band also played in the evening at North Hall at Driffield School. I am so delighted that we decided to do the evening performance at the secondary school, as we

would not have managed to accommodate such a large audience in our own school hall and some people would have been disappointed. It was also nice to have so many former pupils performing songs, dance and instrumental pieces: to have, for example, brothers from the same family, but different schools playing in the same concert. I think it was an important message for the children of Nafferton to see what they can aspire to. The evening ended with some astounding dancing choreographed by Rebecca Howley, again a former pupil.

Thank you to everyone who helped with prizes, time and support. A special mention should go to Mrs Burtenshaw who has directed generations of musicians, Mrs Bray who has choreographed generations of dancers, Miss Guild, who directed the day and ensured that we had all bases covered and Mrs Hammond who provided the behind-the-scenes support that made the day go smoothly.

The objective of the day was to provide a culmination to our work this year on our centenary and to provide an opportunity for those who do not usually have the chance to visit the school to come and see the building from their youth and, if they were really lucky, a picture of themselves in shorts!

We did however also raise some money, a terrific £1000 from the afternoon and £458 from the evening performance. We have already spent most of the money on a new portable sound system, with the remainder going into the school fund to support trips. As a school we run lots of trips: a trip to Jorvik is already booked for the autumn term and we always support these from school funds. Whilst mentioning money, I would also like to thank the Parish Council for their generous support in our special year and their £500 cheque that helped us pay for special centenary mugs and our day out to Bridlington Spa earlier in the year.

Duncan Baird - Headteacher

ABOUT THE NAFFERTON NEWSLETTER

With this issue (No 75) we felt now would be an appropriate time to give our readers an update on how, every two months, the Newsletter is prepared and distributed to all 1130 homes in the village and to outlying farms and dwellings.

In its present form, the Newsletter has been going out for some 13 years and in all weathers. In its origin, it was the initiative of two Nafferton ladies – Vanna Homan and Heather Winn – and whilst Vanna has since moved away, Heather is still very much with us in Nafferton.

To produce a Newsletter you need **editor/compilers**: we have three, Nicola, Sheenagh & David, and they take it in turn to prepare the Newsletter for the printers. Needless to say we are very grateful to those three but at this stage we must not forget the **contributors**, (they are the ones who provide the news) for without them, there would be no news in the first place.

So the Newsletter is a good way for village organisations to 'spread the word' as the success of the recent village 'Scarecrow Festival' demonstrates. Having obtained sufficient copy from the contributors, each draft issue is proof-read and then sent to the printers.

Within a couple of days or so we collect the bulk order from the printers and this is where the **co-ordinators** get busy with folding the Newsletters and sorting them into batches, ready to pass on to our worthy **distributors** and there are more than 40 of you ensuring every resident gets a copy.

The *co-ordinators* currently are Tony Shingles, John Gledhill and Peter Montgomery. Tony, who has been involved from the outset and from day one, will have folded about a third of every issue, batched them and then delivered them to the *distributors* in his section of the village, but he would now like to stand down. John and Peter, the remaining *co-ordinators* have accepted his decision and wish to record on behalf of the whole village, grateful thanks to Tony for his support, patience, and good humour over those 13 years. Sadly we have no medal to offer but a lot of fun moments to remember. We are pleased to welcome Laurence White who has agreed to replace Tony as a Nafferton Newsletter *co-ordinator*. Welcome Laurence.

NAFFERTON WEB SITE

The small group running Nafferton web site on behalf of our Parish Council is looking for new members to join them to improve representation of our village and its activities. Our group already has people with IT skills but we especially need a person with design ability to tidy up the appearance of the information. We should also welcome anyone who is good at collecting and managing information (you could say someone who knows the village gossip and who can organise it). Our current editor is hoping to pass the job on before too long.

We feel that the site is under-used by the village. We can offer **nafferton.net** email addresses for officers of village organisations. This can protect their personal email addresses. We can host documents and forms, as we have with the scarecrow competition's application form. We can also host booking systems, for example for the recreation club and minibus. It is also possible to offer mechanisms for feedback and responses to questions from ideas put forward by our Parish Council and other organisations.

We already provide a newsfeed service enabling users to have village news items sent to them automatically. This can easily be extended to include other items such as the village Newsletter. The site can similarly act as a central hub to co-ordinate Facebook, Twitter and YouTube from other village organisations. The website also has the ability to host many forms of content, from documents, images, surveys and videos.

For details contact John Allred 01377 249551 or contact us using the contact form on our web site **nafferton.net**.

WHO LOOKS AFTER OUR VILLAGE?

Nafferton is a civil parish with a Parish Council made up of villagers who will volunteer their time guided by a professional Parish Clerk. Our Council manages some things directly, e.g. our playground, the Nafferton Recreation Club (our Parish Council is the sole Trustee) and our Mere. It also has considerable powers of representation on behalf of our village on town and country planning, highways, drainage, transport, policing and the general environment. It has a budget to which we all contribute through the Council Tax. Our unpaid Councillors are generous with their time and skills doing the many jobs which keep our village working well (see the information on our web site **nafferton.net** under Parish Council).

So please don't say "they" should do something but think hard if you could give some of your time to become a Parish Councillor. There are vacancies at present which can be filled by co-option – unless so many volunteer that an election has to be called (and that hasn't happened in living memory).

NAFFERTON NEEDS YOU. How about it? **John Allred** (not a Parish Councillor).

ASPECTS OF VILLAGE LIFE

From time to time the Newsletter receives letters from individual village residents. What follows gives a flavour of our post bag. Elsewhere in the Newsletter we read of community spirit, voluntary action and large sums raised for good causes. By contrast, individuals who write to us are often prompted by anger or sadness, so it is a pleasure to start on a positive note.

LITTER: we have been told that one particularly public spirited gentleman, who lives at the north end of the village, picks up the litter from both sides of the street every morning on his way to collect his morning newspaper from the Post Office. As a result, the village is neater, tidier and more attractive. Our grateful thanks go to this person, who prefers to remain anonymous.

Similarly remaining anonymous are the people who drop the litter in the first place, presumably because they are unaware that, on their way to their no doubt spotlessly tidy home, they will almost certainly pass a litter bin, helpfully provided by East Riding Council. We use the term "unaware", but littering is not an unconscious act: it requires a conscious decision, and involves expending effort. Recently somebody left an empty soft drinks bottle standing upright on the pavement outside the Village Hall: the energy they used up bending over to do this was about the same as would have been involved in taking the six steps across the road to the litter bin.

STOLEN FLOWERPOTS: a correspondent writes - *I just thought I should raise a small issue of one of our flower pots being stolen from the outside of our house. We had two outside the house, one either side of the front door, like most*

houses in the village do, but at some point on Friday 20th June in the evening to Sat 21st the pot went missing. This letter concludes with a sentiment that our correspondents often express: *I am shocked and somewhat disappointed that this has happened in such a lovely, friendly village.* This is by no means the first incident of its kind; it may be significant that these thefts often seem to occur late on a Friday night.

CAR DAMAGE: another correspondent, who also begins by commenting on the friendliness of the village, says - *about a month ago we got a shock when we came out one morning to find that another vehicle had hit the offside front wing and caused quite a bit of damage. The person who caused the damage did not leave a note on the windscreen, or contact us to say they were responsible. Also, about a week before this damage occurred, we found that something had collided with the nearside rear wheel arch and caused a dent. This meant that somebody on the pavement must have been the culprit, such as a child on a scooter or bicycle. Again nobody came forward to say it was their fault.* Once again this is not an isolated incident. It is almost impossible to cause physical damage to a parked car and not be aware that you have done so.

BONFIRES: our final letter comes from the parents of a very small child, who complains about the thoughtlessness of people having bonfires on warm windy nights when people have to have their windows open. There are strict rules governing what you may burn, when and where: if you are in any doubt, visit the website <https://www.gov.uk/garden-bonfires-rules>.

NAFFERTON IN BLOOM

Nafferton in Bloom is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. From a humble beginning when three villagers decided to brighten up the village like the acorn and the oak tree Nafferton in Bloom has been growing ever since. It now has many community volunteers who work hard to ensure the village is filled with colour. Working to inspire the next generation of green fingers is important too with the scouts and under 5s being among the keen members of the group.

Nafferton in Bloom has been the winner of a numerous accolades over the years and now awards its own annual trophies. The winners of these for 2014 were presented on Saturday July 5th and are:-:

The Londis Trophy for the business with the best floral display on its premises within the village of Nafferton – *winner* THE STAR INN, *highly commended* NAFFERTON POST OFFICE, THE CROSS KEYS INN.

The Nafferton Feoffees' Trophy for the best floral display at private dwellings without front or side gardens within the village of Nafferton – *winner* STUART CAPES, 23 Westgate, *highly commended* JUNE STEPHENSON, 17 Coppergate, JO ANDERSON, 15 Middle Street.

The Primepak Foods Competition. Presentations of the trophy and certificates were made by Richard Johnson of Primepak. Planting a pot or a tray - *winner* JONTY GRAVIL, 2nd HANNAH GREEN, 3rd HENRY GRAVIL, *commended* JESSICA WARDLE. Poster competition advertising Nafferton in Bloom 25 Years – *winner* JASMINE Yr1/2 Nafferton School, 2nd OLIVIA SHEFFIELD Yr2 Nafferton School, 3rd ALFIE JONES, *highly commended* HARRIET LANE, Under 5's, ALAYNA CHRISTINA NOVAK.

Nafferton in Bloom has marked their 25 year milestone by providing the village with new commemorative planters. This was made possible by generous sponsors including Feoffees, BATA Mr C Beevers, Cherry Valley Livestock Mr A Storey, Michele Hopkins: Acupuncturist, Lavender Court Residential Home, Blue Bell Inn for William Taylor deceased, Londis Central Stores Kevin and Lynda Rafferty, Mustard Seed Craft Club Jan Holman, Northern Rail, The Estate of Mr and Mrs Pickering, Tony Shingles, Peter Hurrell and all the hard working fundraisers.

NAFFERTON SHOW

Nafferton 75th Open Show was held on Saturday 12th July in Nafferton Village hall. The event was opened by Mr James Abel.

With over 950 entries in classes of flower, vegetables, cookery, crafts, photography and children's classes of cookery and crafts and handwriting and paintings from Nafferton Village School and Nafferton Under-Fives this was a well supported event. The Village Hall looked fantastic with all the different entries and favourable comments were heard from many who attended the show on the standard of the entries and the new layout of the hall. The event raised over £700 and the show committee wish to thank the judges, and all who entered, supported and helped to carry on the tradition of the village show.

Winners of the individual trophies were

Henry Kitching Perpetual Challenge Cup – KEITH COULMAN
President's Perpetual Challenge Cup – KEITH COULMAN
Nafferton Gardeners Club Trophy – MARGRET SARGENT
Queenie Jakes Memorial Trophy – MARGRET SARGENT
William Pudsey Memorial Trophy – JANE MIZON
Malcolm Jackson Tray – MICHAEL CARTER
Florence Hopper Challenge Cup – MARY HICKS
Cookery Rose Bowl – PETER MURTAGH
Thirsk of Nafferton Challenge Cup – CAROLE SHAW
Councillor C Mitchell Trophy – LIZZY ABEL
Marlene Edgar Trophy – JANE MIZON
Primepak Food Trophy – ELLA DEAN
Mrs D Wingrave Trophy – ELLA DEAN
Children's Cookery Rose Bowl – JAIME LOUTH
Children's Best Decorated Cake Trophy – JAIME LOUTH
Earles Trophy – THE NOVAK FAMILY

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(WE ARE GOING TO JAPAN)

The Nafferton Jamboree Boys would like to thank everyone who has supported them in their fundraising activities for the opportunity of a lifetime. Special thanks go to the Nafferton Millennium Committee, the Feoffees, Nafferton Parish Council, the Mustard Seed Cafe, Primepak Foods and Tussie Mussie vintage crockery hire.

In May we hosted Tea at the Ritz, which earned us £1,200. The village hall was decked out with bunting and the vintage crockery

finished off the look. It was a truly great day, enjoyed by all who took part.

More recently we have held a Dutch Auction in the Bluebell, with grateful thanks to Mandy. Thanks to our wonderful auctioneer Sylvia Brumby; this event raised us £1,150.

We are now getting close to our target sum, and will keep you all posted. Once again, many thanks to everyone who has made donations or helped in any way.

NAFFERTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL

for technical reasons we have not been able to include the report prepared by the Festival organisers in this issue, but hope to include it in the October edition. The report below has largely been compiled from information on the Festival's Facebook page.

The first Nafferton Scarecrow Festival took place on the weekend of 21 & 22 June, and was an outstanding success, attracting nearly 100 entries and raising in excess of £2,000. With so many local and national anniversaries – the centenaries of the outbreak of World War One and the establishment of Nafferton Primary School, and twenty-five years of Nafferton in Bloom – the organisers chose the theme of "Milestones", although entrants were free to choose their own theme if they preferred. The scarecrows were set out throughout the village for the whole weekend and a map provided to show the location of the exhibits, with events and entertainment in the Village Hall and on the school playground. The judges awarded the following prizes:

public vote	THE BOOTH FAMILY	Olaf in Summer
groups category	NAFFERTON WI	WI Lady from the Past
visitor category	CHARLOTTE c/o the Dawson family	Going to Dance at Euro Disney
family category	CHLOE & POPPY SHARP	15 th Anniversary of the Gruffalo
adult category	CHRIS WILDRIDGE	Buzzy the Beekeeper
business category	LAVENDER COURT	Wing Commander Johnnie Johnson

Congratulations to the organisers and the competitors for a thoroughly professional event, which will hopefully become a regular village happening. There are many photographs on the Nafferton Scarecrow Festival Facebook page, as well as an entertaining video on YouTube entitled "Bill & Ben visit Nafferton".

Nafferton Millennium Committee have decided to invest in a community Apple Crusher and Press. The scarecrow event in the village gave us the opportunity to demonstrate the equipment and the interest it generated was fantastic. We shall be holding a Community Apple juicing event at the School on a weekend in October. So if you are interested and want to find out more please email timpratt376@btinternet.com

THE BRANCH

The Branch provides a venue in the Methodist schoolroom for people to meet together socially on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. People come to do craft work and to share their skills - card making, needlecraft, knitting, and preparing charity shoe boxes at Christmas. Others come to play Scrabble and some just to chat.

Thanks to a successful bid to the Lissett Wind Farm Fund in 2013, high quality laptops and a printer are available for use by all, and a paid

computer expert attends each Thursday, delivering training on an individual basis.

From September, thanks to the East Riding Connecting Communities Fund, the tutor will continue to offer IT support. Why not come along and learn on the laptops available or bring your own, if you are having difficulties? It's free! The Branch will be closed throughout August, but will be back in session from 4th September when Christine Murray will be giving a jewellery-making demonstration. **Geoff Ormerod**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our Parish Council chairman, Alan Fassnidge, is currently in hospital. We wish Alan a speedy recovery, and until further notice our Vice-chairman Gary Lavis will take over his role.

Congratulations to the Under-5s Scarecrow Festival organisers and all the village organisations that supported the event. The outcome of all the effort and imagination put in was fantastic, but just as important was the corporate fun which families and friends experienced whilst making their entry. We hope that this will be the beginning of an annual village event.

The first of the holiday fun days has just taken place at the Recreation Club. Thank you to all who supported the occasion and for all your suggestions for future activities. Forthcoming events include: Multi-Sports Type Session – Tuesday 26 August, 1 – 3pm. We hope that children and adults will turn out to play.

Stay & Play Session – Wednesday 27 August, 11.30am – 1pm (organised by Drifffield Cricket Club). This session will include the Toy Library.

Hard Tennis Courts – these are available for recreational use when the Tennis Club do not require them.

Just For Fun – are you interested in netball, hockey, tennis, 5-a-side football, biking, running, cricket, boxing, or indoor activities such as Bridge, whist, bingo, or discussion groups? Contact Beverley Pickering (272272) with all your ideas.

Finally, the Parish Council extends a warm welcome to Revd Brian Lees, who has now been formally licensed as Priest-in-Charge of All Saints Nafferton with St Mary's Wansford. *Beverley Pickering*

The Newsletter also extends a warm welcome to Revd Brian Lees on behalf of the village, and we look forward to the resumption of contributions to our columns from our churches after the summer break.

BELLRINGING NEWS

It has been a busy time for the Nafferton Bellringers in the last few weeks with ringing for numerous events and visiting other towers taking place. Margaret attended the annual Scarborough and District Branch outing that took place in May and she enjoyed ringing in 5 different towers which included Hamphwaite, Addingham, Gargrave and others; she had a fantastic full day of ringing.

Two members also visited the Beverly Minster and again had another really good night of ringing at a lovely historical Minster.

Other events we all rang for included the D-day 70th anniversary and the 100 year celebration of Nafferton Primary School, this took place on the 28th June and the bells were rung to mark the start of the celebrations. Also for the start of the Tour Dr France a two minute ring rang out across the region and the Nafferton Bellringers all joined in to mark this fantastic occasion.

If you want to join our team of Bellringers contact **Paul Pickering** (tower captain) on 07917391052

WI NEWS

We very much enjoyed taking part in the Scarecrow Festival and were delighted to win first prize in the Group category. Well done, the Under Fives team, we had a lovely weekend. Our July speakers also provided a treat - husband and wife team, the Richardsons, mystified us with 'The woman who didn't exist' which turned out to be family history. The talk was thoroughly researched and beautifully illustrated and presented. It kept us fascinated all the way through and we immediately booked them for their second talk.

There is no meeting in August but the annual trip will take place, this year to Wakefield and Nostell Priory. After the summer break we will be gearing up again for a talk on 'Hot deserts' (or is this a misprint for Hot desserts; I do love my puddings!) and more family history. The biggest challenge will be the Group Rally which this year will have a vintage theme and we are already racking our brains for that. Do you fancy coming to join in the fun? Then contact Rhoda Berry on 272629 for further details. We would love to see you.

This issue of the Newsletter was edited by David Cooper. As always, a big thank you to all who contributed. The October issue will be edited by Sheenagh Austin – telephone 252039 – or you can send copy by e-mail to newsletter@nafferton.net. Please send your copy by **15 September 2014**. In the meantime, please visit www.nafferton.net to keep abreast of village news and events.