



It was Party Time in Poppleton



In case you've forgotten, the beginning of May was hit by Coronation fever and Poppleton par-
tied as only Poppleton can - at The Centre, on
The Green and at home. It was fantastic to see



The Ceilidh was a great family
party

nearly 200
people of
all ages
kick off the
weekend's
coronation
celebrations
in the village
with lots of
dancing and
laughter at
The Centre
Coronation

Ceilidh. Great to see everyone together having
such a good time - which they did again on the
night of the Coronation itself. Hundreds turned out
on a damp and drizzly evening to watch dancing
by the superb Lisa Marie Performing Arts and join
in with the Village Choir and the Proms. Popple-
ton's Young King and Queen were crowned and
after the beacon was lit many stayed on to enjoy
Les Vaughan's Jubilee Band. Thanks to everyone
who sent photos of the weekend which are inside
and sorry if we didn't have room for yours!

Latest Centre Development Plans

Inside, too, you'll find up to date details of the
plans to develop The Centre, amended and
phased to match the Trustees' anticipated access
to grant funding, which in today's financially chal-
lenged world is ever more difficult to come by.

If you would like to find out more about
this come along to the Centre Update Meeting on
15 June - which is being held in place of the Trust
AGM. More info inside on Page 4.

Stuart Robson

Long serving Chairman of Upper Poppleton Par-
ish Council, Stuart Robson, has announced his
'retirement' from the Council. Stuart has been a
great supporter of The Centre over the years and

his understanding of the
role that the community
centre plays in village life
and the need for the Parish
Council to provide financial
support when necessary
has undoubtedly helped to
make The Centre the suc-
cess it is today. So "Thank
you" Stuart, for everything
you have done for the vil-
lage.

Enjoy the Summer

On behalf of everyone
at the Centre we hope to
see you over the Summer
and wish you a wonder-
fully warm and sunny few
months.

What's On in Poppleton

Thursday 15 June
CENTRE UPDATE MEETING
Replaces the Trust AGM - all welcome

Friday/Saturday 16/17 June
POPPLETON BEER FESTIVAL
At Millfield Lane Community Pavilion

Saturday 1 July
**ST LEONARD'S HOSPICE
FUNDRAISER**
Millfield Lane, See Page 7

Saturday/Sunday 29/30 July
**YORK PHOTOGRAPHIC
SOCIETY EXHIBITION**
At The Tithe Barn

Saturday 19 August
POPPLETON VILLAGE SHOW
On The Green. See Page 11

Weekend 26-28 August
ART IN THE BARN
Poppleton's Art Show

Tuesday 5 September
POPPLETON ARTS MEETING
At The Centre

Weekend 9/10 September
SCARECROW TRAIL
All round the village

Wednesday 4 October
HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING
The Vikings are coming!

Sunday 5 November
**BONFIRE & FIREWORK
SPECTACULAR**
Tickets on sale in October

Friday 17 November
CHRISTMAS MARKET
At The Centre

Sunday 25 November
**PETER & MILLIE'S
WINTER BALL**
Charity Event. See Page 9



The Trustees of Poppleton Community Trust
invite you to a

Centre Update Meeting (formerly the AGM)

on Thursday 15 June 2023

at 7.30pm

at the Poppleton Centre

to provide an update on the past year, finances, plans for
development of The Poppleton Centre and to hear your views

Meet the Trustees

Poppleton Community Trust

The Poppleton Centre is managed by Poppleton Community Trust, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission under Number 1201611. The charity is charged with looking after this excellent community facility on your behalf, along with Centre Manager Beth Kirkham and her team. The current Trustees, below, were all appointed in 2023, each serving for a specified number of years, and are always open to receiving your comments and suggestions.



Chairman Robin Tomlinson is a trained Mechanical Engineer previously working in the Power Industry. He and his wife Sue were members of the original working group in 1972 which raised funds to build The Centre, Tennis Courts and Bowling Green. Robin was the Chairman of the Trust when it opened some 26 years ago and fills that role for the sixth time now.



Allen Jones. Now retired, Allen worked in the electrical industry for over 40 years, mainly in sales. He has lived in Poppleton for over 30 years and was formerly Chairman for three years.



Vice Chairman Warwick Spencer moved to Poppleton in 2011 after working abroad for several years for a specialised container leasing company. He joined the Trust in 2013 and has two young children who particularly love Poppleton tennis Club and Poppleton Tigers.



Emma Lawer grew up in Poppleton, moving back with her family in December 2017 after moving around the UK for a number of years due to her husband's job. Now settled in one place, she works in HR in local government and has two boys.



Treasurer David Richardson and his wife, Faye, have lived in the village for over 25 years and have two sons at local schools. A chartered accountant by profession, he joined the Trust early in 2020 just before lockdown and has played a key part in managing Trust finances through these difficult times.



Trevor Lawson. A retired Chartered Surveyor who has lived in Poppleton for over 40 years. Assisted with the building of The Poppleton Centre, the development of the tennis courts and the café/bar. Currently keeping a watching brief on the insurance and utility costs.



Tim Bowers has lived in the village since 2005; was married at St. Everilda's to his wife Mandy, son attended Ousebank and now at Manor. Tim is a Chartered Civil Engineer delivering sizable Civil Engineering projects for local authorities and Highways England. He enjoys all aspects of the outdoors and village life.



Chris Starling retired in 2019 having been a project analyst at Aviva working around the UK. He became a Centre Trustee in 2023. He and wife Clare relocated to Poppleton in 2007. They enjoy hills, jogging, kayaking, and when he follows cricket she is an amateur jeweller.



Allie Campbell is a former lecturer in Sports Science. She currently sits on the Board of Directors at Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust and also coaches swimming. Allie moved to Poppleton in 2012 with her husband and young daughter who all love village life.



Mike Walter has lived in the village since 2006. He is General Manager of GWE Biogas based in Driffield, a member of the Institute of Leadership and Management and has lived in the village since 2007, is married to Hazel (who was born in the village) with a grown up son and daughter



Michael Crome has lived in the village since 1984. He has been retired from the Police and CPS since 2016. He is a past President and Captain of Poppleton Bowls Club and coaches/assists with the green's maintenance. Other hobbies include woodturning, DIY and his allotment. He co-ordinates the annual Bonfire Spectacular.



Helen Williams has lived in Poppleton since 2016 and was part of Poppleton Play, the group of local parents who fund-raised for the new playground. Her two sons go to Poppleton Ousebank. Helen is involved in our fundraising and hopes to secure some grants to extend and develop the Centre.



June Hardy. After June took early retirement from teaching she came to live in Poppleton and began painting as a hobby. She is now Chairman of Poppleton Artists Exhibition and exhibits widely. She has been a Trustee of The Centre for nine years.



Bob Wood moved to Poppleton with his wife Marion in 1998 and retired in 2006 having been in Marketing all his working life. He now helps Beth with marketing The Centre and has produced Centre-piece and other Centre promotional material for the past fifteen years.

and the Centre Team



Centre Manager, Beth Kirkham moved to Poppleton when she was 12, left to go to university and returned when she was 22 with husband Simon. After a career with Unilever she became a child-minder while bringing up their son and daughter. Beth has been managing The Centre since 2014.



Centre Assistant Barry Moss supports Beth part-time after a 34 year career teaching in London and York. Born in Stockton-on-Tees, he and his wife Lynn moved to Stamford Bridge, then to Poppleton in 1988. Their three children went to Poppleton Ousebank and Manor Schools.



Minutes Secretary Marina Robson Raised in Harrogate, Marina moved to the village two years ago with husband Richard and their twin boys. Marina is an academic administrator at a local independent school, and keeps the Trustees on the straight and narrow with agendas and minutes, as well as careful proofreading of Centrepiece!



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Coronation Weekend in Poppleton

The Coronation Ceilidh at The Centre, brilliantly organised by Beth Kirkham, started the celebration weekend.

The Coronation Ceilidh was a fun start to the weekend celebrations



Photos courtesy of Yvonne Methley, Beth Kirkham, Linden Richardson, Janet Bayley, Claire Oaten and Bethany Rackham.



Despite some showers, in excess of 400 people, including Amy Garcia and the BBC Look North team doing an early evening feature live, assembled on the Green for a memorable evening, writes *Stuart Robson*.

The Jubilee Band, led by local musician Les Vaughan were wonderful, all aided by Mark Johnson's sound system, while Lisa Marie Performing Arts Group were spectacular.

Following the Poppleton Choir and the crowning of our Junior King, Alex Logan and Queen, Phoebe Roderick, by the Vicar, Rev Simon Biddlestone, the crowd, led by choir leader Liz Linfoot, joined in with impressive singing of the National Anthems of all the UK countries, commencing with the Flower of Scotland played by Poppleton's own bagpiper Andy Graham.

A wonderful night, illuminated by the lighting of the Poppleton Beacon and my thanks go to all those who helped including The Lord Collingwood, The White Horse, Scout leaders, both Parish Councils, Joe Savage and The Poppleton Centre.



The village choir and piper Andy Graham kick off the anthems



David, Henry, Steve and Charles ready to party on The Green



Janet Dixon says "Cheese"



Harper Methley relaxes after singing in the choir



Lionel Goodrick, coronation ready at The Lemon Tree!



Ready for a pizza party



Royal Scarescrows in the ginnel alongside Hudson Moody



Bethany Rackham's coronation funfetti cake from the Pear Tree Avenue street party!

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Revised Plans for Development Project



Trustees continue to work on the planned development of The Centre to cope with existing demand and, as the Miller Homes estate on the Civil Service site grows apace, the need to anticipate the growth of the villages over the next few years.

Planning Permission

As reported previously, it has become evident that the cost of the project means that we will have to approach it in three phases, broken down in such a way that we believe we can access appropriate funds provided from the Trust's own resources and from grant aid. On behalf of the Trust, Paul Butler Architects have now applied for planning permission for the whole project which will then be implemented in three stages.

Phase 1: Two New Rooms

Essentially Phase 1 will be the creation of two new adjoining spaces on top of the Dodsworth and Maypole Rooms accessed by stairs and a lift from a foyer below. A toilet and small kitchen facility will be included. Access to the an-

nexe that this creates will be through double doors along the side of the building. This will enable the rooms to be put to use as soon as that phase finishes as they will be totally self-contained and will enable the Trust to start to generate additional income to help finance the project.

Phase 2: The Café

Phase 2 may need to wait for further funding but will be implemented as soon as possible after the completion of Phase 1. This will then allow us to move forward with one of the key issues that was identified in the survey carried out last year (reported in the September issue of Centrepiece) - the expansion and refurbishment of the Poppleton Social.

Phase 3: The Library

Phase 3 will hopefully be the addition of space for Explore, Poppleton library, to move into The Centre. This, again, will be dependent on available finance but both the Trustees and Explore management are very keen for this element of the development to move forward.

New Constitution



As reported previously, Poppleton Community Trust had been advised to change from an unincorporated trust to become

a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. That change has now gone through the Charity Commission with the result that the new trust was formed as from 17 January 2023. Trustees have been through the formalities of transferring the assets of the old trust to the new, which was authorised by the Charity Commission with effect from 30 March 2023.

Village Meeting

One of the major changes to the constitution of the Trust as a CIO is that previously all residents of the two villages were automatically eligible for election as Trustees at an Annual General Meeting, which was usually held in June. As a CIO new Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees, who will ask for nominations as and when necessary. Details of the current Trustees are on Page 3.

The Constitution of a CIO therefore does not require a formal AGM but Trustees have opted to continue the principle of holding an annual meeting each year anyway to encourage a two-way conversation with 'the village' in a relatively formal setting. Through that meeting and through Centrepiece, Trustees want to continue a free-flow of information so that The Poppleton Centre will always do its best to fulfil the needs of the village.



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As the turnover of The Poppleton Centre gets ever closer to the threshold for VAT registration, and with the development project coming closer to fruition, Trustees are reviewing the ramifications of the Trust registering for VAT. Considerable work has been undertaken already and guidance is being sought from professional advisors.

We hope to publish more about this in the next few months.



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Upper Poppleton Parish Council News

From Stuart Robson



Stuart Robson

All Change

This is my last contribution as Chairman of UPPC as after 14 years on the Council, 10 as Chairman, I have decided not to stand for election on 4 May. Three others of my Council are not standing due to various personal reasons including health, and perhaps the ageing process, and I want to thank Roper Langford, Robin Garland

and Rae Youngman for their massive contributions.

Fortunately we have been replaced by a splendid quartet of Ian Clark, William Hall, Sue Tomlinson and Richard Robson. I am sure they will contribute new ideas and enthusiasm to add to those who are already standing making up the total complement of nine.

Work Continues

I regret some items have not been completed during my term of office, in particular getting the railway authorities to release the land by the level crossing to create more station parking. However with the assistance of Julian Sturdy MP, efforts will continue.

Also the Council will be keeping an eagle eye on any proposed developments on the Blair Gowrie site in Main Street. Despite rumours to the contrary, I am assured by the land agent for the owners that it currently remains a blank sheet of paper.

Since the last and final meeting of the four yearly cycle, the investigation for the possibility of development of a pond on Chantry Green



Blair Gowrie

has been discussed and voted upon. We put this to a referendum of the whole village declaring that a 66% majority would be required to take this project forward. In the event the voting figures were 56% against and 44% for. Therefore the project, not reaching the required votes, has been abandoned. However I wish to thank the Council's Greens Group, including architect Mike Fining, for all their hard work in proposing and developing an innovative concept, and the 42 voters who volunteered to assist with ongoing maintenance of any possible pond.

Coronation Event



By the time Centrepiece is on the streets, we shall have had a splendid celebration of the King's Coronation, and I would wish to applaud the work of the committee drawn from both Parish Councils for their unstinting efforts to promote this event, and especially Les Vaughan who masterminded the musical part of the evening.



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The Coronation Spring Fete at the Methodist Hall was fun for everyone.

Photos:
Christine Boothman

News from Nether Poppleton Parish Council

From Richard Harper

Chris Stewart



After many years as a member of Nether Poppleton Parish Council it's time to say farewell

a hard act to follow and will be sorely missed. We all would like to wish him well with his move to Copmanthorpe.

In the meantime the rest of the Parish Council will carry on dealing with local issues and working with our Ward Councillors to maintain and improve our local environment.

Joint Parish Council with Upper Poppleton

to Chris Stewart. Chris has always been a vital member of the council and Vice Chair. He has given us an insight into the workings of City of York Council from his wealth of experience. Since I have been a member of the Parish Council Chris has been the one to come up with ideas that have been both practical and interesting. It was his initiative that has driven the tree planting around the village. He also initiated the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award. Chris will be

Both Nether and Upper Parish Councils have discussed grouping the two Parish Councils. A single Parish council, representing both existing parishes, presents an opportunity in terms of efficiency and consistency. Both councils were in favour and we are now identifying the steps that are required to progress this. The first step will be a meeting where we will discuss the key aspects and advantages with the parishioners in order to seek their views. This will take place after the Local Council elections.

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Oyinda Adegbenro, Linden and Thomas Richardson joined a team to celebrate the coronation with a peal of bells at All Saint's Church.

Photo: Linden Richardson



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Art in the Barn is the new name for the Poppleton Artists' Exhibition and Sale, which takes place over the Summer Bank Holiday weekend between 26th-28th August.

More than 30 local artists will show their individual artworks in the historic Tithe Barn. Meanwhile, in the garden, younger visitors can have a go at making their own artistic creations.

There will be a fabulous variety of artwork available to view or to purchase, and a proportion of every sale goes towards the upkeep of the barn.



The show is free and open on Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 5pm and on Monday from 10am until 4pm. Refreshments include homemade cakes.

If you would like to find out how you can exhibit at Art in the Barn, please contact either June Hardy

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No Pond for Chantry Green



Wigginton Village Pond

Upper Poppleton Parish Council recently initiated a project to investigate the possibility of creating a new village pond on Chantry Green. Following a public meeting

and extensive public consultation the Council has decided not to pursue the proposal.

Younger People in Favour

In his report on page 5 UPPC Chairman Stuart Robson comments "We put this to a referendum of the whole village declaring that a 66% majority would be required to take this project forward. In the event the voting figures were 56% against and 44% for". He told us "My view having researched the voting papers was that the older age group were broadly against any change, whilst the younger, ie under approx 40 years old, were broadly in favour. A lot of the younger group also volunteered to assist with ongoing maintenance of any pond project". Reasons against included encouraging rats, danger to children although only three feet deep and even, bizarrely, risk of a car being driven into the pond.

Cllr Robin Garland added "Whilst it was disappointing that the wildlife pond did not get the level of support to enable us to go ahead with it, I was particularly pleased that over 40 people volunteered their help if the project went ahead".

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Rebecca Dixon and Bea Kirkham reckoned it was a brilliant day and so did all the kids who joined in

The Centre Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday turned out to be a huge success. Organisers Rebecca Dixon, Bea Kirkham and Georgia Gray succeeded in raising £750 for their chosen charity, Unseen - working towards a world without slavery. Some 120 people enjoyed searching The Centre grounds for hidden 'eggs', bouncing on the bouncy castle and egg decorating while Beth Bakes Cakes sold gorgeous cup cakes.



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Surgery Update

Following the well attended meeting at The Poppleton Centre in January at which Professor Mike Holmes, Haxby Group chief executive, met with Poppleton residents, we asked him for an update on the situation with our local surgery. This is what he told us.

It Will Remain Open

"I can reiterate that Haxby Group has no plans to close the surgery, contrary to continued rumours. Indeed, we have recently invested more than £40,000 in the building. This work involved work on the top floor of the surgery, creating an improved fire escape, changes to the corridors and stair cases. You may have seen a photographer taking photos of the new developments and we are pleased that the building is much improved.



Mike Holmes

There have been some improvements recruitment-wise, however, we still do not have enough administrative staff to reopen the surgery full days. We are managing to retain more administrative staff which is good. The surgery will therefore continue to open until 12.30pm each day.

We feel there is also an improved relationship between patients and administrative staff at the surgery which is good to hear and I very much hope this will continue to be the case.

Prioritising

We strive to make sure patients with the most urgent need get the care and advice they need quickly. Patients with routine enquiries and those which are non-urgent will not be prioritised above those which are seen as urgent. This is the case across all our patients, so some patients will have to wait longer than others, depending on their condition.

Recruitment Still a Problem

I'm afraid to say that the pressures on recruitment continue to affect the whole of the country and indeed the world. We need to make sure our existing workers stay in the NHS and moreover, that we can deliver the level of healthcare that is now both expected and demanded by our patients.

We sometimes take things for granted and the NHS has fallen into that category. We have heard very loudly in the past that general practice is the cornerstone of the NHS – I hope that this cornerstone is not eroded away as NHS budgets are slashed again this year".

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Poppleton Village Show 2023

Free Show programmes available in The Poppleton Centre reception and around the village. Show your skills with flowers, fruit and vegetables or handicrafts, flower arranging and baking.

No entry fees but £20 prizes and a £50 prize for Best in Show.

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NEW baking class for 12-Year-olds and Under
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Monday 29th May Children's Sports Day

Visit our stall, play "Spin the Wheel" and buy Show Raffle Tickets for the chance to win Two Jet2 flight tickets and other prizes.

Thursday 17th August at 12.00 noon

Deadline for submission of entry forms.

Friday 18th August - 7.00 – 8.00pm

Receipt of show entries.

SHOW DAY - Saturday 19th August

9.00-10.30am - Receipt of show entries.

11.00 - 13.00 – Judging.

13.00 – Brass Band, Stalls, Fun Dog Show, Vintage Cars and Motorbikes.

16.15 – Winners of show and raffle prizes announced in the New Methodist Hall.

17.00 – Clear exhibits.



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News from Poppleton Sports Clubs

Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club News from Hilary Spencer

Busy Month

It's been a busy month in the Singles rating ladder with Johnny Hampton winning an incredible seven matches. Gareth Ware, Stephen Mann, Leila Bull and William Howard have also climbed the 35 rung ladder which sees Jack Lewis at the top.

Poppleton Junior Easter Camps were very busy. The ever popular Summer camps will be from July 31st to August 4th and August 21st to 25th. For more details please text Belinda.

Junior groups are on
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
4-5pm **Mini Tennis Red.**

Tuesday 4-5pm, Thursday/Friday 5-6pm
Mini Tennis Orange.

Friday Junior night 6-7pm.

Performance group U16 Tuesday 5-6pm.

Club futures-performance Saturday 1-6.30pm.

Men's/Women's group Saturday 10-11am

Rusty Raquets Thursday 9.30-10.30 (full)

Fridays 10.39-11.30(also now full)

Further details text Belinda 07977331117

On Sunday April 16th Poppleton hosted the York mini tennis league. Teams from Poppleton, David Lloyd York, Pocklington, Fulford and Wigginton competed in Red U8, Orange U9 and Green U10. 40 players took part and had a great time.



Mini Tennis Green players

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For details of all the
activities available at
The Centre see
Page 15

Poppleton Junior FC News from Rich Fox

Time to Celebrate Summer...

Summer's almost here and that can only mean one thing, it's Pop Beer Fest time!

Our team of volunteers are beaver-ing away getting the best beers, ciders and bands together for a terrific festival which this year is on:

Friday 16 June, 4-11pm
Saturday 17 June, 12-11pm

at the football club on Millfield Lane.

Tickets are on sale now from:

JC Barber Shop
Poppleton Social
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The Post Office

and prices have been held at 2022 prices for tickets and for pints of beer and all other drinks.

For more information please check out the Poppleton Beer Festival Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you all soon :)

The Poppleton Beer Festival Organising Committee

More information on our website
www.poppletonjfc.btck.co.uk
or contact Club Secretary Sam Dowson

Poppleton United FC News from Alex Janes

Successful Season

Poppleton have had both a busy and fruitful end to the season in both securing their status in York Premier Division for next season and reaching the Senior League Cup Final. A re-shuffle within the club has seen ex-Selby Town Assistant Jonny Bruce take over the first team manager role whilst The Reserves, under the guidance of outgoing manager Sam Sollitt, secured a respectable 5th place finish in Reserve 'A' Division. Joe Fletcher will take the reins next season. The first team Senior League Cup Final took place on Saturday May 20th (after Centrepiece went to press) at New Earswick Sports Ground and by the time you read this we'll know the result. Crossing our fingers.

Further information from
Alex Janes
alex.janes1@hotmail.com

Poppleton Bowls Club News from Colin Robinson

Season Underway

At last the outdoors bowls season has got underway! The green should have opened on 15th of April but because of the weather it had to be postponed until 22nd. On that day, with decent weather, some thirty plus bowlers enjoyed a fun afternoon of bowls. The official opening of the green was the following week i.e. Saturday 29th April and again there was a good turnout for the "official" opening day.

The Ladies section is in full swing with practise sessions taking place on Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons. The Friday afternoon session held on the 28th was a combined practise and coaching session under the watchful eye of one of the club's coaches, Mick Crome. The Ladies clearly mean business again this year!

On Sunday 30th April the club played its first match in the Tockwith League against Shipton Bowls Club with a very good start to the season, winning all three rinks and garnering the full eight points! Next week the Veterans' League matches commence and the following week is the start of both the Men's and Ladies' Evening Leagues.

As always this friendly club welcomes anyone of any age to come along and have a go. Any Tuesday evening there is club coaching for beginners and improvers. Just turn up for about 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start. Bowls and shoes will be provided. Bowls really is good fun!

For more information contact
Colin Robinson, Secretary

Art Committee

As reported in the March edition of Centrepiece, The Art Committee have renamed their annual exhibition 'Art in the Barn', details of which are on Page 8.

Workshops

They also run workshops throughout the year which are open to all and meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. October to March in the Bowls Pavilion, April to September in the Tithe Barn. The cost of each workshop is £4. For more details please contact June Hardy 07794 536092.



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Youth Club News



Thanks to Bill Topping, facing camera,
for all his help at the club

The club continues to be well patronised, writes Jerry Holland, with up to fifty young people from ages eleven to seventeen attending every Friday evening whatever the weather. It is a traditional type club with members playing pool and table tennis as well as computer games. With the lighter evenings the children are now using the space on the village green for various informal ball games. Rain rarely seems to put them off.

Our article in the last Centrepiece resulted in enquiries from two new local volunteers to help with staffing the club however due to the forthcoming departure of our stalwart volunteer leader Bill Topping to pastures new we are again looking for extra help. Our committee is still in need of grandparents or others to help with the management of the club. The Committee meets about six times a year for about an hour.

If you can help as a volunteer leader or committee member please email Jerry Holland at poppletonyouthclub@ntlworld.com

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Poppleton History Society

News from Julian Crabb

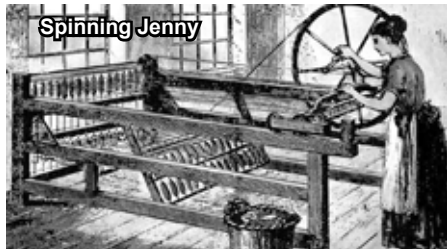
Meeting 1 March 2023 Knitters, Nailers and Traitors – Belper in the Industrial Revolution by David Skillen

If ever a man loved his hometown, it was David Skillen. Belper is 7 miles north of Derby and a market town at the heart of the Derwent Valley Mills Heritage Site. The family of Henry de Ferrers held the land at the time of the Norman occupation. It was first recorded in a charter of 1231 being the property of the First Earl of Lancaster. His chapel of St Thomas was rededicated to St John during the reign of Henry VIII and is still in use. It is the oldest building of the town.



The Old Nailshop in Joseph Street, Belper

Ironstone from coal deposits was used to make nails from the 13th century and some 'Nail' houses are still standing. By the end of the 18th century 500 workshops were supplying nails to the newly built textile mills. Later machinery took over from handmade work with the inevitable revolts.



Spinning Jenny

Jedediah Strutt

Industrialist Jedediah Strutt, a partner of Richard Arkwright, built a water-powered cotton mill in the late 18th century sparking a rapid expansion of the town which became one of the first 'mill towns.' The last one built, the East Mill, in 1913 is now used as part of the town's history. The insurrections against machinery replacing piece working failed to stop progress.

Strutt also patented the 'Derby Rib' stocking for men and as there was plenty of cotton available developed framework knitting. The arrival of the North Midland Railway in 1840 brought further prosperity and Belper was the first place in the country to get gas lighting.

The Traitor of Belper

The traitor of Belper was apparently Samuel Slater. Aged 10 he was already working for

Jedediah Strutt using the water frame pioneered by Richard Arkwright at Cromford Mill. When his father died in 1782 his family indentured him to Strutt and when he reached 21 years he was well experienced. Tempted to America he knew that it was against the law to export designs and so memorised as much as he could, departing abroad in 1789. Hence the name given, 'Slater the Traitor'.



Samuel Slater
made his fortune in
Massachusetts

Committee meeting 17 April

Programme for 2023-2024

Wednesday 4 October 2023

The Viking by Chris Cade

Wednesday 1 November 2023

In Sickness and in Health – Health Care in York through the Ages by Neil Moran
(a repeat owing to a truncation in 2022)

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Newspapers: the Sudan War 1884
and My Ancestor by Robert Blatchford

Wednesday 3 January 2024

Inside China: Living on the Economy in China
by Jane McKeown

Wednesday 7 February 2024

Ripon Cathedral by Godfrey Wilson

Wednesday 6 March 2024

Pilots n' Petticoats: Women Masters of the Skies
by David Skillen

Wednesday 1 May 2024

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Cockfighting and a Personal Story
by Julian Crabb



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Most of these activities are currently running at The Centre - ring contact for more information

Try something new this Summer



Organisation	Days/times (24 hour clock used)	Contact	Contact No
Aiki Jujitsu Club	Monday & Tuesday 18.00-19.30	Paul Brown	07764 370197
Ballet with Miss Gemma	Saturday 09.00-12.00	Gemma Thomaz	07428 644219
Baby Band	Monday 09.00-11.00	Charlotte Hill	07789 005477
Baby Massage	Friday 10.00-11.45	Emily	07791 641134
Badminton	Monday 7-8pm	John Riley	07742 034346
Bowls		Colin Robinson	01904 783281
Bridge Club	Thursday (twice a month) 19.00-22.00	Lesley Holroyd	01904 345657
Ebor Lacemakers	Monday 10.00-14.00	Doreen Griffin	07562 388670
Easy Aerobics	Wednesdays 13.30-14.30	Rachael	07882 076754
Football - Veterans	Friday 19.00-20.30	Pete Moss	07525 655116
Football - All Stars Football Academy	Monday 16.00-19.00; Wednesday 16.00-19.00	Christian Fox	07711 871170
For Modern Mothers/Mum and Baby Yoga	Tuesdays 11.00-12.30; 13.00-14.30	Susan Bradley	07954 238424
Keep Fit - Men	Wednesday 20.00-21.00	John Millington	01904 794455
Lisa Marie Performing Arts	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Call for details	07872 508651
Pilates - Beginners	Tuesday 10.00-11.00 and 19.45-20.45	Gill Crane	07903 756682
Pilates - Intermediate	Tuesday 11.30-12.30	Gill Crane	07903 756682
Poppleton Arts Society	Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 19.30 Sept-June	Richard Beaton	01904 797524
Poppleton History Society	Meet once a month	Julian Crabb	01904 798868
Poppleton Probus	Alternate Wednesdays 10.00-12.00	Paul Sanderson	01904 796958
Poppleton Social	For opening hours check their Facebook page	Sam Gallagher	07869 755083
Rugby Tots	Tuesday 9.30-10.30	Rob Brining	0345 313 6716
Sing and Sign	Thursday 10.00-13.00	Anne Gibbeson	07811 651720
Stretch and Mobility	Mondays 11.30-12.30	Tish Bolton	07850 156555
Tennis - Membership and Enquiries		John Lister	07800 699897
Tennis - Junior and Adult Classes		Belinda Turnbull	01904 750778
Tumbletots	Thursday 10.00-14.00	Hannah Piggott	07734 956997
Walking Netball	Wednesday 10.00-11.00	Maggie Wilson	07989 256345
Yoga	Mon 19.30-21.00; Tues 13.00-14.15; Weds 13.45-15.15	Maureen Payne	01904 861564
York Photographic Society	Wednesday 19.00-21.00	Chris Hart	chrisjhart@sky.com
York Tuition Centre	Wednesday 15.30-18.30	Rachael Holmes	07968049406

Lisa Marie Performing Arts were fantastic maypole dancers at the Coronation Party on the Green

Photo: Beth Kirkham



The White Horse provided food. The Beacon and Les Vaughan's Jubilee Band rounded off the evening.



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Sunday: Closed

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