

Centrepiece

The Poppleton Centre
Quarterly Magazine

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Don't Miss All the Fun



There's a whole lot happening in the months ahead, so go get your diary and start putting things in it now!

Don't Miss

As well as all the regular activities at the Centre and around the village we have all the (scaled down?) pomp and circumstance of the King's Coronation in early May. You can book your table for The Centre's Family Coronation Ceilidh right now (see inside) and the Parish Councils have got together to organise and reprise (but with a much improved sound system so we can all hear the music and choir!) the celebration on The Green - again, see inside for more details. Then, of course, we have an extra Bank Holiday on Monday 8 May, courtesy of King Charles III, and at the end of May it's our old favourite Poppleton Children's Sports Day. And all of that before we get into the holiday season proper.

John Craven



Many in the village were much saddened by the death of John Craven who was an enthusiastic founder member and long-time supporter of The Poppleton Centre. We pay tribute to John inside.

New Trustees

The Trust is delighted to welcome two new Trustees. Helen Williams has been helping our fundraising activity for some while now and has agreed to become a Trustee. Chris Starling also joined at the first meeting of the newly created Charitable Incorporated Organisation (see page 4). At the same meeting, Gemma Lawson tendered her resignation as a Trustee but fortunately agreed to continue her support of The Centre website which is of invaluable help. Many thanks for your commitment to the community centre, Gemma, and welcome to the team Helen and Chris.



New Doors

The side doors of The Centre have long needed replacing and these shiny replacements providing access to The Centre and football changing rooms, were installed in January.

Why is our surgery closed?

Read Haxby Group chief executive Mike Holmes's explanation of why the surgery only opens in the mornings. This follows his presentation to 250 village residents at the Centre in January.

What's On in Poppleton

- Wednesday 1 March
HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING
Knitters, Nailers and Traitors??
- Saturday 4/Sunday 5 March
THE STORY OF WOUNDED UKRAINE IN ART
Fantastic exhibition
- Tuesday 7 March
POPPLETON ARTS MEETING
It'll be scandalous! Don't miss it
- Friday 17 March
COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT
7.00pm at The Centre
- Sunday 19 March
MOTHER'S DAY
Make a fuss
- Saturday 1 April
CITY SNAKES LIVE
Charity fundraiser at The Centre
- Friday 5 May
CORONATION CEILIDH
At The Centre, book a table now
- Saturday 6 May
CORONATION NIGHT ON THE GREEN
Come and join the fun
- Saturday 13 May
MILLIE WRIGHT FUN RUN
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- Monday 29 May
CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY
Always a great afternoon out
- Saturday 19 August
POPPLETON VILLAGE SHOW
On The Green
- Weekend 25-28 August
ART IN THE BARN
Poppleton's Art Show
Coming soon
- WAITROSE AT DOBBIES?**
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BECOME POPPLETON'S JUNIOR KING OR QUEEN CONSORT For the day

To become Poppleton royalty for the day, if you're under 12 years old (on 9th May 2023), all you have to do is design a crown fit for a modern King or Queen Consort.

Simply download the entry form from The Poppleton Centre website or use the QR code here (ask an adult for help if you need to) which will provide you with a crown template/entry form and use that to create your design on a piece of A4 paper. Put your entry in the box at The Poppleton Centre reception by **11pm on Saturday 1st April 2023**.

The winning King and Queen consort will be crowned at the Coronation Night on the Green event so you must be available for that. Good luck, your majesties!



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**John Craven
1935-2022**



John Craven passed away in December last year, writes Robin Tomlinson, and the Trust lost a valued and experienced character from our ranks. You will see from what follows that John's life revolved around medicine, his love of this village and the social and community events which take place here. He didn't just live here, he took a very active part in village life.

Early Life in Medicine

John was born in Liverpool in 1935 and studied medicine at Manchester Medical School (inventing a spurious relative in the medical

profession to help gain entrance!) Pauline and he married in 1961 and following a few years working as a doctor at Manchester Royal Infirmary, they decided to move to Borneo, at the suggestion of Pauline who had learned from a patient about Borneo. However, shortly before their move a civil war in Borneo forced a change of plan and they travelled to live and work in Uganda in 1967.

Whilst in Uganda John was apprehended at gunpoint by the Ugandan army and taken to the infamous Idi Amin's barracks where he was 'invited' to treat Amin's favourite wife... after a little thought he agreed that he had nothing better to do that particular night and agreed to look after the lady, who fortunately made a full recovery.

John remained committed to working in Uganda and gave up time every year to return to a hospital in Northern Uganda to teach and train local doctors and surgeons, which continued every year until 2021.

Returning to the UK in 1971, he took several locum jobs around the UK, eventually settling for a few years in Cardiff before moving to work as a Consultant Surgeon at York District Hospital in 1976. Following his move to live in Poppleton he embarked on several medical lectures throughout the world, as well as writing and editing several medical books and publications, including editing the magazine *Surgery*.

The Cravens in Poppleton

From the family's arrival in Poppleton John and Pauline threw themselves into village life, John being one of the founders and fundraisers of the Poppleton Sports and Social Club (the forerunner of the current Poppleton Community Trust). Pauline was the driving force behind one of the major fundraisers: The Poppleton Garden Trail, which ran annually for quite a number of years. John's involvement with the Centre continued as a Trustee where he played an active role until his death.

After retiring from the NHS in 1994, John and Pauline travelled to live and work as the government surgeon in St. Vincent and The Grenadines, returning to Poppleton in 1996.

As well as being a founder member of Poppleton Arts, he was a councillor on Nether Poppleton Parish Council and a founder member of the charity York Against Cancer.

John's funeral will be a private burial for family members only. This will be followed by a celebration of his life at a date yet to be confirmed later in the year.

His presence will be sadly missed as a Trustee and the Trust and Centre Staff send sincere condolences to Pauline and their family.

NPPC Pays Respects

The Parish Council were also sad to hear the news of the death of John Craven, writes Richard Harper.

John was one of the founder members of the Tennis Club and Community Centre in the 1970s. He was the driving force behind the Diamond Jubilee walk which allows residents and visitors to walk along the Ings of the River Ouse under the railway bridge and along the banks of the river returning along the side of the field near the railway line.

John was also a Parish Councillor for a number of years and ensured the business was carried out in a timely manner.

At a recent Parish Council meeting we decided to dedicate a bench to the memory of John for all the work he has done over the years for the villages of Upper and Nether Poppleton. A plaque stating "This bench is dedicated to John Craven for all the service he has given to Upper and Nether Poppleton villages" will be attached to the new bench near the duckpond.

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Development Project Moves Ahead



Trustees continue to work on the planned development of The Centre to cope with existing demand and the need to anticipate the growth of the village over the next few years.

It is evident from initial costings and from approaches to potential grant funders that the project will be difficult to finance as a single entity. Architect Paul Butler is putting together plans to break the development into three phases which the grant funding group believe will be more likely to be a viable proposition.

Chairman Robin Tomlinson is determined to bring this plan to fruition. "This is a major initiative for the Trust and we are putting considerable energy and resources behind fulfilling our objectives of ensuring that the Poppleton Centre continues to serve the needs of the ever expanding Poppleton community."

We will keep you updated in future issues of Centrepiece and through our ENews mailings. To sign up go to our website poppletoncentre.org.uk.

New Constitution



As reported previously in Centrepiece and at the AGM, Poppleton Community Trust has 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 are now going through the formalities of transferring the assets of the old trust to the new. The charity number of the new trust is 1201611 and the asset transfer is anticipated to happen on 1 April 2023.

Milestone for Barry



Centre Assistant Barry Moss recently celebrated taking part in his 100th Parkrun, a recognised milestone in the Parkrun community.

For those who don't know, Parkrun is an organised, free to enter 5K run/walk, which takes place every Saturday morning in towns, villages and cities all around the country. It started in the UK in 2004 and has now spread to 23 other countries including the USA, Australia and Japan.

Parkruns are for everyone. It doesn't matter whether you run all the way round or whether you walk it. It doesn't matter what age you are, how fast you are. If you want to have a go, you are more than welcome to take part. All you have to do is register on the Parkrun website, print a barcode and then just turn up.

Barry's 100th run was completed at York Racecourse where he has done most of his Parkruns, but he has also taken part in events in other places such as Leeds, Bakewell and Buckingham. He says "That's the beauty of Parkrun. Wherever you are in the country, whether you're on holiday, working or visiting relatives, you can just turn up to a local Parkrun and join in."

A good start for anybody interested would be to just go down and watch one and see what it's like. There are three Parkruns in York. One at the Racecourse, one in New Earswick and another in Heslington. They all start at 9.00am on Saturday mornings.

Planning for Sports Day



The new Sports Day committee, L to R: Anna Park, Becky Skelton, Lucy Ives, Amy Law, Nige Wright, Mark Bartlett, Anita Craig, Joe Savage and Helen Savage. Not pictured: Katrina Blackmore

This year has started with great excitement for the Poppleton Children's Sports Day committee as our AGM took place and we welcomed new members to begin planning the 2023 event. Our chair Amy and her children enjoyed last year so much that she has volunteered to join the committee and help us recreate the magic again this year. It's fantastic to be joined by new people who want to embrace the village spirit which makes Poppleton Children's Sports Day so special. We look forward to bringing you another spectacular Spring Bank Holiday filled with all the usual traditions and much more on Monday 29th May 2023.

Put the date in your diary and keep an eye out for further updates over the next few months. In the meantime we really need more volunteers to help organise the day. We have specific roles such as fundraising, race coordinator and stalls coordinator or we would welcome more general assistance. Please consider if you can help your community to create this special day. Our next meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday 28th February in The Poppleton Social.

The Story of Wounded Ukraine in Art



The Tithe Barn Nether Poppleton

Saturday 4 March

12-7pm

Sunday 5 March

10-5pm

Presentation and video at 2pm on both days



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The stunning exhibition above is organised by Oksana Korolchuk. She told us "It presents artwork created by wounded soldiers, mothers and children who are waiting for their relatives from the war. They recover from injuries with the help of art therapy that takes place in a rehabilitation centre in Klevan, Ukraine. Each picture has its own story, its own destiny, its own pain and its own hope and love".

It's an exhibition not to be missed and we are lucky to have it on our doorstep in Poppleton at the Tithe Barn.

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Upper Poppleton Parish Council News

From Stuart Robson

A Busy January

The Council has been very busy since Christmas, and one of the public meetings it hosted was the visit by Professor Mike Homes following complaints about poor access and other issues concerning availability of Primary Health Care in Poppleton. His report on the meeting is on page 8.

Public Transport

The Chairman has also had site meetings and correspondence with the York Outer MP, Julian Sturdy, along with representatives from Railtrack and Northern Rail to try and find ways of expanding the car park at Poppleton Station. Follow-up visits are planned and dialogue is continuing.

On other public transport issues, conversations have taken place to facilitate the reopening of the Poppleton Bar Park and Ride. This is promised for Easter by First Bus. The delay is due to driver shortages, which is also why the number 10 bus has resorted to a 40 minute timetable instead of every half hour. In some respects Poppleton is better off than some other outer areas where bus services have been cancelled or more severely delayed.

Local Development

The Greens Group of the Council have tabled a proposal to build a pond on Chantry Green. The Council decided it should go to a public consultation and a public meeting is to be held on Sunday March 26th at 11.30am at The Poppleton Centre. Full details are on page 9.



Blair Gowrie - the ruin in the wilderness next to the surgery on Main Street

Blair Gowrie

We have no further news on the Blair Gowrie site, following undergrowth removal, but wait with interest any future contacts with the owners who live in London.

Coronation Celebration

Meanwhile work is progressing on planning a Coronation Celebration on the Green on May 6th at 7.00pm – see page 2.

POPPLETON ARTS SOCIETY

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MOTHER'S DAY

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EASTER WEEKEND

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Drawn on Good Friday
EASTER SUNDAY

Lunch served 12-3pm
EASTER MONDAY

Lunch served 12-2pm, Evening 5-8pm

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News from Nether Poppleton Parish Council

From Richard Harper

Poppleton Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award

At the end of last year we launched the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award. We were very pleased with the response to our request for nominations and are delighted to announce that Janet Hopton is the winner, awarded for services to the community over several years.



Under Janet Hopton's leadership a number of projects were achieved that have served to remind the communities of Poppleton of the history of the village. The Tithe Barn in Nether Poppleton would have been demolished had it not been for the dedicated work of a team of volunteers and trustees.

As a Parish Councillor Janet was a guiding light in securing The Millennium Green and orchard, which have served as a haven for wildlife and a beautiful recreation area for all villagers and visitors. More recently Janet has been a vital member of the joint Upper and Nether Poppleton working group to produce the Poppletons' Local List of buildings that give the village its historic and architectural character.

The Parish Council cannot think of a more worthy recipient of this award, which was dedicated to the service that Queen Elizabeth II gave to the country over her long reign.

Representatives from both Councils have been meeting to look into joining the two parish councils together. To date no final decision has been made.

More Trees

A member of the public asked us to look into planting more trees around the village and a small committee was set up to look into this. A plan has been drawn up, several sites and the type of tree that would look best have been considered. Some of the planting will be on Parish Council land but other sites need the permission of City of York Council. Although we have missed the optimum time for planting this year we hope that, with contributions from outside agencies, we can *Plant a Tree in 23* and with luck *Plant Some More in 24*.

Historic Buildings List

Last year links were also made with York Civic Trust to help us with our Local List of Buildings of Historic and Archaeological Importance. This again is a joint venture with Upper Poppleton. A draft copy of the information already gathered can be seen in the Library. Recently The University

of York has undertaken some research into the important buildings of the village and has access to search engines that may provide more information. It has already been found that the Lord Nelson was used as a hospital during the Battle of Marston Moor.

Village Improvements

Recently we had a request to help wheelchair and pram users use the snicket between Main Street and Hillcrest Avenue. To do this we have had the bollards removed at each end and as part of regular maintenance the steps at the end of the Woodland Walk have been replaced.

The popular book exchange near the cart sheds will soon be replaced. This was initially part of a Duke of Edinburgh Award undertaken by Freddy O'Neil. The weather got the better of it and it needed to be replaced. We have funded a more permanent replacement that should be in operation soon. So get ready to swap your books.

Duck Pond issues

Last year there was a problem around the duck pond with rats who raided nests and ate the eggs. Some of the ducklings also became victims. Several ways of controlling them have been considered by experts but none of the proposed solutions are viable in this situation. As we come into Spring we hope that the ducks will be able to add to their number. In order to help PLEASE do not feed the ducks. This sounds harsh but the excess food feeds the rats who in turn kill the ducks.

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Poppleton Surgery Issues

The passion of Poppleton residents for their local GP surgery was clear as I arrived with a number of colleagues from Haxby Group at a recent Upper Poppleton Parish Council meeting, to be greeted by more than 250 patients, writes Professor Mike Holmes. They wanted to understand why Haxby Group had been forced to reduce the surgery's opening hours and why it appeared so difficult to get an appointment.



UPPC Chairman Stuart Robson with Mike Holmes, Dr Claire Anderton and a colleague

Poppleton Surgery Will Not Close

I was invited to speak at the packed parish council January meeting where I explained how demand for GP services had increased by 50% in recent months. Coupled with the large vacancies in receptionists across our York GP Practices, it has become really challenging for our teams to continue the level of care patients expect. I promised that Haxby Group had no plans to close the surgery, contrary to rumours, and explained we would reopen the surgery full time once more staff had been recruited. We really want to listen to people's concerns and very much take on board the fears from local patients. I appreciate that they want to protect their local surgery.

Please be Kinder to Staff

Dr. Clare Anderton, well known to many in the audience, reinforced the pressure that GPs were under across the country. She explained that the introduction of new technology at Haxby Group in 2020 ensures priority is given to those patients who most need it by triaging patient requests.



Over 250 residents attended the meeting along with BBC Look North

We called for residents to work with our Haxby Group teams to make sure the needs of vulnerable patients were met and asked residents to be kinder to staff who are working at the surgery under considerable pressure. Like many other GP practices, we have had receptionists in tears because of verbal abuse they've received and other staff are bearing the brunt of patients' frustrations.

Volunteer Receptionists?

Haxby Group has nine full time vacancies for receptionists, which is half the number needed to run our six surgeries in York. But I want to reassure patients that, once enough staff have been recruited, Poppleton's Old Forge Surgery will increase its opening hours. It was encouraging to hear villagers offer a number of positive suggestions to support us, with some offering to step in as volunteer receptionists. We will explore how this might work and continue to communicate with the community.

Hope to Re-open Surgery Full Time

It is clear that Poppleton people are extremely passionate about their local surgery and want to have the best possible health service in their village. This is what everyone, quite rightly, expects. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the meeting. There are huge challenges, however, in delivering this expectation as health and care services face unprecedented challenges. I felt that meeting people face to face and explaining some of these challenges, has helped people understand them more. We really want to work with our community in Poppleton so it would be great if we can now build on this with some new ideas to get the GP surgery open full time. It was refreshing to hear some positive ideas of how the villagers could help with this and I can reassure people that we will definitely be taking this forward.

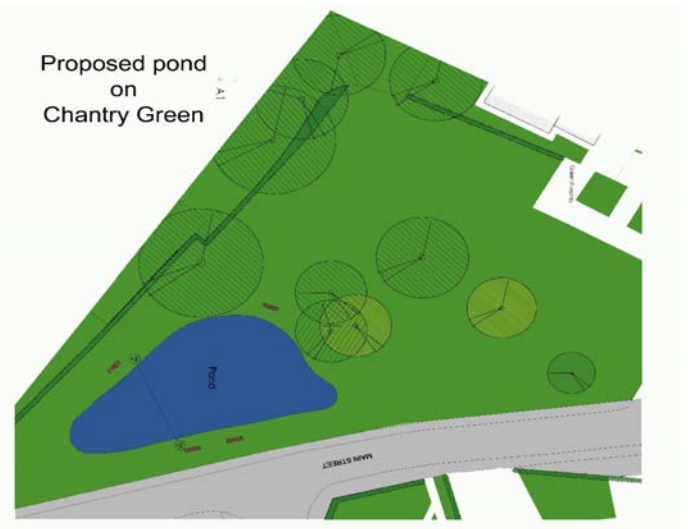
Chantry Green Pond

The Upper Poppleton Parish Council have been trying to think of ways of improving Chantry Green for some time, as we should be making better use of this well positioned piece of land.

We have visited other villages in our search for ideas and the photo below was taken in Wigginton. We liked this Green as it is clearly well used and we felt that with the adjacent road we could have a similar look on our Chantry Green.

This is a substantial project for the Parish Council and if we were to take it on then we need to make sure the residents of the village agree with the idea and would be prepared to help in the building and maintenance of this feature.

We have arranged a public meeting to discuss the proposal at 11.30am on Sunday 26th March at the Poppleton Centre. If you can't attend but would like to comment vote here and send it to: James Mackman, Clerk to the Upper Poppleton Parish Council, 39 Calder Avenue, Nether Poppleton, YO26 6RG.



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Youth Club Help

Three years ago things were looking bleak for Poppleton's Youth Club. Firstly it was given notice to quit the purpose built Youth Club premises that it had used for over 40 years, by Poppleton Ousebank School and then the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns caused the club to close.



Harley Eaton, facing camera, makes the most of the youth club facilities

Since then the club has arisen like a phoenix largely due to the support of Poppleton Methodist Church who have allowed the club to reopen in their old hall. The club which meets on Friday nights from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm is seeing a regular attendance of around 50 children and young people aged from eleven to seventeen. The success however has created new challenges. The staff and volunteers who run the club are in need of extra support to cope with the large number of children attending and the management committee needs some additional members to assist them with their role.

If you are able to offer some time to volunteer at the club or are a parent or grandparent of children who go to it and can offer help with the management please get in touch. The management committee meets about six times each year

for a couple of hours in the evening so the role is not too arduous.

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Probus Hits 40

Poppleton Probus Club recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary, writes Paul Sanderson. At their meeting on 14th December, two of the club's longest serving former Presidents, Jack Prest and Ken Humphreys, cut the birthday cakes



Paul Sanderson with the celebratory cake
Photo by Phillip Runacres

which were enjoyed by the members present and washed down with a seasonal glass of mulled wine (or fruit juice). The thriving club with over 70 members kept going throughout the pandemic by using Zoom and now runs hybrid meetings for the benefit of

members unable to attend in person.

The meeting was entertained with a talk by member Julian Crabb on the life and times of former Poppleton resident and socialite Sir Alexander Beaumont Churchill Dixie.

The club, which meets on alternate Wednesday mornings at the Poppleton Centre from September to May, is for retired and semi-retired professional and business men, but also welcomes members from other backgrounds. New members are always welcome.

To enquire contact the membership secretary Roper Langford by email at hopscotch@live.co.uk.

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New Year, New Name



The Art Committee are happy to announce the new name for the annual exhibition will be **Art in the Barn**

which will take place over August Bank Holiday, 25th - 28th (more details will be advertised nearer the date).

Workshops

These run throughout the year and are open to all. We 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 please contact June Hardy 07794 536092



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Poppleton Village Show 2023

Preparations are already in hand, writes David Johnson, for the Village Show which will take place on

Saturday 19th August

This is your opportunity to show the rest of the village how good you are at growing flowers, fruit and vegetables and how skilled you are at handicrafts, flower arranging and baking.

There are no entry fees but there are £20 cash prizes for the sponsored category winners.

Date for your diary

Saturday 15th April

Allerton Drive shops – 9.00-11.30

Collect your free Spud and Carrot seed for the Spud in a Bucket and Carrot in a Bucket Competition. FREE copies of the show programme, telling you all about the show and how to enter will be available. You can also buy Village Show raffle tickets.

Read the programme/schedule and decide what classes you want to enter.

- Plant your seeds
- Start your handicraft project
- First Timers are welcome
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See the programme for full details. If you would like to help on the day or before contact David Johnson at dandl_johnson@hotmail.co.uk.



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News from Poppleton Sports Clubs

Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club

Weather Restrictions

It's been a chilly start to 2023 and tennis has been somewhat restricted by the weather. It might seem unbelievable but it was necessary to postpone some league matches in the summer due to heat!

However, we played a Christmas tournament for all Club members which was not weather restricted. Everyone enjoyed drinks and pizza afterwards in the Poppleton Centre bar, followed by a quiz.

The mixed box league, involving over 30 players, is continuing with some close matches in all divisions.

Social tennis takes place on Wednesday evening under the floodlights, 6.30-8.00pm. Please see the website for further details.

Our coaching team have a full programme including:

Mini tennis classes

on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 4-5pm and Thursday, Friday 5-6pm

Performance group

on Tuesday 5-6pm

Club Futures programme

(by invitation only) 1.00-6.30pm

Adult Rusty Raquets

on Fridays 10.30-11.30am

Improvers and team players

on Thursdays 9.30-10.30am

Members group coaching

on Saturday 10-11am

Summer Camps for juniors

will be running July 31st- August 4th and August 21st – 25th. Easter sessions TBC.

For any further information please contact Belinda on 07977 331117.

There will be a social event on Sunday 26th February for female members of all abilities. Everyone is welcome, whether you're just getting back into playing or are playing regularly.

Local league matches for Men's doubles, Ladies doubles and Mixed doubles teams start again in April/ May. New team members are always welcome, do get in touch if you would like to be involved in team tennis.

New members are welcome all year round, why not start a new sport or restart one you haven't played for a while?!

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/
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Poppleton United FC

News from Craig Suttle

Rain Stops Play!

The season continues for both the first and reserves although somewhat slowly due to the recent bad weather. Many local games across York have been postponed due to either water logged or frozen pitches. This means there will be a lot of evening games towards the end of the season.

The first team although looking strong and having a well balanced squad have found results hard to come by. They haven't been outclassed by anyone and have been unlucky to lose games by the odd goal. We hope the second half of the season will bring us more points the performances deserve.

Our reserve team are looking strong this year, sitting in third place in the top reserve division with a game in hand at time of writing. Again we hope with continued good performances and maybe a little luck we can push the leaders all the way and maybe challenge for the title.

Off the pitch we continue to look for volunteers to assist with our pitch. We are also looking for potential committee members for next season. If any readers feel they could assist please do feel free to contact anyone within the club.

Further information from
Craig Suttle
craigsuttle@hotmail.co.uk

Poppleton Junior FC

News from Rich Fox

Poppleton Beer Festival

We're delighted to confirm our 11th beer festival this year will be on Friday and Saturday, 16/17 June.

For anyone who's never been, it's a family festival with great bands, plus an enormous selection of beers, along with ciders, a Pimms and Prosecco tent, wine, soft drinks, food, a great social occasion with plenty of fun for the kids.

Opening hours are: 4pm-11pm on the Friday, midday-11pm on the Saturday.

Plans are in full swing, but as always we'd love some help either through volunteers or sponsorship. If you'd like to support this year's event please call/text:

VOLUNTEERS

Bel Dowson, 07982 243 021

SPONSORSHIP

Rich Fox, 07801 251 595

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

Poppleton Bowls Club

News from Colin Robinson

Best Season Ever!

After a very successful season in 2022, Poppleton Bowls Club is looking forward to another good season in 2023.

During the autumn and winter the hard working Greens Team have been, well, hardworking, making sure that the green will be in top condition for the start of the 2023 season. The green will open for social bowls around the middle of April, depending on the weather.

As always this very friendly club welcomes anyone who would like to try their hand at bowls. Our two qualified coaches are on hand on Tuesday evenings to give help and advice. Just turn up around 1815/1830. All the necessary equipment will be provided. Alternatively contact the Secretary for more information. The details are below.

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We are a small group of badminton players, now playing on Monday nights from 7 to 8pm at The Poppleton Centre. We are looking for new players to join us, of mixed abilities, seasoned or not. You can contact John Riley on 07742 034 346 or email rileyjohn449@gmail.com



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Come and try Pilates on Tuesdays 7.45pm at the Poppleton Centre.

Sessions need to be booked by contacting Gill and a medical form must be completed before the first session.

Gill Crane
07903 756682
Email buzzpilates@gmail.com

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Poppleton History Society

News from Julian Crabb

Meeting 2 November 2022 Beverley Minster and the Four Georges – Restoration and Reordering, 1740 to 1830

by John Phillips

The secretary was absent and this report is a précis of that submitted by the speaker. Major restorations were carried out 1716 to 1726, the most serious being the lean of 4 degrees by the north transept. Nicholas Hawksmoor and William Thornton built a great cradle over the wall and over days slowly moved the wall upright.

The central tower and lantern were removed in 1721 and rebuilt in brick with stone facing. Public appeal paid for the work. A new font cover was carved in 1736 by Thornton and roof timbers replaced in the 1750s. In the final phase of 1825, galleries were removed from the nave and the screen between nave and choir removed.

Meeting 7 December 2022 The Origin and History of Nursery Rhymes

by Jane Mckeown

The speaker said her talk was 'up to the minute' with the current attack on 'free speech'. Many nursery rhymes were political allusions and dated from the 16th, 17th and early 18th centuries. Most people could not read or write but a rhyme could be sung or acted. The speaker gave several examples.

'Dr Foster went to Gloucester' may have referred to King Edward I riding to the city to collect taxes for his wars with Scotland. Being unhorsed and falling into a puddle he never returned. 'Humpty Dumpty' was probably the fall of Cardinal Wolsey, on his way from Cawood to London accused of treason. His death at Leicester meant he could not be 'put together again'. We are more familiar with 'Ring a Roses' representing the Black Death in 1604 and 1665.



Meeting 4 January 2023 Relics of the Reich

by Colin Philpot

The talk matched the chapter headings of his book of the same title. The Nazis were prolific builders and Albert Speer behind many of them. He escaped the noose and lived on to 1981.

With so many buildings in Germany destroyed or damaged in WWII the problem was what to do with them. Many were removed

to avoid permanent embarrassment about their previous use. However many have been preserved for public viewing. The house in Branau am Inn where Hitler was born is now a police station. The Wansee Memorial House in Berlin where the 'Final Solution' for Jews was decided is now an exhibition museum. The speaker's book gives many more examples.

Meeting 1 February 2023 The Siege of York

by Chris Berendt

The speaker matched the chronology of events in 1644 with maps and images. York Castle was held by the Royalists but besieged by 3



St Mary's Tower

Parliamentary forces led by Lord Fairfax. Two mines did damage at Walmgate Barbican and St Mary's Tower in Bootham.

Meanwhile Prince Rupert marched from Lancashire, drew the opposing forces west but entered York from the north. Both armies then retreated to Marston Moor where the Parliamentary forces won. Retreating back to the safety of York Castle the Governor was persuaded to surrender to Lord Fairfax to avoid further damage to the city. The Royalists were allowed to march out of the city and the north was lost to King Charles I.

Next Meetings

Wednesday 1 March 2023

Knitters, Nailers and Traitors - Belper in the Industrial Revolution by David Skillen.

Wednesday 3 May 2023

Annual General Meeting
Traffic Problems in Regency York
by Peter Hogarth

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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
Line Dancing	Tuesday 20.45-22.00	Just turn up	
Lisa Marie Performing Arts	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Call for details	07872 508651
Little Movers	Tuesday 13.35-15.05	selby@littlemovers.net	
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
Simply French	Monday 15.00-16.00; 16.15-17.15	Ann Roberts	07985 573195
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



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