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# Centrepiece

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The Poppleton Centre  
Quarterly Magazine

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## Out o' Space Funds Rocket

### Out o' Space Project Hits Milestone

The Out o' Space project is getting into its stride with a number of recent activities contributing to the fund and several more in the pipeline. A hugely successful Bonfire & Firework Spectacular (See inside for details and photographs) added considerably to the total, enabling us to update the Speceometer in The Centre reception to show that the figure has now reached £150,000.



Mick Crome, Bonfire & Firework Spectacular supremo, watches as Bob Wood updates the Spaceometer

Plans are afoot to bring back the enormously popular Poppleton Garden Trail which raised a large amount of funding for the community centre in the past.

### Not Such Good News

The Centre Team have had to cope with an outbreak of anti-social behaviour and vandalism which is costing the Trust a lot of money not only in repairs and refurbishment but in the need to take action to mitigate against the problem. Read more on page five.

### It's Christmas

In this, our Christmas edition, we have news of all sorts of Christmas activities coming up all around the village and we hope you'll give them your support. Indeed, Centrepiece wouldn't exist without the valuable contribution made by our advertisers and we hope that you'll support all of them, too.

### One Parish Council?

Inside you can read about the plans to merge the two Parish Councils offering you the opportunity to have your say on whether you think this is a good idea or not. Read the details and put the meeting dates in your diary for early January.

## What's On in Poppleton

Wednesday 6 December  
**POPPLETON HISTORY SOCIETY**  
At The Centre

Thursday 14 December  
**POPPLETON BRIDGE CLUB**  
New Members Welcome

Friday 15 December  
**COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT**  
The Colour Room, at The Centre

Saturday 16 December  
**POPPLETON SANTA DASH**  
Millie Wright Charity Event

Saturday 16 December  
**METHODIST CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Methodist Church Hall

Friday 22 December  
**POPPLETON CENTRE CLOSURES**  
FOR CHRISTMAS  
Reopens Wednesday 3 January 2024

Monday 8 & 15 January 2024  
**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CONSULTATION MEETINGS**  
See page 15

Tuesday 9 January 2024  
**POPPLETON ARTS MEETING**  
The Remains of the Day

Thursday 18 January 2024  
**EVEREST TREK**  
**INFORMATION EVENT**  
At The Centre

January 2024  
(Date to be announced)  
**SPEED QUIZ NIGHT**  
At the Poppleton Social



# Merry Christmas Everyone

# Out o' Space Fundraising Update

The Out o' Space Project funds continue to grow with many more people putting their and their family's name on the building through our Put Your Name on the Building Campaign and huge numbers enjoying fundraising events such as our Bonfire and Firework Spectacular and the Scarecrow Trail (more about this inside this edition of Centrepiece). Applications are being submitted to charity funders and we hope to announce more about this in our next edition.

## Walking the Walk

As we mentioned in our Autumn issue, a team from Ptarmigan Land and a group of their advisers walked the 24-mile Ullswater Way from Pooley Bridge to Glenridding via Howtown and then back to Pooley Bridge via the Aira Force waterfall raising £1,605. Ptarmigan Land Managing Director, Steve McBurney presented Trust Chairman Robin Tomlinson and Centre Manager Beth Kirkham with a 'huge' cheque for which we are extremely grateful.

## Pilates

Gill Crane very generously offered to run a pilates class with all the proceeds being donated to the Out o' Space Project. Gill has donated just under £500 to the fund and we couldn't be more grateful.

## Make a Donation

Another way you could help is to visit our GoFundMe page by going on-line to [gofundme.com/f/outospace-project](https://gofundme.com/f/outospace-project)

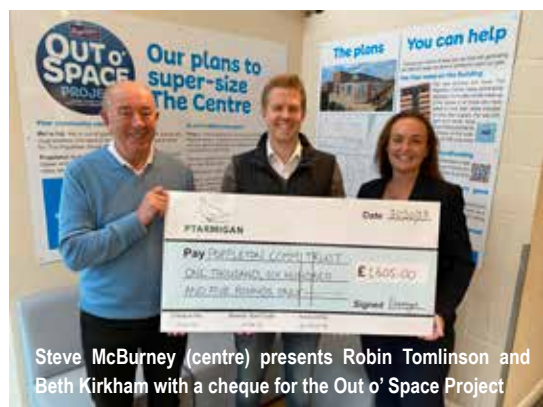
and making a contribution, no matter how big or small - every little helps - and it needs everyone pulling together to achieve our target of significantly enlarging The Centre to ensure it's able to satisfy the needs of the village in the future.

## Put Your Name on The Building

If you'd like to help by having your name, your children's and grandchildren's names emblazoned on the side of the new building it couldn't be easier.

For just £25 each your name, those of your family and friends can be included for display on the building for all time.

Go to [poppletoncentre.org.uk](https://poppletoncentre.org.uk) and follow the links use the QR code here or ask Beth at The Centre to take your details and pay by card, cash or cheque.



Steve McBurney (centre) presents Robin Tomlinson and Beth Kirkham with a cheque for the Out o' Space Project

## Poppleton Garden Trail is Back Saturday & Sunday, 29th & 30th June 2024



The last Poppleton Garden Trail we held was in 2017 and it was always a great weekend with many in the community opening their gardens to help raise funds for The Poppleton Centre. So we'd like to invite village gardeners again to open up their outside space in support of The Out o' Space Project.

We're still working on the details but if you'd like to register interest in opening your garden on the weekend of 29th/30th June 2024 we'd love to hear from you.

### Poppleton Garden Trail 2024 Expression of Interest

I am interested in finding out more about opening my garden or in some other way helping with the Garden Trail.

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Please either complete this form and deliver/send it to Beth Kirkham at the Poppleton Centre or email the above information to [info@poppletoncentre.org.uk](mailto:info@poppletoncentre.org.uk) to arrive by 5 January 2024.

**Many thanks**



### Fancy organising a sponsored activity to support your community centre?

If you, individually or with a group, fancy organising a fundraising event to help raise money for the Out o' Space Project we'd be delighted to hear from you. Get in touch with Beth Kirkham at [info@poppletoncentre.org.uk](mailto:info@poppletoncentre.org.uk). We need all the help we can get!



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in the **Dodsworth Room**.

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## Weekend Facilities/Reception Co-ordinator Required for Community Centre

Established in 1989, The Poppleton Centre is recognised as the 'the hub of the community' situated in the heart of the village of Poppleton on the outskirts of York. Housing a café, sports hall and various multi-functional meeting/activity rooms, we are embarking on an exciting period of expansion to extend our current building space by nearly 50% to enable us to increase usage to meet increasing demand for space.

The Poppleton Centre site is also home to Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club, Poppleton Bowls Club and Poppleton Football Club and has close ties with Poppleton Junior Football Club and the two Parish Councils of Nether and Upper Poppleton.

Due to ongoing expansion, we are seeking to recruit to the new role of Reception/Facilities Coordinator. Working predominantly weekends, the successful applicant will be responsible for ensuring that centre bookings run smoothly and that customer and facilities management queries and issues are resolved promptly and efficiently wherever possible.

Initial contracted hours will be for 15 hours per week (Saturdays and Sundays 8.30am - 4.30pm) however the ability to work flexibly would be advantageous, covering holidays and absences, as and when required. Pay will be £15 per hour.

To apply, please submit a CV and/or a Statement of Interest explaining what you can offer us to Beth Kirkham, Centre Manager at [info@poppletoncentre.org.uk](mailto:info@poppletoncentre.org.uk). For an informal chat about the role, please contact her on 01904 797478.

**Closing Date – midnight on Sunday 10 December**

**Interview Date - Thursday 14 December**



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## Soft Plastic Recycling



Clifton Moor Tesco Soft  
Plastics Recycling Bin

As we know, writes Chris Starling, we lost our soft plastic recycling collection service when the Co-op left. The Nisa store has a very small container but it is not really being used and is a fraction of the size of the Co-op one which was regularly filled and collected. I have consulted CYC (both the Commercial Waste and the Environmental Services Teams). The only stores that offer the formal service for customer soft plastic recycling are Tesco, Morrisons, Aldi and Lidl. CYC does not have any involvement as it is currently too difficult for them to include it in the materials they do collect. Therefore our nearest known proper collection point is Clifton Moor Tesco (just inside the entrance - see photo) and Water Lane Aldi.

## Wreathed in Smiles



The wreath makers with  
their creations

The lovely Jemma from Riverbend Flowers, writes Beth Kirkham, provided the ladies of Poppleton with a beautiful evening creating magnificent Christmas door wreaths. It was such a cosy, fun evening creating masterpieces while sipping mulled wine and working our way through a box of Quality Street.



Jemma shows the class  
how to make beautiful  
Christmas wreaths



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# Anti-social Behaviour at The Centre

## Regular Vandalism



Trustees have been shocked by a spate of anti-social behaviour at The Centre in recent weeks. A group of young people, aged around 10-16 have decided that it is perfectly acceptable for them to regularly hang out at the community centre in the late afternoon and evening, going inside the building, causing havoc, setting off the fire alarms and leaving a trail of damage. The trust has to pay £150 every time the fire alarm needs resetting (which has happened several times) and the smoking shelter has been vandalised to the extent that it was taken down and put on the bonfire. Planters have also been smashed. CCTV images and witness accounts have enabled us to establish that the majority of those involved are not from Poppleton and action is being taken to identify others.

Centre Manager, Beth Kirkham, has been called out on a number of evenings and weekends to respond to this blatant anti-social behaviour.

## Parental help Sought

Parents are asked to ensure that their children are not involved in any kind of anti-social activity and are also reminded that as the community centre is effectively licensed premises it is illegal for anyone under 16 to enter the building unless accompanied by someone over 18.

## Door Security



Trustees have agreed to take several steps to put a stop to this situation. Firstly, while action continues to identify and contact the parents of those involved, a security door person is now, at key times, manning the door to ensure that under 16s do not enter the building unless accompanied by an adult. Trustees are also recruiting weekend staff so that the building is managed at all

times (see the advertisement on Page Four).

## Weekend Contact

This will also have the effect that there will be less pressure on Beth, who receives phone calls and texts continually after hours and at weekends. Everyone is asked to help by remembering that she should only be contacted on work issues during business hours (9am-5.30pm Monday - Friday) - unless for security or emergency reasons. She can always be reached by email and by leaving a message on The Centre landline for non emergency issues at other times.

## Help us Stop This!



Trustees would greatly appreciate anyone who is able to help put a stop to this unfortunate spate of activity taking action to do so and would like to reassure everyone that The Centre and Poppleton Social are open as normal.

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# Bonfire Night was Spectacular

Another fantastic Bonfire Night raising many thousands of pounds for the upkeep and maintenance of The Poppleton Centre and, this year, also for the Out o' Space Project.

A crowd of 4,000 people from the village and across York - and from further afield - enjoyed not only a truly spectacular firework display but also some great street food, including Poppleton Scouts producing their 'traditional' burgers and hot dogs.

The YO1 Radio Roadshow added some extra sparkle while the lads from Poppleton United did the same by building the bonfire and selling sparklers for club funds.

First York did a great job allowing us to use the Park & Ride to hold some 400 cars, helping to reduce the pressure on parking in the village, and providing Shuttle Buses throughout the evening.

Bonfire Night is a truly community affair helping to raise funds not only for The Centre but for many other local organisations and it wouldn't be possible without the enormous amount of time and effort put in not only by the Centre team and Trustees but a host of other volunteers - so a huge 'Thank You' to all of them, and to everyone who came along for a great night out and to support the community centre.



The buses were chock full



Julie Blackburn and Cai Sherlock from YO1



The Asian street food went down well



Sparklers sparked



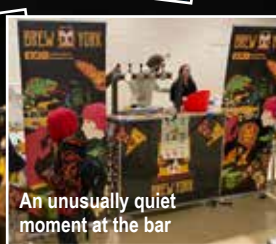
Many local organisations raised funds



Poppleton United pulled out all the stops



The Roadshow in action



An unusually quiet moment at the bar



Our fantastic bonfire

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## Out o' Space - Out o' Luck!



The charities line up

Readers may recall that in the last issue we reported that we had been allocated a horse in the Sky Bet Ebor Festival Community Sweepstake with a potential to win £20,000 for the Out o' Space project. Well, our horse was scratched at the last minute and our replacement, Get Shirty, didn't manage to win. However, we were still awarded £1,000 and, as they say, never look a gifthorse (or even a racehorse) in the mouth.



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**Saturday 27th January 2024**

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10.00 to 12.00 noon.

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*Please come along to support Poppleton's favourite open space!*



**Christmas Fair**  
**Poppleton Methodist Church**  
**Saturday 16th December**  
**10am - 4pm**

In the New Hall there will be a variety of Festive stalls including some from local charities.

Also, Christmas Hamper Raffle,  
Guess the weight of the Decorated Christmas Cake.  
Children's Christmas Crafts

Poppleton Village Choir performance at 3pm,  
and Father Christmas will be with us all day in the Grotto.



Coffee on the Green will be open all day in the Old Hall serving Festive Refreshments including Turkey, Homemade Stuffing and Cranberry sandwiches, Warm mince pies with Orange cream and Christmas pudding Scones!



# Family Fun Day



at

the Poppleton centre

Family Fun Day was part of the Out o' Space Project launch and was planned to coincide with the Scarecrow Trail to attract a wide cross-section of the community to drop into the Centre and find out what it's all about.

All the sports clubs participated, Poppleton Social was open, Lisa Marie Performing Arts put on a great show, Tumble Tots tumbled and the bouncy castle provided endless fun. The vintage ice cream van, tractor and fire engine created a lot of interest and all in all The Centre showed itself off in style.

Thanks to everyone who helped to create the Fun Day and to everyone who came along to enjoy it.



Jerry Holland's beautiful Land Rover Fire Engine always gets lots of attention (pictured here at the Tithe Barn)



Tumble Tots was popular



Lisa Marie Performing Arts demonstrated their skills



The ice cream van was in great demand



Who can resist coffee and cake at the Poppleton Social?



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# Those crazy scarecrows triumphed again



Millie Marchment collects her prize

In early September the village scarecrows were out in force again for The Poppleton Centre's seventh Scarecrow Trail. Seventeen 'superbly scatterbrained scarecrows' provided a healthy walk around the village and hundreds of Poppletonians participated. The winner of the best scarecrow was 'Fing' based on the David Walliams character and created by Ruth and Sean Ferguson in School Lane. Millie Marchment won the Scary Questions Competition so congratulations to all of them.

Thanks to everyone who created scarecrows, who bought maps and walked the walk - but very special thanks to Maisie Davies who produced some fabulous cakes for her cake stall and raised over £300 for the Out o' Space project.



Heavy Metal on Main Street



Lily Ferguson with the winning Scarecrow, FING.



Maisie Davies raised over £300 for the Out o' Space project



Bottoms Up outside The Lord Nelson. Is this Nelly?



It really was A Grand Day Out with Wallace and Gromit on Station Road

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# Win Christmas Dinner at Tom Brown's Knapton Lion

Tom Brown has made a huge success of The Lord Nelson ('The Nelly') and, supported as ever by his family, has now opened The Knapton Lion (formerly The Red Lion). He plans to focus on food, beer and atmosphere, using his experience at the Lord Nelson and the White Horse to help him.

Previous landlords discouraged the drinking trade at the pub so Tom has re-arranged the layout to allow for a designated bar area which provides customers space that they can use without booking.

Tom's head chef Matt Brown Meek, was previous head at the Durham Ox in Crayke, and Castle Howard, while his other chef, Ben, has most recently worked at the York Minster Refectory with Andrew Pern.

Front of House, Victoria Giannini, was most recently the landlady/owner of the Dawnay Arms at Shipton by Beningborough.

Tom intends to ensure that his customers will receive a warm welcome, good value for money and great service.



The Dining Room at The Knapton Lion

To celebrate the opening Tom's offering a wonderful three course Christmas Dinner for Two people, complete with a bottle of wine.

To enter simply imagine that if Rudolph was doing his job properly and flying in a straight line, what's the distance (in metres) he and Santa would travel from The Nelly to The Knapton Lion.

The winner will be drawn at random from all the correct entries. To enter complete the entry form below and deliver it to The Poppleton Centre or email the same information to [centrepiece@poppletoncentre.org.uk](mailto:centrepiece@poppletoncentre.org.uk) to arrive no later than 11.00pm on Monday 11 December.

## ENTRY FORM

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## Peggy's Path Peppered with Pumpkins



Anne Dixon with Emma just before cutting the ribbon at the naming ceremony

Ever since The Centre was built Trustees have, for obvious safety reasons, wanted to create a footpath alongside the driveway. Earlier this year that goal was achieved, partly due to a very generous donation from Anne Dixon on behalf of her mother, Peggy Dunning - and so it has become Peggy's Path.

For a naming ceremony at Hallowe'en, local children were invited to create pumpkin lanterns to line the path for the event and lots of brilliantly carved and decorated pumpkins arrived on the day along with their creators.

Just before cutting the ribbon, Anne Dixon's granddaughter, Emma, posed for our photographer beside the plaque that now graces the entrance to the path. Thank you Anne, Emma and all the children (and their guests) who came along for the event.



Smashing pumpkins!

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# One Parish Council for Nether and Upper Poppleton

## A message from the Chairmen of the two Parish Councils

### Independent Villages



Church Street in 1900

The two village communities of Nether and Upper Poppleton used to be small independent villages which were separated by orchards and farming land. In the 1960s and early 1970s, extensive house building took place between the two communities which effectively created one large village.

### Close Relationship

The Parishes of Nether and Upper Poppleton have always enjoyed a close relationship. Whilst they have defined Parish Boundaries and separate Parish Councils, they have many shared facilities, examples being the Community Centre, the Green, the Millenium Park and Poppleton Ousebank School.

Many successful village events have been jointly planned by Nether and Upper Poppleton Parish Councils. There was the Platinum Centenary in 2022 and also the Coronation Celebrations which took place earlier this year. The Neighbourhood Plan was developed jointly between the two Parish Councils. Both Parish Councils financially support many good causes in the village.

### New Joint Councils

Whilst the two Parishes have separate Parish Councils, the aims and roles of the Councils are the same. Indeed, the agenda items are very similar and they share the same Parish Clerk.

Both Parish Councils feel that the time is right to consider the grouping of Nether and Upper Poppleton Parish Councils. This will allow the adoption of a common, consistent and best practice approach to the tasks carried out by the Councils. For example, decisions on planning applications and the working relationship with the City of York Council. There should be cost savings for some of the contracted activities. Combining the two Parish Council meetings will improve decisions which affect the whole village. The website, which was developed jointly and serves both parish councils, will be clearer and easier to use. Decisions on financial support will be consistent.

### Very Little Changes

The role and scope of the grouped Nether and Upper Parish councils will remain the same as today because both councils, being local authorities, must comply with the same legislation. There would be no change to the parish boundaries and house addresses will still be defined by their

original parish of Nether and Upper Poppleton.

The grouped Nether and Upper Poppleton Parish Council will have equal representation from the previously separate parish councils to match the similar size of the population in the separate parishes. There will be a single Chair Person, appointed by the Parish Council.

### Consultation and Voting

Before any decisions are taken about the possible grouping of the two councils, we believe we must ensure that this has the support of the village residents. How this consultation is organised and carried out is contained in Local Government legislation.

In accordance with this legislation, we plan to organise two separate meetings of the electors of the Parishes and these will be held at the time and dates shown below. At these meetings, we will answer any questions and address any concerns that villagers may have.



Each meeting will culminate in a vote by those registered voters from each Parish who are present at the relevant Parish meeting. These votes will decide whether or not to proceed with the grouping process. If the vote of both parishes is to group, the City of York Council will then become involved as part of the required legal process. If the vote by either parish meeting is not to group, the situation will remain unchanged and the two Parish Councils will continue as now.

The Parish Meeting for Upper Poppleton  
will be held on  
**Monday 8th January 2024**  
at 6.00pm.

The Parish Meeting for Nether Poppleton  
will be held on  
**Monday 15th January 2024**  
at 6.00pm.

Both meetings will be held in the Poppleton Centre and will precede the Parish Council Meetings.

Sean Barry  
Chairman  
Nether Poppleton Parish Council

Neil Lawrence  
Chairman  
Upper Poppleton Parish Council



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## Poppleton Poppies

There was a tremendous response to Beth Kirkham's call to anyone in the village who would like to knit or crochet poppies to enable her to decorate The Centre for Remembrance Day. The fruits of their labour are shown here. Thanks to everyone who participated - the results were stunning.



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## New WiFi for The Centre



Regular users of the WiFi at the Centre will have noticed a difference in recent weeks - because it actually works! York Data Services were commissioned to run a full diagnostic check on the system because of its poor performance with the result that all the cabling has been removed and completely renewed, with additional routers installed. Hopefully this new equipment will continue to give peak performance throughout the building.



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If you think this is something that might interest you and your partner, please do come and give us a try!

**Next Date 2023**

Please arrive by 6:15 pm

**Thursday 14 December**

January 2024 tbc

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# News from Poppleton Sports Clubs

## Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club

News from Hilary Spencer

### Talented young players

We are a vibrant, social and family friendly village tennis club and new members are always welcome. Please see the website for details or pop down to the Club to find out more information. Belinda Turnbull, our senior club coach, has been successful with her Division 1 Yorkshire team in winning the Over 60's UK Championships 2023. Many congratulations Belinda!



L to R  
Belinda  
Turnbull,  
Cathryn  
Johnson  
Wendy Stirke,  
Jill Brook.

Our competitive Summer league season in ladies, men's and mixed doubles has drawn to a close and we are commencing a major replacement programme of our artificial grass courts with artificial clay. This was completed by the end of November and will provide an exciting new surface for members to play on.

Our all year round PLTC singles ladder has over 30 players of all abilities taking part. Leading the table at the moment is Jack Lewis, closely followed by Tony Howard and Jez Catchpole. Adult group coaching takes place on Saturday mornings 10-11am, ladies' social tennis on Monday afternoon and men on Sunday mornings 10-12. Our Wednesday Club Night Social tennis 6.30 – 8pm is open to all members. Balls and floodlights are provided.

Winter membership is now open, and coaching is available for both adults and juniors. Please see the website for further details. The Committee is looking to appoint a Club Secretary and Membership Secretary to join our team. Also, member(s) to join our small grounds team in maintaining our courts. If anyone is interested contact details are below. Thanks.

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## Poppleton Junior FC

News from Rich Fox

### Season of Goodwill

Everyone at Poppleton Junior Football Club would like to wish the local community all the best for a very merry festive season.

As it's the season of goodwill, we're on the lookout for anyone who'd like to support the club on a voluntary basis, either giving up a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday morning to serve jolly punters in our café, or to join the committee to help shape the future of the club.

In particular we're scouting for a vice-secretary to join us and help support our current secretary, Sam. The role gives a great insight into the running of a successful grassroots football club, and would ideally suit anyone with kids at the club who are in the U6s, U7s or U8s, or anyone who is well organised and fancies a rewarding post at the club.

Other voluntary roles include a variety of jobs at Pop Beer Fest 2024, with next year's date to be announced soon.

There are always teams looking for new players too, so if you'd like to join any of our girls' or boys' teams, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Bel on pinkbel75@gmail.com or 07982 243 021.

Merry Christmas one and all!

More information on our website  
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or contact Club Secretary Sam Dowson

## Poppleton United FC

News from Alex Janes

### Optimistic Outlook

Firstly, we hope that everybody connected with the village are looking forward to the festive season and wish you a very Happy New Year.

On the pitch, Poppleton 1st team have had a slow start to the season, however the most recent result beating 3rd place Dunnington 3-2 hopefully gives them something to build on. The reserves began their season strongly with two wins out of two, followed by a defeat at Tockwith.

We go into the festive period with great optimism for a bright future and would always welcome new faces of those who are looking to compete at the highest amateur standard in Adults football. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Further information from  
Alex Janes  
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## Poppleton Bowls Club

News from Colin Robinson

### Great Season

What a season it has been for the club with success in the Veteran's League and the Ladies League, a satisfactory result in the Men's and Ladies Evening Leagues and a full season of internal club competitions.

In the Veteran's League our B team, newly promoted into the first division of the vet's league, duly won it and are now champions of division one! The A team finishing in second place in div 2 were promoted into div 1, thus we now have two teams in the top division. In the evening league we finished sixth out of nine teams, a creditable result consolidating our position after only our second year in div 1.

The Ladies swept all before them retaining the Challis Cup by winning for the second consecutive year, the Challis League. In the Evening League Poppleton came in the middle – fourth out of seven against some very strong opposition. The ladies section as a group is thriving. A number of new members have joined over the last couple of years bringing experience and talent to the club. The section is a really tight group who enjoy playing for the club. However it is never a closed shop and new members are always welcome.

The internal club competitions have been well supported, culminating in the finals being played during the weekend of 19/20 August. The President's Day, a fun day of bowls and afterwards a hog roast, was very well attended with a decent sum of money being raised for the President's chosen charity, The British Heart Foundation.

The final event of the season was the club's annual dinner and prize giving at Pike Hills Golf Club where members enjoyed a good meal with the winners of the club competitions receiving their trophies afterwards.

We now look forward to 2024 and perhaps an even more successful season!

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# Kick Start to Christmas

Nearly 300 adults plus plenty of children visited this year's Christmas market, kick starting the Christmas shopping with purchases of beautiful stocking fillers and listening to carols from the two fabulous village choirs.

With a mince pie and a warming mulled wine served on the door by two enthusiastic Christmas elves It really was a great way to begin the festivities

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# Poppleton History Society

News from Julian Crabb

## Ordinary Meeting

4 October 2023

Chris Cade, the actor, returned for the third time in costume as "Olaf the Viking: Fun Night on the Three Battles of 1066".

Olaf is a fictitious Viking, clearly surviving both battles of Fulford and Stamford Bridge.

In my dreams there is usually a villain and surely Tostig has claim to be the biggest in the year 1066. He was the Choreographer of England's demise and the speaker made him centre of his story.



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He was probably born about 1029, the third son of Earl Godwin and his Danish wife Gytha. The second son was Harold Godwinson, later king of England. King Edward the Confessor had given the Earldom of Northumberland to Tostig in 1055 but he lost support from the powerful families because of his style of government. The collection of taxes was at the root of dissent and too heavy dispensation of justice. The area was more Norse than Saxon in government. Eventually at Oxford on 28 October, 1065, rebels forced the king to banish Tostig and Morcar was appointed the new Earl of Northumberland. Together with his brother, Edwin of Mercia they ruled the north of England.

King Edward died 5 January 1066 and Harold Godwinson became king. Tostig refused to serve under his brother and persuaded the ageing King Harald Hardrada of Norway to join him in ousting his brother. The Norwegian army of some 10,000 men in 300 ships sailed for England whilst Tostig was gathering intelligence from the Isle of Wight and up the east coast.

The combined army met at Riccall on the Ouse and defeated the English army under Edwin and Morcar at Fulford, 20 September. The Norwegians then retreated to Stamford Bridge to await hostages from York but were caught unprepared by the rapid ride and march north of King Harold's army. They were defeated on 25 September and Tostig and Hardrada both killed. Only 24 ships escaped and the Viking army ruined but the English army was also much reduced and unable to win at Hastings. Thus Tostig, the traitor, changed the face of England forever.

## Ordinary Meeting

1 November 2023

Dr Neil Moran returned to complete his talk, "In Sickness and in Health – Healthcare in York through the Ages" He covered: pre-Roman times, Roman, Saxon, through to Medieval and then to the modern era. With the talk lasting some 75 minutes a summary will be included in the next Centrepiece.

## The next Ordinary Meeting

will be on

Wednesday 6 December 7.30pm

"Newspapers: The Sudan War 1884  
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# Centrepiece

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

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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
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## Christmas Closing

A reminder that The Poppleton Centre will be closing for Christmas on

**Friday 22 December**

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**Wednesday 3 January 2024**

For Poppleton Social Christmas and New Year opening hours see below

## Pickleball is coming to Poppleton

My mission, writes Keith Grainge, is to get as many people as possible playing this wonderful game of pickleball and enjoying the benefit it brings - even transforming lives. My version of the game is for fun, friendship and fitness.

I organise via WhatsApp the groups I already run in Tadcaster, Copmanthorpe and Burnholme.

I need a minimum of 12 players and

an agreed day and time to start. If you'd like to join us please register with me direct.



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### DATES FOR THE DIARY!

**25TH-30TH DEC**

### CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

24th-27th: Closed

28th-30th: Open as usual 10am-10pm

31st: **New Year's Eve's party!**

1st-2nd: Closed

3rd: Open as usual from 10am

**31ST DEC**

### FAMILY FRIENDLY NYE!

Details now available at

[www.poppletonsocial.co.uk](http://www.poppletonsocial.co.uk)

**JAN 2024**

### SPEED QUIZ FUNDRAISING EVENT!!

Join us for a family friendly Speed Quiz, with food & drinks - all to raise money for the

**Poppleton Centre's Out o' Space project!**



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