

Centrepiece

The Poppleton Centre
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Funding Bids Launched

Out o' Space Project Bids launched

A number of significant bids have now been submitted to major charitable grant funders and we await the outcome. More details inside.

Fundraising is Fun

Many readers will have enjoyed some of the fundraising activities that have been organised over the past months. Gill Crane led a second round of Pilates classes and raised over £200 to add to the £500 she had already donated. Enormous thanks to her and to those who participated in the classes. Thanks to an application from Fraser Tomlinson, STRI Group Community Fund has donated £250. Does your employer donate to good causes?

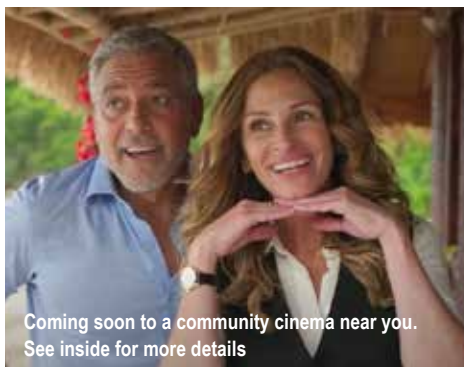
Read more inside about the Poppleton Social Speed Quiz Night which has contributed to the fund and, of course, the planned Everest Trek that's scheduled to generate a further significant amount of money. If you'd like



Over 1000 people enjoyed the last Garden Trail in 2017.

to know more about this - fancy a 'stroll' up to Base Camp? - details are inside.

The ever popular Poppleton Garden Trail is currently being planned for late June - if



Coming soon to a community cinema near you. See inside for more details

you'd like to open your garden to help us boost the fund, details are also inside.

Contact Details

If you'd like more information about clubs and activities at The Centre go to Page 15 for details of who to talk to. If you want to contact Centre Manager Beth Kirkham you can get in touch by email, telephone or in person between 9am and 5.30pm weekdays. Her contact details are at the bottom of the page. Please remember that she should **not** be contacted over the weekend for anything other than serious security or emergency reasons.

To keep up to date go to our website, poppletoncentre.org.uk, sign up for our ENews emailings and make sure you don't miss out.



Some of the creative entries to the Village Show in 2023

What's On in Poppleton

Tuesday 5 March 2024
POPPLETON ARTS MEETING
At The Centre

Friday 8 March 2024
COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT
At The Centre

Friday 29 March 2024
EASTER EGG HUNT
At the Centre

Tuesday 9 April 2024
POPPLETON ARTS MEETING
At The Centre

Saturday 13 April 2024
TUBER & SEED COLLECTION
FOR VILLAGE SHOW ENTRIES
Outside Allerton Drive shops

Saturday 27 April 2024
FUNDRAISING EVENT
Coffee on the Green

Saturday 11 May 2024
HEARING DOGS EVENT
At The Tithe Barn

Monday 27 May 2024
CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY
On The Green

Friday/Saturday 7/8 June 2024
**POPPLETON
BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL**
PJFC Fundraiser

Weekend 29/30 June 2024
**POPPLETON
GARDEN TRAIL**
All around the village

Saturday 17 August 2024
POPPLETON VILLAGE SHOW
On The Green

Saturday 17 August 2024
GARDEN PARTY
At The Lord Nelson



Happy Easter
From all the
Centre Team

Out o' Space Fundraising Update

The Out o' Space Project continues to be a focus for the Trust and the Centre Team. Having achieved our most recent milestone of £150,000 in the fund we have now, thanks to a huge amount of work by Trustee Chris Starling, completed several bids for substantial amounts of money from charity grant funders. We are hoping during the next few months to continue this work and to receive some positive news from bids that we have submitted. As ever, watch this space.

Maisie Bakes for the Fund

Wonderful Maisie Davis generously baked cakes and sold them to raise funds for the Out o' Space project during the Scarecrow Trail last year. They proved to be so popular that



Maisie with her cake stall at the Scarecrow Trail

she has arranged to sell them at the Poppleton Social on certain days in the coming months - again to raise funds for the Project. Sam and Louise Gallagher, of the Poppleton Social, are delighted to help out. "It's great to be able to support Maisie with her efforts and to help with her fundraising" said Sam.

Make a Donation

Our GoFundMe page is still up and running and you are invited to contribute to the Fund by going on-line to gofundme.com/fl/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.



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Events Coming Up

The popular Easter Egg Hunt at The Centre returns, Poppleton Garden Trail is coming up and a fabulous Garden Party fundraiser at the Lord Nelson with an afternoon listening to amazing music from bands such as the Supermodels is scheduled for August. In the meantime if you'd like to help, have contacts who might provide some funding, would like to do a sponsored activity for us or just plan to come along and support the ones that are planned we'd welcome your contribution.

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 - preferably by Friday 29 March.



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.

Name.....

Address.....

E-Mail.....

Telephone No.

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 to arrive by Friday 29 March 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. We need all the help we can get!



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Weekend Issues

As you can see from the advertisement on the next page, we have unfortunately so far been unable to fill the post of Weekend Co-ordinator and there have been repeated incidences of anti-social behaviour at The Centre such that Trustees have reluctantly taken the decision to again employ security at appropriate times.

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 an adult. Trustees would appreciate parents ensuring that their children are aware of this and comply.



people took part with Speedy Quizmaster Nick Moss firing questions for which bonus points could be accrued by being the first team to answer correctly. Unfortunately, we were all so engrossed in the quiz and the great pie and pea interval food that nobody remembered to take any photos! However, the important thing was that everyone enjoyed themselves and Sam, Louise and Nick raised around £500 for the Project. Thanks to them for organising it and to everyone who came along and

Speed Quiz Night

On 27 January Poppleton Social organised a Speed Quiz to raise funds for the Out o' Space Project. Some 50 quizzers, in twelve teams of between two and eight

Trustee Resigns

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Warwick Spencer has reluctantly decided to resign as a Trustee of Poppleton Community Trust. Warwick has been a much valued member for many years,



and as Vice Chair could always be relied upon for thoughtful and considered contributions to any discussion. He has been a major contributor to producing the annual three-year plan and many in the village will know him from his annual job of scanning tickets at the Bonfire Night event!

Robin Tomlinson, Trust Chair, said

"We'll miss Warwick's wisdom and commitment to the village through his work on the Trust and wish him well."



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Weekend Facilities/Reception Co-ordinator Require

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 upon 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. For an informal chat about the role, please contact her on 01904 797478.



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The date for the Village Show this year is Saturday 17 August on the Upper Poppleton Green, writes David Johnson.

The "Spud and Carrot in a Bucket" tubers and seeds will be available for collection outside the Allerton Drive shops on Saturday 13 April, when you can also collect your free programme/schedule to allow you to enter the show.

As well as the traditional flower and vegetable classes there are others for



Sheep at The Show in 2023

handicrafts, floral art, baking and three 'children under thirteen only' classes; miniature garden, decorated six-inch diameter flower pot and two decorated iced buns/cupcakes.

There will also be the Fun Dog Show, the Vintage Car Display, Ebor Brass Band and new this year an interactive 20-30 minute performance by Enchanting Entertainments including singing and dancing with the children's characters and the well-known songs and fun party dances such as the Hokey Cokey. For more information go to poppletonvillageshow.uk.



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News from Nether Poppleton Parish Council

From Chairman Sean Barry

A Parish Council Meeting was held on 15 January, the purpose of which was to discuss the grouping of Nether and Upper Poppleton Councils. It was very well attended and constructive in nature. A vote was held at the end of the meeting and was unanimously in favour of grouping the two Parish Councils. I have written to the Director of Democratic Governance and Monitoring, at City of York Council, requesting that the grouping is given consideration. We will advise on progress in further editions.

River Bank Strengthening



The Environment Agency have now granted a licence for the Parish Council to strengthen the river bank near to Saxe Dane Lodge. This will involve the planting of willow trees on, and adjacent to, the river bank. This work will go ahead when the weather allows. The January Parish Council meeting was very productive, with some £12,750 in grants being discussed and approved.



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News from Upper Poppleton Parish Council

From Chairman Neil Lawrence

In the previous Centrepiece Magazine, Sean Barry, the Chairman of Nether Poppleton Parish Council and I co-wrote an article about grouping the two Parish Councils in Poppleton. At the two Parish Meetings in early January, there was a presentation about this proposal, followed by questions and answers and a discussion. The final item at the meeting was the vote. At both meetings there was a unanimous vote in favour of grouping the two Parish Councils. There were no votes against. The presentation and the meeting minutes can be found on the Poppleton website. Consequently, both Sean and I have applied to the City of York Council for a Grouping Order to join the two Parish Councils together. We await their response. Further updates will be included in Centrepiece as they become available.

Pavement Obstructions



On a completely different subject, the Parish Council has received several complaints and comments about obstructions to the pavements around the village. I have been asked to remind villagers to please park on the road and not on the pavements and to cut hedges back to ensure that the full width of the pavement is available. It is the neighbourly thing to do and would keep pavements clear for people in wheelchairs and for pedestrians. Thank you for cooperating.

Sprucing up the Maypole

The maypole is due to be painted in March, subject



to suitable weather. This is not just for aesthetic reasons, it will also keep the maypole in good condition and prevent deterioration. It will also ensure a nice shiny maypole in time for the Sports Day. This will be an interesting exercise and one worth watching. Keep your eyes open.

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community centre is that it will achieve a huge saving in VAT on the development project and other costs within the Trust.

However, the downside to this is that from the date of registration we will have to add VAT at 20% to our hire rates. Regular hirers will be aware that we did not increase hire rates in September, as is usual, in order to help cushion

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Christmas Dinner Winner

The winner of our Win Christmas Dinner at Tom Brown's Knaption Lion Competition in the December edition of Centrepiece was John Barker. Congratulations to him and many thanks to everyone who entered. The correct answer was that the distance Rudolph and Santa would have to fly to get from The Lord Nelson in Nether Poppleton to The Knaption Lion in Knaption was between 2,915m and 2,935m (depending on which chimney they used!). Everyone who gave us an estimate within that range went into the hat and the winner was drawn at random.

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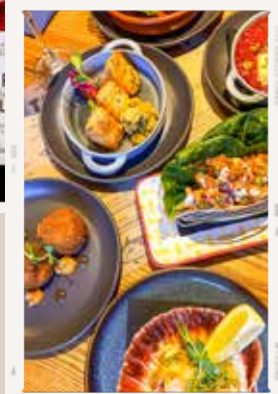
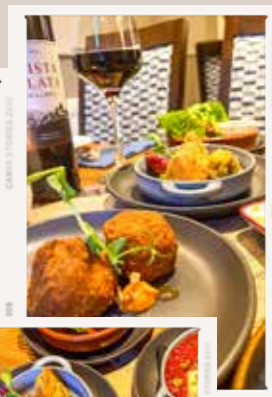
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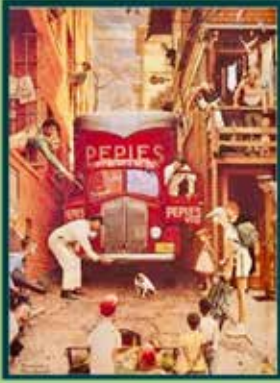
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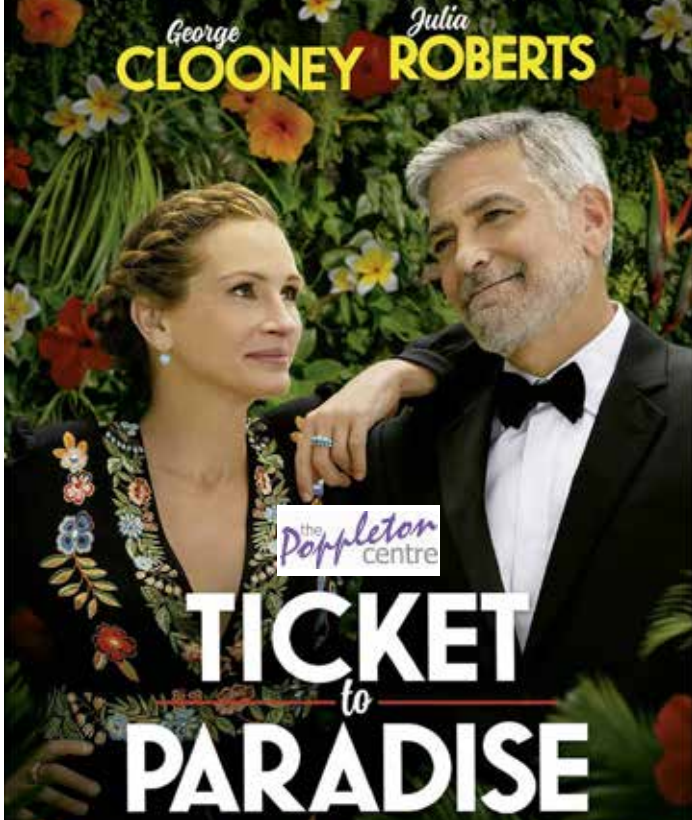




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Bye Bye Boiler



Anyone who experienced the bitter cold in parts of The Centre recently will be delighted to know that the new boiler has now been fully commissioned at a cost of over £12,000. The old one, proudly displayed, above, by Barry Moss as it leaves the building, has done remarkably well since it was installed at the Centre when it was built in 1991 - 33 years of sterling service. We look forward to celebrating the new boiler's 30th anniversary in 2054!

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News from Julian Crabb

Ordinary Meeting 1 November 2023

'In Sickness and in Health – Health Care in York through the Ages' by Neil Moran.

This was the second attempt following a medical incident 5 October 2022. Dr Moran was on hand to assist. He started the second talk with Hippocrates, Aesculapius and Galen, saying knowledge of the human body and treatment was primitive with dissection forbidden. The Romans were the first to recognise sickness and train healers with remedies based on herbs by trial and error. Roman baths led to a healthier state and cess pits moved away.

The Anglo-Saxon period added little and Monks and Canons still applied most of the treatment. The medieval book of the Barber Surgeons listed 50 diseases known at the time. Henry VIII separated barbers from surgeons and criminals executed could now be dissected surgeons serving a seven year apprenticeship.

The typhus epidemic in York in 1847 led to mass burial opposite the station. York was one of the few places to have early hospitals with 500 beds in 23 hospitals. St Leonards had 206. With industrialisation came chest diseases from pollution and poverty. The Merchant Adventurers' Hall was a refuge for those suffering from syphilis, smallpox and cholera. Gastro-intestinal diseases came from drinking polluted waters until piped clean water was introduced and modern discoveries like penicillin, nitrous oxide and theatre conditions paved the way for modern medicine and surgery.

Ordinary Meeting 6 December 2023

'Newspapers: The Sudan War 1884 and my Ancestor' by Robert Blatchford (member)

British forces occupied Egypt in 1882 to protect the Suez Canal and British financial interest. Invasion of Sudan meant access to the Nile and its trade markets, selling textiles, alcohol and

guns with new trading routes opening. British, Egyptian and Indian forces fought the rebellious Islamic tribesmen under the Mahdi, Muhammed Ahmed bin Abdulla. The Western Mail paper in England recorded the events in Sudan.

James Blatchford was distantly related to the speaker and born in Cork in 1859. He joined the Navy and was known to be aboard HMS Eurylus. He deserted ship and fell among rough times before accidentally drowning at 52 in Milford Haven Docks.

Ordinary Meeting 3 January 2024

'The Zulu Wars' by Robert Blatchford (member).

The speaker replaced Jane McKeown who was to speak about China but was indisposed.

The Anglo-Zulu War was fought in 1879 between the British Empire and the Zulu Kingdom. The British hoped to use Zulus as labour in the South African mines. Initial defeat of the British at Isandlwana met with resistance at Rorke's



Drift and eventual defeat of the Zulus at Ulundi where the Royal villages were sacked and Cetshwayo captured. He was imprisoned at Cape Town but came to England to plead a return

to his kingdom. He was helped by Lady Florence Dixie who invited him to Bosworth Hall. Both Victoria and Gladstone agreed his return but his kingdom was destroyed and respect diminished. He died soon after his return. The speaker and his wife had visited the area noting the graves of both parties.

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News from Poppleton Sports Clubs

Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club News from Hilary Spencer

Clay Court Issues

A very cold, wet and windy start to 2024, however members have continued playing on both our hard and the newly laid artificial clay courts. The adverse weather conditions have caused major issues with the new clay courts which are in the process of being resolved.

Our juniors have again had a successful few months. Ezra Bird (5) represented Yorkshire in a County triangular 6 years and Under event at Bolton Tennis Centre. Reuben Bird (7) was runner up in a mini tennis red grade 4 tournament in Leeds. Many congratulations to both boys!

All the groups have resumed after Christmas. There are a few spaces for mini tennis red beginners, ages 5-6, 7 if beginners, on a Thursday or Friday 4-5pm. Please contact Belinda on 07977 331117 for further information.

Social tennis takes place on Wednesday evening under the floodlights 6.30-8.00pm. Further details are available on the website.

There will be a social event on Sunday 25th February, starting at 1.30pm, for female members of all abilities. Everyone is welcome, whether you are just getting back into playing or are playing regularly.

Local league matches for ladies' singles and doubles, men's singles and doubles and mixed doubles 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.

PLTC membership for 24-25 season is open. Any new members looking to join get February and March free! For other benefits please see the website. Current members should please renew by 1st April.

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For details of all the activities available at The Centre see opposite page

Poppleton Junior FC News from Rich Fox

Beer Fest is back!

Spring is in the air, which can mean only one thing - it's nearly time for the Poppleton Beer & Music Festival, this year on 7/8 June.

We've lined up The Supermodels for the Friday night, and The Perfect Shambles for the Saturday night, both highly popular and fantastic bands, so we're expecting a sell out on both nights.

We've also teamed up with our friends at the Poppleton Centre to sell all tickets online this year. If you use the QR code on our poster in this edition of Centrepiece, it will take you straight to the ticket sales page and you'll be able to buy your tickets - U18s are free, adults are £12. When you arrive at the event, simply show your ticket on your phone (or print off if you prefer) and in you come!

As usual, we're always on the look out for volunteers to help in the build up or on either or both of the days, so please get in touch with Bel Dowson on 07982 243 021 by text or call if you'd like to join in; it's always great fun and we need all the help we can get!

Look forward to welcoming you all to the fest!

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

Poppleton United FC News from Alex Janes

Slow But Sure

After a slow first half to the season, the first team have started to find their feet with two wins and a draw in the last five games, though they face a race against time to secure their safety with games fast running out. The reserves have had a frustrating time due to multiple postponements so will face a busy end to the season when the games come thick and fast.

Come and Join Us

We are always looking to recruit local players who have been through the junior club and now reached open age. Please get in contact if you are interested.

Further information from
Alex Janes
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Poppleton Bowls Club News from Colin Robinson

New Season Ahead

It has been a mild but long, wet, dreary winter for all of us. In terms of bowls a lot of bowlers move indoors during the winter where the weather doesn't matter. However we are now looking forward to the start of the outdoor season, that will be around mid April depending on the weather and the state of the green. During the winter months the club has had a series of quiz nights organised superbly by Alan and Liz Taylor. As well as being just great fun, they have raised a very decent sum of money for the club.

At the York Veteran's meeting recently our vet's captain, Alan Taylor accompanied by myself, came away with no less than three trophies, two more than any of the other clubs represented at the meeting. As reported in the last Centrepiece the club's B team were winners of Division 1. Our A team runners up in Division 2 and duly promoted into Division 1. The A team also received a cup for being runners up in the Coronation Cup. Our Ladies team also had a very successful season retaining the Challis Cup.

When the season gets going, as always there will be coaching on Tuesday evenings for anyone who fancies learning to bowl. Just turn up around 6.30 pm, bowls and shoes will be provided. Bowls is great fun. Come and have a go!

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

Spring clean? In with the new at



Organisation	Days/times (24 hour clock used)	Contact	Contact No
Aiki Jujitsu Club	Monday 18.00-19.30	Richard Cooper	07984 465265
Ballet with Miss Gemma	Saturday 09.00-12.00	Gemma Thomaz	07428 644219
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	Hilary Davies	01904 795984
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
Pickleball	Monday 10.30-12.00; Wednesday 11.30-13.00	Just come along to a session	
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	Jean Graystone	01904 795914
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
YCSG Cardiac Rehab Exercise Class	Monday 13.30-14.30; Friday 13.30-14.30	Ray Schofield	07703 199207
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

Calling all Dog Lovers

Poppleton Tithe Barn is hosting a Hearing Dog event on Saturday 11 May 2024, starting at 1.15pm with a charity dog walk on Poppleton Ings, writes Richard Cantrell. Everyone is welcome, with or without a dog. The walk takes about 45 minutes, and each dog will receive a doggy bag of goodies. Suggested donation of £10 per adult (dogs and children free).

Meet the Hearing Dogs

Back at the Tithe Barn, beginning at 2pm, join us for a cuppa and cakes, and meet gorgeous Hearing Dogs in training. There will be a chance to chat to volunteers and meet deaf partnerships, and find out how these amazing dogs support their deaf partners. There will be a raffle and tombola with great prizes, and at 3pm, a Hearing Dog demonstration will show you how these specially trained dogs alert their deaf partners to sounds in the home. It's not to be missed! Please come and support us and, hopefully, join our volunteer family.



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