



### Anonymous Donor Boosts Out o' Space Project Fund

The Out o' Space fund took an enormous boost at the end of the year when an incredibly generous donor, who asked that their name be kept anonymous, made a £50,000 donation to the fund. This boosted the figure now available to over £400,000, enabling Phase 1 of the project to start while we raise the money to move on to Phase 2.

Thanks, too, to the team at Nisa on The Green who have made a further generous donation to the fund.



Read inside for more details of our fundraising and

the building project as it kicks off.

### Youth Club in Jeopardy

Youth Club leader Jerry Holland wrote in the last issue about the likely folding of the Poppleton Youth Club without an increase in membership. Thanks to a vigorous campaign by him and his team, membership has increased and the Club flourishes. Read more inside.

### Job Vacancy at The Centre

Join our dedicated team at The Poppleton Centre as a Weekend Centre Facilities Support Coordinator, playing a crucial role in maintaining the cleanliness and hygiene of our busy community centre, ensuring it's always ready for the many events and activities we host. See inside, page 5, for more details.



The first digger on site



Poppleton Children's Sports Day's coming up in May



### Do you live on the Langley Gate development?

Welcome to Poppleton and this copy of Centrepiece, the magazine of your local Community Centre. You'll find it full of village news, and we have a message just for you.

Take a look inside

## What's On in Poppleton

Tuesday 4 March  
**POPPLETON ARTS**  
At The Centre



Friday 7 March  
**BINGO NIGHT**  
At The Centre



Friday 14 March  
**COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT**  
At The Centre

Tuesday 18 March  
**POPPLETON HISTORY SOCIETY**  
At The Centre

Weekends 5,6,12,13 March  
**POPPLETON ARTISTS OPEN**  
Open Studios in the village

Saturday 12 April  
**FREE SPUDS & CARROTS**  
For Village Show Entries See page 15



Friday 18 April  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
All around The Centre

Thursday 8 May  
**VE DAY CELEBRATION**  
On The Village Green

Monday 26 May  
**CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY**  
On The Village Green

Friday 6 & Saturday 7 June  
**POPPLETON BEERFEST**  
PJFC FUNDRAISER  
At Millfield Lane

Thursday 19 June  
**CENTRE UPDATE MEETING**  
Get the latest about The Centre

Saturday 5 July  
**POPPLETON RIVER FEST**  
At Linton Lock Marina

Saturday 16 August  
**POPPLETON VILLAGE SHOW**  
On the Village Green



# Stuart Robson - long time supporter of The Centre



Stuart was a long time supporter of the Centre and sadly passed away on 3rd January this year, writes Robin Tomlinson.

At a well-attended memorial service in All Saints church in the village on 31st January Stuart's wife Lal and son Richard gave a fascinating recollection of Stuart's life. Stuart was an accomplished sportsman in his youth playing hockey, lacrosse, and cricket. He played cricket at school to county level, his love of cricket staying with him until much later in his life. He went to study at Newcastle university which

led to him joining the dental profession. He moved to York to take up a partnership in a dental practice in Blossom Street, later becoming Robson, Nicholson and Alpin which was built into a very successful practice. He involved himself in the administration of the dental profession eventually becoming President of the British Dental Association.

Stuart was also a keen sailor, but it was his love of cricket which led to his involvement in the recent move to revive Village cricket in Poppleton. With no funding and with no ground to play on, Stuart enlisted the

help of Ian Gillies, by now a city of York Councillor and between them they obtained an agreement from a planning inspector that S106 funding from the housing development on the British Sugar site should be directed towards new cricket facilities to replace those lost because of the new development, and that funding should go to cricket in Poppleton. This development has been delayed by a number of years and so Stuart decided to start cricket development by introducing youth cricket in the village. He formed a working party with representation from City of York Council, the Parish Councils, Yorkshire County Cricket club, Poppleton Community Trust and a number of interested local people. The junior teams, both boys and girls, played for two seasons at local venues but with a home for cricket still some time away and playing venues becoming difficult to find it was decided to put the club into limbo and its assets were transferred to the care of the Community Trust where they now reside to be used for Cricket development when the BSC site comes to fruition. Sadly both Stuart and Ian Gillies will not see that happen.

Following his retirement Stuart joined the Upper Poppleton Parish Council, eventually becoming Chairman, a position he held until a couple of years before his death. During his time as a Parish Councillor Stuart remained a staunch supporter of the Poppleton Centre, regularly enjoying a coffee and catch up with Beth the Centre Manager and various Trustees.

His enthusiasm for the good of this village and particularly the Centre will be sorely missed.

*A tribute to Stuart from Neil Lawrence, current Chairman of Upper Poppleton Parish Council appears on page 7.*



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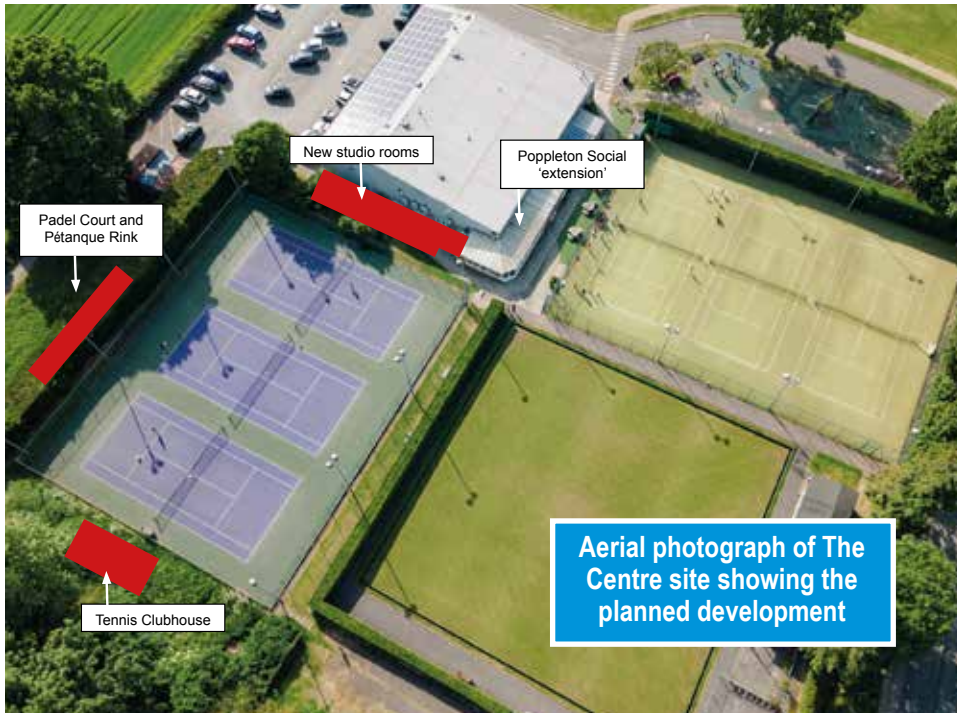
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# Out o' Space Project Update



## Phase One Has Started

Phase 1 started at the beginning of January when the diggers arrived and contractor Chris Cook's team started to clear out the shrubs alongside the tennis courts at the side of the building. We're

adding at ground floor level two multi-use studios with sprung floors to accommodate not only dance and fitness but meetings and parties, too. General access will be from around the side of the building. We anticipate that work will be completed in August at an estimated cost of £320,000.

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At the same time a Padel Court and Pétanque Rink will be created, funded by a S106 grant from City of York Council/Miller Homes at an estimated cost of £100,000.

## Tennis Clubhouse

All this will be closely followed by Phase 2, the creation of a new clubhouse for Poppleton Tennis Club on the far side of the tennis courts enabling Poppleton Social to be enlarged, providing more café/bar space and improved access to outside seating. Estimated cost £350,000.

## Phase 3 to follow?

Phase 3 has yet to be confirmed. The original plan to build upstairs rooms and facilities, accessible via a lift and stairs, has been shelved for the time being as has the initiative to accommodate Explore Library into the Centre complex. If funding becomes available we can develop the Centre building accordingly. Estimated cost £450,000.

## Last Chance To Put Your Name on The Building

Work on adding new rooms to your community centre building has started - but we still need to raise funding for the development of the Poppleton Social space and it's not too late to add your and your families' names to the new building to help us hit our next target. Over 200 names have already secured their place in Poppleton history - don't be left out.

**Be quick, though, because we'll be closing nominations on Monday 31st March 2025.**

It really couldn't be easier - for more information about the project and to add names at £25 each use the quick link below go to

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and follow the links  
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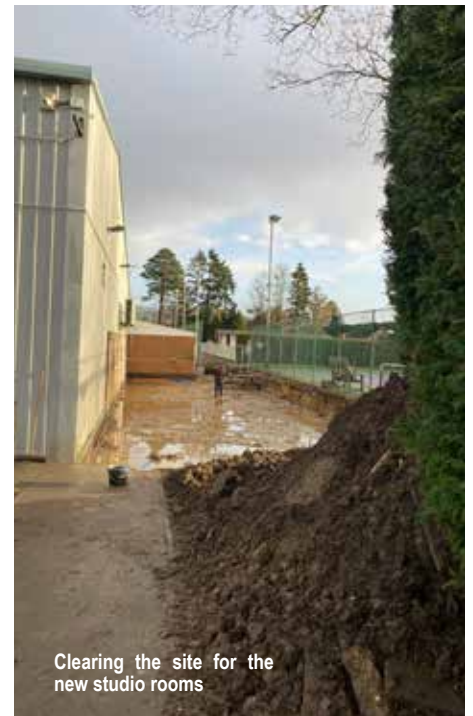
**Centre Manager Beth Kirkham**  
to take your details and payment.

Huge thanks to everyone who has already contributed.

## Go Fund Me

Our Go Fund Me page is also still accepting contributions and we'd be eternally grateful for your donation. If you'd like to donate simply go on-line to

[gofundme.com/f/outospace-project](http://gofundme.com/f/outospace-project)  
or talk to Beth Kirkham



Clearing the site for the new studio rooms



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Pat and Ian Gillies with their granddaughters  
Mollie Ovenden, Isobel Ovenden, Lillie Railton  
and Rosie Railton

The death was announced in December 2024 of Ian Gillies, *writes Robin Tomlinson*, a long-time supporter of the Community Centre and its predecessor Poppleton Sports and Social club.

Ian was a long serving member of the City of York Council, joining the Council in 2007 and serving as leader of the conservative party and eventually Council leader.

He became Lord Mayor in the 2014/15 civic year carrying out over 800 engagements in the year, eventually retiring from the council in 2019.

Ian leaves his wife of 57 years Pat along with his two daughters and five grandchildren.

His cheery smiling face in Poppleton will be sorely missed.



The flights are booked and our intrepid trekkers are in training for their trip of a lifetime. They're still looking for financial support to help them raise funds for our Out o' Space Project so, if you can help by going to one of their events, they'd love to see you.



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**POPPLETON YOUTH CLUB**



When I last wrote in *Centrepiece*, reports Jerry Holland, the youth club was experiencing poor attendance figures resulting from a number of factors and circumstances. Following publicity in *Centrepiece* and other local media plus a poster campaign throughout the villages the number of children and young people attending the club has rallied with attendance at the club's Friday night sessions now around 30 each week. We are indebted to our Parish councils for their continuing financial support for the club as well as Poppleton Methodist Church for use of their hall.

The Nisa store on The Green has recently donated funds to the Club which has enabled it to purchase a new tablet computer. The picture shows staff at the shop giving the new computer to club Leader Mark Eaton and members of the club. The Youth Club is open to all children and young people from Year 6 upwards and is at the old Methodist Church Hall on The Green every Friday during term time from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. All you have to do is turn up at the door.

**For more information email [poppletonyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:poppletonyouthclub@gmail.com)**

## Do You Live on Langley Gate?



If you do, welcome to Poppleton, and we hope you enjoy reading this edition of *Centrepiece*. We publish every quarter and bring you news and information about what's going on at your local community centre and in the village.

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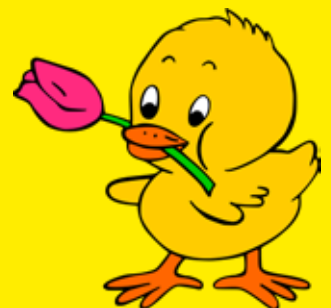
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**All the Team  
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or pick up a job spec at The Centre.

## Millennium Green Team Say 'Thanks'



The Trustees of the Millennium Green would like to thank those of you who have attended our fundraising events over the past year, bought our calendar, made donations or worked as a volunteer on the Green. We could not continue without your help and appreciate your support.

If you'd like to be involved in the maintenance of the Green and join our working sessions please ring

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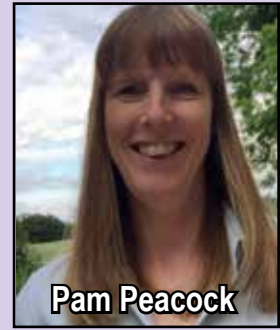
## Comings and Goings at the Trust



**David Richardson**

Leaving the Trust after four years as Treasurer, David Richardson, a chartered accountant by profession, joined early in 2020 just before lockdown and has played a key part in managing Trust finances throughout the pandemic, up until he resigned at the end of 2024 to concentrate on family and work commitments.

David's financial management and guidance has helped the Trust to steer its way through those difficult times and has helped to ensure that our finances are in a strong position as he passes responsibility to new Treasurer Pam Peacock.



**Pam Peacock**

Poppleton Community Trust is delighted to welcome two new Trustees to the team.

Pam Peacock joins as Treasurer, stepping into the shoes of David Richardson who recently resigned. Pam and her husband, have lived in the village for almost 25 years. Early years she worked in hospitality before retraining in finance, qualified MAAT.

Pam enjoys travelling, good food and wine as well as enjoying going to watch rugby union England matches and cycling in the velodrome.



**Andy Dixon**

Andy joined the Trust in December. He grew up in the Yorkshire Dales and has been living in Poppleton since 2004. He is married to Jane, and has two daughters, both of whom went to Poppleton Ousebank and Manor school, and are now studying at University.

Andy works for Credera, a small management consultancy specialising in technology. Outside of work, he loves cycling, running and hiking, and is part of the Poppleton group who will be climbing to Everest basecamp later in the year.



**Allie Campbell**

Also departing is Allie Campbell who joined the Trust in June 2019 and has made an invaluable contribution to the work of the team over the years. Due to family commitments Allie has now unfortunately had to resign as a trustee and we would like to thank her for her commitment and all her hard work in helping to continue to ensure that The Centre continues to thrive.

## Would You Like to Become a Trustee?

Poppleton Community Trust is the charity that looks after your community centre. It isn't run by the County, City or Parish Councils (although the Parish Councils are generous in providing funds for specific projects where they can) but by the Trustees and the Centre Team who work hard to ensure that The Poppleton Centre remains on a financially sound footing, is managed efficiently and is able to fulfill the needs of the village.

Being a Trustee is a responsible and rewarding role and brings with it the satisfaction of helping to support this valuable village amenity. If you would like to help by joining the Trust you would be very welcome. For details of what that entails chat to any of the Trustees or contact Trust Chairman Robin Tomlinson on [robintom34@gmail.com](mailto:robintom34@gmail.com).





The Trustees of Poppleton  
Community Trust  
invite you to a

## Centre Update Meeting

(formerly the AGM)

on  
Thursday 19 June 2025  
at 7.30pm  
at  
The Poppleton Centre

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

Everybody welcome

# News from Upper Poppleton Parish Council

From Neil Lawrence

## In memory of Stuart Robson



In January of this year came the sad news that Stuart Robson had died.

Stuart had been a member of Upper Poppleton Parish Council since 2005. He was the chairman from 2014 until he stepped down in 2023. He was well known around the village and was very active in his chairman's role. As well as chairing the Parish Council meetings with the attendant background work, he took the lead in organizing a number of major events such as the Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation celebrations on the Green. In addition to his Parish Council duties Stuart was a member of the Village Show committee and developed the vintage car display which drew in many visitors.

As the chairman who followed him, I am grateful for his friendly advice and clear point of view. He was a very good man.

He was a husband, father and grandfather and he will be missed by his family and his friends.

## Biodiversity

There was an enthusiastic response to the biodiversity article in the previous issue. Work is ongoing to formulate action plans together with the necessary bureaucratic requirements. More information together with proposals and ideas will be published in due course. The most important aspect is for as many villagers as possible to become involved in biodiversity activities. So be prepared to get your hands dirty.

A question from the biodiversity group.



This early flowering cowslip was spotted in a Station Road garden on 18 January. Has anyone seen one flowering earlier than this?

Get in touch on poppletoncentre.org.uk  
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## Planting Advice

These are some of the bulbs that can be planted in March that will produce beautiful flowers in summer which are attractive to various insects.

- Dutch and round headed garlic
- Star of Bethlehem
- Sicilian honey allium
- Lily of the valley
- Crocus
- Gay feather
- Blazing star

## VE Day Celebration



The 80th anniversary of VE Day will be commemorated all over the country on 8th May.

To celebrate this historic event which marked the end of the war in Europe, Poppleton Parish Councils are organising a party on the Green. So grab your chair and come and enjoy food and drink whilst listening to live music and watching contemporary dancing.



Later in the evening there will be stirring music, anthems and the lighting of the beacon.

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# What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?



"What if?..." ...there is a time when you are not able to make or communicate your own decisions, writes Neville Ward from Age UK York. Having a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) set up beforehand can make things much easier should that time come. The best time to make a LPA is when you don't need it.

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal framework to allow an individual (known as the Donor) to appoint one or more people they trust (known as Attorneys) to make decisions on their behalf. Anyone over 18 can make a LPA, provided they have the mental capacity to do so. There are a number of reasons why you might need someone to make decisions on your behalf. It could be that you are concerned about going into hospital or whether you might need care in the future. It could be you are starting to need help with completing everyday financial tasks such as paying your bills, going to the bank or the inevitable drift to things only being available either over the phone or online. LPAs might be



part of your long-term planning. Maybe you are concerned should you ever become diagnosed with, say, dementia - or maybe you just like to be organised. LPAs enable you a way to plan ahead in case you are concerned about your ability to make your own decisions in the future.

## Two types of LPA

There are two types of LPA, each of which has a different purpose: one for Property & Financial Affairs and one for Health & Welfare. Therefore, individuals can choose whether to have one or both. Individuals can add any preferences or instructions to make their LPA specific to themselves.

## Help from Age UK

Age UK York have a free, impartial and confidential Information & Advice team who can help you understand LPAs, including outlining the options you have to put one in place.

It is possible for people to make and register their LPA themselves. Some people decide to pay for assistance (e.g. a solicitor, or some other professional). Age UK York also offer an additional chargeable service to assist people make and register their LPAs. (The fees for this additional service help cover incurred costs.)

**You can find further information on Age UK York's website: [ageukyork.org.uk](http://ageukyork.org.uk)  
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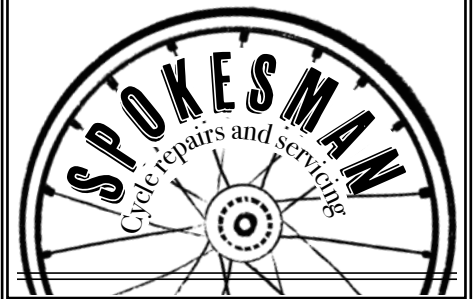


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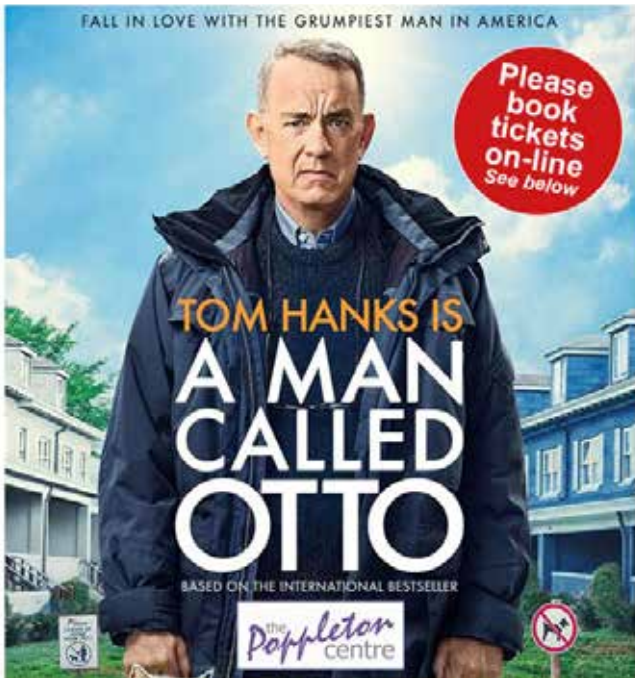
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*Tickets will also be available on the door.*  
*The Poppleton Social will be open, ice cream and snacks on sale*



## RiverFest Re-launches

What started as a half-baked idea over pints at The Lord Nelson, writes Angus Lowe, became one of the most memorable days on the River Ouse.

The first-ever Poppleton RiverFest in 2024 saw 75 paddlers on kayaks and paddleboards gliding from Linton to Poppleton. We stopped for ice cream at Beningbrough Beach, made new friends, and finished with a well-earned drink at the pub. And now, we're doing it again!

On **Saturday 5th July 2025**, we're setting off once more, and this time it's even bigger. We've secured a dedicated field at Linton Lock Marina for a pre-paddle gathering, with bacon sandwiches, tea, and coffee before we hit the water. Expect more riverside fun, more activities, and that unbeatable summer vibe.

This event is open to all – solo adventurers, groups, families, and kids. Whether you want a relaxed float or an energetic paddle, it's the perfect way to enjoy the Ouse.

Dust off your kayak or paddleboard, rally your friends, and look out for posters around the village with details on how to register and get tickets. Afterwards, join us at The Lord Nelson for a hog roast and celebration!

See you on the water!



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## Don't Miss Sports Day

Poppleton Children's Sports Day will be back with you again this year on Monday 26th May on the Village Green, bringing you all the activities you know and love - the fancy dress parade, maypole dancing, handicrafts, stalls, rides and bouncy castles. We look forward to welcoming families from Poppleton and beyond to this year's event.

Programmes with full details will be available in local shops from early May and watch our social media pages and local notice boards for updates.

### Volunteers Needed

While our team is already busy preparing, we desperately need more volunteers to make it happen. Most urgently, we have an immediate vacancy for a new treasurer. We'd love you to come to our friendly, sociable meetings but if that's not possible you can still help. Please consider if you can spare a few hours a week from January to June.

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# News from Nether Poppleton Parish Council

From Richard Harper

## Planning the Budget

At our first meeting after Christmas one of the first tasks we had to tackle was the budget for 2025/6.

We have had to consider several requests for grants for release in April. Representations were made from all of the applicants and we had to make some difficult decisions in order to balance the books for the coming year.

## Warren Lea Path

If you have used Warren Lea recently you will have noticed that the path has been fully chipped. This will make a big difference when we get some spring weather. We have to thank the Conservation Volunteers for their help with this project.

Thinking of Spring, the Parish Council have planted even more spring bulbs. Please take this into account if you have to park your car on one of the verges. The bulbs will soon be popping up.

## River Bank

One area of concern is the river bank near the Lido. This bank is at the mercy of the river and the soft soil is easily eroded. This part is actually Parish Council land and people have been seen dig-

ging in this area. If you see anyone doing this please notify the Police as it is an illegal act.

## New Seat

Regular visitors to the village pond will soon see an additional memorial bench. This will provide an extra place to have a rest.

Poppleton Lido was a popular swimming spot back in the 1950s



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# Poppleton History Society

News from Julian Crabb

## Ordinary Meeting

19 November 2024

### The Ancient Walls of York and How they were Saved

by Jonathan French

The speaker came to York in 1979 and on retirement became interested in the history of York. He is Chair of York Oral History Society and a council member of YAYAS.

The map showed the 'Defences of York' after William the Conqueror added extensions to the Roman fortress. The Walls and Gates served for defence, a statement of power, civic reputation as a Royal City, business security and for keeping people out. The gates also acted as custom posts.



Bootham Bar

However, as the city developed through the 17th century and into the 18th the walls became an impediment to traffic and in 1799 there was a petition to demolish them.

Strong opposition by two Archbishops and other influential people like William Etty and members of York Philosophical Society led to funding in 1827 which allowed a section of the



Walmgate Bar Barbican

Walls between Micklegate Bar and North Street Postern to be repaired but the Corporation declined maintenance. Even as late as 1855 the Walls between Walmgate Bar and the Red Tower were considered for demolition.



George Hudson

The main problem over the years was 'accessibility' for the local population and visitors. The cattle market was outside the city walls and entry difficult. Slowly all the Barbicans were removed leaving just Walmgate as an historical example. Various

breaches have improved matters. George Hudson, the Railway King brought coal to the trains through two arches in the mid 1800s. Victoria Bar was modified in 1838 and the whole walkway built in Victorian times. Erosion and weathering of the magnesian limestone continues to be a problem but current thinking is to preserve walls and gates carefully avoiding major intrusions.

## Ordinary Meeting

10 December 2024

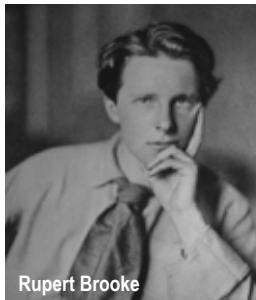
### That this House believes Britain should Apologise for its Colonialism

The Junior Debating Team of St Peter's School, York made a good fist of both supporting the motion and defending it with a young Moderator keeping control. A vote taken before and after the debate did not move the audience to change their belief that Britain was more of a force for good than for oppression. The subject was very sensitive, particularly for older people but is included in the A-level History syllabus for September 2025.

## Ordinary Meeting

21 January 2025

Poets and Poems from 'Poppleton Sons of the Great War Remembered' plus 'The Silent Secret' poem by Sandra Hutson by Members of PHS



Rupert Brooke

Of the 17 Poets and 18 poems in the book, nine were chosen to represent the three phases of the Great War. The secretary introduced the format suggesting that no applause was needed between readings but just a pause of silence.

A short account of the Poets and their Poems was displayed on the screen and ranged from WN Hodgson, Vera Brittain, Wilfred Gibson to Rupert Brooke. Five readers attempted justice to the selected poems. The evening finished with the Chair reading Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen', a moving epitaph.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 18 March

7.30pm

Memories of Poppleton

by John Shaw

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# News from Poppleton Sports Clubs

## Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club

News from Hilary Spencer

### Pickleball Takes Off

A cold, wet and windy start to 2025 but members have continued playing on both the hard and artificial clay courts.

Pickleball is now well established in Poppleton and welcomes all ages and abilities to the sessions played in the Community Centre. There have been several recent developments, we now have two additional sessions bringing the total to five. We play on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and evening, and Friday. We have held several training sessions and plan to arrange more.

We participated in the formation of the York and District Pickleball League and several players from Poppleton play competitively in addition to participating in social sessions at the League venue in Fulford.

Anyone interested in joining us please get in touch with Sally Bell-Syer (07792452675). We provide all equipment necessary and support new players.

### We're Recruiting a Secretary

PLTC is looking to employ a secretary for the Club. The rate of pay is £15 per hour, hours are flexible. Jobs will include minute taking, correspondence and assisting the Committee. Further details available. If you are interested, please contact the Club at PopLTCSecretary@gmail.com

### Membership Open

PLTC membership for 2025-2026 season is open and new and existing members are very welcome.

Please see the PLTC website for further information and contact details.

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## Poppleton Football Club

### Juniors

News from Rich Fox

### Spring Is In The Air

We love this time of year - things start to warm up, our pitches get some respite from the rain and frost, leagues enter the exciting final stages, and various teams compete in cup finals.

### Café Ideas

In addition this spring we are exploring fresh ideas for our café which we're hoping to transform into a much more regular facility for our community to enjoy. More to come on this throughout the year.

### Beer and Music Is Also In The Air

Tickets are on sale now via the Community Centre's website for our annual summer beer and music festival.

On Friday 6th and Saturday 7th June, we've a fantastic line up of bands for both days, a fabulous selection of cask and keg beers, ciders, wines, Pimms and Prosecco, gin and various hot food outlets.

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### Seniors

News from Alex Janes

### Positive Results

The first team are growing steadily into the season with a couple of recent positive results aiding their push for retaining their position in the Premier Division. A spirited and resolute display against a strong Dringhouses team, coming back from two goals down to draw was a particular highlight. The firsts have also made it to the York FA Cup semi final where they host Wigginton later in February.

### Second Team Success

On a similar trajectory, the second team have picked up some positive results recently to stave off any concerns of the drop. Their season is to be seen as a positive one, despite fielding an extremely young side for open age football. The recent crop of graduates from the under 19s are fast growing into pivotal players for the team, with young forward Ollie Williams bagging the winner against Church Fenton recently.

### Come And Support us

We would love more people from the local area to come down and support us on a regular basis. Please follow our Facebook and Instagram social media pages where you can find all the latest updates for both teams.

Further information from  
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## Poppleton Bowls Club

News from Colin Robinson

### Season Ending

Now that we are well into winter and spring beckons, Poppleton Bowls Club is gearing up for the coming outdoor season. In the autumn and winter the green is closed but a lot of our members get their bowls fix at the Thanet Road Indoor Bowls Club. On Friday mornings for example a good number of Poppleton bowlers enjoy a morning of social but competitive bowling. That will continue until the outdoor green opens around the middle of April.

### New Members Welcome

The membership application forms for the 2025 season have been sent out to all our

members. We hope, of course, that everyone will re-join this year. Also we are always looking for new members. Bowls is a great sport, good fun, very social but also competitive. It guarantees exercise and companionship, both essential for general well being. Why not come along and have a go, all the necessary equipment is provided with coaching available. The contact details are below:

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Bowls		Colin Robinson	01904 783281
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Dream Time Baby Massage	Tuesday 10.00-11.40 & 12.00- 14.40	Emily Rhowbotham <a href="mailto:emily.rhowbotham@gmail.com">emily.rhowbotham@gmail.com</a>	
Ebor Lacemakers	Monday 10.00-14.00	Hilary Davies	01904 795984
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Hypnobirthing with Charlotte	Friday 17.30-19.00	Charlotte Poran	07811 355616
Keep Fit - Men	Wednesday 20.00-21.00	John Millington	01904 794455
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Netball for Children	Sunday 09.00-10.30	Victoria Palmer <a href="mailto:netball4alluk@gmail.com">netball4alluk@gmail.com</a>	
Pickleball (all welcome)	Monday 10.30 Tuesday 14.00 Wednesday 11.30 & 18.00 Friday 11.00	Sally Bell-Syer <a href="mailto:sembellsyer@googlemail.com">sembellsyer@googlemail.com</a>	
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