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The Poppleton Centre
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Raising the Roof on Phase 1

We Love it When a Plan Comes Together

Read more inside about the progress that we're making on the Out o' Space campaign. Work is progressing well on Phase 1, the new Tennis Pavilion moves forward and work is starting on part of Phase 2. The Spaceometer stands at £500,000 and we are now getting our first input from the generous grant received from FCC Communities Foundation. Read inside for more details of how the new building is progressing along with an update on fundraising.



Minutes Secretary Needed

The Trust Minutes Secretary, Fiona Vicary, is unable to continue her support of the Trust Board Meetings due to other commitments. In thanking her for all her work on the Trustees' behalf we have to seek someone to take her place. For more details see Page 8 and if you could join us, or know someone else that might be interested, we'd love to hear from you - or them.

Riverbank Fencing

What's going on along the riverbank where the new fencing has been installed? NPPC Chairman Sean Barry explains inside.

New fencing along the riverbank



VE Day Celebration

May 8th brought the village together on the Village Green in the time honoured way. Music, amazing dance displays by Lisa Marie Performing Arts Academy - well known to anyone who goes to the Poppleton Centre - and the crowd joining in with a Proms-style singalong. All organised by the Parish Council. For pictures go to Page 7.

Hundreds of people turned out to celebrate VE Day and enjoy the Lisa Marie Performing Arts dancers



What's On in Poppleton

Tuesday 3 June
POPPLETON ARTS
At The Centre

Every Tuesday
BOWLS TASTER EVENING
Have a bash, at the Bowls Club

Every Term Time Friday
POPPLETON YOUTH CLUB
The Old Methodist Hall

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

Thursday 19 June
CENTRE UPDATE MEETING
All welcome at The Centre

Friday 20 June
SINGING COMMUNITIES
Join in at The Centre

Friday 27 June
**THE AMAZING
MOTOWN MUSIC NIGHT**
Charity Gig at The Centre

Weekend 12/13 July
**YORK PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
EXHIBITION**
At The Tithe Barn

Saturday 16 August
POPPLETON VILLAGE SHOW
On the Village Green

BH Weekend 23-25 August
ART IN THE BARN
At The Tithe Barn

Tuesday 21 October
POPPLETON HISTORY SOCIETY
Season starts at The Centre

Wednesday 5 November
**BONFIRE AND FIREWORK
SPECTACULAR**
At The Centre



David's VE Day Memory



Young David, in clown outfit, celebrates VE Day in Hull



Local village artist, David Stephenson, shared this photo from his archive to help celebrate VE Day. David, in clown uniform, with 7 year olds from Paisley Street School, Hull, 80 years ago marking VE Day. The photo, taken outside Paragon Station, is of a parade of local school children when about 4,000 children took part, walking a four mile route around the city. The fancy dress was an inventive use of blackout curtains and the family were surprised when the event appeared on the screen at the Yorkshire Film Archive.

LIGHTS! STUDIO ACTION!

It won't be long before we're turning the lights on in our new **Studio Annexe** scheduled for this September

If you're an **Event or Activity Organiser** and you'd like more details of availability, now's the time to book in.

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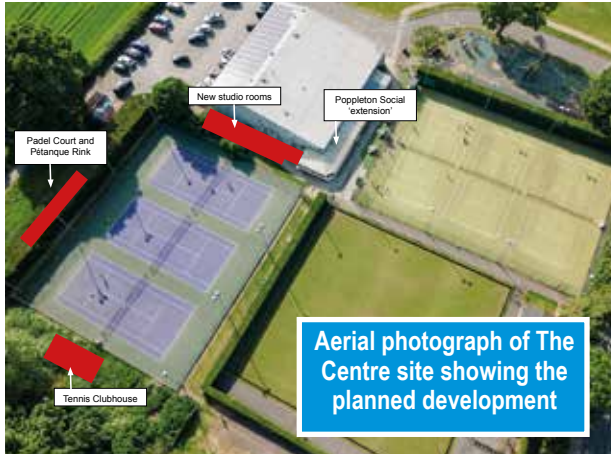


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Out o' Space Project Update



The Build Goes On

We reported in the last edition of Centrepiece that Phase 1 of our Out o' Space Project had started and we're pleased to report that so far everything is going to plan. There was a slight issue with standing water as the footings were being dug but with that being quickly resolved the two new studio rooms are now up to roof level and work on fitting out the interior is moving ahead.

Padel Court

The hedging has been removed from alongside the far tennis courts and the contract has been signed for the Padel Court to be installed, funded by a S106 grant from City of York Council/Miller Homes at an estimated cost of £100,000.

Tennis Clubhouse

In preparation for the creation of a new clubhouse for Poppleton Tennis Club on the far side of the tennis courts groundwork has been undertaken and a trench for services dug alongside the Bowls Car Park. It's anticipated that the clubhouse will be installed within the next couple of months.

New Kitchen

In preparation for Phase 2, integration of the tennis conservatory into the Poppleton Social, Trustees have agreed to commence work on a total refurbishment of the kitchen. This again should start in the next few weeks. At that time we anticipate that Poppleton Social will remain open but with a much reduced menu.

Fundraising Continues

Trustees are continuing to fundraise to generate finance to complete Phase 2, in the hope that the money can be raised by the time Phase 1 is complete so that further work on enlarging Poppleton Social can begin.

The Spaceometer is currently on £500,000 thanks to great work by Chris Starling and the team, to the Parish Councils, to all the local businesses and grant funders who have donated, to the more than 250 local residents who have bought into the 'Name on the Building' campaign and to those who have donated on our GoFundMe page.

Go Fund Me

Our Go Fund Me page is 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/outo-space-project
or talk to Beth Kirkham

Does Your Business Donate to Local Charities Like Ours?

Poppleton Community Trust, who run your community centre, relies solely on income from room hire and the Poppleton Social with major projects such as Out o' Space being funded from any excess income and grant funding.

If you own or work for a

company who could help us by making a donation - Nisa do it regularly through their 'Making a Difference Locally' scheme and have been, and continue to be, extremely generous - we'd love to hear from you.

In the first instance talk to Beth Kirkham (info@poppletoncentre.org.uk, 01904 797478) or email Robin Tomlinson (robintom34@gmail.com).

Your support for the many fundraising initiatives throughout the year is also hugely welcome and we look forward to welcoming you to The Centre. Without the support of our fantastic village community this project could not have happened and anything you can do to help us on the last lap will be greatly appreciated.



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The Amazing Motown Music Night

The Amazing Motown Music Night organised for Friday 27th June at the Poppleton Centre, *writes organiser Lloyd Smedley*, is to celebrate the iconic sounds created in that era. All proceeds raised on the night will be donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust. I invite you to come along, have a great night, enjoy the music and support a good cause. Later in the evening with Mixup, we will introduce other songs from all eras ie. Earth Wind and Fire, Teddy Swims, Rihanna, Sweet etc.

History of Motown Music

On 13th January 1959 the accomplished songwriter Berry Gordy bought the property at 2648 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, and named it "Hitsville U.S.A". Motown was born.

The songwriters that defined the Motown sound more than any other were Holland, Dozier, Holland. In February 1963 the song released by them that started the Motown sound was "Come And Get These Memories" by Martha Reeves and The Vandellas. On hearing the song for the first time, Berry Gordy said "That's it! That's the Motown sound I've been looking for".



Lloyd Smedley (left) and Dave Young at the Motown Museum in Detroit

Then later the same year using the same Motown beat with a faster tempo Martha Reeves and the Vandellas released "Heat-wave" which was a massive hit. Most of the Motown hit songs, that we

love today, were written, recorded, and released between 1963 and 1968 by Holland, Dozier, Holland.

A lot of modern artists today have drawn inspiration from Motown's distinct sound: Bruno Mars; Pharrell Williams; Leon Bridges and other artists have many Motown influenced tracks.

All proceeds raised on the night will be donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust, and I hope you will come along to have a great night, and support a good cause. Have a great night everybody.



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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Princess Party Fun



Poppleton Social hosted a fabulous Princess Brunch over the Easter Holidays which proved to be a huge hit. Princesses of all ages took part with generous helpings of pancakes, hot chocolate and other delicious goodies. With lots of fun games to play, everyone went home with smiles on their faces. Join them at their next Princess or even Superhero brunch coming soon!

For details of upcoming events go to
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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

Art in the Barn Support Out o' Space



'Art in the Barn' are holding their annual Summer Exhibition in the Tithe Barn over the August Bank Holiday weekend on 23, 24 & 25 August, writes Sandra Herbert. Up to 40 local artists will be showcasing their fabulous new and original art to view or buy, with every sale generating a contribution towards the upkeep of the 16th century barn.

Postcard Art

This year the artists will also be supporting the new extension of the Poppleton Centre through their sale of original 'Postcard Art'. These mini pieces of art are a popular way to start a collection or send in the traditional way to friends and family. Available for just £5, every penny will be donated to the Poppleton Centre's Out o' Space Project.

Free Admission

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News from Upper Poppleton Parish Council

From Neil Lawrence

Parking Problems

Station Road parking is a problem



Parking and traffic continues to be a problem in the village. Station Road, around the Green, Main Street, Long Ridge Lane, etc. all are full of parked cars. This is somewhat understandable because there is not a proper car park in the village. So it

is all the more frustrating when parking charges are introduced on the station car park which results in encouraging people to park on the road and make the village less safe.

The village being used as a cut-through exacerbates the situation, particularly with speeding cars adding to the congestion and safety problems. A working group has been established to look at possibilities and the City of York council has been contacted. Updates will come in future articles.



Biodiversity Group

The biodiversity working group now includes volunteers from the village and plans and ideas are being enthusiastically discussed. There will be many opportunities for lots of villagers to become involved. If you are interested in helping, the contact email is poppbiodiv@gmail.com.

VE Day Celebrations

VE Day was celebrated on 8th May. Again another excellent and well attended event. Many thanks to all the volunteers who give their time up to help with these events. Special thanks to Les Vaughan who arranges the entertainment as well as participating musically. These events on the Green would not be as successful without his help. Everyone enjoyed the event and we look forward to doing something similar in the future.

Poppleton Parties on The Green

Lisa Marie Performing Arts group were fantastic

Annette Barker and Leigh Creighton get ready to sing

Event music maestro Les Vaughan distributes Song Sheets

Rodger Heathcote brings two visitors from Florida, Mary Burns (l) and Brenda Archer, to join the celebrations

Chris and Ann Dodds, Lynette and Hugo Smith party in style

The Davis family don't have to travel far to join in

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September 2025

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Thursday	9.00am-3.30pm
Friday	9.00am-12.00pm

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Minutes Secretary Wanted

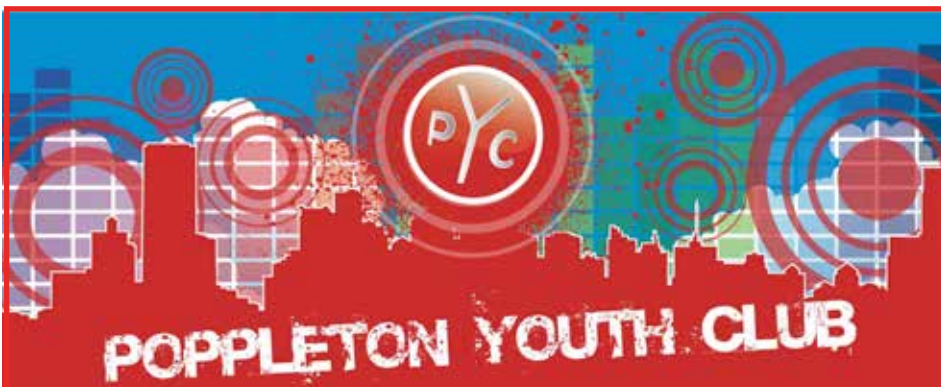


Are you a dab hand at taking notes and have the typing skills to produce accurate and timely minutes?

Poppleton Community Trust is seeking a Minutes Secretary in a voluntary capacity to look after taking the minutes at our eight Trust Board Meetings which take place throughout the year at The Poppleton Centre at 7.30pm. Each meeting lasts around two hours.

The Minutes Secretary would be responsible for initiating the Agenda, with guidance from the Chairman, for each meeting, taking and typing the minutes, seeking approval from Chairman Robin Tomlinson and emailing them to Trustees.

Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Robin by email at robtom34@gmail.com



Could You Help?

The Youth Club continues to be well supported, writes *Jerry Holland*, with attendances of between thirty and forty each week. We are looking for some extra volunteers to assist our regular staff at the sessions on Friday nights between 7.00 and 9.00 pm. No experience is necessary other than an enthusiasm to work with young people. This would also be good opportunity for any students planning a career in working with children.

We are also very much in need of new members for our management committee. This does not involve actual working at the club and would be ideal for any grandparents with children in Poppleton. Some of our committee, who have been doing the job for very many years and no longer have any children or grandchildren in the village, are looking to stand down and make way for 'younger' people to step in.

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News from Nether Poppleton Parish Council

From Sean Barry

River Bank Protection

There has been much recent comment regarding the protective fence that has been erected close to the War Memorial. The key points of note are as follows:-



Fenced area to prevent bank erosion

- The fenced area of the bank is on the curve of the river; which suffers from a high level of erosion due to water turbulence. Last year, the Parish Council planted a number of willows in this area to strengthen the bank, alas these were ripped out and thrown in the river within a week. A large section of the bank was then cut out to access the river, and this has further exacerbated

the erosion. When challenged, the perpetrators were aggressive and, regrettably, the Police were too busy to respond.

- There have been a number of evening gatherings in this area, which have been noisy and a large amount of litter has been left on the river bank. When the Police have been called, they will not act as there is no signage denoting ownership of the land. We are therefore erecting a sign to denote Parish Council



The 'Lido'

ownership. There have also been a number of incursions and damage to the adjacent property, which has obviously caused distress to the occupants.

- The, short, fenced area is not on the land colloquially known as the Lido, this is further up stream. The fenced area is adjacent to the curved river bank and the near-by property. The remaining river bank remains available for swimming, fishing canoeing etc.

As a Parish Council, we are trying to balance protecting the river bank from further erosion, enjoyment of the area, and the ability of the Police to prevent further public nuisance.

Edie Jones

Edie has recently retired from the Parish Council, after 16



years of dedicated and unswerving service. I simply cannot overstate what Edie has done for our village, from the Neighbourhood Plan, to caring for

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Poppleton Under 5s goes from strength to strength

Poppleton Under Fives - our charitable pre-school – has been a valued part of the village for more than 30 years, writes *Anne Johnson*, and we are excited to let you know that the next step in our development is now complete.

Since 1 September we have been operating as



Plenty of outdoor space...

a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' or 'CIO', which hasn't changed our day-to-day operations at all, but it does give our Trustees a modern and sensible structure within which to work. We also have a new charity num-

ber (1204379) and a new Ofsted number (2805432)

so we are all set up for the next 30 years!

We are now looking at possibly extending our morning hours to start at 8.30

am, and are also hoping to upgrade our website. So if you can help us with that, please get in touch!



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TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER
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Some Questions, Mysteries and Surprises

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
David Ireland

Music in Historical Film
Emotion; Persuasion; Representation

Poppleton Arts Society
7:30 pm
At The Poppleton Centre

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MEETINGS 2025-2026

THIRD TUESDAYS IN THE MONTH
POPPLETON CENTRE, DODSWORTH ROOM, 7.30PM
All welcome, admission £3 on the door

Tuesday 21 October 2025
"Images of York: the Evelyn and Hanstock Collection" by John Shaw

Tuesday 18 November 2025
"The Sieges of Malta: 1565 to the Present" by Malcolm Brooke

Tuesday 16 December 2025
"York in Close Up: The Walks" by Catherine Southeran

Tuesday 20 January 2026
"Arthur Walker's Great War" by Chris Cade

Tuesday 17 February 2026
"Stained Glass Restoration" by Keith Barley

Tuesday 17 March 2026
"The History of Mental Health Care in York over 250 years" by Bob Adams

Tuesday 19 May 2026 AGM
"Eboracum: The Story of Roman York" by Neil Moran

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New President for Probus

The club held its final meeting of the Season on Wednesday 30th April, writes Jerry Holland. During the last eight months we have been well supported with typical attendances of forty members. Our meetings have been entertained by a wide range of speakers with an eclectic range of subjects.

At our last meeting of the season current President Jerry Holland handed over to Paul Sanderson who will take on the role for the next season. The meeting was addressed by Emma Johnson the CEO of our President's charity St. Leonard's Hospice who spoke about the work of the Hospice. During the meeting Emma was



Paul Sanderson (left) and Jerry Holland handing over a cheque to Emma Johnson Chief Executive of St. Leonard's Hospice.

presented with a donation raised by the club over the last year towards the work of her Charity. The picture shows Jerry handing over the "chain of office" to new

President Paul. After the meeting the members present enjoyed a buffet lunch. The new Probus Club season will start on Wednesday 3rd September with a talk by Ken Robertshaw entitled "Ol' Man on a River" about a journey down the Mississippi from source to the sea.

We welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us contact our membership secretary Mike Gates on 07899 904232.

For details of how you could join in with the many activities that take place at The Centre see Page 19

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Poppleton History Society

News from Julian Crabb

Ordinary Meeting

18 February 2025

It's So Bracing:

Past Posters of The Railway
by Roger Backhouse

There was an error and an omission in the last issue of *Centrepiece* for which apologies. The 'Next Meeting date of Tuesday 18 March 7.30pm *Memories of Poppleton* by John Shaw' should have read 'John Baker'. The omission was the correct date of the Next Meeting which should have read 'Tuesday 18 February 7.30pm *It's so Bracing: Past Posters of The Railway* by Roger Backhouse'.



A contribution to this talk came from a visit by the secretary to London Transport Museum in Covent Garden 2 February 2025. The exhibition of colourful posters were designed for the existing railway companies and illustrated the delights

of holiday resorts such as Scarborough and Hunstanton. The speaker and secretary worked together to produce an attractive poster for the Society.

The talk discussed the history of railway posters from thousands of examples produced over 200 years of railways. Posters developed from simple black and white to elaborate coloured prints, motivated by new printing methods, developing markets and competition. After describing the work of some key artists, the speaker looked at how posters were used to discourage travel before talking about more contemporary images showing how the heritage of railway posters is still relevant today.



Ordinary Meeting

18 March 2025

Memories of Poppleton
by John Baker

The speaker first made contact in January 2024 requesting details of school records in Poppleton from the local library. The secretary sent him "Scholars, Schools and Staff", one of the publications of the Society.

Three stories were sent written by the speaker; Travelling Safely, which was a note protecting girls travelling to school in York by train in about 1918. They were locked in a compartment with a carriage door lock key and met



by known staff, often family at York and unlocked. The second story was in 1963 on a dark foggy night. The station master at Poppleton had gone home forgetting

a late goods train coming through and the gates closed. With some difficulty staff in the village were located to open both gates of the two villages.

The third story was about 153 Long Ridge Lane (pictured here), originally 'Holmlea', Sandy Lane, Upper Poppleton. Later it became No. 53 before its final address. The bungalow was built by Jack and Nellie Baker with brothers helping with bricklaying, plumbing and electricity. There was no mains water supply and Jack dug a private well and piped water into a tank in the roof space. The public well opposite The Lord Collingwood was well used.

John's parents moved in after their marriage in 1933 and mains water followed. John remembered the Anderson type shelter in the back garden. Father had a reserved occupation at the carriage works and mother was a wheel tapper. Aged 2 or 3 in 1950 John pulled a kettle of boiling water on himself and the scars on his arms present today. With the deaths of both parents by 1976 the association with the bungalow ended.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 October 2025

7.30pm

"Images of York: the
Evelyn and Hanstock Collection"
by John Shaw

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News from Poppleton Sports Clubs

Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club

News from Hilary Spencer

New Season Begins

The new season has begun, and our teams are starting to play matches in the local ladies, men's and mixed team leagues. If you would like to play team, social tennis or just enjoy all age family time on the courts now is the time to join or renew your membership.

New Developments

The Club has two major projects which are finally coming to fruition. Our new Clubhouse will be located at the far side of the hard courts and our current club conservatory will then be handed over to the Community Centre.

We are also building a Padel court alongside the hard courts. Padel is a fast-growing racket sport and PLTC will be one of the first to have such a facility in York. Both the Clubhouse and the Padel Court should be completed and in use by the end of this summer.

Fundraiser

The Club recently hosted an event to raise funds for Martin House Children's Hospice at Boston Spa. We had 20 players who enjoyed some competitive tennis and then tea and homemade cakes. Members and passing hungry visitors raised £230 to contribute towards the vital care provided by this local hospice.

Join Our Ladder League

We have over 30 players, young, older and of mixed abilities, playing in our internal Singles Ladder League. Registration is open so join us for some singles action. Contact Tony on 07809 688371 to sign up or for further information.

Social Tennis

Wednesday is social tennis night from 6.30-8pm. All members are welcome, and it is an ideal opportunity to meet fellow members and players.

If you are thinking of joining or would like further information, please visit our website below. We are looking forward to seeing you!

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Poppleton Football Club

Juniors

News from Rich Fox

Big Thanks...

...to everyone who helped out at our very successful finals weekend down at the club at the end of April. We were blessed with super weather after last year's deluge and mud bath, and we hosted 40 finals across a range of age groups for girls and boys from across North Yorkshire. We served hundreds of bacon butties and cups of tea, and parked over 1200 cars; we couldn't have done it without our small army of brilliant volunteers so thank you all!

In Case You Hadn't Heard

...there's a Beer & Music Festival in the village on the first weekend in June. For anyone who's never been, it is a fabulous event, organised and run by volunteers to raise money for the football club to provide the best facilities and equipment possible to our 400+ players, coaches and helpers. It's at the football club on Millfield Lane, 6 June 4-11pm and 7 June, 12-11pm.

This year we've a great line up of bands on both days, 66 different beers including craft ales, stouts, lagers and porters, a Pimm's and Prosecco tent, selection of ciders on draught, various gins, wines and soft drinks. On the Friday we've a selection of pies and wood fired pizzas, and on Saturday Yuzu street food, wood fired pizzas, Greek ke-

Seniors

News from Alex Janes

League Positions Held

Both Poppleton 1sts and 2nds retained their status in their respective top leagues as the 2024/25 season draws to an end.

Both sides made full use of the merger with the junior setup meaning that two young and talented sides were fielded throughout most of the season. The foundations are now set in place for both teams to kick off next year in the York Premier and Reserve 'A' Divisions.

Thanks, Everyone

A big thank you to all our sponsors and supporters who have backed us this season. Please find more information about our club and our pre-season plans on Facebook and Instagram.

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

babs, fish and chips, gorgeous cupcakes, and more. Also on the Saturday there will be loads of exciting stuff to keep the kids entertained.

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Poppleton Bowls Club

News from Colin Robinson

Season Open

Poppleton Bowls Club's 2025 summer season is well underway. The Green opened on Saturday 12 April with a fun tournament which attracted a good number of members. Since then social bowling on Tuesday evenings, Thursday and Saturday afternoons have taken place and will be a fixture throughout the season. There has been both Men's and Ladies practise sessions as the club gears up for the start of the leagues and other matches. The first of the Tockwith league matches took place on Sunday 27 April against Bishopthorpe where the club came a very definite second!

The first of the Men's Veteran's league matches took place on Tuesday 29 April with the four Poppleton teams playing

each other. A v B, B won and C v D which C won, both played in a good sporting spirit with tea and biscuits in the club house afterwards.

A Quiz Evening, devised by Alan Taylor, took place on Friday 2 May. The questions were a mix of general knowledge and music. The club quizzes are always good fun.

So the season is up and running! The club is always looking to welcome new members and has a recruiting campaign on going at the moment with leaflets giving information about the club being distributed to every house in Poppleton and the near vicinities. We are a friendly vibrant club, come and give us a go!

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Bloom Sensory	Friday 9.00-12.00	Fiona Price	07720 966438
Bowls		Colin Robinson	01904 783281
Bridge Club	Thursday (twice a month) 19.00-22.00	Lesley Holroyd	07840 704379
Dream Time Baby Massage	Tuesday 10.00-11.40 & 12.00- 14.40	Emily Rhowbotham emily.rhowbotham@gmail.com	
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 16.00-18.00; Wednesday 16.00-18.00	Christian Fox	07711 871170
Hypnobirthing with Charlotte	Friday 17.30-19.00	Charlotte Poran	07811 355616
Keep Fit - Men	Wednesday 20.00-21.00	John Millington	01904 794455
Lisa Marie Performing Arts	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Call for details	07872 508651
Netball for Children	Sunday 09.00-10.30	Victoria Palmer netball4alluk@gmail.com	
Pickleball (all welcome)	Monday 10.30 Tuesday 14.00 Wednesday 11.30 & 17.15 Friday 11.00	Sally Bell-Syer sembellsyer@googlegmail.com	07792 452675
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Poppleton Arts Society	Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 19.30 Sept-June	Jean Graystone	01904 795914
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Poppleton Probus	Alternate Wednesdays 10.00-12.00	Mike Gates	07899 904232
Poppleton Social	For opening hours check their Facebook page	Sam Gallagher	07869 755083
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York Photographic Society	Wednesday 19.00-21.00	Chris Hart chrisjhart@sky.com	
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