

New Studios Open

With a bit of a fanfare the new studio annexe opened at the beginning of September when Trust chairman Robin Tomlinson 'cut the ribbon', joined by many of the grant funders and others who have made this project possible. The new Tennis Pavilion is in place and will be open for business in the very near future and we anticipate that the extension to Poppleton Social will also be available soon after. Read more about all this inside.

Bonfire Night

It's back - and so soon! Our hugely popular Bonfire & Firework Spectacular will be on November 5th as ever - this year on a Wednesday. Our biggest fundraiser of the year and always a great evening full of fireworks, flames, food, festivity and fun. This year's event is very generously sponsored by Estate Agents Hudson Moody and Batchelors Motor Group. Tickets will be on sale from 1st October from village shops, the Poppleton Social and on-line - and then on-

line only from 27th October. If you want us to send you a reminder to buy tickets, and more Centre news, nearer the day sign up for ENews on our website poppletoncentre.org.uk now.



Bonfire & Firework Wednesday 5th November 2025 Tickets on sale from 1st October Sponsored by Huge Bonfire: Loads of Fireworks Delicious food options Hot Drinks: Bar: A fabulous fun night!

What's On in Poppleton



Monday 1 September
OUR NEW STUDIOS OPEN

Fantastic news!

Friday 5 September
POPPLETON YOUTH CLUB

The Old Methodist Hall

Tuesday 9 September POPPLETON ARTS

At the Centre



Weekend 13/14 September SCARECROW TRAIL All around the village



Monday 22 September NEW STUDIOS VIEWING 11am-2pm, Everyone welcome

Tuesday 7 October POPPLETON ARTS

At the Centre

Saturday 11 October COFFEE MORNING Tithe Barn Fundraiser

Tuesday 21 October
POPPLETON HISTORY SOCIETY

Season starts at The Centre



Wednesday 5 November BONFIRE AND FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

At The Centre

Saturday 15 November ST LEONARDS HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

At 72 Millfield Lane. See page 11



Friday 21 November
CHRISTMAS MARKET
At The Centre



Friday 5 December
COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT
Returns to The Centre



The youth club will be reopening on Friday 5th September from

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

As usual we shall be meeting at the

Old Methodist Church Hall

on the Green

All young people from 11 to 17 are welcome.

Admission is £3 per night on the door with new members free for their first night. We look forward to seeing old and new members.

For more information email poppletonyouthclub@gmail.com

We also have time slots available in our

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On September 2nd we're turning the lights on in our new

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Out o' Space Project Update

Phase 1 Complete

When we started the Out o' Space project back in July 2023 we hardly dared hope that within two years we would be close to achieving our goal but we're almost there as on September 1st the



two fantastic new Studio Annexe went live with organisations queueing to book space. Built by Chris Cook and his team, with their fully mirrored walls and sprung floors the two interlinked studios are perfect for dance, keep fit, yoga and other such activities - so a great addition to our facilities.

Padel Court

The Padel Court is anticipated to be installed in early September adding another great sporting activity to the many already available at The Centre. Information about how to book and enjoy this popular game will be published by Poppleton Tennis Club in the near future.



Tennis Club Pavilion

The new Pavilion is now in situ, dropped into position back in June. Work continues to finish the infrastructure around it, with footpaths, a patio and landscaping to be achieved over the coming months. This represents a major investment by the club aided by funding from Section106 community grants from the Miller Homes Langley Gate Development through City of York Council.

New Kitchen

The new fully equipped kitchen will be completely installed by the time Centrepiece is published. Poppleton Social customers will have been aware of the upheaval during it's construction and we thank them for their forbearance. Thanks are due, too, to the Poppleton Social team for continuing to provide a menu service throughout the refurbishment, based in the Centre's tiny galley kitchen.

The plan is to open up the Conservatory space enabling the café to expand into it on a temporary basis until we have the funding to complete the job with a new suite of furniture, a new roof and replacement windows.

Fundraising Continues

Trustees are continuing to fundraise to generate finance to complete Phase 2, ena-

bling the café refurbishment to be completed in the coming months. The Spaceometer is currently on £550,000 thanks to great work by Chris Starling and the team, to the Parish Councils, to all the local businesses and grant funders, chief among which is FCC, to the more than 300 local residents who have bought into the 'Name on the Building' campaign and to those who have donated on our GoFundMe page.

Names on the Building

If you were one of the generous people who paid to have their Name on the Building, go take a look at the signing over the entrance to the new studios and check it out.

Top of the list is Peter Banks who donated, back in 1958, all the land that comprises The Centre site - Tennis Courts, Bowls Club and Football Field. The village is hugely endebted to Mr Banks, for without his initial generosity your community centre simply would not exist. If you are interested in the story of the Poppleton Centre, a fascinating book on the subject is available from the Centre office at £5.

Go Fund Me

Our Go Fund Me page is still accepting contributions and we'd be eternally grateful for your donation as we still need funding to upgrade the conservatory windows and roof to complete the refurbishment and expansion of Poppleton Social. If you'd like to donate simply go on-line to

gofundme.com/f/outospace-project or talk to Beth Kirkham

Does Your Business Donate to Local Charities?

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).

Come and See Our New Studios

Monday 22 September 11am-2pm Everybody welcome You'll be wowed!

Financial Supporters of Phase 1 include

Poppleton Community Trust FCC Communities Foundation Garfield Weston Foundation Rural York Community Buildings Fund The National Lottery Upper Poppleton Parish Council Nether Poppleton Parish Council Bernard Sunley Foundation A M Fenton Foundation George A Moore Foundation Helmsley Group Ptarmigan Land Nisa Lisa Marie Performing Arts The Everest Trekkers Espresso Garden The Poppleton Community



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Centre in Hot Water - not!

You may remember the old joke, "What do an aquatic, carnivorous mammal and a kettle have in common?". Answer, "They're both water 'otters".

Well, the Centre's "water 'otter" - not the kettle but the hot water tank - gave out in April after some 20 years' service. A like-for-like replacement, fed from the gas boiler, was going to cost almost £12,000



until local plumbers Advanced Plumbing & Heating came up with a more advanced solution. As a result they have installed what is in effect a huge water tank with two immersion heaters for around £3,500 - with the added bonus that electrically being powered it will get the benefit of energy from our solar panels and the whole system will have greater flexibility, saving considerably on our energy bills.

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News from Upper Poppleton Parish Council

From Neil Lawrence

Biodiversity

Summer is generally a quiet time for the Parish Council. However, there are a number of activities which continue throughout the year. Elsewhere in this Centrepiece there is an interesting article from a member of the biodiversity working group, which is a year-round activity. One of the key points for the working group is the need for volunteers to help with some of the activities which are starting throughout the village. Eventually the working group will be mostly independent from the Parish Council and will be run by villag- cate a seat to a loved one. Most of the seats ers. So please read the article and send an email have a dedication plaque fastened to the back. to the address if you are interested in helping in any way.

New Seats

Located around the village are a number of seats which are enjoyed regularly by many people. These seats are maintained by the two Par-



ish Councils but the initial purchase and installation costs are paid for mainly by villagers who wish to dedi-

Two of the new seat type have been installed outside the Methodist Church. The older seats

are made completely of wood and over time they rot in the joints. The new seat has cast iron ends to prevent this problem so these seats will last much longer and for reduced maintenance costs. If you are interested in purchasing a seat please contact the clerk at upperpoppletonclerk@poppleton-pc.org.uk.

One Parish Council

Finally some good news and some bad news. The city of York Council has finally approved the grouping of Upper and Nether Poppleton Parish Councils. Unfortunately the actual grouping will be delayed due to a Boundary Commission review which has to be completed by the local elections in 2027. More news will be provided when it is known. Bureaucracy moves slowly.

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Biodiversity in Poppleton

Following articles and comments in previ- Maybe you could help? If you live facing open ous issues of Centrepiece, writes Christine Lewis, asking for local people who are interested in helping to appreciate, maintain and strengthen our local green environment, a small working group has been formed which is facilitated by the Upper and Nether Poppleton Parish Councils. There have been a couple of meetings where we talked about:

Good things we have noticed in the village



- swifts and swallows most days, flying high both sides of Millfield Lane

Swifts are struggling just now with fewer insects to eat and not enough places to nest.

land where a swift could have a clear flight to a nest entrance, why not place a swift nest box/ brick ready for next Spring?

Six spot burnet moths (lots)

These emerged from chrysalises, attached to the top of tall grass stems, from the undeveloped "wasteland" site off the Great North Way opposite Arnold Clark.

On this same site we saw a big variety of butterflies : common blue, comma, gatekeepers, small skipper, marbled white, small white Nature is not down and out yet.

The field is listed as a SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) and ideal for a diverse range of wild flowers and insects but currently for sale for industrial development.

Practical Help

As a group we were keen to actually do things and support existing projects. Practical ways we came up with:

- Grow locally sourced tansy seeds ready to

plant next spring to help tansy beetle's recov-

- Arrange working parties to pull out Himalayan Balsam and create space for tansy plants to thrive
- Choose plants like lavender for borders as these are very popular with bees
- Leave wild margins/wild corners in your garden
- Try to avoid using insecticides- the poisoned garden pests could have be a bird or a hedgehog's dinner
- Currently fifty trees are available from Yorkshire Water - ideas for suitable planting sites welcome

Check Us Out

If you want to know more about any of these ideas or if you want to join in with the biodiversity group, or just give a little time to help with various interesting projects please check out the village noticeboard or email

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is now booking for Autumn 2025

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

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from 1 September 2025

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Our session availability is fully flexible and you can share your funded hours between ourselves and another setting. And we are starting our holiday club in October 2025. Contact us for more details. Just ask us for what you need and we will do our best to help.

You can email us at Poppletonunder5s@gmail.com





Fun Day Bowling

A group of City of York Council social services department staff enjoyed a Council Fun Day at Poppleton Bowls Club recently. The group, who have stressful jobs, just wanted an activity where they could relax and let off steam - which is exactly what they did. Read more about Poppleton Bowls Club on page 14.

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News from Nether Poppleton Parish Council

From Richard Harper

Hedge Maintenance

Now the nesting season has passed and the weather is still warm it is time to look at any hedges that have sprouted like mad over the summer. This is particularly important if your hedge has begun to encroach on to pathways or pavements. A quick trim will help the hedges and make sure the village looks its best.

Your Help, Please

We would also like residents' help with a couple of things: as you may be aware we have tried to reduce erosion along the riverbank as it bends just along from the War Memorial. Some willow trees were planted but vandals removed them so that they could access the river. After consulting the River Authorities it was suggested that we install a fence and put clear signs stating that this is Parish Council land and that fishing in this spot is prohibited. The members of the Parish Council were reluctant to do this but we were advised that this was necessary. The fence was made as unobtrusive as possible. Once again we have been struck by vandalism and the wire has been cut and at least one sign removed. The posts,

however, are still in place. We have been instructed that anyone entering this marked area is in fact trespassing.

Himalayan Balsam

If you are out walking along the river path you may be able to help the Joint Biodiversity Group by removing some Himalayan Balsam. This may be a good-looking plant but it is very invasive. It particularly likes waterways and



grows so quickly that it out competes n a tive plants. It is easy to recognise as it has

pinkish-purple flowers that are described as "helmet shaped". It forms seedpods that will disperse seeds up to seven metres away from the parent. It is easy to pull up as it is very shallow rooted. So every plant pulled up helps to keep this plant in check.

Pop Under 5s Holiday Club

At Poppleton Under Fives, writes Anne Johnson, we are looking forward to the new term and our new early start time of 8.30 am. We are also pleased to share the exciting news that this year we will be starting a new Holiday Club available on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during each half term and the Easter holidays, so please get in touch for further details and to enquire about a space for your 2 - 8 year old.

Based in the New Hall at the rear of the Methodist Church, we have access to a large modern indoor space and a large enclosed garden. Priority booking will be given to our own children who attend our term-time sessions and their siblings.

We would love to hear from you if you are looking for flexible, affordable and stimulating term time care for your 2-4 year olds too! We are happy to share your hours with other childcare providers and can offer fully funded and flexible care across our hours of operation.

Get in touch at poppletonunder5s@gmail.com.





Pop into the Poppleton Social, join one of our clubs or book your own event



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Monday
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Finishing Touches



As Centrepiece goes to press the finishing touches to the outside of the studio annexe are coming together. While Harrisons Signs were putting up the signage over the entrance, 32 members of the fantastic Poppleton community turned out on the hottest day of the year to create mosaics to decorate the top of the wall running alongside the new path to the side of the building - seen here to the left of the picture. Thanks to you all.



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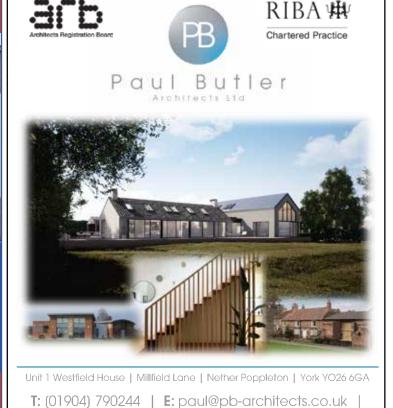












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Village Voice

Local resident and Centrepiece distributor, Oliver Hopkins, has penned this thoughtful verse celebrating Poppleton life. If you would like to contribute a poem, some thoughts about the village or other observations we'd love to hear from you. No politics, Centrepiece is a PFZ so let's keep it that way.

Send your contributions to the editor at centrepiece@poppletoncentre.org.uk

Sometimes to unwind my wandering mind I envision the past and what's left behind Not through any rational grind Through photos and records or great deeds enshrined But where wild imagination races And the places with spaces to embrace what's erased Take West Field Lane; hard to replace Stifled no longer, gasps out to the field Home to hares and voles and foxes and deer Where the widest blue skies promise Summer so clear Should inspiration sting in these fields of gold Hearken back to times (not exactly) old Where Collingwood once strode, Red Lion at his side And met Nelson in battle, his White Horse astride Thus marched toward one another The Nether and Upper To lay claim to the West Field's fate Fought to stalemate

And settled instead over a pint or eight Walk today through these printless steps Taste the warm air, pause to reflect

You, too, will agree
That Poppleton is a place

To set your mind free

Probus Sails South

The club will be restarting after the Summer recess on Wednesday 3rd September at 10.00am, *writes Jerry Holland*, with a talk from Ken Robertshaw entitled, "O'l Man on a River" which is about a journey down the Mississippi from its source to the sea.

Poppleton Probus meets on alternate Wednesdays at the Poppleton Centre between 10.00 am and 12.00 midday. New members are always welcome and anyone who is interested should contact the membership secretary Mike Gates on 07899 904232.

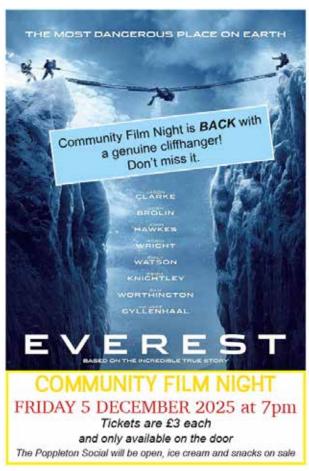


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New Tennis Pavilion Drops In

At the end of June a major part of the Out o' Space project literally dropped into place as the new tennis pavilion was delivered onto the site by the manufacturers, Wernicks.

Funded by Poppleton Tennis Club and Section106 community grants from the Miller Homes Langley Gate Development the new building (at the time of writing) still has a patio, footpath and landscaping to be created and will become a smart new home for the tennis club located close to the soon to be erected padel court.





Bikers Weekend Raises Cash for Out o' Space



The Poppleton Centre Bikers Weekend, writes organiser Chris Johnson, came about because most of the Two Stroke events back in June 2018 were in the south of England - nearest to us in the North were Derby and Bishop Auckland. Martin Smith, a great friend and a two stroke guru, has his birthday on June 16th so we decided to hold an event over that weekend and celebrate with him.

I arranged everything with the community centre team and for the first event in 2019 approximately 15 people turned up with their bikes - and so the event started. Big events like Bishop Auckland started with two people on their first bash so ours was well attended. Auckland now attracts 2-300 people!! We don't want those numbers and we had approx. 25-30 here this year, which was great, and raised £200 each for the Out o' Space Project and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. So let's hope it happens again in the near future.



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Bowls Upgrade



New fencing along The Centre boundary and a new gate to the Bowls car park have significantly improved the area near the Bowls Pavilion.



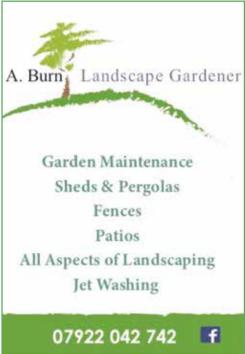




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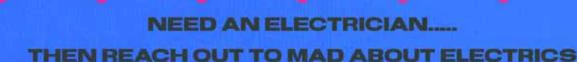












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Poppleton History Society

News from Julian Crabb

Annual General Meeting 20 May 2025

Alcuin of York by Mary Garrison

This talk replaced that in the programme; "13,000 Miles round India by Train" by Andrew Wordie who gave apologies.

Alcuin was born 740AD in York and died in Tours, 19 May 804. He was a scholar, clergyman, poet and teacher. He became a stu-



dent under Archbishop Ecgbert of York and became head of a York school that was the ancestor of St Peter's School.

Such was his growing fame that Charlemagne invited him to his Carolingian court

as a leading scholar and teacher in the 780s and 790s. There he wrote many theological and dogmatic treatises as well as grammatical work. In 796 he became abbot of Marmoutier Abbey at Tours where he perfected the Carolingian miniscule script. He stayed there until his death, aged 69 years.

AGM Business 8.30pm

This was a sad occasion as the Chair, Ted Kendall wished to resign. His health was not good, and he felt it was time to hand over the responsarior.



sibility. In his report he stated that in his time from the death of the previous Chair, Prue Bebb in 2023 he had much enjoyed the role and particularly in working with the secretary and treasurer. Both officers made his role so much easier, and he

thanked them both.

The secretary, in opening his report praised the Chair for his success in the role and how they had both worked so well together in part producing the publication; "Poppleton Sons of the Great War Remembered". On behalf of all present, he asked for applause for the Chair. The seven talks given were summarised and the programme for 2025 to 2026 shown.

He added that Poppleton's Oral History tapes and scripts had been accepted by Explore York 15 May 2025. Tania Parker will work on digitising the tapes which may take some time. It is known that some tapes are missing. The secretary also advised that he was asked by The Tithe Barn Trust to review archive material in the Tithe Barn and spent 10th and 11th April sifting documents. He suggested most could be disposed of and there was little of value to Poppleton History Society.

The treasurer confirmed a healthy financial state and there was no need to increase subscriptions. The Society was pleased to appoint Helen Searstone as the new Chair and Roger Backhouse and Bob Adams as new members of the committee.

Extra-ordinary meeting Saturday 31 May

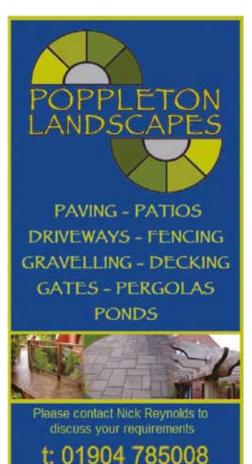
Flora Sandes: Poppleton Heroine by Louise Miller

A report will be in the next Issue.

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

Belinda Goes to Florida

Congratulations to our head coach Belinda and team GB who finished in 4th place out of 16 countries in the World Team Tennis tournament held in May in Palm Beach, Florida. Well done also to Reuben who has played amazing tennis and won the North and Midlands East Tour 10 and Under boys' singles.

We have four ladies' teams, four men's teams and four mixed teams who are all playing in local Summer Leagues. The season is not completed yet, but our teams are doing well.

Our regular Summer Camps are in progress for two weeks on both hard and artificial clay courts. These are always well attended and great fun, as well as learning tennis skills for young people.

Our new padel court development is scheduled to start in September. The new Pavilion has been installed, and construction of the access paths is being planned.

Pickleball is continuing to thrive through both social games at the Club and competitively in the local Pickleball league.

New members young and older are welcome all year round. Why not start a new sport or restart one you haven't played for a while?!

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/ PoppletonLawnTennisClub

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Poppleton Football Club

Juniors News from Rich Fox

New Players

...Hope you've all had a fabulous summer.

We're always on the look out for new players to join our teams, particularly girls, or boys for our older teams. If you've played before here or elsewhere, or fancy taking up football for the first time, please get in touch - we're a friendly, inclusive club and we'd love to hear from you.

Please email Sam here: pfcsecretary2024@gmail.com

Volunteers

The club is run entirely by volunteers, whether coaches or committee members, and fresh faces keep us thriving. If you fancy getting involved, maybe it's helping on match days, assisting with admin, or just bringing energy and ideas to the team, your support will make a real difference to our 400+ young footballers.

Please email Bel here: pinkbel75@gmail.com

More information on our website www.poppletonjfc.btck.co.uk

Seniors News from Alex Janes

Back on the Pitch

Poppleton Seniors returned to pre-season training at the beginning of July, with plenty of new and old faces being put through their paces. The first team have since played host to a number of pre season matches with plenty of positive performances and minutes in the bank. The first team begin their season on August 16th where they face Rawcliffe.

The second team's league campaign doesn't start until September, however they have a number of friendlies booked in for August to get the legs going again after the summer break.

As always, please follow our social media pages on Facebook and instagram for all the latest news on Poppleton F.C.

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

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

Poppleton Bowls Club News from Colin Robinson

Still Some Weeks To Go

Already the outdoor bowls season is drawing to a close, although there are still some weeks of competitions ahead. It has been, as usual, a busy season with the very hot weather being both a blessing and a bit of a curse! It's always nice to bowl in good weather but not, perhaps, in temperatures up to 30 degrees! Despite the best efforts of our hard working Green Team the green has been more brown than green until the recent rain.

The Men's Evening League Team have finished top of the second division and will now be promoted back into division one. In the Veteran's League our B team need to win all remaining matches to stand any chance of winning Division 1. Our A team are only just

behind us in third place. In the 4th Division our C team have a very good chance of winning promotion to Div 3 and our D team are holding their own in mid table.

On Thursday 7th August our B team played in the final of the Maddison Cup which was guite an achievement in itself.

Our Ladies are having another good season. They participate in two local competitions the Challis League and the Tuesday Evening League. All eleven ladies in the squad are guaranteed to be fully involved throughout the season. The Ladies are fully supportive of each other and in both competitions are more than holding their own. They also run social sessions and welcome new members.

There is also another league which Poppleton enters which takes place later in the season. It is the Super 7's. This is a bit different in that it consists of two sets

of pairs and one triples and the team members play in all the different positions which gives them a chance to try out each position but not for the whole match. At the moment we are about mid table.

As the season draws to a close there is still a lot of bowling to be done with the club competitions still in full spate superbly organised by Alan Taylor. The club's charity day is scheduled for Sunday 31 August and the two chosen charities this year who will benefit from the monies raised, normally some £500-£600, are St Leonard's Hospice and York Against Cancer.

Want to have a go then get in touch please.

For more information contact
Colin Robinson, Secretary
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colinanddee.robinson@btopenworld.com



Find out more at poppletoncentre.org.uk

Almost every day of every week throughout the year a host of activities are going on at The Poppleton Centre - for all age groups and abilities. If you'd like to join in, contact details for each activity are detailed below. If you'd like to organise something new, contact Beth Kirkham at info@poppletoncentre.org.uk or 01904 797478.

More going on than ever at 🎉



Organisation	Days/times (24 hour clock used)	Contact	Contact No	
Ballet with Miss Gemma	Saturday 09.00-12.00	Gemma Thomaz	07428 644219	
Baby Band	Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.30-10.30	Charlotte Hill	07789 005477	
Badminton	Monday 19.00-20.00	John Riley	07742 034346	
Badminton (Men's)	Thursday 20.30-21.30	Tony Carrick	07923 905015	
Badminton Rusty Rackets	Tuesday 11.45-12.45	Pam Alford pam.alf	Pam Alford pam.alford@btinternet.com	
Bloom Baby	Thursday 12.15-14.15; Friday (four sessions) 9.00-14.00	Fiona Price	07720 966438	
Bowls		Colin Robinson	01904 783281	
Bridge Club	2nd and 4th Thursday of the 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.rhowt	ootham@gmail.com	
Ebor Lacemakers	Monday 10.00-14.00	Hilary Davies	01904 795984	
Easy Aerobics	Wednesdays 13.30-14.30	Rachael	07882 076754	
Fit4Dance	Wednesday 19.00-20.00	Anna Topott	07801 274699	
Football - Veterans	Friday 19.00-20.30	Pete Moss	07525 655116	
HD Talent	Sunday 9.00-15.00; Monday16.30-20.00	HD Talent	07802 676655	
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 netbal	ll4alluk@gmail.com	
Pickleball (all welcome)	Monday 10.30; Tuesday 14.00; Wednesday 11.30 & 17.15 Friday 11.00	Sally Bell-Syer	07792 452675	
Pilates - Beginners	Tuesday 10.00 Back Care and 19.45 Mixed Level	Gill Crane	07903 756682	
Pilates - Intermediate	Tuesday 11.30 Intermediate	Gill Crane	07903 756682	
Pilates with Lucy	Thursday 09.15-10.15	Lucy Ford	07917 891139	
Poppleton Arts Society	Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 19.30 Sept-June	Jean Graystone	01904 795914	
Poppleton History Society	Monthly, 3rd Tuesday	Julian Crabb	01904 798868	
Poppleton Literary Society	Wednesday 9.30-12.00	Karl Jarvis karlj	arvis40@gmail.com	
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	
Roche Legal Clinic	3rd Thursday of the month 13.30-16.30	Rachel Roche	01904 866139	
Rugby Tots	Tuesday 9.30-11.30	Rob Brining	0345 313 6716	
Rhythm Time	Wednesday 9.00-13.30	Victoria Ranner	07751 768331	
Sing and Sign	Thursday 10.00-13.00	Anne Gibbeson	07811 651720	
Slimming World	Wednesday 18.00-19.30	Vicki Finney	07340 037638	
Stretch and Mobility	Mondays 10.30-12.30	Tish Bolton	07850 156555	
Tennis - Membership and Enquiries		John Lister	07800 699897	
Tennis - Junior and Adult Classes		Belinda Turnbull	01904 750778	
The Little Yorkshire Dance Academy	Wednesday 9.00-11.00; Friday 9.30-11.30 J	oanna Harker joanna@thelittleyorkshire	danceacademy.co.uk	
Tumbletots	Thursday 10.00-14.00	Jenny Hampton	07907 711871	
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 19.30-20.45; Tues 13.15-14.45; 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	07968 049406	
Zumba Gold	Monday 9.15-10.15	Debs Horsham-Batley	07580 128701	

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