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The Poppleton Centre Quarterly Magazine

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More Upgrades Planned

Would you believe it?

As we put together the Autumn edition of Centrepiece, in the driest and hottest summer we can remember, it comes as somewhat of a surprise that this issue includes Scarecrow Trail, Bonfire Night, and the Christmas Market!

These mainstays of our fundraising calendar are still essential to us as we embark on our next maintenance project, to upgrade the Sports Hall floor and access to it.

The Development Group were looking forward to a bit of a break after the activities of the past few years, but time never stands still at The Centre so to find out more about what we're up to, take a look at Page 3.

Our Biggest Fundraiser

Our Bonfire and Firework Spectacular, sponsored by Hudson Moody, is our biggest fundraiser of the year and tickets will be going on sale in village shops and on-line from 5th October. This is a great community event and we are already well ahead with plans. Keep an eye on village noticeboards and our website for more information as we get nearer the date.

Wildflower Meadow

Corn Poppy

The village Biodiversity Group have done a lovely job creating the wildflower Meadow on Chantry Green. Read more about it and their other activities inside.

Lots Going On in Poppleton

Autumn, and the run up to Christmas, is always a busy time in the village and this year is no exception. Take a look at the What's On column here and read inside about just some of the events coming up but keep an eye on the village noticeboards, too. If you'd like your event featured in the December edition of Centrepiece, and reach every home in Poppleton, contact Bob Wood by email on centrepiece@poppletoncentre.org.uk.

What's On in Poppleton

Weekend 12/13 September
SCARECROW TRAIL
All around the village

Saturday 12 September
POPPLETON RAILWAY NURSERY
HERITAGE OPEN DAY
By Poppleton Station

Tuesday 22 September
POPPLETON HISTORY SOCIETY
At The Centre

Saturday 3 October
COFFEE MORNING
At The Tithe Barn

Tuesday 6 October
POPPLETON ARTS
At The Centre

Saturday 17 October
POPPLETON RAILWAY NURSERY
AUTUMN OPEN DAY
By Poppleton Station

Thursday 5 November
BONFIRE NIGHT SPECTACULAR
At The Centre

Saturday 14 November
HOSPICE FUNDRAISER
At 72 Millfield Lane

Friday 20 November
CHRISTMAS MARKET
At The Centre

Friday 27 November
CHARITY WINTER BALL
Fundraiser for Emma, at The Centre

Friday 4 December
COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT
Is back, at The Centre

Saturday 5 December
WREATH MAKING CLASS
At The Centre

Come and join the fun

POPPLETON'S TENTH SCARECROW TRAIL

Saturday and Sunday
12th and 13th September 2026
10am-4pm

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Wreath Making Evening

A fun evening making your own gorgeous wreath for Christmas

Saturday 5th December
6.30-9.00pm
in the Sports Hall

£45 pp which includes a glass of mulled wine and all the materials you will need to create the most perfect wreath

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Poppleton Community Trust, the charity that runs The Poppleton Community Centre, is looking for a new Treasurer to join our friendly board of trustees. You'll oversee the charity's finances, work alongside our bookkeeper, and help guide the Trust's financial strategy as we continue to develop the Centre as a hub for the community.

The role is voluntary and would suit someone with a finance, accountancy or bookkeeping background. Trustees meet around six times a year. Full handover and support provided.

To find out more or have an informal chat, please contact

Centre Manager, Beth Kirkham, by email at *info@poppletoncentre.org.uk*.

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Pickleball in Poppleton

Pickleball is thriving in Poppleton, *writes Sally Bell-Syer*. What is Pickleball?

It's a mix of tennis, ping-pong and badminton - but easier to play and more social. Pickleball is a fast growing sport played with:

- a paddle (like an oversized table tennis bat)
- a plastic ball with holes
- on a court the same size as a badminton court

The rules are very straightforward and in Poppleton we arrange training for both beginners and those who wish to improve their game at the Pickleball Shed.

Sessions in the Community Centre are held 5 times a week at the following times:

Monday 10:30am to 12pm
Tuesday 2:00pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday 11:30am to 1:00pm and 5:15pm to 6:45pm
Friday 11:00am to12:30pm

Pickleball is very sociable, it brings people together and creates a welcoming environment for all whilst helping people to stay active through a low-impact workout which is easy to start and hard to give up.

Come and give it a try!! Contact Sally Bell-Syer 07792452675 to arrange your first session.

Out o' Space Project Update

Where do we go next?

As reported in the last edition of Centrepiece, having created the new Studios, the new Poppleton Social front-of-house and Kitchen, and helped the Tennis Club to open their new Pavilion

and Padel Courts, the Trustees are now turning their minds to upgrading the Sports Hall with a new floor and refurbishing the entrance and passageways around it. The plans are now finalised, the suppliers selected - all we need to do now is find the money to do it! We have a list of potential grant funders and the Trust is obviously prepared to commit money to the project - and all our fundraising efforts under the Out o' Space banner will now be channelled in that direction - watch this space for updates on progress.

Village Meeting Discontinued

The Trustees of Poppleton Community Trust have always been very conscious of the commitment they make to the Poppleton community to manage their community centre on its behalf and to do so in as transparent a way as possible.

Prior to becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2023 the constitution called for an AGM, always in June, at which the Trustees for the following year would be elected. Upon incorporation that requirement ceased but Trustees agreed that an annual Village Update Meeting would be appropriate to share the financial situation and activities over the previous year with anyone who wished to attend.

Those meetings have been poorly attended - this year there were only two attendees, apart from the Trustees, who put considerable time and effort into preparing for the meeting and giving their time to attend.

At this year's meeting the assembled group agreed that in view of the lack of interest in the meeting from residents it would no longer take place. The activities of the Trust are reported throughout the year in Centrepiece and the Centre Manager's door is always open to hear comment and requests from centre users. A full report is issued every year in the Annual Report and Accounts that the Trust submits to The Charities Commission, the latest of which will be available on our website.

Thanks to everyone who attended this year, your interest in the Centre is greatly appreciated.

York Design Awards

The winners of the 18th annual York Design Awards 2026 were announced in July. Our architect partners, Paul Butler Architects, submitted the Centre's new studios for an award and were delighted to make the shortlist, of seven, in the Non Residential category.

Reece Kennedy of Paul Butler Architects at the York Design Awards

The aim of the Awards is to encourage and promote excellence in design and conservation, striving for the highest standards which will delight present and future generations.

These prestigious awards are open to all developments within the City of York Council boundary, completed within the last three years.

Trevor Lawson from the Trustee's Development Group, along with Reece Kennedy from PBA went along to the award ceremony but even their presence wasn't enough to swing the result. Unfortunately we were pipped at the post by Askham Bryan College's new Teaching Block.

Paul Butler and Reece have done a remarkable job supporting all the recent developments that Trustees have undertaken in the last three years and their skill and guidance has been invaluable. They are now working with us on the latest plan to upgrade the Sports Hall.

Starling Flies Away

Chris Starling has resigned as a Trustee

to pursue other avenues in his retirement. He did a fantastic job successfully managing to secure many thousands of pounds for the Out o' Space Project and playing a very significant role within the group managing the Studios and Poppleton Social Projects.

Chris joined the Trustees in January 2023 and his input to the management of the Centre has been much appreciated and will be greatly missed.

Bikers' Weekend at The Centre

The group raised £200 each for Air Ambulance and The Poppleton Centre

Another great weekend at the Poppleton Centre, *writes Chris Johnson*, for around 30 attendees, and using the facilities on site is perfect for the needs of the group. Some used the local bus service into York and the first timers were amazed at how fabulous York is.

The group used the Poppleton Social, local shops and pubs for food and drinks which boosts the economy in the village. £200 each was raised for Air Ambulance and the Poppleton Centre by the group, all of whom are looking forward to the next event.

It's all about the bikes!

POPPLETON PROBUS CLUB

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A Grand Day Out!

Our members' spring visit to The Auckland Project, Bishop Auckland, County Durham

On a bright morning in May, a coachload of Poppleton Probus members and their partners set off for Bishop Auckland to visit one of the North's best-kept secrets, The Auckland Project.

We toured Auckland Palace — home for almost a thousand years to the Prince Bishops of Durham, the "Kings of the North" — before a guided tour to explore remarkable galleries and museums. There was a great deal to take in - visiting the Palace, the Faith Museum, The Spanish Gallery and The Mining Art Gallery! Over a welcome lunch of soup and sandwiches there was plenty of cheerful conversation about all we had seen!

Trips like this are one of the pleasures of belonging to Poppleton Probus. We are a friendly club for retired and semi-retired men, and we arrange at least two outings a year, alongside a programme of interesting talks on all manner of subjects. Our next meeting is on September 16th when Frank Paterson will talk about 185 years of railways in York.

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- At least two outings every year
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When & where we meet

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WHERE	Poppleton Methodist Church Buildings
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News from Upper Poppleton Parish Council

From Neil Lawrence

Parking Remains a Problem

Parking in the village is a continuing problem. I wrote about this about a year ago and unfortunately the situation is not improving. There are insufficient places to park safely and off the road and there are no sites which are readily available to create new car parks. In addition, the car parks that do exist are not always fully utilised, particularly the Parish Council-owned car park next to the Lord Collingwood. The inconsiderate parking by some drivers can also lead to unsafe situations, particularly when cars are parked on the pavement forcing pedestrians and wheelchair users onto the road. Parking with two wheels on the village green is now causing damage to the grass and councillors are looking at ways to prevent this without spoiling the look of the green.

Cars parked around The Green

Dangerous parking at war memorial junction

Unsafe situations are also occurring as some drivers are using the footpath in front of the Methodist Church for pick-up and drop-off. A number of near accidents have occurred and drivers are asked not to use this footpath as an extension of the road.

Both Upper and Nether Parish Councils are looking for solutions to the parking issues whilst resisting the use of double yellow lines in busy areas. Imaginative ideas are required.

In the meantime it would be helpful if everyone is considerate with their parking and uses the car parks when spaces are available.

CYC Intransigence

The progress on forming one Parish Council has now come to a halt. The intransigence of the City of York council in refusing to use a simple law which is designed specifically for grouping the two parishes under one parish council will result in a delay which could total up to seven years before one Parish Council can be achieved. Possible next actions are being discussed in the working group.

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Saturday 17th October

10am to 3pm

Autumn Open Day - when winter pots, baskets, shrubs, herbs and perennials are available.

Saturday 21st November

10am to 3pm

Early Christmas Open Day when decorations and bulbs are sold and wreaths can be ordered for Christmas.

Refreshments are available on all Open Days.

The nursery is open on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** from **10am to 3pm**. New volunteers are always very welcome and there are plenty of activities, many non-horticultural, where help is needed. Details are on the website. Visitors are welcome to call in at any time the nursery is open to discuss possibilities or email **pcrn.info@yahoo.co.uk for more details.**

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News from Nether Poppleton Parish Council

From Sean Barry

The Nelly, a real asset

Lord Nelson
Asset of Community Value

The previous ACV expired in 2024 and we submitted a new application earlier this year. I am given to understand that this will be reviewed by City of York Council by 30th July; although at the time of writing there has been scant communication from CYC on this.

Bench Replacements

We recently replaced an aged/damaged bench by the War Memorial and are also planning to replace the bench in Millfield Lane, which is in poor condition. If you do identify any benches in need of attention, please do not hesitate to let James Mackman know.

New benches with a river view

River Access

We are working with the Poppleton Paddle Club to determine whether it would be possible to construct a safe access point into the River Ouse. A working Group has formed to investigate this.

Bus Service

Intense lobbying has resulted in there now being two buses per hour during the day and early evening ... bravo!

A No 10 every half hour - excellent

Parish Councils' Grouping

The Upper Poppleton Parish Council Chair has given a more comprehensive update on Page 5. However, I think that it would be safe to say that we continue to be bewildered by CYC`s intransigence in this matter. Representations to Luke Charters, the local MP, and Richard Webb, the CYC Chief Executive Officer have proven fruitless. Grouping will obviously result in us becoming more consistent, efficient and cost effective.

One rather feels that if CYC put as much effort into helping us, as they do into justifying their somnolence and inaction, we could really become a force to be reckoned with.

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News From Poppleton Biodiversity Group

From Andy Walker

We hope readers will have enjoyed the new wildflower meadow on Chantry Green. The meadow has exceeded all expectations in its first year and thanks go to all the volunteers that made it possible. By September the meadow will have been hand cut with scythes and the waste removed, maintaining the soil in ideal shape for next year's growth. More seeds will be sown in the autumn and light weeding will take place, with a view to repeating the beautiful spectacle in 2027.

Bee on cornflower

Cornflower, corn camomile, corn marigold and corn poppy

Himalayan Balsam

Over the summer several Himalayan Balsam 'pulling' sessions were held at key sites in the village. Volunteers have removed hundreds of these invasive plants, creating space for improved biodiversity in the village. The autumn will see additional Tansy plants added to some riverbank sites with a view to extending the habitat for our local, very rare, Tansy beetles.

Himalayan Balsam

Autumn activity is planned for the planting of some native tree species in Parish Council owned land. More autumn bulb planting will also take place to extend the success of last years blue bell planting in Warren Lea and on Ousemoor Lane triangle.

Several new Swift nest boxes have been put up in the village, and we would like to know if any Swifts have been attracted to them. We would also like to know if Swifts already breed here, since that improves the chances of Swifts moving on to our boxes. If you have made Swift sightings during the Summer, please let us know via email at

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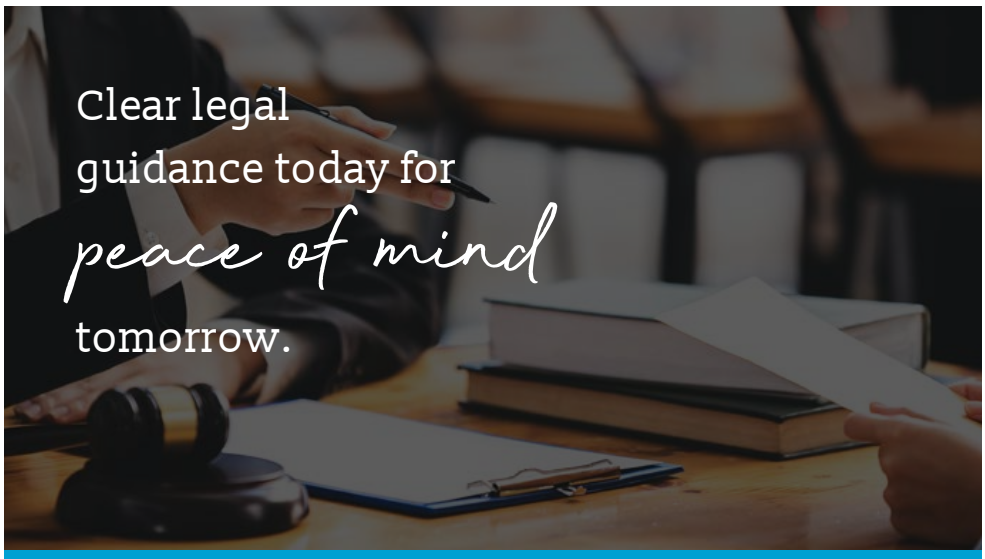

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Village Voice
from Oliver Hopkins

The Haunting of the Tithe Barn

Come gather, young children, I'll spin you a yarn
About the haunting of Poppleton Tithe Barn

For back long ago, twas nothing but fields
And a manor that hoarded all of their yields
Till villagers came, so keen to expand,
They planted their flag and settled the land

The lord of this manor, the aged crimson court,
A Baron whose name is remembered by naught
Welcomed the people with open embrace
"A deal we shall strike, let's cut to the chase!

This land is now yours, to have and to keep
The fish in the river, the oats that you reap

But mark well these exact circumstances
When the moon rusts red and the firefly dances
When raven's caw sounds and the sky is the darkest
Beginning the night of the last day of harvest
For then, take heed, for I seldom jest
I'm taking my fifth - no more, no less

The people agreed and rushed to accept
A promise was made and a promise was kept
The villagers lived, and grew and they laughed
They soon forgot the bargain of the past
A year went by, then five, then ten
Most wondered if they'd ever see the baron again

But one night dark, under bloody moon
The fireflies beckoning raven's croon
The Baron emerged with butcher's blade
'A promise is kept, for a promise was made'.

With a swish and a chop, a hack and a scythe
The people of the village, each one paid the tithe
Through sickly grin came the Baron's demand
A pinky finger from both right and left hand

And when this bloody work was through
He filled the Tithe Barn to rafter and roof
A thousand chopped fingers; some left there to twitch
The Baron hoarded them, his flesh mound rich

By dawn there was no sign or trace
Of the brutality that had last night taken place
The harvest was over and the people had plenty
But the Tithe Barn… mysteriously empty

The village was shaken, the children all wept
But a promise was made, and a promise was kept

Some now laugh and say 'It cannot be true,
Your story's a lie, you misconstrue'
But look in the graves by the barn, in the glen,
To find eight fingered women and eight fingered men

Good night, my children, as I take my leave
There's nothing to fear, and nothing to grieve
The nighttime is coming, a red moon draws near
And my plan tonight's to be far, far from here...

Food Bank News

One of our local collection points
Poppleton Post Office

The photo is of the staff and mainly volunteers at the Foodbank Warehouse on Sterling Park Clifton Moor, *writes Linden Richardson*, from where the food is distributed to collection points in York. The main deliveries come from the Supermarkets, although Poppleton provides the largest amount of local donations. Summer donations are always low and cause a problem of fulfilling need. From April to July this year 15 tonnes of food went out, but only 10.8 tonnes came in, so stocks are now at their lowest.

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Poppleton History Society

News from Julian Crabb

Annual General Meeting

19 May 2026

This meeting was the last of four held at the Methodist Church whilst developments took place at Poppleton Centre.

The Chair welcomed members, visitors and the speaker Dr Neil Moran. The speaker was given priority over the AGM, which followed a short break.

The Chair noted that after retiring from medical practice Neil trained as a Voluntary Guide to the City of York. He leads various tours, including an annual course about the history of York. He also gives talks on specific aspects of York history, this evening's topic an example.

Eboracum: The Story of Roman York

by Neil Moran

Neil described the tribes of Britain Pre-Roman. The Brigantes were the largest of the northern tribes. The story of Roman York began in AD 43 when Emperor Claudius ordered the invasion of the British Isles. By 70 AD the south had been subdued and the ninth legion, under its commander Petilius Cerialis marched north to conquer the rest.

By 71AD it had reached York and founded a fort as a place of safety and as a base for further conquest. The spot chosen was where the River Foss runs into the River Ouse. It had good height above the countryside, safety on two sides by the two rivers with a supply of water and a connection to the sea via the rivers Ouse and Humber.

The name given to the fort was Eboracum which is thought to mean 'the place of the yews'. It was rectangular in shape but like

a lopsided diamond from above. There was a gate in the centre of each side and the headquarters, or Principia, in the middle where the roads met. These roads and extensions largely follow the modern arrangements. The rest of the space was filled with barracks for soldiers, store houses and baths which were built of stone from the start. By 150 AD the wooden buildings and fortifications were replaced by stone by the sixth legion.

Outside the walls and later across the river, the Colonia, or civilian area grew with baths, an arena, market place, shops and temples and shrines to Roman Gods. A bridge would have connected the fort and the expanding town probably at the site of the present Ouse Bridge.

Archaeologists have uncovered stone foundations to show how the town was laid out as well as coins, pots and glass. Even leather preserved in the boggy ground has been preserved. Old gravestones bear Roman names and in AD 2011 Emperor Septimus Severus died in York and was cremated near to Holgate Windmill. Other Emperors in York were Constantius who died there in 306 AD and Constantine, his son who followed him and allowed Christians to worship freely. His modern statue sits outside the Minster.

Constantine

In 410 AD Germanic tribes pressed on Rome and Legions were withdrawn from Britain and the country, without defence decayed. Roads were disused, houses ruined and the sole bridge collapsed. Other empires were waiting for their chance to move in. 'The Dark Ages' had begun.

AGM Summary

The current officers were re-elected. Future meetings would be at Poppleton Centre.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 22 September

7.30pm

The Anglo-Indian Wars, 1766-1805 and the Role of Arthur Wellesley (Duke of Wellington)

by Dyno Keatinge

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News from Poppleton Sports Clubs

Poppleton Lawn Tennis Club
News from Hilary Spencer

Head Coach Retiring

Our Head Coach Belinda Turnbull is retiring! Belinda has been Head Coach at PLTC for more than 30 years. Many of her former students are now bringing their own children to coaching sessions at the Club. She has been a top level professional coach with enormous enthusiasm and dedication to both her students and her Club. The Club are holding a special celebration on Sunday 20th September 2.00-4.00pm and we welcome members, non-members, friends, past players and families to join our celebration at the Club.

Her place will be taken by both Rebecca and Nick Turnbull. Information about exciting new and varied coaching opportunities is available on the Club website.

Leagues

The Club competes in several local leagues and has four ladies' teams, four men's teams and four mixed teams. All compete at a variety of levels, new team members are always welcome. We have had a successful season so far, final places are not yet decided.

Summer Camps

Our Summer Camps for younger members have been fully booked and enjoyed by all. The wonderful sunny weather made a difference and we didn't have to resort to any wet weather alternatives!

Padel and Pickleball

Our new Padel court is regularly fully booked by both Club members and visitors. If you would like more information on coaching or general use of the court please go to PLTC website, look on Playtomic on the Poppleton LTC Academy pages, or contact Tony our coach on 07809 688371.

Pickleball is thriving through both social and competitive games at the Club. Members also play in the nearby Pickleball Shed league on Sundays.

New Members Welcome

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?

....and Finally

Good Luck Belinda, enjoy retirement…… although she will still be seen on the courts occasionally!

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Poppleton Football Club

Seniors
News from Alex Janes

Pre-Season Preps

Pre-season preparations are well underway for the men's teams despite the dry weather. A number of friendlies have already been played getting valuable fitness back into the legs after a long summer off!

The hard work hasn't just been confined to the playing side as the extreme weather has had a knock on effect to our pitch preparations. Thanks to the expertise and dedication of our groundsman Greg How, we have managed to get the pitch access to some regular irrigation to help keep the pitch in good condition.

The first team, who will enter their 9th consecutive season in the top flight, will likely begin on 22nd August at the Poppleton Centre as we await confirmation of our fixture schedule. The 2nd team will begin their season in the first week of September. Please do come down and support their lads as they aim to improve on last seasons positions!

Further information from
Alex Janes
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Juniors
News from Rich Fox

....and Breathe!

We're all catching our breath after a very busy season, including a brilliant Trophy Event, League Finals Day and the Beer & Music Festival. We've also had roof repairs completed and bought lots of new goals, as we continue improving the facilities and equipment available to our 400 players and 50 coaches.

Having suffered a very wet winter, our Millfield Lane and Community Centre pitches are now being tested by another dry summer, so spare a thought for our grounds team who are having their work cut out.

We're delighted to see our female pathway continuing to grow as we expand our girls' and ladies' teams; if you or someone you know would like to join any of our teams, please do get in touch.

The new season is almost upon us and will bring a new challenge as the FA introduces 3x3 football for the younger age groups. With even more small-sided games to fit in, it's going to test our pitch allocation skills to the limit!

Volunteers Needed

Finally, a reminder that the club is run entirely by volunteers. If you'd like to get more involved, whether by joining the committee or helping out where you can, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Bel on 07982 243021 or Rich on 07801 251595 for more info.

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

Poppleton Bowls Club
News from Colin Robinson

Summer Season Rolls Out

The season is in full flow with a lot of bowling going on in the various leagues that the club belongs to and internally in the club competitions. It would be true to say that this, certainly in regards to the men's teams, it is not proving to be a vintage year! In the very competitive Men's Evening League our team is fighting to stay in Division 1. Currently we are third from the bottom but with a reasonable cushion of points. We have played all our matches so it depends on results elsewhere as to whether we survive in Division 1.

In the Veteran's League the results are reasonable in that in Division 1 our A and B teams are in 4th and 5th place. The C team in Division 3 are in 5th with our D team in Division 4 in 3rd place. There are still some four matches to play so we'll see!

It is much the same with the Ladies who are in 3rd place in the Challis League having played six games winning three, losing two and with one drawn. In the Ladies' Evening League the team sits in mid table. The PBC Ladies with only ten ladies in the squad it is a testament to everyone's commitment and enthusiasm that the Ladies are able to field a team of six with one reserve match after match.

The internal club competitions involving almost every bowler in the club continue at pace with the finals weekend only three weeks away and a lot of matches still to be played.

What a summer! The green has suffered from the lack of rain and the bowlers from the heat with some matches having to be re-arranged because of the high temperatures. Usually us outdoor bowlers are complaining about the rain and the cold. Not this year!

Fancy a go at this great social but equally competitive sport then for more information contact me on 01904 783281 or 97717 941260.

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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.

Start autumn with a bang at the Poppleton centre

Organisation	Days/times (24 hour clock used)	Contact	Contact No
Aspire Wellness Pure Relaxation	Wednesday 20.00-21.00	Kirsty Thompson	kirsty@aspire-wellness.co.uk
Ballet with Miss Gemma	Saturday 09.00-12.00	Gemma Thomaz	07428 644219
Baby Band	Monday 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.alford@btinternet.com
Bloom Baby	Friday 9.00-12.00	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.rhowbotham@gmail.com
Ebor Lacemakers	Monday 10.00-14.00	Hilary Davies	01904 795984
Easy Aerobics	Wednesdays 13.30-14.30	Rachael	07882 076754
Fabulous Fridays Singing Sessions	Monthly 11/09, 02/10, 06/11, 04/12	Liz Sawyer	07793 818396
Fit4Dance	Wednesday 19.00-20.00	Anna Topott	07801 274699
Football - Veterans	Friday 19.00-20.30	Pete Moss	07525 655116
Keep Fit - Men	Wednesday 20.00-21.00	John Millington	01904 794455
Lisa Marie Performing Arts	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Call for details	07872 508651
Pickleball (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
Perform North	Monday16.30-20.00	Perform North	07802 676655
Pilates with Lucy	Tuesday 10.00-12.00; Thursday 10.00-11.30	Lucy Ford	07917 891139
Poppleton Arts Society	Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 19.30 September-June	Roger Backhouse	poppletonarts@gmail.com
Poppleton History Society	Monthly, 3rd Tuesday	Julian Crabb	01904 798868
Poppleton Literary Society	Wednesday 9.30-12.00	Karl Jarvis	karljarvis40@gmail.com
Poppleton Social	For opening hours check their Facebook page	Sam Gallagher	07869 755083
Rhyme & Shine	Thursday 09.00-12.00	Katy Hobbs	rhymeandshineyork@outlook.com
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
Sing and Sign	Thursday 10.00-12.00	Anne Gibbeson	07811 651720
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	Friday 9.30-11.30	Joanna	joanna@thelittleyorkshiredanceacademy.co.uk
Tumbletots	Thursday 10.00-14.00	Jenny Hampton	07907 711871
Tutorfox	Tuesday 17.00-18.00	hello@tutorfox.co.uk	
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	Wednesday 9.00-11.00; Friday 12.00-14.00	Angela Parkinson	angelaroseartist@gmail.com
Yoga	Tuesday 13.15-14.45; Wednesday 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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