

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Chairman

Rounding-up a busy few months

Since the last newsletter, the Council has been very busy with numerous planning applications, acknowledgement of the Neighbourhood Plan by York City Council and reviewing the financial position for the future.

The Parish Council meetings are held in the Poppleton Centre on the second Monday of the month with the exceptions of August and December. Members of the public are always welcome to hear the deliberations and can contribute in the section set aside for Public Consultation when persons can

have their say for up to three minutes, prior notice with the clerk is preferable.

Other developments include Talk Talk laying fibre optic cables around the village to make faster IT connections available. This will inevitably lead to some disruption but should be completed by Christmas. Also disruption will be inevitable whilst Ebor Way is resurfaced, after years of representation to York City Council complaining about the surface and potholes, and redevelopment of the childrens playground.

Stuart Robson **Chairman**

Trees

Village tree management



Sometime, in the not too distant future, when the leaves have finally fallen off the trees, five cherry trees will necessarily be felled on Hodgson Lane outbound from the Green.

Sadly, following a professional tree survey, these trees were found to have a fungal disease and therefore being weakened pose a threat to their future stability.

The risk of falling will increase and unless any remedial action is taken, drastic as it might seem, we cannot take the risk of falling trees causing personal injury.

After a fallow period to allow any fungal spores in the soil to die off, there is no reason why these trees cannot be replaced assuming funding can be afforded.

The constant management of trees is a continual necessity, and many will have noticed that although splendid specimens, some have outgrown their site. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation, following the problem when a tree on Chantry Green fell during a gale crushing a car on Main Street. Fortunately this happened during the night and no persons were injured.

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100 years since the Armistice signing

11th
November
2018



Some important dates for the diary

This year November 11th has a very special significance as it marks the centenary of the signing of the Armistice signifying the end of World War 1 in 1918. For this years event, organised by the Parish Councils, the Poppletons will be joining a nationwide tribute on that evening ranging from Buckingham Palace to John O'Groats.

In addition to the usual Remembrance Day ceremony on the village Green at 10.45 am, which will honour the memory of all those from Poppleton who gave their lives in both World Wars and in Afganistan, there will be an additional ceremony also on the Green at 6.30pm - 7.30pm which will be a Thanksgiving for the end of WW1 in which so many perished in the cause of freedom.

All those persons who were sacrificed from Upper and Nether Poppleton during that dreadful conflict will be remembered. There will be community singing of World War songs from 6.30pm, last Post and Reveille with church bells being rung as was the case in 1918, the lighting of a Beacon at 7.00pm followed by final singing of Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, and the National Anthem. After the ceremony light refreshments will be served in the Methodist Hall.

Hopefully the weather will be fine but do bring torches and if necessary lightweight chairs if you need support as it may seem a long time to stand! (In the event of bad weather the proceedings will move indoors.)

Need a grant?

Every year the Upper Poppleton Parish Council considers applications to award grants to village activities to help with providing activities for a cross section of the community. The council tries to be fair and considers all applications from activities supporting all age ranges.

In order to do this, the budget is set at the January meeting so to ensure that all receive consideration the Council does ask for applications to be submitted by early December. Appropriate forms and advice can be sought from the Clerk, Mr James Mackman, on 01904 399277.

Unfortunately late applications will not receive consideration. In the past the Council has been lenient in allowing late entries to be considered, but due to the reduction in funding available for next year, the rules for application have to be adhered to.

Last seasons cricket news

The start up season for the Junior Section of the Club was successful, an encouragement for the future and we acknowledge with thanks the grants from Upper Poppleton Parish Council.

The Under 11s team played eight league matches in the York and District Junior Cricket Associations League, winning four and losing four, ending up 3rd in the league for their age group. Perhaps the highlight was the home and away wins over York CC. The team, ably captained by Adam Pearson who also performed as a promising wicket keeper, improved as the summer progressed as the batting got better whilst the fielding improved immeasurably with

some stunning catches being taken with James Edwards taking 9 in total.

The Club was very grateful to Manor Academy for making their cricket pitch and other facilities available on match evenings due to the field at the Poppleton Centre being unavailable due to infestations. The Club is still awaiting news of the availability of the designated field for their own pitch which is taking longer than initially envisaged.

The club was thankful for the coaching guidance, transport, umpiring and scoring duties undertaken by Alan Farnsworth, Terry Elsworth, Steven Drake and Jon Smith whilst the purchase of a state of the art grass cutter

facilitated a decent playing surface. Following the AGM, Stephen Drake has become the Secretary at sdrake28@yahoo.co.uk

Dates are booked for coaching sessions at the indoor sports hall at Manor Academy after Christmas in preparation for the 2019 season when many of the current Under 11s team will be playing in the Under 13 league. We hope to recruit more players for the Under 11s, and this is not limited to boys alone. Girls can and do play cricket. Ladies cricket is one of the fastest growing games in England. Several of the sides that played against Poppleton were mixed sides.



Now
recruiting
under 11 girls
and boys

A sunny and successful show



Congratulations to all who took part

From cars to carrots, village show goes from strength to strength

The third Poppleton Village show took place on the 18th August on a beautiful sunny day for a change and a bumper crowd gathered to visit the event.

The show is going from strength to strength and despite the worst growing season for many a year, with the cold start and boiling summer, the show was very well supported. The cut flower sections were a little down but this was more than made up for with the amount of handicrafts and floral art on show which made the halls very pleasing to the eye. There was a good selection of cars and motorcycles on show and the committees' thanks must go to all who entered both the competitions and those who brought their vehicles down to the Green for everyone to see.

We still need more helpers if the show is to flourish and anyone interested in helping please contact Mike Walker (790780) who will give them more details of the meetings and help required, it isn't essential to attend all the meetings but you must be willing to help on the day. Mike is standing down as Chair next year, but staying on as Treasurer, and he is handing the reins over to David Johnson, tel. 07841 464367.

Mike Walker

New ideas are always helpful so don't be afraid to voice your opinions as it all goes to making a successful show.

Thanks must also be paid to the Ladies of the Methodist Church for providing the teas and also to the Ebor Brass band whom many people have commented on how good they were, they themselves have already asked if they can come back next year so they must have enjoyed your company too.



Spud in a Bucket competition entry gets weighed in



And finally...

The Lord Collingwood has seen many changes of Landlord and Landlady over the years but the pub itself appears to have changed very little.

Here it is, with a group of very well turned out children, photographed in about 1907 by a gentleman called Frank Hayes.