

**The Potting Shed  
May 2022  
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The Buy-On-Get-One-Free bedding plant sale will be on Saturday 2 July, 10:00–4:00pm. Plants, bric-a-brac, railways, refreshments


Poppleton Sports Day, The Green Upper Poppleton, Friday 3 June, 12:45–4:00pm

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## Editorial

### Co-op Local Community Fund

The Co-op Local Community Fund is open until 22 October. Visit <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/60495> for details and to enrol. At the time of writing the fund stands at over £620.

### Poppleton Children's Sports Day



The nursery will be selling plants at the Poppleton Sports Day — “Poppleton’s Biggest and Best Afternoon Out” on the Green Friday 3 June, 12:45 pm to 4:00 pm.

### Pruned plants

#### Clarifications and corrections

- One of the trains in the photo of the station in the last issue was a class 158 not 185. (**The Last Charter?**).
- Also in the last issue, the building controlling the weighbridge near the coal drops was to the left of the container in the picture, the container

sits on the trackbed of the coal drop siding. (... and finally).

### Spring Open Day

The Spring Open Day on 23 April was one of our most successful open days with a steady stream of visitors up until lunchtime and only a slight decrease in the afternoon. Clearly people are keen to get out of the house and stock their gardens after the winter.

### Allotment

Thanks to Jo for the plants and my greenhouse, the beans and garden vegetables are showing good signs of some produce this year, despite my neglect and lack of rain.





## Group Visits

There have been two successful group visits, one by Open Country and a second of the year by Network Rail. Even though the latter group only had two people much work was carried out including removing rubble from G8 thus clearing the area and wire brushing the 3-mile post.



*Open Country Group*



*A Network Rail group member moving rubble from G8*

## Railway and building work

Over the last few weeks steady progress has been made. Painting of S2 is now complete and repairs to the doors nearest the mainline railway. A programme of generally cosmetic work to overhaul some of the trucks on the narrow gauge railway. The Nursery's power washer has been used to clean up on several of them. A good example is the push truck P11 which has had a new coat of Creocote after a pressure wash.



The small size of the Network Rail group precluded work on the track, so that will have to wait for another day. Work

has started on painting the 3-mile post.



*David Dawson finishes the painting of S2.*

Several years ago Network Rail replaced the fencing on the field-side of the Nursery, the new fencing makes it difficult to get access behind The Potting Shed. The area has been rather overgrown with brambles, some cutting down has been done but there is still work to be done there. The new fence will make repainting the back of the Potting Shed almost impossible.

## Ten Years Ago

There were no issues of the Potting Shed between April 2012, covered in the last issue, and September 2012.

## Poppleton station adoption

Our volunteer group (many thanks to Sue and Richard in particular) has worked extra hard to remove the majority of spring flowers and is just completing the red, white and blue scheme appropriate to the Queens Platinum Jubilee



for the main bed with bedding plants and geraniums. New compost has been added and some shrubs have also been trimmed.

Almost finished too is the red and blue scheme in the white planters which have been repainted after running repairs have been carried out. All plants have been kindly supplied by the nursery and funded by Northern.

We will be ready for the village events but sadly have missed the chance to apply for permission for some bunting!

As ever, regular watering from the rain butt and bowsering some water across from the Nursery is much needed and takes up our time.

The Poppleton sign has also been repainted and the station generally looks much refreshed with the two electronic "next train" station signs now (at last) brought back into working use. There

are rather a lot of weeds on the rail tracks but that is beyond our remit and there are no train timetables on display (can you imagine a station without them?) but we have done all we can to repeatedly highlight this to those responsible. We have erected our own lists of departures on both platforms for the benefit of none mobile phone possessing folk!

Monies have arrived from Northern for plants and our own Notice Board for the York Platform but the board itself ordered and promised has not yet, so we will chase it again in the next few days.

As we predicted, the train service from May to December of this year has remained half hourly 7-days a week for most of the day but a couple of peak hour extra trains are removed from the timetable and there is a two hour gap in the service from York between 20:11

and 22:11 on Mondays to Saturdays.

Colin Wood

## The Bricks

In 1976 there was controversy about **Equivalent VIII** a collection of 120 firebricks put together by Carl Andre which was bought for the Tate Gallery for £2,297. The following was seen at the Nursery



I leave it to the reader to decide, how much it is worth.

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