



POTTO PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

December 2004



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



&



A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Village Christmas Tree



Potto has its very own Christmas tree for the first time. A special thanks to Richard and Ann Preston for the gift of the beautiful Christmas tree for the village. Thanks also to Amy for organising, to John Henderson and Mick Curbishley for putting the tree in position, to Neil & John Howe for decorating the tree, and to John and Pam Fanthorpe for providing the lights. I am sure that you will all agree the tree sets the festive mood of the village at this time of year.

Did You Know !!



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That the last passenger train to leave Potto Station was on the 12th June 1954. The line that opened on the 7th March 1857 originally formed part of the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway, the line eventually went through to Grosmont in 1865, so linking Scarborough and Whitby with Teesside.



Chairman's Chat



We have been experimenting with ways of making the Council more open and accessible. Our traditional spot for the 'Meeting Open to the Public' item was near the end of the meeting. This was hardly ideal, as we only heard parishioners views after the business for the evening was complete. We have now moved this to the beginning of the meeting which is probably better. The problem has been that when the council goes back into closed session for the rest of the meeting, the impression is that contributions to the debate on later agenda items was not welcome. My apologies for that, this was not my intention! We would really like to be as inclusive as possible while staying within the rule that council decisions need to be made by council in closed session. Well I think we can do both of these, with a little flexibility and recognition of the need for some formality. If anyone wishes to contribute to an agenda item please indicate this through the chair.

We will be happy to go into open session but please understand that I will need to take council back into closed session for the decision making process. Planning applications are items on which people often wish to make comment. The District Council has recently allowed members of the public to speak at development committee meetings and has produced a booklet to help people do this effectively. We have reproduced the key points later in this news letter and hope you will find this useful should you wish to make an input to the Parish Council deliberations on a planning application. The Parish Council is a consult tee with the important role of bringing to the attention of planning officers any local issues which should be considered when coming to a decision. Members of the public can in addition make their individual comments directly to the planning officer. The decision is a matter for the District Council. Finally my thanks to Amy Mazingham, Richard Preston and the Church for making possible our first Village Christmas Tree and thanks to all the residents who lit up the village so beautifully for the festive season .

A Happy New Year to everyone in the Parish of Potto.

Recycle your Tree this Christmas

Christmas Trees can be recycled at the village hall car park between the 31st December and the 16th of January 2005:





On The Beat

The crime statistics for the area including Hutton Rudby, Rudby and Potto for the month of November remain similar to the same period last year. However the overall trend for the year shows a decrease in the number of crimes committed and an increase in arrests.

Your local police officers for the Hutton Rudby beat include PCs Jim Hunter, Carol Gordon & Helen Kay. They can be contacted via 01609-783131 ext 4521 or 4522.



	2003	2004
Violent	0	1
Burglary	3	0
Auto Crime	3	1
Total Crimes	6	3
Total Incidents	21	21

New Notice Board

A tribute to John Cousans—If you have overlooked making your donations the

.Parish Council would be pleased to hear from you.

Planning Do's & Don'ts

The following table consists of a number of relevant issues which people may comment on as part of the planning process.

The table also shows a number of issues which are considered irrelevant to the planning process.

You may comment on :	You should not comment on:
Local Plan / Structure Plan	Civil disputes between neighbours
National planning policies	Alleged changes in property values
Highway safety	Loss of private view
Landscape impact	A developers character, morals or motives
Local amenity, noise, privacy	A developers financial circumstances
Case law / previous decisions	Restrictive covenants
Conservation issues	Matters covered by other legislation

Remember: A good point does not get better by repeating it.



**SUPPORT YOUR
VILLAGE HALL**



Potto Village Hall



Magic Evening

The Middlesbrough Circle of Magicians had a packed village hall enthralled on the 24th September with their variety of close up magic and amazing stage show. The audience spanned all ages, and with audience participation actively encouraged by the magicians the evening was extremely entertaining.

Hat Stand Opera

Golden Moments from the Opera; The Hat Stand Opera Company performed to a full house on the 1st of December. The audience came from as far away as Thirsk in what was a very entertaining evening. The group performed a variety of songs from famous operas, to an appreciative audience, a definite hit.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday February 2nd

Hans Christian Andersens -

The Snow Queen

Friday 22nd April

A John Godber play -

September in the rain

100 Club

November Draw: -

1st Prize	Mr & Mrs T Mason
2nd Prize	Mr & Mrs B Barrett

Maintenance

The on-going maintenance program is the biggest financial outgoing for the village hall. The committee raises funds for this program through the various events and hall rentals throughout the year. The committee endeavours to provide a wide variety of events to provide an attractive program of arts and entertainment for the residents of Potto. However it is only through your continued support that this program can continue.

Hall Hire Rates

Functions, Parties, Events, make use of your village hall.

Potto Residents per hour	£ 5
Regular Bookings per hour	£ 7
Non Residents per hour	£12

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