



POTTO PARISH COUNCIL

# Newsletter

September 2004

## Chairman's Chat



The parish council is currently looking at a number of areas to improve the village. The aim is to make visual or amenity changes which can enhance our village through available funding. The current topics being explored are improvements to kerbing and lighting in Cooper Lane, notice board,

signage and dog litter facility in the Village Centre, improvements to village seats and a Christmas tree in the Church Yard for the festive season. Have you any thoughts on visual improvements to the village? Please let us know.

## Did You Know !!



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The light aircraft that crashed on Ashfield Farm close to Potto Hall on the 27th July is not the first plane to do so in the vicinity of Potto. On the 29th of September 1952 a Meteor similar to the one pictured above exploded and crashed

close to Potto Hill Farm. Unfortunately the pilot in this incident was not as lucky as the two occupants of the recent crash they both managed to walk away while the pilot of the Meteor died in the crash.

## Dog Control

The village is continuing to suffer from problems associated with dogs and dog fouling. A small number of dog owners are failing to keep their dogs under control which can result in problems for the village as a whole. Dog fouling is a problem both in the village and in the surrounding area and is an offence punishable by fines of £ 50 for first time offenders and up to £1000 if successfully prosecuted for

repeat offenders. Stray dogs or dogs allowed to wander the village off the lead without supervision also contribute to the problem. Hambleton District Council provide dog wardens to address these problems and anyone wishing to report dog owners who allow their pets to foul the streets of Hambleton can call Dog Warden, Paul Aspery, on 07968 134055. All calls will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

### Mobile Library

The mobile library will visit Potto on the following dates in 2004: -

September 7<sup>th</sup>

September 28<sup>th</sup>

October 19<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>

November 30<sup>th</sup>

December 21<sup>st</sup>

## Localised Flooding

The Parish Council is compiling a database of areas on parish highways where localised flooding occurs on a regular basis. If you know of any such areas that effect you directly or of which you may be aware you can inform any

member of the Parish Council who will add the details to the database and bring this information to the attention of the County Council with a view to resolving these problems where possible.

## Wheelie Bins

Don't forget that starting on Wednesday 15th September it will be time to start using the wheelie bins for your domestic refuse collection. Black and Green wheelie bins were recently delivered to all homes in Potto. The first collection will be for the black bins followed by the green bins for garden waste the following week.



## Parish Council

Parish council meetings are held monthly, usually on the third Monday of the month. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting are posted on the village notice board at least three days before the meeting. Members of the public are always welcome and have an opportunity to put any items forward that may concern them.



## Benches in the Village

There are a number of benches situated throughout the village that have been appreciated by many villagers over the years.



While every effort is made to maintain the benches in a good state of repair the ravages of time inevitably takes its toll, and some of the benches require either repairing or replacing. The Parish Council would be interested in hearing from anyone who may wish to donate a bench for use in the village.

## On The Beat

The crime statistics for the area including Hutton Rudby, Rudby and Potto for the month of July indicate a drop compared with the same period last year.

	2003	2004
Violent	1	0
Burglary	3	2
Auto Crime	3	1
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>
Anti Social	3	3

While these figures

indicate a positive trend for crime levels in the area North Yorkshire Police will continue to maintain the current efforts in this area. Anti social behaviour incidents have shown an overall reduction over the last month and quarter and will remain a priority for the Police in the area.

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.



## News from the Church

Sadly we are to lose David Boase, our Priest, when he leaves the benefice early October to take up a new appointment as Rector of St Paul's church, Alton, in the diocese of Springfield, Illinois.

### To David and Cathy

May peace and joy surround you in your new home, and may your ministry bring happiness and deep fulfillment. We shall miss you.



**SUPPORT YOUR  
VILLAGE HALL**



**MAGIC  
EVENING**

## **Village Barbeque**

Held on Sunday 8th August the village barbeque was a tremendous success. Fortunately the weather was a lot better than the previous year and this contributed to what was a very enjoyable day for all those who attended. The good weather (some said it was too hot) allowed the barbeque to be held in the field for the first time in recent years. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Jim Griffin for making the field available for the event, and Mr Mick Gaines-Burrell for the loan of the chairs used for the barbeque. Entertainment was provided by a local band and it was good to see villagers of all ages getting together to enjoy the Barbeque, the music and the good weather.

## **Village Hall Committee**

Chairman	Steve Agar
Booking Clerk	Amy Mazingham
Treasurer	Ian Grieve
Vice Chairman	Phil Harper
	Leslie Moore
	Ross Neasham
Secretary	Sue Walker
	Andrew Wilde
	Pam Fanthorpe

## **100 Club**

August Draw: -

1st Prize	Mr T Mohun
2nd Prize	Mr & Mrs T Roffe

September Draw

1st Prize	Mrs J Denham
2nd Prize	Mr & Mrs D Wilson

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **September**

Friday 24th **Magic Evening**

### **October**

Friday 15th **Wine Tasting**

### **December**

**The Hat Stand Opera**

## **Hall Hire Rates**

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

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

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