



POTTO PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year



**From Your Parish Council,
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As we reach the end of year we can reflect on 2006 as another year of change in Potto. There is no such thing as the Status Quo, we are in a state of constant change within our lives, within the village and within our environment and your parish council has been working hard all year to keep Potto ahead of the game. You will recall the problems that

We all faced with the broken water main on Butchers Lane and the occasional spates of burglaries in the village. There has of cause been many positive things that have occurred throughout the year, The new village notice board was unveiled by Mr Richard Preston. Funded by voluntary public donations it is a fitting tribute to the previous chairman of Potto

Parish council John Cousans. Following a lot of pressure from your Parish Council we managed to convince the District Council to designate the village as a 30mph zone and install new speed limit signs.

With the assistance from villagers all of the footpaths in the Parish have been walked an a report submitted to the District Council for repairs and improvements where necessary.

A study of river upstream and downstream of Potto Stell has been undertaken and a report presented to the district council.

Investigations have been initiated by the Parish Council over A

A number of issues in the village including the Water trough, Village signs, Street Lighting, Footpaths, Village Seats, and many other issues that arise throughout the year. These are all handled alongside other annual commitments such as Verge Cutting, Liaison with the Village Hall Committee, planning Applications etc. We welcome your comments or concerns regarding the Parish at all times. Potto Parish Council meets every month at 7.30pm in the village hall, There is an open session at 7.15pm when residents are encouraged to attend and are invited to raise any issues or concerns that you may have regarding the Parish.



Remember to lock up your sheds and outbuildings.

Do not encourage the opportunist thief

Village Hall

The village hall committee has once again provided the village with a full programme of activities and events in the village hall. Their efforts largely go unnoticed but each year they raise the funds necessary to maintain the fabric of the hall for the benefit of all of the people of Potto. This year began with a refurbishment of the interior of the hall the work being undertaken by committee members and their families together with a small team of volunteers.

Memorable events throughout the year included the village barbeque which once again was an outstanding success, the visit to the village hall of the TV comedian Dominic Holland which was an unforgettable evening and many other fantastic performances. Despite their best endeavours however a number of events have had to be cancelled due to lack of support, so lets all get behind the committee in 2007 and support your village hall.



Parish Plan

If you recall, your parish council sent a questionnaire to all households in the parish this summer, and over 90% of you replied. Well done! One it has been analysed we will be using the feedback received from this questionnaire to form the basis of a 10 year 'Parish Plan'. We have now secured sufficient funding from Hambleton District Council and the Yorkshire Rural Community Council to allow this project to go ahead. A small steering group is being formed, guided by Jo Buffey from YRCC. This group aims to produce a Parish Plan by this time next year and everyone in the parish is welcome to provide comments. This plan will be produced and a copy printed

and delivered to every household for future reference.

Obviously it may not be possible for every comment or idea to be fully realised, as we need to assess and act upon a consensus of your views to benefit the majority of parishioners. Ideas should be limited to those where your parish council have some influence. Please contact any councillor or e-mail your comments to potto.pariah@virgin.net

If you would be willing to join the steering group please contact any member of the Parish Council or the e-mail address above.

Village Tree

A big Thank You once again goes out to Richard and Ann Preston for the gift of a beautiful Christmas Tree for the village. Thanks also to Amy for organising, and to John and Pam Fanthorpe for providing the lights, and the volunteers who helped to erect and decorate the tree. I am sure that you will all agree the tree sets the festive mood of the village at this time of year.

Recycling

Christmas Trees

Hambleton District Council is once again running its Christmas Tree recycling scheme. As in previous years the collection point will be the village hall car park and the scheme will run from Friday December the 29th through to Monday the 15th of January. Last year Potto had one of the highest levels of recycling for Christmas trees in the area, so try and keep up the good work in recycling.



**SUPPORT YOUR
VILLAGE HALL**



**FORTHCOMING EVENTS
Spring 2007
AT POTTO VILLAGE HALL**

**QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 16th February
Tickets £6 inc Pie & Pea Supper**

**ONCE A LADY
Friday 15th March
Tickets £3 & £6**

Tickets available from committee members in the New Year

Please contact Andy Wilde at Gibson House (Tel 700077) or E-mail awilde@tiscali.co.uk , if you would like to contribute to the newsletter.