



POTTO PARISH COUNCIL

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**Merry Christmas &
A Happy New Year**



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Andy, Debby, Gerry & Nick**

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Christmas is with us once again and this year it has come early. The snow that blanketed the village this week produced some spectacular photo opportunities and judging by the number of people out with

Cameras there will lots of snow filled images to share. The down side however was that the road conditions were extremely hazardous, this was not just in Potto but in general throughout the region.





There has remained a vacant place on the Parish Council throughout the year which has meant that the remaining councillors have had to work that bit harder. That being said there has been a great deal of activity and a number of achievements made;

Village Seat, the old damaged bench seat by the church has been replaced by a new bench made from recycled materials.

Bridleway to Swainby, the bridleway to Swainby was cleared and a new surface laid to restore what had become an almost impassable route in bad weather. This was accomplished by volunteers from the village who gave up their time to carry out this work.

Pride in Potto, The Pride in Potto group led by Pam Fanthorpe and Carolyn Hopper placed a number of flowering tubs around the village and have maintained these throughout the year. We are sure that you will agree that these have provided a pleasant addition to the village landscape.

Parish Plan, The Parish Council is following up on the action items within the Parish Plan and a number of these are ongoing.

No Cold Calling Zone, The Parish Council has promoted the establishing of a “No Cold Calling Zone” in Potto which has the backing of the majority of the

Village, however as one household objected we are unable to implement this scheme for the whole village. An initial zone has been established in Cooper Close and it is hoped to extend this in 2010.

Planning, Planning is always an area that attracts a lot of interest, the Parish Council handle a number of planning applications each year and in considering our response we endeavor to include feedback from parishioners affected by any new application

Neighborhood Watch, The neighborhood watch team has been reinvigorated this year, under the leadership of Mark Hardy, while crime in our area remains low, it is important to remain vigilant at all times.

Potto Website, The Potto website continues to increase its content and size, with a mass of information, contacts and data. This is all due to the great work undertaken by Mike Whitlock, our thanks go to Mike once again for his efforts, check it out at www.potto.org.uk

Risk Management Policy, A Risk Management Policy has had to be developed and adopted by the Parish Council this year.

The Parish Council wishes all of its parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2010



Remember to lock up your sheds and outbuildings.

Do not encourage the opportunist thief



Village Hall

The village hall committee has had another outstanding year, providing a glittering range of events from theatre to musicians, dance to the extremely successful Potto barbeque. These events are selected to provide a wide range of different attractions for all members of the parish. All of these activities see a lot of hard work taking place behind the scenes and all members of the village hall committee deserve a big thank you from the Parish Council and the village as a whole.

We should not forget that all of the funds generated by these events go straight into the upkeep of the village hall itself. Apart from the normal overheads such as rates, heating and lighting there

is always ongoing maintenance work required to keep the fabric of the building in good order. This year funds have been used to refurbish the toilets and install new doors out to the car park via a new veranda, working with the SwainBees nursery group who have continued their association with the village hall the out door play area has also been improved.

We would encourage everyone in Potto to support the village hall in its fund raising activities in 2010 some of which are detailed on the back of the newsletter.

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.





**SUPPORT YOUR
VILLAGE HALL**



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT POTTO VILLAGE HALL

16th January, Ceilidh

12th February, Swainby choir concert

17th February, Lent lunch

27th February, Ted Thoms, Galapagos Islands talk

Future Events

5th July, Potto Open Gardens, provisional date

29th August, Potto Village BBQ, provisional date

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