



FORTHCOMING EVENTS
2015
AT POTTO VILLAGE HALL

WWII Themed Evening
Saturday 31st January

Quiz Evening
Saturday 31st March

The Unlikely Dads
Saturday 21st April

Potto Annual Barbeque
July / August

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.



**A Very Merry Christmas And A
Happy New Year**



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From Your Parish Council

Your Parish Councillor's, Chris, Vicky, Joanne, Andy and Elma would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Parish of Potto a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Potto Christmas Tree

It is the festive season once again, and Potto has fully embraced the spirit of Christmas, there has been a fantastic Christmas Tree installed at the church.

A big Thank You once again goes out to Richard and Ann Preston for the donating the Christmas Tree to the village. I am sure that you will agree the tree sets the festive mood of the village at this time of year. The tree looks good during the day time, but in the dark with the lights twinkling is when it really comes to life. We would like to thank Amy for organising the tree once again.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Chop up festive trees and place in green wheelie bin (lid must be closed) for collection from Jan 12-16



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Village Events

2014 kicked off with the now traditional New Years Dinner held in the village hall. Pam Fanthorpe spearheaded an enthusiastic team of cooks and helpers who worked extremely hard to produce a very tasty three course meal. The dessert courses were the winners of last years Pudding Fest and were very well received. The village hall was transformed by the mood lighting, bunting and table settings and a good time was had by all.

The Village Barbeque was again an outstanding success with a full house enjoying good food, good entertainment and excellent sporting activities on the day.

The Village Open Day transformed the look of Potto with a variety of Scarecrows gracing the gardens. There were several stalls selling cakes, books and face painting etc. Although there were showers in the afternoon it did not dampen the day. The winners of the scarecrow competition can be seen on the front page, The Pudding Fest was held in October and a splendid range of desserts were provided by villagers, Gavin Young won the non chocolate category and Elaine Harper won the Chocolate category. The winning dishes will be served up in the New Year. Well done to everyone who entered the competition.



Parish Councilor Vacancy

The role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the views of all residents within your parish. Working to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

The Parish Council meets on the evening of the 3rd Monday of each month. This position is open to anyone over the age of 18. If you are interested in learning more, contact the Clerk via email at ;

pottoparishcouncil@talktalk.net



Potto Village Hall.

The Potto Village Hall Committee once again excelled themselves in 2014 providing a diverse program of events throughout the year. The program was a combination of entertainment, social and cultural events for residents and visitors of all ages. However the serious business behind these events remains raising funds for the ongoing maintenance of the village hall for future generations.

system that can be configured to suit the wide variety of events that the village hall provides.

The village hall is an integral part of our community and provides a much needed venue for many organisations, as well as events provided by the village hall committee. The hall is regularly used by the indoor bowls club and other organisations.



The major project undertaken by the Village Hall Committee during 2014 has been the installation of a new ceiling inside the village hall and the replacement of the fluorescent strip lighting with a state of the art lighting

The Swainbee's Pre School Nursery has been a permanent fixture in the hall for a number of years, however due to a reduced number of children they are having to close as of next year.

Village Improvements 2014

2014 has once again been a very busy year with many new and on-going projects that the Parish Council has been involved with throughout the year. Working closely together with the residents and fully supported by District Councillor Bridget Fortune and County Councillor Tim Swales we have engaged with a wide variety of agencies to improve services and facilities in our Parish, some of which are noted here;

The Stel System is a network of drainage ditches and channels that crisscrosses the Parish and drains water from the surrounding fields into Potto Beck. The stel system is inspected each year to maintain its effectiveness.

Bridle Path



Potto Stel System



Further work was carried out on the bridle path to improve the section leading to Swainby Beck. A working group led by Mark Hardy and Chris Courtman-Stock organised the material and the equipment needed to undertake the work. A big thank you goes to all those involved.

Unsurfaced Section of Cooper Lane.



The project to improve the unsurfaced section of Cooper Lane finally got underway this year and I am sure everyone will agree what an improvement this has made. Not only for the people who live there but also to everyone who uses the Village Hall. This was particularly noticed during the Potto Village Open Day as this was the main route to the car parking. Those of you with long memories will remember how many times this project has been discussed and how much effort has been expended trying to get the project started. The project was only made possible due to a truly community driven col-

laboration between residents, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council and a collective will to drive the project through. The project was led by Tim Carvell with the close support of Keith Davison and other residents. As with any project, there were a range of problems to overcome. Issues with contractors caused delays in the timescales, and when the earth works began there were problems with electric and telephone cables and the remains of a previous concrete driveway that was found under the stones of

The lane which took a lot of removing. Consideration was given to the individual requirements of residents living on the lane to ensure minimum disruption while construction work was on-going. The weather was not kind and caused some delays but the majority of the work was finished in time for the Potto Open Day. The contractor experienced a number of problems and left the project before completing the works, this has left some outstanding work to be completed by a team of residents. Negotiations are on-going with NYCC Highways to have the interface with the road completed to a suitable standard. A salt bin has also been installed to cater for winter conditions.



A grant towards the Lane project was obtained through the Stokesley & Villages Community Regeneration Group,

A big thank you to everyone who contributed towards the project over the years.

