



POTTO PARISH COUNCIL

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PRIDE IN POTTO



Pam Fanthorpe and Carolyn Hopper tend one of the eight flowering tubs located around Potto.

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Many of you will have noticed the flowering tubs that now grace the village. These are part of the “Pride in Potto” initiative and have been the result of some very hard work by Pam and Carolyn to brighten up the village. Funded in the main by public donations and a fund raising coffee morning held by the kind permission of Steve Irvine at the Dog & Gun, Pam & Carolyn have raised a staggering £506 to date. However it is the upkeep of these tubs that incurs ongoing maintenance and funds, so a further event is planned for the 6th of August. Strawberry Tea’s will be served at N01 Cooper Close to raise funds for the tubs as well as the village hall. If you would like to contribute towards the tubs and flowers, please contact either Pam or Carolyn.

New Seat



The Parish Council has recently had to replace the seat outside the Church due to its dangerous condition. The original seat was placed there to celebrate the Queens Silver Jubilee in 1977

and had seen useful service as this location is also the site of the village bus stop. The new seat was carefully selected to match the existing wooden seat, however with a view to a long and productive life and to reflect the environmental wishes of our parishioners, the seat selected is made from 100% recycled materials. Our thanks go to Cllr Gerry Woodhouse for installing the new seat, I am sure that you will agree that it makes a very good replacement for the old wooden one.

Remember to lock up your sheds and outbuildings.

Do not encourage the opportunist thief

Caretaker

One of the actions from the parish plan is for the parish council to evaluate if there is a need for a part time parish caretaker. This role appears to work well in other parishes and may be suitable for a trial period in Potto. It is not about creating work to justify the role, rather it is about listing and prioritising the existing work that needs doing in the parish.

Examples could include maintenance of footpaths and stiles, clearing debris from streams, looking after the church grounds or village hall car park, tree pruning etc. If you have any tasks you consider should be done for the benefit of the whole parish, please tell a councillor or email the pottoparish@btinternet.com

Mobile Phones

Your parish council have recently contacted all of the main mobile service providers and their engineers now claim that coverage in our parish is satisfactory. Comments from last years plan questionnaire suggested otherwise. Please contact a councillor or emailpottoparish@btinternet.com with details of your service provider and the specific areas where reception should be improved. We can then contact the appropriate service provider for more specific testing and then hopefully they can reduce the areas with poor reception.



Bridleway To Swainby

The state of the bridle path from Potto to Swainby was raised by many people during the preparation of the Potto Parish Plan. The bridleway had become overgrown and the surface was impassable to all but horse and off-road motorcycles. Towards the end of 2008 volunteers from the village cut back a lot of the undergrowth to facilitate easier access, however the surface of the bridleway was too muddy to allow easy access for all.

In April this year volunteers from the parish led by Mark Hardy undertook a major resurfacing of the bridleway, in order to improve access for all. Road planning was supplied free of charge by the County Council as the base material for the resurfacing. The plainings were transported to site by Simon Bainbridge who also provided heavy duty equipment to move the road planning's.



The team had to move over 75 tonnes of material along the narrow paths before it could be levelled out ready for use. Other foot paths in the village also received some of the road planning to improve the surface in areas that were being eroded. The team were supported by local residents with refreshments etc throughout the day.

A big thank you goes to Mark Hardy for organising the project, Simon Bainbridge for all his help and without whose equipment we would never have accomplished the task, also everyone, young and old who helped on the day in whatever capacity. This was definitely a team effort supported by the whole village, that has left an excellent bridle way for all to use.



Village BBQ



The annual village BBQ was held in mixed weather conditions, with an early downpour threatening the day. The Potto spirit however shone through and as the weather changed for the better a fantastic day was had by all. A wide range of sporting events was provided by Amy and Danny which attracted participants of all ages. The beer tent proved to be a well supported venue and John as head chef managed another culinary success. A big thanks to everyone who organised another successful fund raising event, and everyone who helped out on the day.

Yorkshire Day

Yorkshire Day was held at the Dog & Gun on Saturday the 1st of August. Steve Irvine had organised a wide range of activities for the day, which included, Yorkshire dancing, ferret roulette, pillow jousting, musical acts, and tombola. A large selection of Yorkshire ales were available on the day as well as a specialised Yorkshire foods BBQ. Everyone enjoyed this initial Yorkshire day celebration and the profits were kindly donated to the Village Hall by Steve.





Swainbees Nursery

Swainbees Nursery have been resident at Potto Village Hall since September 2007 and have been made very welcome by the Village Hall Committee.

The nursery was originally started as a business based in Swainby Church Hall. When the nursery needed to find a new home, due to the sale of the hall, it also needed to find a new owner. Unfortunately, nobody was interested in taking it over as a business. Parents of children attending the nursery were determined that this excellent establishment should not close. A number of parents formed a committee to take over .

.the running of the business on a voluntary basis. The dedicated staff were retained and the nursery continues maintaining it's excellent Ofsted reports. The nursery is run on a non-profit making basis with fees and fundraising to pay overheads. It would have been a great loss if the local community lost such a valuable asset.

The Swainbees Nursery Committee would like to thank Potto Village Hall Committee, the staff, parents and local residents for their ongoing help and support as it continues to thrive.

Its All In A Name !

Potto, "now there is a funny name" This is something that is often heard when you talk to people about where you live.



When you look into the origins of the name Potto the general consensus of opinion is that it comes from a combination of old Norse and old English phrases, and means "Hill near a small valley" Pott being the Norse for water hole and Hoh being old English for hill. As usual places seem to get there names from their location or surroundings.

Source; Yorkshire Place Names
Dalesman



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT POTTO VILLAGE HALL

POTTO SUMMER BBQ

Saturday 19th July

1.00pm

**Tickets: Adults £ Children £
Inc Supper Bar Available**

Events in 2009

~~Quiz - October 2009~~

Tickets available from committee members

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.