



POTTO PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

June 2004

Chairman's Chat



Road Safety

The condition and safety of our roads are subjects frequently brought up by residents and discussed regularly by the Parish Council. It does seem outrageous to many of us that traffic can legally travel at

60mph on the village through-road. County Highways still oppose restrictions on stretches of road less than half a mile long but we continue to lobby for a speed limit on this section of road.



Wheelie Bins

Hambleton District Council is introducing a new Wheeled Bin Refuse and Composting Collection Scheme. Each household will receive two wheelie bins one black for household waste and one green for composti-

ng garden waste. Your collection days will remain the same but your bins will be emptied on alternate weeks. Black bins one week and green bins the next. Bins will need to be left at the roadside on collection days. Further information will be available soon

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Did You Know !!

In the animal kingdom the name **Potto** refers to several species of African primates belonging to the Loris family in the genera *perodicticus* and *arctocebus*. They have a vestigial tail and index finger. The snout is pointed and the ears and eyes are large. The coat is dense, brown and

woolly, and spiky protrusions from the spine come through the skin at the base of the neck.

Pottos are tree-dwelling omnivores, which grow to around 16 inches long and weigh about 3 pounds.



Your Parish Council and You

Planning at Parish or District level is the subject most likely to evoke an emotional response. Quite understandably – planning decisions can have a significant effect on the amenity enjoyed by individuals. Most applications cause little controversy, but when they do council meetings suddenly become a box office success with standing room only.

Mobile Library

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

June	15 th
July	15 th
August	17 th
September	7 th
September	28 th
October	19 th
November	9 th

Hambleton District Council is our planning authority. The Parish Council is one of many consultees. Others include neighbours, bodies with relevant legal duties such as County Highways or Water Authorities, special interest groups such as the Rambler's Association and English Heritage. Indeed anyone seeing the planning notice has the right to make representations to the planning authority. One persons dream extension can of course be another persons infringement of privacy. Both the applicant and the objector are likely to be parishioners equally represented by the council. Such representations are usually best made by the individuals with first hand knowledge and interest.

What then is the role of the parish council? I believe it is to draw planning matters which affect the Parish as a whole to the attention of the local authority and raise awareness of relevant local knowledge such as: -

- Effect on distinctive or historical local features

- Sympathy of developments with the village scene
- Effect on local services such as sewerage
- Effect on local facilities or economy
- Safety
- Potential site problems such as flooding etc

The planning authority respond with equal weight to all consultees. This is an important safeguard. What is important is the strength, logic and relevance of the argument not the number of signatories. A good case is a good case when made only once – a bad case made a thousand times is still a bad case.

We are pleased however that County has responded to our request to repair the road from Potto Hall to Prestons of Potto and we are still making representations on kerbing the main road section of Cooper Lane within the village.

Wine Tasting

There will be a wine tasting evening in Potto village hall on

Events

Friday 15th October

Road Safety

Residents have been rightly concerned about the safety of the Black Swan crossing at the A19. Thanks to Gerry Woodhouse for conducting a survey on this subject and thanks to the many parishioners who responded. We have sent this to the Highways Agency but have been less than happy with the

decision to introduce a trial closure of the crossing. We believe a bridge would be the right solution, and are concerned that simply closing the crossing will move the problem to the narrow country lanes which are incapable of handling additional traffic without significant upgrades.

On The Beat

There have been a number of incidents in the area since Christmas so residents need to remain vigilant and take normal precautions. There have been a number of break-ins to sheds in the village and some garden ornaments have been taken. Police have charged a person in connection with crimes in the area. A break-in occurred at the Dog and Gun and a car was broken into in the village.

In response to a request from the Parish Council Police have made a number of spot checks on vehicle speeds in the village. So

far a number of verbal warnings have been

given to motorists. North Yorkshire Police will continue with the checks on a random basis.

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.



Events in the Area

Muker Silver Band

There will be a concert by the Muker Silver Band in Swainby church on Saturday 26th June.

Summer Fete

A summer fete will be held on Saturday 17th July in Swainby. The event will include Maypole dancing and a table top sale.

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL



Village BBQ
8th August

The current village hall is a modern amenity for everyone in Potto. The hall was built in 1986 to replace the previous wooden village hall. Potto Parish Council are the trustees of the hall, although the responsibility for the day to day running is managed by the Village Hall Committee. This group of volunteers raise funds to maintain the premises whilst seeking to bring Arts and Entertainment to local people by organising events and functions including the popular Village Barbeque.

In recent years the kitchen has been completely refurbished, the drains replaced, and damp walls repaired. These projects all need funding and it is only through the efforts of the village hall committee that these projects are successfully completed and the hall maintained in its current high standard. Your support is essential in helping to ensure that the village hall is maintained for current and future generations.

Hall Hire Rates

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

Potto Residents £ 5 per hour

Non Residents £ 7 per hour

Potto Village Hall

Committee

Chairman	Steve Agar
Booking Clerk	Amy Mazingham
	Ian Grieve
	Phil Harper
	Leslie Moore
	Ross Neasham
	Sue Walker
	Andrew Wilde

100 Club

	June Draw: -
1st Prize	Barbara Welsh
2nd Prize	Malcolm Hardcastle

Forthcoming Events

Sunday

8th August **Village Barbeque**

Friday

24th Sept **Magic Night**

Please contact Andy Wilde at Gibson House (Tel 700077) or E-mail awilde@energy-solutions.com if you would like to contribute to the newsletter.