



# POTTO PARISH COUNCIL

# Newsletter

Winter 2003

## Inaugural Issue

Welcome to the first issue of the Potto Parish Council Newsletter, bringing local issues to the people of Potto. We hope that this newsletter will provide the Parish Council with a medium to bring information to the residents and allow residents and other interested parties to contribute or raise issues through letters, articles etc.



## Chairman's Chat

The Parish Council was much saddened by the death of our former chairman John Cousans and I know that all the councillors will want to be associated with Amy's tribute. on page 2.

The Potto Newsletter is of course a new adventure. Please make it your newsletter; tell us what is important,

newsworthy or just plain funny in our quaint little parish.

It was good to see so many new and old faces getting involved in the very (despite the storm) successful village barbeque this year. I hope this will return as an annual event, a meeting place and a day for fun.



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## Speeding in The Village



Reports by residents of vehicles speeding in the village are on the increase. The roads in the village are narrow and the lack of footpaths in certain areas make it extremely dangerous for residents of all ages. The Parish Council is taking these reports extremely seriously and is liaising with the District and County

Councils and the Police to explore ways of addressing this problem. All residents can help by obeying speed restrictions and asking their guests to do the same .



## John Cousans

A poignant time has been reached in the history of Potto Parish Council. As the first issue of the parish newsletter is launched we sadly record the death on the 15th July 2003 of John Hart Cousans, former council chairman.

Previously a member of the parish meeting, John was a founder member of Potto Parish Council in 1969, and was appointed Chairman in 1976, remaining in the position until 1987. In 1992 he was re-appointed, holding this office until his untimely death in July 2003. Council members past and present wish to record his remarkable service to the parish, with grateful thanks for his support, guidance and leadership.

From a young age the church also played an important part in John's life, so much so that he became a church warden and a Eucharistic minister, assisting not only with services in the benefice but in administering to the sick, the elderly and those unable to travel to worship.

During the early part of his working life John qualified as a probate conveyancing manager, spending the latter fourteen years with John Tillotson and Co in Stokesley. His goal was to achieve 50 years in the legal profession. This he accomplished in 2003.

Having lived in Potto for thirty nine years, John's command of local history was outstanding. He was always happy to share his knowledge, conducting many walks and talks in the area.

Very much a family man he enjoyed time with his wife and children, and latterly his grandchildren, encouraging them to appreciate the wonders of nature and life's simple precious joys.

Small in stature, but with a big heart, John was widely known in many areas, and was greatly respected and loved in everything he did. His devotion, loyalty and gentle nature were just some of the attributes which made John so special.

He is sadly missed.

Amy Mazingham

The Parish Council is planning an appropriate memorial to John. Anyone wishing to contribute to this can contact any member of the Parish Council.

### Walking the Footpaths and Bridleways in the Parish.

- The Parish Council is organising an annual walking of all the footpaths and bridleways in the parish, if you would like to help please contact Ian Greive Tel 700865

## On The Beat

There are no specific crime and disorder issues within Potto village at this current time. However there are more wide-spread concerns throughout the Stokesley section some of which may affect the Potto area and some that are seasonal concerns.

Your local police officers for the Hutton Rudby beat include PC's Jim Hunter, Carol Gordon & Helen Kay. They can be contacted via 01609-783131 ext 4521 or 4522.



## Broadband Internet in Potto

There is a campaign running to bring broadband internet access to the Hutton Rudby and Potto area. The campaign is being led by Mike Whitlock of Station House Potto through the national "We want Broadband campaign". The campaign has successfully reached its target

of **410** people registering interest and is now waiting for an assign date from BT for the updating of the exchange. Check out this web site and register your interest [www.huttonrudby.wewantbroadband.co.uk](http://www.huttonrudby.wewantbroadband.co.uk) now.



## Parking

Parking in the village is becoming a problem. In many cases parking of cars is making the village a dangerous place for residents. Access is restricted to properties and more worryingly to emergen-

cy response vehicles such as Ambulances and Fire Engines. Please be considerate when parking your vehicle; no one wants parking restrictions to be introduced in our village.

## Dog Fouling

This is a problem which never seems to go away and we are aware of the distress it can cause. The dog warden has had to be called on a

number of occasions. Please be a responsible dog owner, clean up after your pet.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT  
IF DOGS CLEARED UP AFTER  
THEMSELVES ?



But it's up to you

Please clean up after your dog



## A Very Merry Christmas from your Parish Council

Chairman	Ian Grieve
Vice Chairman	Amy Mazingham
Clerk	Ann Pyle
Councillor	John Howe
Councillor	Ross Neasham
Councillor	Andrew Wilde

WE ARE ON THE WEB  
WWW.POTTO.CO.NR

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



## Barbeque

## 100 Club

Despite the best efforts of the weather the village barbeque was a resounding success. The sterling efforts of the committee and the many volunteers who pitched in on the day ensured that the 2003 village barbeque will be remembered for a long time. especially by the new village hall committee chairman Steve Agar who ended up in hospital with a dislocated shoulder for his efforts attempting to save flying gazebo's.

All tickets for the 2004 100 Club have been taken up. A big thank you to all members who continue to support this fund raising venture.

Results of the December Draw: -

First Prize David & Karen Alexander

Second Prize Frances & Ted Thoms

## Hall Hire Rates

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

Local Hire £ 5 p/h  
 Regular Hire £ 7 p/h  
 Outsiders £12.50 p/h

## Forthcoming Plays

2nd January **Ice Warrior**  
A modern fairytale

March **Key Moments**

