

# Potton Town Council

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## Summer Newsletter 2016

**At the town council meeting on the 3rd May 2016 the councillors of Potton Town Council elected Cllr Angus Macdonald to be Chairman and Cllr Denis Ellison to be Vice-Chairman.**

### Beacon Lighting

On Thursday 21st April this year beacons were lit the length and breadth of the country to celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. Our current monarch has broken all records. Since 9th. September 2015 the queen has been the longest reigning monarch and is also the oldest.

Potton Town Council arranged a ceremony to mark this remarkable achievement in line with similar celebrations all over the British Isles and abroad. A message from HRH Prince Charles was read out by the Queen's representative Ruth Bell MBE, Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, then a beacon was lit and The National Anthem was sung by those assembled.



### Dates for the Diary

- June** Sat 18th Councillor Surgery 10am – 12 noon – Library (Cllrs Temple and Whitfield)  
Sat 18th Seasonal Market – Potton Market Square 9am - 1pm
- July** Sat 16th Councillor Surgery 10am – 12 noon – Library (Cllrs Langridge and Leggatt)
- Aug** Date TBC Councillor Surgery 10am – 12 noon – Library (Cllrs Ellison and Whitfield)  
Fri 26th – Mon 29th Party on Potton Event - The Big Weekend

## THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE - CLLR ANGUS MACDONALD



Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of the Potton Town Council quarterly newsletter.

I'll start by introducing myself. My name is Angus Macdonald and I've served on the town council now for six years. It is an honour and a privilege to be elected Chairman and to represent both the council and the town. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Peter Langridge for once again stepping into the hot seat these past two years, his second spell as Council Chairman. His experience and leadership have been invaluable to us all.

Since I moved to Potton in 2000 there have been many changes. We have expanded as a town and once again find ourselves growing to meet the ever increasing appetite for new housing in Central Bedfordshire. The new Biggleswade Road development has started in earnest and will no doubt cause some disruption over the coming months as work increases on the site. The development, which was opposed by the Town Council as it was at odds with our published Town Plan, will provide 151 new dwellings for the town, hopefully provide an opportunity for those who left or wish to stay in the area to find a home but more importantly, it will provide new residents with the opportunity to join our thriving community. I sincerely hope they grow to love and cherish the town as so many of us do.

Development will not stop there however. The second development approved by Central Bedfordshire Council in the last couple of years, the land to the South of Sutton Mill Road, has yet to start. There has also been a realisation by Central Bedfordshire Council that their housing plan for the county is inadequate and a recent appeal case has opened the door for developers to produce applications for further housing sites across the county.

This brings me nicely on to our Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan aims to direct and guide the future development of the town and surrounding parish. It enables us as a community to have a far greater say in the expansion and development of our town in the years to come. A committee, chaired by Councillor John Hobbs, is currently working to produce a plan that meets the needs for Potton and is sympathetic to the character of the town. However this type of undertaking is best served by using a mix of skills and experience and I'd encourage anyone willing to volunteer to participate in the new Neighbourhood Plan to get in touch with the Town Clerk.

Finally I thought I would touch on the subject of communication. It can be difficult at times to ensure we, as a council, effectively communicate to the wider public. The nature of communication has rapidly changed over the past decade and we need to embrace all forms of communication to ensure that we continue to get our message across. This quarterly newsletter is just one of the ways this council does that. We also have notice boards across the town, we will soon be launching a newly updated website, we have our Twitter account (@PottonCouncil) and there is also the monthly Town Council meetings that we would welcome all members of the public to attend if they wish. However we can always improve and I would ask that you let us

## **THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE - CLLR ANGUS MACDONALD Continued...**

know if there is any means of communication that is both practical for the council and useful to you that we do not currently use.

Before I sign off I can only hope that we all get to enjoy a warm summer and long, sunny evenings. First up, England have a European Championship to win, then later in the summer I hope that you all take the opportunity to join in the Party on Potton celebrations. The hard working volunteers that bring us this extravaganza every two years will no doubt put on another excellent weekends worth of entertainment and it always seems a grand way to round off the summer.

Regards

**Cllr Angus Macdonald, Chairman, Potton Town Council**

## **THE PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE - CLLR PETER J. LANGRIDGE**



This will be the last time I write in the newsletter as chairman of Potton Town Council.

As my time as Chairman draws to a close I would like to say that it has been an honour and a privilege to have had the opportunity to lead your council through the recent difficult times.

I owe thanks to all those who have helped and supported me during my tenure, those in a position of authority within the community who have made the time easier, and those others who have helped in many and various ways during the performance of their duties. The elected members of the town council, the clerk and his able assistant as well as the caretakers and the list of contractors who have responded well when asked.

Just a reminder that this is Party on Potton year so we look forward to the August bank holiday weekend and another great party. Before that there was the lighting of the beacon to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th. birthday these are just two examples of community spirit.

As a town and a thriving community we have a great coming together of all the diverse organisations, from the necessary such as fire brigade, churches, schools, library, council and police to the social such as the playhouse and our several different style choirs. All this in addition to the traders and youth groups like guides and scouts organisations for all ages.

By the time this is printed and delivered there will be a new chairman who will have my full support, taking the town forward. A new team at the helm looking to the future for the good of the community.

Best wishes

**Cllr Peter J. Langridge, Chairman, Potton Town Council**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016**

### **Mr Peter Langridge, Chairman of the Town Council report**

Good evening citizens of Potton. Welcome to the 2016 annual town meeting.

As has been the case for some years now the town council has been very busy on your behalf.

It would take too long to cover all that has transpired over the last year so I will try to give you a brief resume of it all.

First a mention that this year we lost a major figure from the town when Peter Hutchison OBE passed away. I do not think that should go by without an acknowledgment of his contribution to this town. To some of the newer residents it will mean little but the older residents will understand his commitment to the town and the football club.

To start, there has been a steady increase in the population which has brought its own set of circumstances and a resultant increase in workload. Because of the increase in the workload the council resolved to move to 2 full meetings a month and consider an increase in office space and an additional staff member to cover the full week.

A review was undertaken of the property that the town council is responsible for and its assets. The lease from CBC on the community centre requires regular maintenance and decoration, similarly the pavilion at Mill Lane leased from the Potton Charities. Due to the condition of the community centre the windows had to be replaced and we had the heating updated which necessitated repainting. The well-used skate park in HSPF is in desperate need of refurbishment. The enclosed churchyard at St. Mary's is our responsibility. It has been recently surveyed and needs a fair amount of work to make certain parts safe and a clean-up.

So, in efforts to keep the people informed on the activities and future plans of the town council we have held regular open house surgeries on a Saturday morning once a month in the library, and this will continue. The town council newsletter is produced quarterly and delivered to every household in Potton, and we have relaunched our council website. In addition to these the council office is open at various times for you to make contact or contact a councillor direct. At this time I would remind everyone that the current council was elected in May 2015 and the next election for full council will be in 2019. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in our town to consider standing at the next opportunity.

We have responded to the wishes of the town over the past year by:

- Fitting new gates at Mill Lane to stop the late night nuisance noise and damage.
- Setting up a responsible dog owners committee to allow dog walkers and sports to share the facilities.

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016 continued...**

- Removed the dangerous low branch in HSPF.
- Used the tree branch to create some modern art as a reminder.

We also considered CCTV for parts of the town and a memorial garden to commemorate those who have fallen in defence of our country.

The town council has supported the Christmas Lights, the Hall for All and fitted a defibrillator on the library's wall for the benefit of all in need.

Later this year will be the Party on Potton during the August bank weekend and on 21st. April we will be lighting a beacon to celebrate the queen's 90th. birthday along with many other parishes around the country.

As a council we have submitted a bid to CBC for match funding under the Market Town regeneration Fund to revitalise the town and are currently awaiting a response to our bid.

The bad news is (and there is always bad news) we are in the 21st. Century and we all have to be self-sustaining.

During the year we have had both internal and independent audits of our finances and proved to be sound and solvent. However to maintain our current situation regarding our responsibilities, without looking to the future, and projects we would like to undertake on your behalf, costs us more each year. With ever increasing costs of obligatory inspections on the play equipment and outdoor gym, replacing parts of the skate park and any future projects our only way to raise funds is through our precept for the council tax. Unfortunately we have had to increase this again this year with no help from CBC.

A snapshot of our situation could be shown in the grass cutting around the town. We pay a contractor to cut the road verges on behalf of CBC. CBC only pay the town council approximately 20% of the costs and we have to fund the rest. You could say then don't cut the verges but when they are overgrown and unsightly who do you think is blamed? Cut them less often you say and when they are cut the resultant long cuttings are all over the road. Refer to previous comment.

To finish I would just like to say thank you to all those who have supported me during my time as chairman over the past year.

Councillors who have taken on roles and projects for the town, the clerk and his staff. So in conclusion I could not finish without saying a big thank you to the Potton Charities for their help and support throughout the year. Without that we would be in far worse situation.

## TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

Councillor contact details:		Peter Langridge	260362
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**Town Council Meetings** - All meetings are usually held in the Main Hall of the Community Centre and the first meeting of the evening starts at 7pm. Press and public welcome to attend.

<b>June</b>	Tue 7th	Town Council Meeting
<b>July</b>	Tue 5th	Town Council Meeting
<b>August</b>		No scheduled meetings

## Potton Lower School Clean for the Queen

Year four pupils at Potton Lower School have worked with their town council to join the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign to 'Clean for the Queen'. This is an event to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday, encouraging volunteers of all ages, across the country, to pick up litter in their local community. Potton Town Council supported the children by supplying them with litter grabbers and rubbish sacks, and the children set out to the local recreation ground and park in the town, last Wednesday 20th April.



They were able to collect 7 bags of rubbish in under an hour, bringing Potton towns total to 47 bags of rubbish collected for this event.

The school's Science Coordinator, Kate Sefton said, "We were delighted with the children's enthusiasm to take part in this event. As a school we hold 'Green Flag Status' with Eco Schools England, and activities like this have helped us with our application for renewal of the award in June. The Year 4 children have also been learning about 'global conservation' and 'habitats', so it has been wonderful for them to take their learning outside of the classroom and have a really positive impact in their local community."

## CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN – BY CAROL LEGGATT



# CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

A successful “Clean for the Queen” litter pick was held in Potton over the weekend of 11th - 13th March 2016. In excess of 40 bags of rubbish were collected from various areas around the

town by volunteers who willingly gave up their time. Those taking part were individual residents and families in addition to local groups including the Jubilee Project, Girl Guides and both Pre-schools. The Lower School will be continuing the exercise after Easter.

A large part of the town was cleared, extending out to Biggleswade Road, Mill Lane, Everton Road, Hatley Road and Bury Hill. By far the worst area was Bury Hill and Sutton Road where many bags of rubbish were collected from the hedgerows, some of which was not very savoury. It has been suggested to the Town Council that it would be beneficial to install a rubbish bin and a dog waste bin at the junction of Bury Hill and Sutton Road as this is a popular route with walkers. This is under consideration.



Another hot spot was the Henry Smith Playing Field. This area was cleared on all three days. Particularly bad was alongside Potton Brook in amongst the brambles where many discarded cans and bottles were collected together with lots of empty bread wrappers. On the other side of the field in the end of the Horsebrook there are numerous bottles which have over spilled from the bottle bank. These will need to be cleared by the appropriate authority. Between the two bridges along the Church Causeway the composting leaf mould was cleared from the path effectively doubling its width. This in itself was a morning's work for two people.



In recognition of their efforts the volunteers were invited for tea and cakes after the event at the Community Centre, hosted by the Chairman and Members of the Town Council.



In view of the success of this project and the positive response from townsfolk, a further litter pick is being considered perhaps in the autumn.

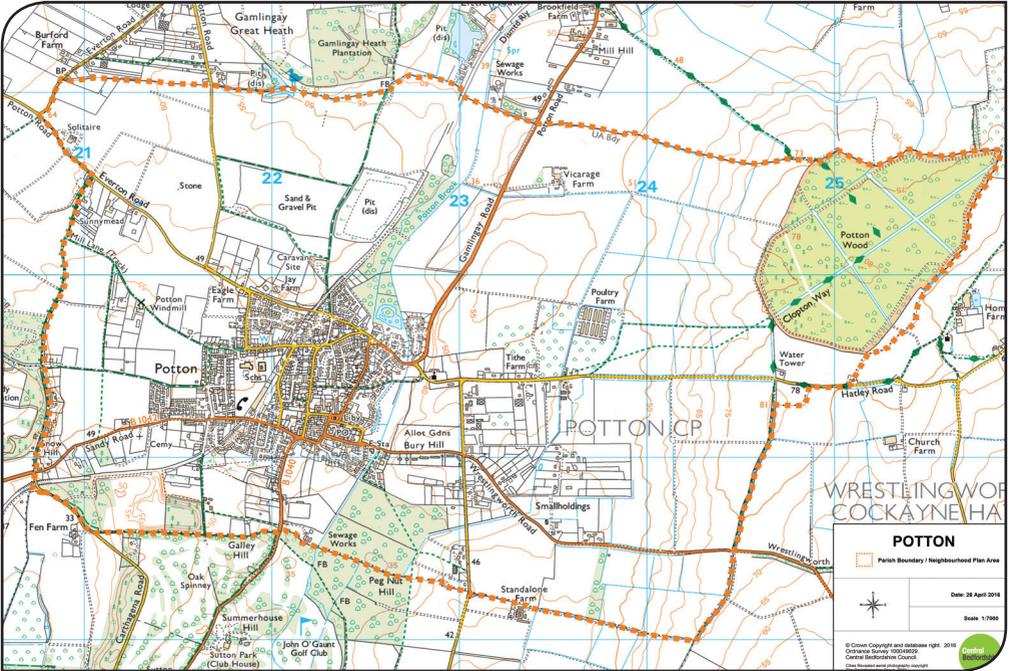


# POTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Planning for the Future - How would you like to see Potton in 2035?

## What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

Potton has successfully been designated as an area that can produce a Neighbourhood Plan which will outline a vision for Potton over the next 15 years and the aims and objectives to achieve this.



The Neighbourhood Plan will be devised by the community for the community, so you can have your say in how you'd like Potton to develop. Linked to Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan, our Neighbourhood Plan will be seen as a statutory document to be consulted whenever planning applications are made.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Potton will be developed in the future with additional housing and industry. BUT we can influence where this would be located and the type of development that will take place. Also future development will fund improvements that are identified in the Plan and thus make Potton an even better place to live.

➤ Housing development, Business development, Better social infrastructure – health and education, Town parking, protecting our green infrastructure for people and wildlife.

## POTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN continued...

### What next?

We will be holding a series of drop in workshops where you can share your vision of how Potton should develop over the next 15 - 20 years, starting on:

**Monday 4th July between 12:00pm and 3:00pm in the Community Centre**  
Repeated on:

**Monday 4th July between 7:00pm and 9:00pm in the Community Centre**

We will also be at various community events to answer your questions and record your views and comments on development opportunities in Potton, including:

- Potton May Day Fete at the Hollow
- Party on Potton
- The June Seasonal Market
- Potton Show

You can keep informed of our progress on developing the Neighbourhood Plan via the Potton Town Council website: [www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk)



### CAN YOU HELP?

In order to take this project further, Potton Town Council are looking for volunteers from the Potton community to join the steering group and thus to help make the Neighbourhood Plan a reality. If you are interested, please contact Jonathan Whitehurst on **01767 260086** or email to [pottoncouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:pottoncouncil@btinternet.com)

## ALLOTMENTS

Do you have the desire to grow your own fruit and vegetables? Would you like to have a more active lifestyle and eat more healthily? Would you like to make new friends and learn from their expertise?

Then why not think about renting a Town Council Allotment?

For more information about an allotment contact Mrs. Sarah Williamson  
**Email: [pottontowncouncilbookings@btconnect.com](mailto:pottontowncouncilbookings@btconnect.com) or Tel: 260086.**

## Town Council Hall Hire – Availability

Halls (Community Centre and Mill Lane Pavilion) can be hired by private individuals, community groups and commercial hirers.

There are a number of vacant sessions during the day time, evening and at weekends at the Community Centre and Mill Lane Pavilion.

Please contact Mrs. Sarah Williamson during office opening hours to check on availability and make a booking **Email: [pottontowncouncilbookings@btconnect.com](mailto:pottontowncouncilbookings@btconnect.com) or Tel: 260086.**

## Central Bedfordshire Councillors

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### Report number 1 from Cllr Adam Zerny

East West Rail confirms Bedford-Sandy-Cambridge 'corridor' - Readers of my newsletter will remember that last summer, I mentioned how East West Rail had narrowed down their options for the Bedford-Cambridge section of the new rail line down to two 'corridors', via Hitchin or Sandy.

Well it seems Network Rail have now decided the preferred 'corridor' will be via Sandy.

At this stage they aren't giving any indication of what route this will take but we should know more about how they intend to plan this, in the next couple of months.

The next announcement is expected in May when they will provide all the supporting evidence of the 'business case' of the Sandy 'corridor'. This may shed some light on where the route may go as it will explain how they expect it to be commercially viable. Of course this viability will be closely connected to the communities it will serve.

Work will then begin on route options and within the next year, we should know what these options are.

As soon as I know any more I'll update you via my newsletter. Drop me a line **[adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk)** if you'd like to get it.

## **REPORT NUMBER 2 FROM CLLR ADAM ZERNY**

Development in our area - Watch out! The roving eyes of our ever-benevolent local authority are casting around for new land.

You'll recall that in the last two years Central Bedfordshire Council have had to withdraw a Gypsy/Traveller site allocation plan (after concerns raised by an Independent Inspector) and a Local Development Plan (after failing to demonstrate they'd consulted with neighbouring local authorities and then losing a costly appeal) so you could be forgiven for questioning their judgement and competence. Undeterred, they are currently seeking new land for housing developments and Gypsy/Traveller sites.

The council's Planning Department have been on tenterhooks for the last couple of months waiting for the result of an important planning appeal. The appeal related to the construction of 93 houses near Henlow. The council had turned it down and the developers took them to appeal. The appeal was dismissed because "character and appearance, outweighs the environmental, social and economic advantages of the scheme" but, more importantly, the appeal's inspector said Central Beds Council don't currently have an adequate five year supply of housing. This means they are more likely to see appeals for big planning decisions they run down and as a result are very keen to top-up their supply of housing.

So, as a result they've launched an appeal for new housing estates of 500 houses or more and new traveller sites. As you are probably aware, the council have already put in a planning application for a traveller site on a plot of land just outside Dunton. The council describe this land as owned by 'Central Bedfordshire Council' although you and I would probably feel this best described as 'public land'. The council see nothing wrong, ethically, with putting in their own planning application and ruling on it themselves via the Development Management Committee.

I'll keep you aware of any further developments via my newsletter so if you'd like to subscribe, please email me at [adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Gift to the community in memory of Joff King**

Potton Community Orchard was chosen to receive donations in memory of Joff King, who's funeral was at St Mary's Church recently. Donations amounted to £600 with which we hope to plant heritage fruit trees in winter 2016.

Joff lived in Potton where he worked as a tree surgeon for many years. The family have very generously gifted these donations to the planting of trees as a most appropriate and lasting memorial to Joff.

Over the summer, a small group of volunteers will begin to design the orchard on the land south of the new development on Biggleswade Road. If you would like to be involved in the design, planting or future care, please contact the clerk on 01767 260086 or Sally Wileman on 01767 262258.

## POTTON LIBRARY

**Opening Times** – Mon 2-6pm, Wed 2-6pm, Friday 10-1pm & 2-6pm, and Sat 10-1pm.  
**Tel 03003008063** [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/libraries), or search for 'Bedfordshire Virtual Library'.

Our library is open to everyone to join in with our events & activities as well as use our traditional library facilities. We are assisted by a team of regular volunteers within the library and during events & activities.

Photocopying is available, as well as internet access & printing via our PCs. We also offer free internet via our WIFI.

Information regarding our events is available on our noticeboard, in the Potton column of the Biggleswade Chronicle and on our 'your library' page of our virtual library.

Our craft group for knitters & stitchers runs on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month between 2.00 – 3.30pm. Other regular events include a monthly jigsaw puzzle swap, where you can swap or borrow donated jigsaws, and crafts & Lego building for the children. We also hold a book sale & promotional stand at each seasonal market – the next is on June 18th.

Our annual summer reading challenge starts in July – this year the theme is Roald Dahl and is called 'The Big friendly Read'. Along with this we are running crafts & activities during the summer. We are looking to recruit young volunteers aged 14-17 to help us with this year's events & challenge – please contact the library for more information.

In July we celebrate the library's 60 years in the Market Square. Events will run from Sat 23rd – Sat 30th July. These include Potton's Widdishins Theatre sharing stories with us, a fancy dress competition for the children, and a party planned for Fri 29th July. Potton History Society is holding an exhibition of pictures of the Clock House & Market Square & a themed talk for their meeting in July. To help us celebrate, we are interested in hearing past stories of the library, and from people who remember using the library when it was first opened.

In September we are looking to start story-time events for children at the library, and are looking for those interested to help us run these events. If you enjoy reading to young children please contact us.

For those who use our online services, Bedfordshire Libraries has an App which is free to download. This allows you quick access to your library account to renew, has an ISBN barcode scanner to search for titles, and gives access to our E-Resources and listed events. We are happy to assist anybody who has difficulties accessing our online services.

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## **POTTON COMMUNITY AGENT NEWS - SUPPORTING THE OVER 60S IN POTTON**

### **tel Andrea on 0300 555 5949**

In March, we held a lively and colourful Easter party which was attended by over 40 people. Many thanks to Shirley, Lynda, Debbie and all the volunteers who made it all possible. To celebrate the **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, we are holding an indoor 'street party' at the Community Centre on Thursday 9th June, in the afternoon. Anyone over 60 welcome. Tickets are limited and cost £2 each available from Andrea on 0300 555 5949.

**Volunteers needed** – can you spare an hour or two a week to give someone a lift to the doctor, hairdresser or hospital? Potton Good Neighbour Scheme are looking for new volunteers to help support the older residents of Potton. Or are you familiar with new technology and can help people with their smart phones, tablets and laptops? Could you help at our drop in once a week? Call Andrea for more information.

**Potton Indoor Carpet Bowls & Town Teas** – taking place every Thursday morning from 10-12, now renamed '**Potton Friendship Group**', at the Community Centre, Brook End. Have a game of carpet bowls, Scrabble or cards or simply sit and chat over tea and homemade cakes. All are very welcome. £1.50 entry.

**Samsung Tablet Project** – we are hoping to continue with a new programme in the near future, with further funding to be confirmed from Potton Consolidated Charity.

Don't forget, if you have any forms that you need help filling in such as Attendance Allowance, Blue Badges or Council Tax Reduction/Housing Benefit or any other issue, then please call Andrea, Potton Community Agent, in confidence on **0300 555 5949**.

### **What is 35 years old this year?**

#### **The BIGGLESWADE TALKING NEWSPAPER**

Yes every Friday since January 1981 one of our five teams of eight volunteers have met to record stories, articles, etc. of that day's paper.

The BIGGLESWADE TALKING NEWSPAPER produces a **FREE** weekly MP3 Memory Stick version of that week's Biggleswade Chronicle for the **Blind and Visually Impaired Listeners**, in Biggleswade, Arlesey, Shefford, Stotfold, Sandy, Potton, and surrounding villages.

The BIGGLESWADE TALKING NEWSPAPER is an independent registered charity (Number 281316) and is run totally by volunteers. If you know someone who may be interested in receiving our weekly recording. Contact 07840 504940

#### **The BIGGLESWADE TALKING NEWSPAPER**

Local news, for Local Listeners by Local Volunteers, supported and funded by Local organisations. For more information please visit [www.biggleswadetalkingnewspaper.org.uk](http://www.biggleswadetalkingnewspaper.org.uk)

## PARTY ON POTTON

We have lots of exciting news regarding the next Party On Potton Big Weekend which will take place over the August 2016 bank holiday weekend, in a marquee on the Henry Smith playing field. The theme this year is 'Party Time' so get your thinking caps on if you are submitting a float in the carnival this year. Booking forms are already available if you haven't already completed one. Email the committee (see address below) or contact us via Facebook to obtain one.



We also have a scarecrow competition this year. Anyone wishing to participate just needs to make their scarecrow and have it in position in or around Potton for people to spot from Saturday 20th August (the weekend before the Big Weekend) and there will be a prize for the best placed and the best dressed scarecrows, announced over the Big Weekend. You may have spotted our orange POP scarecrows around Potton on the odd occasion or two!!

We are pleased to announce that Sound Express, the Big Band from our twin town in Germany, is back on the Saturday night. This ticketed event was a sell out in 2014!

Also, we have something new and exciting for the Monday night, a community pantomime entitled 'The Wizard Of Potton' organised by Potton Playhouse. Anyone wishing to be involved from singing and/or acting, through to costume creation, helping back stage, scenery painting and doing hair/make-up, please contact [judy.oliver@clarity4d.com](mailto:judy.oliver@clarity4d.com) for more details and keep Monday 25th April free for the first meeting/auditions at 7.30pm (venue to be announced). We are currently selling advertising space for the official Party On Potton programme, so if you have a business or group that you would like to advertise please contact us by **email: [committee@partyonpotton.org.uk](mailto:committee@partyonpotton.org.uk)**. Thanks to everyone who visited our BBQ at the spring seasonal market, as we raised enough money to hire half a donkey for our very own POP Big Weekend beach! Luckily we have one more seasonal market left before the Big Weekend so we can raise funds for the other half!! In the meantime, we are still busy fund-raising in 2016 with our extremely POPular free mobile bar hire service and hope to squeeze in an extra fund-raising event or two, if we can.

## **PARTY ON POTTON continued...**

Party on Potton is run by a committee (see picture below) made up of volunteers who give up a lot of their time leading up to, and during, the event. In fact, I actually worked it out after the last Big Weekend in 2014 and over a typical two year POP committee timespan the average committee member would clock-up 425 hours of service to POP, including committee meetings, markets, bar hire events and the Big Weekend itself but this doesn't include specialised activities such as buying bar stock/ordering food, running general errands, banking, marketing/advertising activities, working on the programme/schedule and writing minutes/agendas for example. That's a minimum of almost 57 days of full-time employed work across the two year lifetime of a committee member...that we give freely for the love of Potton!

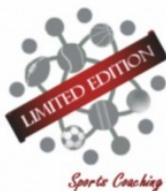
In addition, there are a whole host of other volunteer helpers who make themselves available to assist with fund-raising and during the course of the event itself. If you would like to volunteer to help us (e.g. litter picking, hovering the marquee, serving teas and coffees, manning the BBQ, working the bar, marshalling etc.) then please contact us by **email: [committee@partyonpotton.org.uk](mailto:committee@partyonpotton.org.uk)**.

As always, keep an eye on our new website at **[www.partyonpotton.org.uk](http://www.partyonpotton.org.uk)** and like our Party On Potton Facebook page for more news and information as it becomes available and as the Big Weekend 2016 draws ever closer. We're excited....and hope you are too!



# SPORTS ACTIVITIES 2016

football :: TAG rugby :: cricket :: multi-sport :: tennis :: dodgeball :: handball :: athletics :: golf



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## SUMMER

### Summer Holidays 1: Price A summer

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016

AM and PM sessions - Multi sport

Times: AM 10am to 12noon PM 1pm to 3pm

Venue - The Hollow



### Summer Holidays 2: Price B

W/c: 15/8/16

Full day - Multi sport

Times: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Venue - The Hollow

*2 hour sessions at Price A Summer*

#### PRICE A:

**£6**

per person per session

#### Times:

AM 10am to 12noon

OR

PM 1pm to 3pm

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