



Potton Town Guide

2017



Henry Smith Playing Fields

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Chairman's Message



Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the Potton Town Guide. It has been a number of years since Potton Town Council last issued a town guide, during which time the town has expanded, lost some of its businesses and services and gained others. This guide can offer you an overview of

what is available in and around our town and will act as an easy reference point in the future. There is a lot more to Potton than meets the eye!

It is also my hope that the guide offers useful information for all new residents to the town, whether they have recently moved here or will be moving into the newly built developments in and around the town over the coming months. You will see from the following pages that there are a number of organisations and events held in and around the town. Hopefully there is something in there to suit you and possibly something that piques your interest, allowing you to get the most out of

what we offer as a town and a community. I'm sure many of our organisations would welcome new members.

Finally, we probably haven't covered everything that Potton has to offer, however we always try to cover a number of local events in our quarterly household newsletter. Keep an eye out for this or pick up a copy at the local council offices, library or other supporting outlets. For everything else, ask a local. You may learn more than you expect!

Regards,

Cllr Angus Macdonald
Chairman
Potton Town Council



Message from Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP for NE Bedfordshire



I have had the honour of representing NE Bedfordshire in Parliament since 2001. It is a large and widespread constituency, from Arlesey and Stotfold in the south, Pottton and Wrestlingworth in the East, up to Podington on the Northants border, and including my largest two towns, Biggleswade and Sandy.

In such a large area, communications are vital, as an MP simply cannot be everywhere all the time. I have a constituency office and case worker in Biggleswade, but work out of Westminster also with a small team of assistants, all of whom are very experienced. We try to be very available, and attach details of this at the end of this note.

Constituents are interested in almost everything that touches an MP's life, from the immediate issues which affect them personally - which takes up most of an MP's 'surgery' time, to local and regional matters, and of course national or international issues on which you want your voice heard. My role as a Minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and at International Development attracts your attention, and fills much of my time also, so balancing things is not always easy.

Letters and emails run at a high level, and I try to respond to individual concerns and campaigns as swiftly as I can. There are many more campaign letters than when I first began, so my website or Facebook page will usually carry generic answers to campaigns, which informs more people as a consequence.

I'm keen to be personally available for larger meetings or events when an issue is of significant interest. I have been twice to Pottton recently for public meetings on planning and sustainability, to explain how I work, on behalf of constituents, with those agencies which have responsibilities for decisions, from health to planning. I am very aware of the pressure on housing and local communities, and the difficult balance to be kept to ensure local infrastructure of all sorts keeps a sustainable pace with growth, and that people do not feel 'overrun' with planning applications.

As well as all the work, there are other reasons for me to get out and about locally, and it's high time I fitted in Pottton United to the list of non-league football teams I watch regularly round here. See you there!

Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP

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Adam Zerny - Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor and Pottton Town Councillor

My name is Adam Zerny and I have been Pottton's Independent councillor on Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) since 2011. There are 59 councillors representing 31 wards. My ward stretches from Tempsford in the west to Edworth in the south east taking in Everton, Sutton, Dunton, Eyeworth, Cockayne Hatley, Wrestlingworth and of course Pottton. I have lived in Pottton since 2006.

By Independent I mean I represent no political party or organisation and am free to speak up for you, as a local resident, regardless of the views or history of a political party.

CBC bills you Council Tax every year and in return the Council is responsible for maintaining the roads, taking the rubbish away, supporting schools' administration, some leisure and sport, some adult social care and Children's Services, administering benefits and of course Planning including deciding where new houses go.

If you have any questions on any of these issues or any concerns about what is happening locally or would like to receive my monthly email update, please drop me a line adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk.



Potton Town Council

The town council is the first tier of local government. There are fifteen Town Councillors who are elected every four years to represent the interests of the community.

Potton Town Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month (except during August). The meetings are usually held following a Planning Committee meeting which starts at **7pm** in **The Community Centre, Brook End**.

The public is welcome to attend any meeting and there is a public forum at each town council meeting giving the opportunity to address the Council. The town council staff are always happy to advise or refer complaints to the correct authorities, but a direct complaint will afford a faster response.

Potton Town Council is situated in **The Community Centre, Brook End, Potton, Bedfordshire SG19 2QS**. You may contact the town council staff in person during office opening hours, call **01767 260086** or email **pottoncouncil@btconnect.com**. Additional information is available on the website **www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk**.



Office Opening Hours

Monday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Friday	9.30am – 12.30pm

What do I report to the Town Council?

Potton Town Council is responsible for:

- Henry Smith Playing Fields
- Brook End Car Park
- Community Centre at Brook End
- Mill Lane Recreation Area
- Mill Lane Pavilion
- Allotments on Everton Road
- Potton Cemetery on Sandy Road
- Public conveniences at Brook End
- Churchyard at St Mary's Church
- Some of the street lights
- Most grass verges around the town on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council

What do I report to Central Bedfordshire Council?

Central Bedfordshire Council is responsible for:

- Social Services
- Education
- Roads and Highways safety signs
- Potholes
- Drain gulleys
- Waste collections and recycling
- Street cleaning and litter picking
- Bottle banks
- Dog Warden and Pest Control
- Street signs (road names)
- Planning applications

Any of these items should be reported to: **customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk** or **0300 300 8000**. For any additional information visit **www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk**.



Potton Community Centre

The Community Centre is situated in Brook End with parking facilities at the nearby Brook End car park. The building was converted from the old Potton Fire Station.

The Town Council has a small office in the building and there is a recently decorated hall for hire, approximately 14 x 5 metres with a separate kitchen equipped with crockery, fridge, cooker, urn and kettles. There is a piano, portable tables



and 60 chairs so it is suitable for private parties, meetings and exhibitions. The hall is currently used for yoga, choir groups and meetings. The hall can be hired by private individuals, community groups and commercial hirers.

Please contact the Town Council office during opening hours to check on price, availability and make a booking.

pottontowncouncilbookings@btconnect.com
or **01767 260086**.

Public Toilets

Potton Town Council provides public toilets in **Brook End, Potton SG19 2QS** and these are open Monday to Saturday from **7am to 4pm**. The town council is responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the facilities.

The public conveniences are cleaned daily. The facilities include a disabled toilet which can be accessed with a Radar toilet key.

Please contact the town council to report any problems.



Public Toilets, Brook End

Potton's Defibrillators

Locations: Outside of Potton Library, Market Square, Potton SG19 2NP and outside of Potton Middle School, Mill Lane, Potton SG19 2PG

Availability: The defibrillator is available for the public twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. You must **dial 999 to obtain a code** to access the defibrillator.



The defibrillator is an automated external defibrillator (AED) which is a portable electronic device. An automated external defibrillator is used in cases of life threatening cardiac arrhythmias which lead to cardiac arrest. Instructions are provided by the AED during usage.



Allotments

Potton Town Council manages an allotment site at Everton Road, Potton. There are 44 full size allotment plots which are all currently tenanted and a waiting list is in operation.

Allotment holders are not allowed to keep livestock, but a small shed is permitted with permission.

There is a thriving allotment community with tenants of all ages helping and advising each other. The council has provided a water supply and a notice board.

Allotment holders often share young plants and seeds and help themselves to a free supply of horse manure.

The council resolved that tenants must be resident in Potton. If you wish to add your name to the waiting list please contact the Town Clerk **01767 260086** or email **pottoncouncil@btconnect.com** and leave your name, address and a contact telephone number.



Allotments, Everton Road

Cemetery and Churchyard

The town council owns and manages Potton Cemetery on Sandy Road. The cemetery is laid to lawn and space is now limited. However, we are still able to offer burials and interment of ashes.



St Mary's Churchyard, Hatley Road

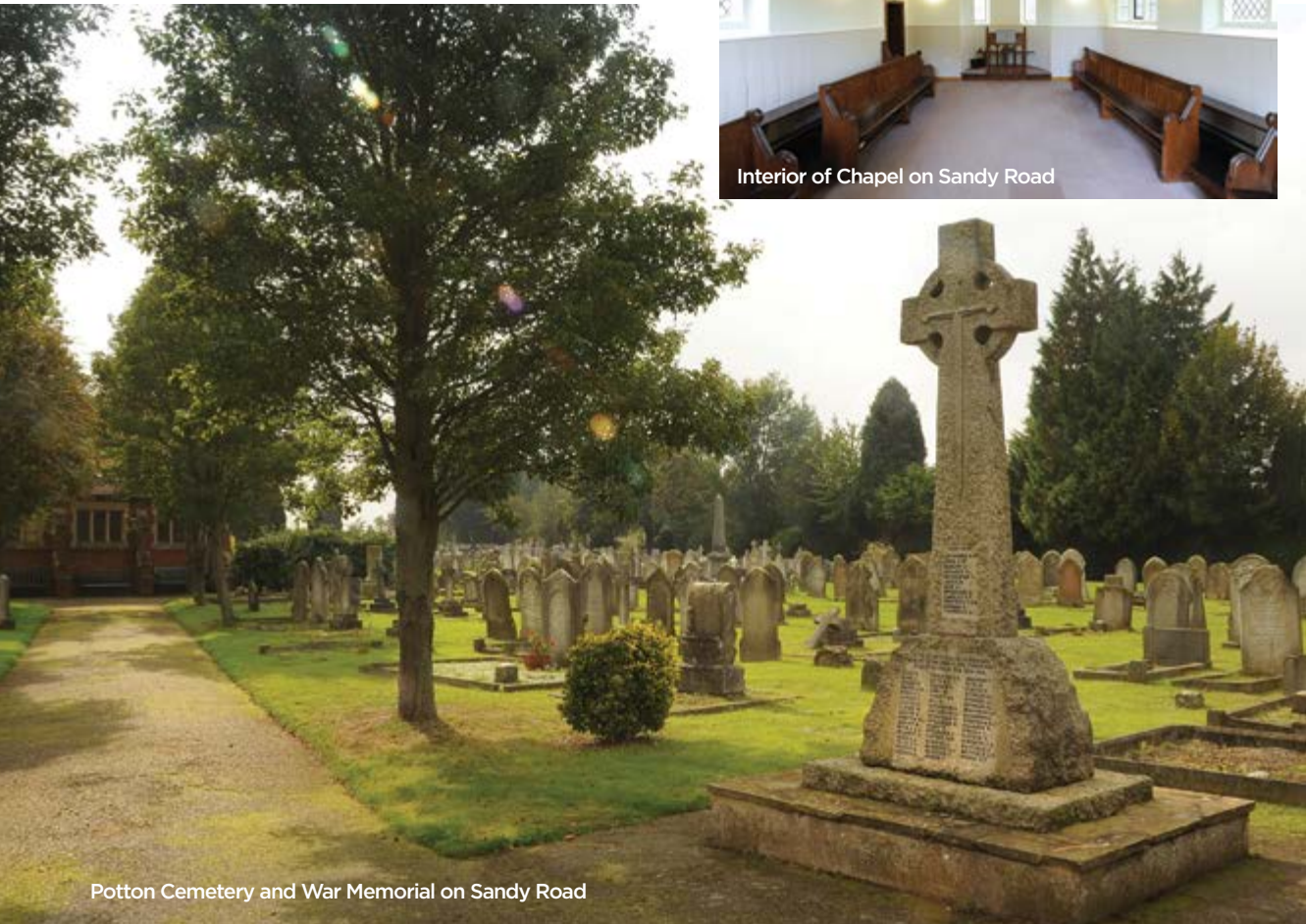


Chapel on Sandy Road

The town council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the closed churchyard of St Mary's.



Interior of Chapel on Sandy Road



Potton Cemetery and War Memorial on Sandy Road



Play Area

Mill Lane Recreation Ground

The town council leases and maintains a playground, open space and pavilion.

The playground has various pieces of play equipment. The open space is used for many different recreational uses.



Recreation Ground



Inside of Pavilion

The pavilion is available to hire being approximately 9 x 9 metres with chairs and portable tables, a separate kitchen with serving hatch equipped with crockery, fridge, cooker and kettle.

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Mill Lane Pavilion

Henry Smith Playing Fields

Henry Smith Playing Fields were presented to Potton in 1934 by Miss L E Smith. The field to the north of the Sluice is a large meadow with Potton Brook to its eastern edge and Horse Brook to its western edge. The area to the south of the Sluice has an outdoor gym, skatepark, play area and a free public car park.

Water Vole Habitat

Although water vole populations are now scarce, the Wildlife Trust has confirmed that they are present near Potton Brook. The Potton Environment Group works to improve this habitat to sustain its suitability for water voles and encourage their population on this site. The Sluice is currently the area most used by the water voles as the tall wetland vegetation provides a good source of food and cover from predators.



Outdoor Gym

The outdoor gym was installed during 2012 and comprises eight pieces of equipment. The equipment is designed for unsupervised use and is intended to be used by youths and adults only over 1.4 meters in height. The gym was funded by Potton Consolidated Charity.



Spread Your Wings Sculpture

This sculpture was unveiled in 2008 having been gifted to Potton by local artist, sculptor and journeyman, Paul Pibworth. It is fabricated from sheet stainless steel with a hollow structure, which is in-filled with concrete and takes the form of a swallow in flight.



Skatepark

Officially opened in July 2017, the new concrete skatepark is a replacement for the old metal structure, which was closed in May 2017. Potton Consolidated Charity and Sport England gave significant contributions towards the cost of the new skatepark.



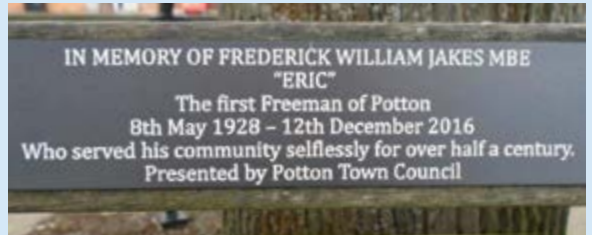
Play Area

The play area has equipment suitable for younger and older children, most of which was installed during 2012 with funding from Potton Consolidated Charity.





Frederick William Jakes MBE
Freeman of Potton



Frederick William Jakes, better known to all as Eric, was a true Pottonian, who did much to shape and mould the future of Potton and worked tirelessly for the good of the town and community throughout his adult life.

Born on 8 May 1928 in Horslow Street, Potton, Eric attended St Mary's Church from a very early age, eventually becoming a church warden, a position he held for 36 years. When he retired from this position, to show their gratitude for his service, he was awarded the title of Church Warden Emeritus.

Eric was elected on to Potton Parish Council at the age of 27. He served as a town councillor, a councillor on the old Biggleswade Rural District Council and subsequently

on Mid-Beds District Council, forerunners of the current Central Bedfordshire Council and held the position of chairman during his tenure for all these authorities.

Separate to his civic duties, Eric was also a Governor of Burgoyne (now Potton) Middle School for over 30 years, serving as chairman for much of the time. For many years he was a member of Potton Consolidated Charity, serving again as chairman until ill health forced his retirement. During his spare time, he was a member of the Potton History Society.

Eric had been a Parish and Town Councillor for 59 years when he retired in June 2014. As a mark of respect for his tireless work, Potton Town Council honoured Eric with the esteemed title of

Freeman of Potton at a special meeting on 2 September 2014, granting him freedom of the town.

Frederick (Eric) William Jakes MBE, Freeman of Potton, passed away on 12 December 2016 at 7.55 pm aged 88 and Potton gave him a fond farewell at his funeral held on Friday January 6, 2017. Every year the bells of St Mary's Church ring on 8 May to celebrate his birthday.

To mark the first anniversary of Eric's passing, the Town Council commissioned a plaque as an initial memory to the extraordinary contribution he made to the town. This was affixed to a bench in the Market Square so that residents will remember him. The unveiling of the plaque was held on 8 May 2017.

Potton Consolidated Charity

A Potton based charity. The objects of the charity are:

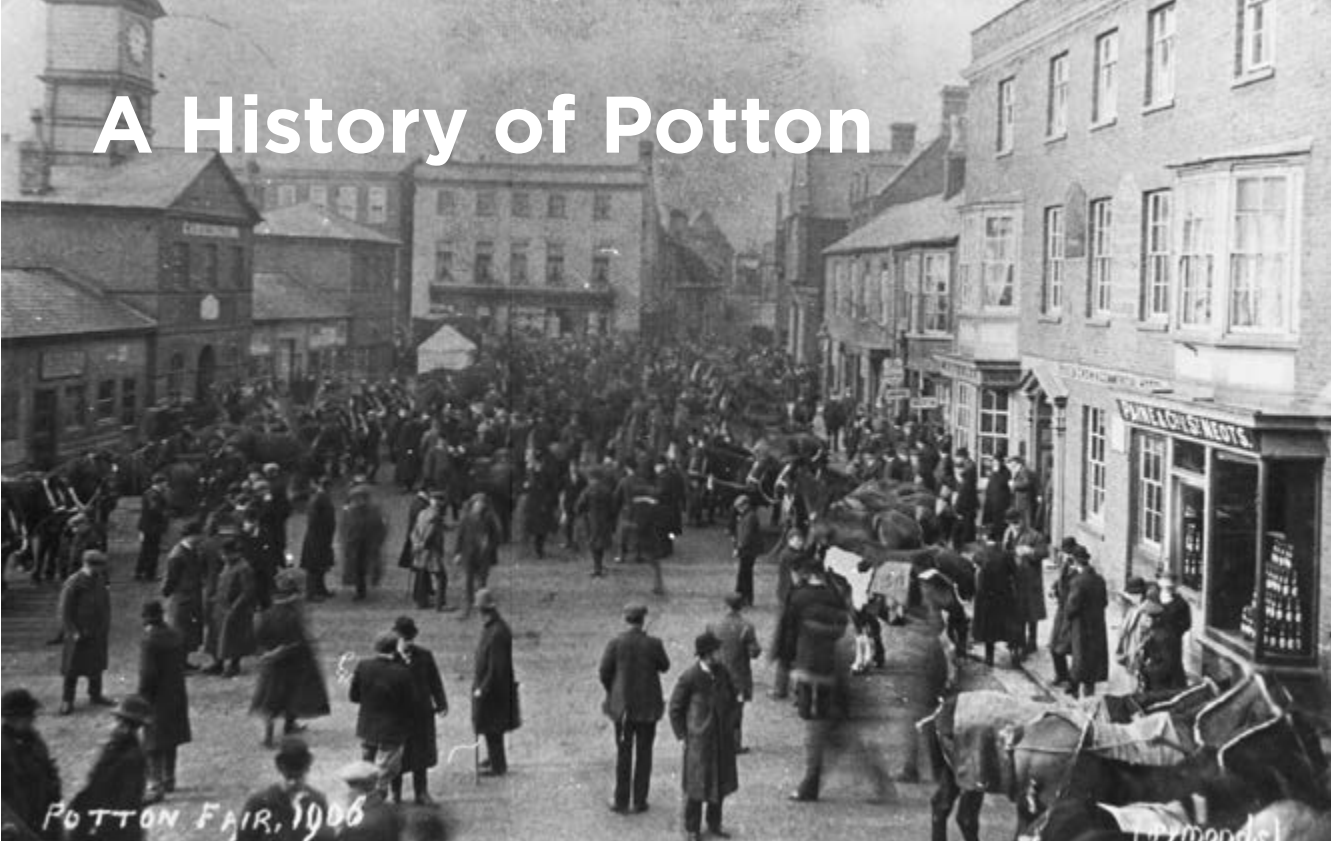
- the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress;
- the advancement of education of children and adults under the age of 25 resident in the area of benefit;
- to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the area of benefit; and
- the general benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit in such charitable ways as the trustees think fit.

www.potton-consolidated-charity.co.uk

Registered Charity no. 201073



A History of Potton



The Potton History Society keep an archive of photographs and documents that illustrate times past and present in the town. Potton's recorded history stretches back over a millennium. The first recorded mention of 'Potune' is in a grant of land to Ramsey Abbey by the Saxon Aelfhelm. In the Domesday book in 1086 'Potone had 18 villagers, 2 freemen, 13 smallholders and 3 serfs'. This would suggest a total population of around 100.

A market was granted by King William II in 1094 which could have been held in the churchyard before moving to its present site in the early 13th century. This was to develop into one of the most important in Bedfordshire by the 18th century. It declined in Victorian times until only a Horse Fair was left in the 1930s.

In **1237** Potton was split by inheritance into four manors: Potton Rectoria, Potton Burdetts, Potton Regis and Potton Much Manured. These four manors were finally recombined by the Burgoyne family between 1544 and 1637 by progressive purchase. They passed via the Byng family to the Whitbreads of Southill who sold off their estate holdings in 1917.

The prosperity of Potton as a market town is reflected in its oldest houses on the south side of the Market Square and in Sun Street. These have timber frames which may have originated in late medieval or early Tudor times.

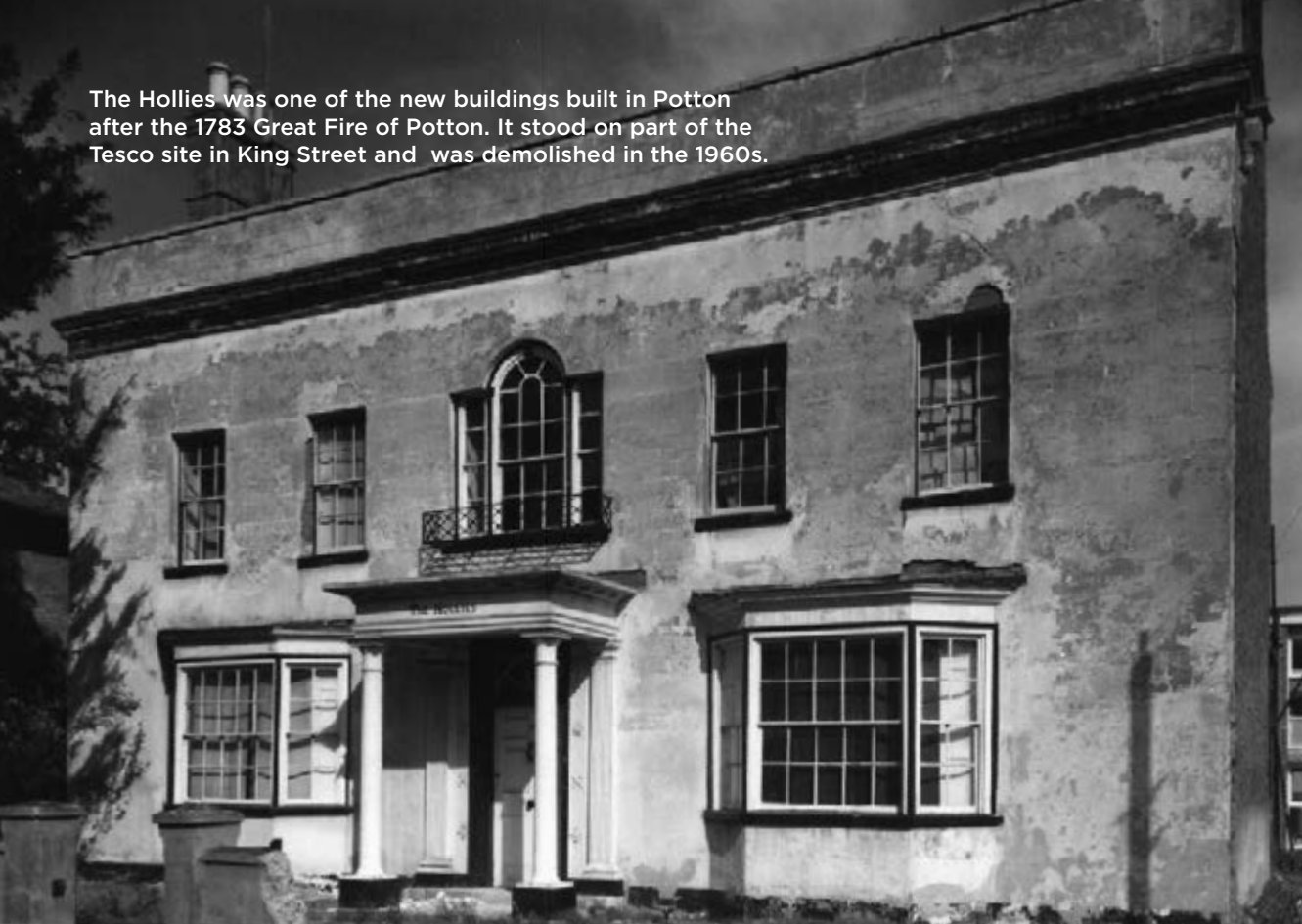
The Great Fire of Potton in **1783**, which one report states started in a clover stack of



Sun House in the early 1970s before restoration

Mr Edwards in a field at the present Spencer Close, destroyed King Street and around half of the Market Square as well as some of the Brook Street area. It was reputed to have burnt for a day and caused over £25,000 of damage. Over £6,000 was collected to help those who had suffered most. The rebuilding of this part of Potton has provided a rich inheritance of Georgian buildings.

The Hollies was one of the new buildings built in Potton after the 1783 Great Fire of Potton. It stood on part of the Tesco site in King Street and was demolished in the 1960s.



The railway era began in **1857** when the Shannon steam engine started its journey between Sandy and Potton. The original engine shed still exists on private land behind Biggleswade Road. Potton railway station opened on the Bedford to Cambridge railway a few years later on a new site on Sandy Road. The Shannon was built for the Potton to Sandy



Shannon, steam engine

Railway and still survives today at the Didcot Railway Centre having worked on the Wantage Tramway.



The last train left Potton station on 30th December 1967

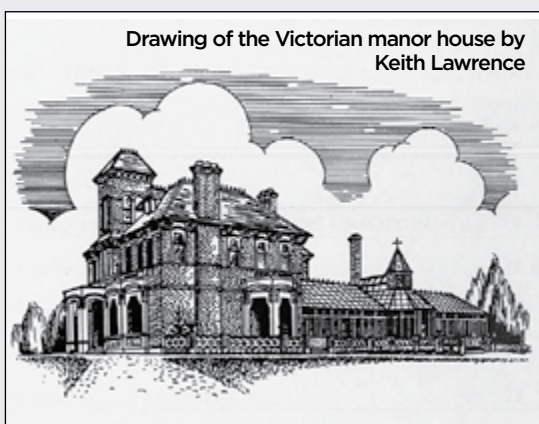
The last train left Potton station on 30th December 1967. The railway era contributed to the decline of Potton market but enabled the development of market gardening by providing easy access to London markets.

The Board Schools opened in purpose built buildings in **1876**, bringing Potton into the new era of National education for all. At this time there were around 2000 Pottonians. The schools went through a number of organisational changes until they were replaced by the Everton Road Schools and were demolished in **1982**.

A series of minor fires prompted the building of a fire station in **1887** and the formation of a Volunteer Fire Brigade. This building is now the Community Centre and Town Council Offices in Brook End.

Over 30 pubs and inns as well as two breweries were listed in **1903** giving 2,033 Pottonians plenty of choice for drinking! Mr Richardson had a Mineral Water Factory in Sun Street while the Potton Brewery Company operated from premises opposite the current Tesco store in King Street.

A Victorian Manor house was built next to the site of an older house at the bottom of King Street in the 1860s.



This had no connection with the four historic manors of Potton which were land holdings rather than buildings. The ballroom hosted many parties but became a laboratory during the war years. It was demolished in the early **1980s**.

Eva Pokorova and Otto von Smekal came to the Manor House during the last war and hoped to set up a car factory in Potton. Cars from Potton Manor were later removed to the National Motor Museum. The Potton Car has been purchased by the History Society and can be seen from time to time at local shows.

Sir Malcolm Stewart, the last Lord of the Manor, lived at the nearby Sandy Lodge and provided land for unemployed men in the first Land Settlement Association holding in **1935** at Potton. This provided land and a house for a family to work together. Many of the original settlers were unemployed miners from Durham who often found the agricultural life unsuited to their skills and their was a high turnover before the War years provided stability with families more used to the land. The LSA was wound up in the early 1980s due to government cut backs and EEC competition.

The old Market Square Shambles building was replaced by the present Clock House in **1956** for a town whose population was still just over 2,000.



Eva Pokorova in a Champion car in the 1950s.
It is this car which is now owned by Potton History Society.



Picture of Tanyard Site at the bottom of Bury Hill, 1953

The Tanyard closed in 1970 in a town whose population had risen to 3,026 with many more commuting rather than working locally. It had provided local employment in producing leather and parchment.

A gradual infilling of land in Potton helped it to grow and enable local services to continue. By the 2011 census the town had steadily grown to 4,870. The aerial photograph shows the revamped Market Square designed to enable more locals to safely use its facilities.



View of Potton parish from the Sandy Heath Transmitter. Chris Miles 2009

Potton has developed more small businesses to take the place of larger employers. It has a wide range of social groups, including thriving sports and music groups and has strong Community organisations which put on events such as the annual Potton Show and the biennial Party on Potton.

Potton has a unique history which is still being written today and which the archives of the history society will continue to record for future generations of Pottonians.

Peter Ibbett. (Adapted from Potton, Bedfordshire:- A Brief History. Available from Potton History Society.) Acknowledgements to research by Mrs Yates and Trevor Ball and the Potton History Society Archives.



Potton Market Square. Chris Miles 2009

Potton Town Council Crest



Members of the First Parish Council - Elected 1894

The election for the first Potton Parish Council took place on the 17th December 1894 after the introduction of the Parish Councils Act 1894. This Act removed all non-ecclesiastical functions from church parish councils and passed them to newly-established local elected bodies, which became known as 'parish councils'.

The Local Government Act 1972 entirely restructured local government within England and Wales, and it provides the legal foundation for the existence of town and parish councils.

Potton Town Council in 1994 erected a crest on

the Clock House to commemorate 100 years of Potton Town and Parish Council.

These days, as a town council, there are fifteen elected councillors who continue the unbroken tradition of working for the good of the community. A town councillor is unpaid and give their time for free to the community on a voluntary basis.

As the first tier of local government, it is closest to the people it represents.



A Potton Timeline



The Shambles and Potton Clock House



The present Clock House stands on the site of an older building known as the Potton Shambles. The word 'Shambles' means 'folding stalls for the sale of goods'. On the south side of the market square there was a row of wooden booths with a tiled roof where wooden shutters could be let down and used as counters.

Complaints were made by the butchers who rented the 'leaking stalls' so renovations were put in hand by Lord of the Manor, Samuel Whitbread, in **1797** resulting in the buildings which survived into the 20th Century.

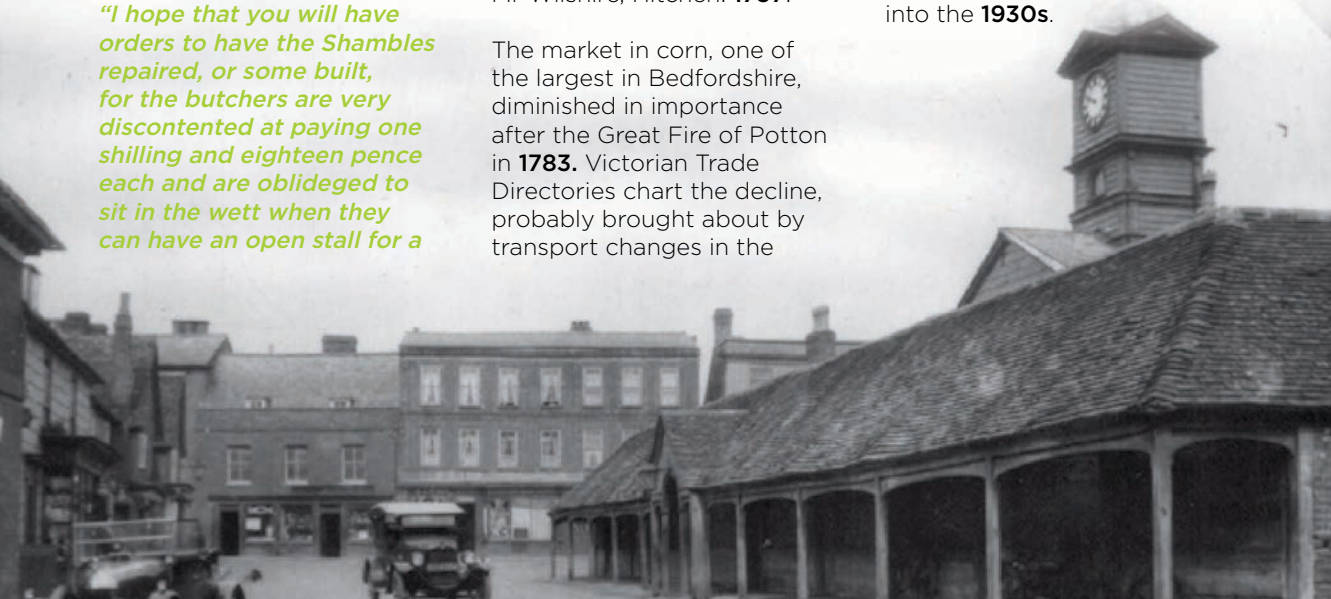
"I hope that you will have orders to have the Shambles repaired, or some built, for the butchers are very discontented at paying one shilling and eighteen pence each and are obliged to sit in the wett when they can have an open stall for a

groat, which I suspect they will have unless they are done very soon. If the shops are to be taken down I beg you will let me know that I may give the Tennents timely notice to leave them"

Matthew Rugeley to Mr Wilshire, Hitchin. **1797**.

The market in corn, one of the largest in Bedfordshire, diminished in importance after the Great Fire of Potton in **1783**. Victorian Trade Directories chart the decline, probably brought about by transport changes in the

Turnpike and Railway era's and by cheap imports from America. At the end of the 19th century stalls were opened every Saturday by grocers, butchers and other traders but this soon declined in the early 20th Century leaving only the annual Horse fair to survive into the **1930s**.



- **1857**
Railway era begins
- **1876**
Board Schools open
- **1887**
Fire station built
- **1894**
First Potton Parish Council Elected
- **1935**
First Land Settlement Association holding
- **1956**
Clock House replaces Shambles
- **1967**
Last train leaves
- **1970**
Tanyard closes
- **2014**
Frederick William Jakes MBE 'Eric' Freeman of Potton



The clock had been a replacement for an older one and had been supplied by John Bennett of Cheapside in London in **1877**. A new bell was fitted in **1900** by John Warner & Son of London and was 21 inches in diameter with a note of A flat. This is still the bell which rings out over

the Square. Local clockmaker Thomas Judge was paid £38 in the same year to 'repair, clean and refix the town clock and to provide and fix two transparent (four foot) diameter dials. The Clock House is home to Potton Library which celebrated its 60th birthday in **2016**.

The Shambles had fallen into disrepair in the hard times of the **1930s**. A campaign for their restoration was cut short by the Second World War. The old buildings were no longer needed as Potton now had no market and it was decided to demolish them and provide Potton with a modern Library. The Clock House was built by Bull & Sons of Sandy in the Georgian style of the former building. It was officially opened on 23rd July **1956** by the Chairman of Bedfordshire County Council, Sir Frederick Mander.



The clock, illuminated dials and bell were taken from the old Shambles and reused in the present Clock House.



The ornamental pole was erected to celebrate the victory at the battle of Waterloo. There is no known record of when it was taken down.

Peter Ibbett
(with acknowledgements to research by Mrs P R Yates and the Potton History Society Photographic Archives)

Potton History Society Community Archives

Potton has one of the most active local history societies in Bedfordshire. After forty years of collecting material new items keep turning up. Photographs were taken, kept and then too often lost, but some survived. The image below found its way to us in May 2017...over a century after it was taken! Can you spot the changes?



Market square
1910 with Bell Pub
in background in
entrance to
Brook End

Now it has a home with the Potton History Society, which was formed in **1977**. The collection had been started by founding secretary Patricia Yates who kept a small personal archive in her Royston Street bungalow including her distinctive photographic albums.

The collection outgrew the bungalow and moved into two small adjacent rooms in out-buildings which were maintained by the Society. Further space was needed and the offer of disused stable space off Biggleswade Road was accepted and the collection was moved on **April 30th 1994**. 'The Stables' provided a three bay area with linking corridor to house the growing 'Potton Collection' of photographs, scrapbooks, audio & video tapes, documents, paintings, objects, society equipment and display boards.

It also provided a working area for archiving work which now feeds the society web site and Facebook page and provides material for exhibitions and displays. The Society was able to move its collection in the autumn of **2017** to a new purpose built annex to the Mill Road Pavilion. It has been able to do this due to the generosity of Potton Charities and support from the William Delafield and Foyle Foundations as well as help from Potton Town Council.

Your Local History Society needs YOU to be involved with maintaining and developing the archive **pottonhistorysociety.org.uk** will keep you up to date with Society activities. We also have a Facebook site.

Please contact us if you feel you can contribute material or time to help catalogue, add new items and digitise material.

Registered Charity no. 290895

The Community archive has:

- A Core Collection of documents & photographs built up since 1977.
- Nearly 200 photographic albums with around 9000 photographs from 1880s to the present day. Many are digitised for community access.
- Six filing cabinets of indexed material with around 25% digitised.
- Scrapbooks from 1970 to present day digitised and reprinted.
- Comprehensive Churchyard and Cemetery records kept up to date.
- Archive of local family related material.
- Listed building information including full census returns for Potton to 1911.
- Over 40 Community and 60 Scrapbook files for loan to local groups.
- Store for publications and tea towels.
- Thriving Web & Facebook sites using digitised material.
- Constant flow of new material with backlog for indexing and digitising.
- Expanding audio and video archives covering last four decades.
- Expanding poster and picture collection.
- Ownership and maintenance of the 'Potton Car'.
- Updated exhibition panels and display materials.



Archive Store built in 2017

Story in Stone - The Legacy Continues

As you will have noticed, Potton Library will never be quite the same again externally. Having been adorned with its own mosaic showing four aspects of the town's history, it is indeed a splendid sight as you drive down into the market square from the Gamlingay direction. In short the roundel describes from top left: the Four Manors, the Market Rights of 1094, the Potton Fire of 1783 and the Brewery image. There is a more detailed description on a plaque placed to the right of the panel.

In January 2017 the Four Manors section was started by members of Aragon Housing's Jakes Court, who began work on the river and railway running around the outer perimeter. Then the Potton Federation School was able to become involved and eventually took over. Pupils from the school worked in Mrs. Topple's art room on Wednesday mornings and finally completed the work early May, ready for the mosaic artist Oliver Budd to take it back to his studio and embed it with the other three sections which he had been making.

It's worth spending some time in front of the mosaic as there are lots of little details as well as a creative use of the mosaic tiles.



Have you seen the large jug with beer bubbling over, the Four Manor name labels resembling bronze plaques, the hams hanging in the market place and the flames of the Fire?

The plaques for each mosaic in the project are unique and worth a mention. They were designed for us by Jeffrey Tribe, head of graphic design at Bedford College and were made in Birmingham. They are made of aluminium making them weather and future proof.

You will notice that the plaques have a coloured band around them. That reflects the main colours in the town council logos, so all three towns' plaques are slightly different. The main body of the plaque tells the story you see in the mosaics and most importantly each plaque includes those who took part in the making of the specific mosaic.

The afternoon of Monday 17th July 2017 saw the unveiling of the Potton Roundel. Pupils of the Potton Federation came down from school with their Executive Head Teacher Cathy Smart, Anna Adnitt Chair of Governors, art teacher Sally Topple, the group was joined by Claire Rance Project Manager from Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), Cllr Nigel Young Executive Member for Regeneration at CBC and the artist Oliver Budd. Everybody was welcomed and thanked by Angus Macdonald the Chairman of Potton Town Council.



Places and Events



Potton Seasonal Market

Markets represent our oldest and most successful form of exchange and Potton was granted its charter during the reign of William II in 1094. From the 12th Century, it enjoyed a flourishing weekly market, which developed into one of the most important in Bedfordshire during Tudor and Stuart times, but declined after the Great Fire of 1783. Four annual horse fairs were also held until only one remained and finally ended in 1932.

Today, quarterly markets are held on the third Saturday of March, June and Sept and on the second Saturday of December, run by a group of volunteers

and supported by Potton Town Council. This was in response to interest shown by local residents in the 2009 Potton Town Plan questionnaire. It has never claimed to be, and is not, a Farmers' Market, but the aim is to use local producers and have a breadth of products that try not to replicate what is offered by our much-appreciated Market Square shops.

The stall holders are very loyal and friendly, creating what feels like a community event. Helped along by some live music, the generous hospitality of the Vineyard Church and the liveliness of Party on Potton, the market has become a nice place

to linger, socialise and shop as well as promoting local charities and volunteer groups.

A typical array of stalls would include: chilli products, preserves, artisan breads, a brewery, game and free-range meat, cheese, greengrocer, honey producer, chocolate and sweet makers, cup cakes, bead jewellery, hand-made needlecraft, crocheted and children's clothing, plants, frozen fish, farm produced pies and a hog roast.

Search **Four Seasons Market, Potton** or **Potton Market** on Facebook for more details.

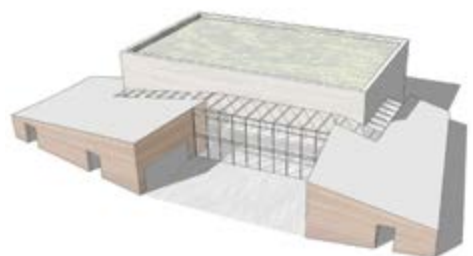
Potton Hall for All



Potton Hall for All is a local charity which aims to provide Potton residents with a new and bigger community accessible hall for indoor sports, community

groups, performances, wedding receptions and a pre-school.

Volunteers welcome join our support committee: various roles eg marketing, project management, VAT & legal, and fundraising.



www.pottonhallforall.org.uk
f [pottonhallforall](https://www.facebook.com/pottonhallforall)

Registered Charity no. 290895

Speedwatch in Potton

Speedwatch is a public volunteer operated community speed awareness incentive. It is supervised and co-ordinated by Bedfordshire Police but all of the actual organisation, planning and standing on the side of the road taking down numbers is a volunteer team activity.



One of the most regular complaints of the public to the town council outside of the planning and development

nightmare is traffic speeding through the town and past our homes.

Sadly the police do not have the resource to attend towns like Potton more than once or twice a year on routine speed camera monitoring, Central Beds Council are very slow to invest in other fixed roadside speed indicating and warning signs and therefore in order to increase public awareness Speedwatch is our backstop.

Our presence in itself with our Hi Vis vests clip boards and the mobile speed indicating device SID is a massive deterrent, however with a small team of volunteers we can only get out when we can and understandably many volunteers are most interested in helping out in the roads around their homes.

Anyone can join the speedwatch team, as long as your eyesight is good enough to pass the driving test, you are happy to spend a couple of hours on a police training session and you can offer an hour or so of your time a few times a year.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more about Potton Speedwatch please contact Potton Town Council on **01767 260086** or speak direct to the Speedwatch Coordinator Denis Ellison on **01767 261925**.

Read more about speedwatch in Bedfordshire at: www.bedfordshire.police.uk/how_can_you_help/watch_schemes/speed_watch.aspx

Ivel Sprinter

Ivel Sprinter is a voluntary Community Bus service operated by the East Beds Community Bus Ltd, serving the community for 25 years. We operate a Hail-and-Ride policy and will stop anywhere on route if you signal clearly, subject to room on the bus and road safety conditions.

Our bus seats 16 passengers; all are fitted with seatbelts.

We charge competitive fares, children under 5 travel free and under 15's travel half fare. Bus and social passes accepted as well as cash fares.

We have regular timetable services; timetables are available from our bus, your local library, community centre or you can download a printable (pdf) timetable from our website.



The Ivel Sprinter relies entirely on volunteers to manage and drive all its services. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you have a few hours to spare during the month and would like to help, please contact our driver co-ordinator on **01767 317103**

or contact us via our website or facebook page.

For more information, visit our website www.ivalsprinter.org.uk.

Party On Potton

Party On Potton is an organisation that was formed at the millennium, run completely by volunteers who put on events for the community, events such as Quiz Nights, Treasure Hunts, Car Boot Sales, Disco and Balls. However, we are best known for our Big Weekend event hosted over the August Bank holiday weekend on alternate years.

As a local organisation we, the volunteers, raise money to put on events for our community, our biggest event being The

Big Weekend that happens every other year over the August Bank Holiday (check out our website for more information. We are always in need of volunteers, be it helping behind one of our mobile bars that we run to raise money, to delivering the Big Weekend programme and if you are interested in being part of the committee the AGM is held in November after the Big Weekend.



www.partyonpotton.org.uk
committee@partyonpotton.org.uk

 PartyOnPotton



Donkey Rides



Car Boot



Scarecrow Hunt



Off Road Bike Ride



Carnival



High Ropes



Evening of Entertainment



Sound Express



Dog Agility



Teddy Bear Picnic



Potton Library

Potton library stands in the centre of the Market Square on the ground floor of the Clock House.

It houses more than a lot of books; it has information of clubs and societies, local history, details of walks, activities such as story-time and family history sessions, free internet access on two People's Network computers and a WiFi hotspot, which enables internet access for free both inside and outside the library 24 hours a day.

You can also find information on up and coming events and activities online at

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/libraries, as well as e-resources which include audio and downloadable books, newspapers and magazines, music to download and stream from Freegal and other resources such as Britannica Encyclopaedia age appropriate for homework and Theory Test Pro for learner drivers.

You can find us on:

 [BedfordshireLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/BedfordshireLibraries),
 [@BedsLibraries](https://twitter.com/BedsLibraries)

The Bedfordshire Libraries App is free to download from your app store, for quick, on-the-go access to our services and resources. If you want to find out more, pop in.

Our opening times are:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am - 1pm
Wednesday	2pm - 6pm
Thursday	9am - 1pm
Friday	9am - 1pm
	2pm - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm



Potton Town Map



POTTON WINDMILL (DISUSED)

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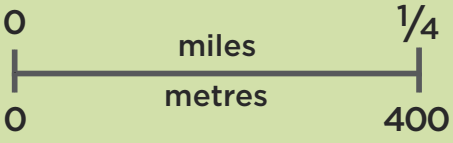
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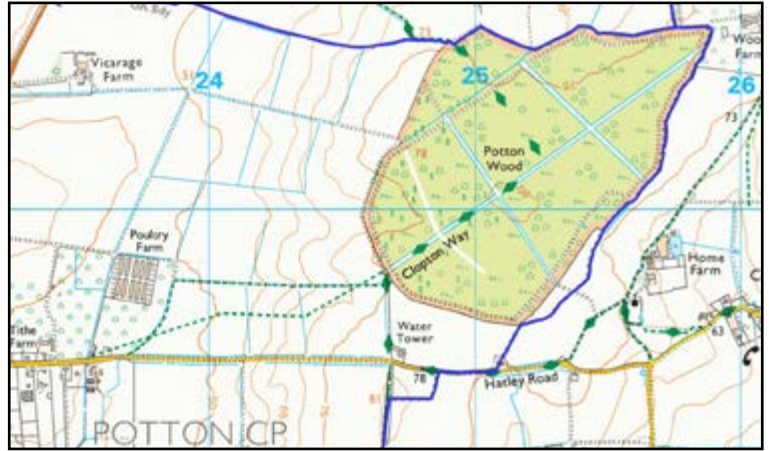
TO BIGGLESWADE

Potton Wood

Potton Wood covers an area of 85 hectares (211 acres) and is two miles east of the small town of Potton in the county of Bedfordshire, England. It is part of Ampthill Forest and is managed by Forest Enterprise and owned by the Forestry Commission.

Potton Wood has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its significance as an oak/ash/field maple ancient woodland; its structure and flora are typical of the West Cambridgeshire Boulder Clay woodland group.

Unusual plants in the wood include oxlip (a national rarity at the edge of its European range here), herb paris, bird's nest orchid and nettle-leaved bellflower. There are plants typical of ancient woodland: common bluebell, dog's mercury, yellow archangel, wood millet and wood anemone. Potton Wood has large areas of broadleaved woodland, some dating back to at least 1601, but also had commercially planted, non-native conifers which were removed in 2004 as part of a long-term project



to restore the coppiced ancient woodland.

Mammals found in the wood include fallow deer, grey squirrel, red fox, European hare and European mole; there are birds such as common nightingale, common chiffchaff, blackcap, common whitethroat and European turtle dove, and white admiral and purple hairstreak butterflies.

On 18 September 1945, an American B24 Liberator bomber based at 466 Squadron RAAF at Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire, crashed on the southern edge

of Potton Wood. Four men were killed. The place where it fell can still be seen. Read more at www.grahamhague.com/pottonliberator.shtml.

There is access by footpaths from Hatley Road.

Potton Walks leaflet is available at www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk/local-walks



Source: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potton_Wood

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RSPB

RSPB The Lodge nature reserve is located on Bedfordshire's Greensand Ridge and is the home of the RSPB's UK Headquarters.

Discover the trails that take you through heathland, grassland and woodland, up and down an old quarry and around beautiful gardens.

There is also an ancient hill fort, constructed in the Iron Age, for you to explore. This is a great place to see woodpeckers and other woodland birds. Buzzards, hobbies and ravens nest here, and the gardens and ponds are great for butterflies and dragonflies in the summer.

You can reach the reserve via National Cycle Route 51 (Milton Keynes to Bedford and Sandy), or by bridleway from Biggleswade.



Photo: Ben Andrew

Opening times:

The Lodge shop is open 9am to 5pm on weekdays and 10am to 5pm on weekends and Bank Holidays (closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

The reserve is open all year 7am to 9pm (or dusk if earlier).

Free entrance and parking to RSPB members.



Photo: Ben Andrew



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The RSPB is a registered charity in England & Wales 207076, in Scotland SC037654.

RSPB The Lodge, Potton Road, Sandy SG19 2DL

www.rspb.org.uk/thelodge
[facebook.com/spbhertsandbeds](https://www.facebook.com/spbhertsandbeds)

Churches in Potton

St Mary's Church

St Mary's is a thriving, welcoming and friendly Anglican church serving the community of Potton with joy in the name of Christ. We are an intergenerational church with a variety of worship to suit all. We also enjoy much social activity, including dinners in our church hall.

We aim to show the love of God in all we do.

We welcome enquiries about weddings, funerals or baptisms, and we have small groups for those who would like to know more about the Christian faith. We offer prayer for anyone who requests it.

We are entirely dependent on donations. Statutory fees apply for weddings and funerals. St Mary's is open every day except Wednesday for anyone to come to find peace, or quiet, to pray, or to look round.

Sunday worship is at 9am and 10:30am, and once a month at 7:30pm.

Contact:

The Reverend Gill Smith
St Mary's Church
The Rectory
Hatley Road
Potton SG19 2RP
01767 260782

www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

Potton Baptist Church

We are a Christian church that meets in Potton. A family church committed to serving God, one another and the local community. We are united in our desire to live as followers of Jesus.

**Sunday services:
10.45am and 6.30pm
Wednesdays: 7pm**

www.pottonbaptistchurch.org
 **Potton Baptist Church**



St Mary's Church



Sculpture by Paul Pibworth, Henry Smith Playing Fields

Education in Potton

Potton Pre-School



We are a Committee run charity pre-school established in 1965 by parents in the community looking to ensure that our children could access quality early years education locally. We provide a safe and caring environment

for children aged between 2.5 and 4 years old with a high adult to child ratio and continuous staff development to effectively deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

We have a purpose-built setting with a light and spacious room, a fenced-off lawn and hard area outside, which means that the children have plenty of space to play and explore the world around them both inside and outdoors.

Our ethos of LEARNING THROUGH PLAY uses structured play activities to promote the development of gross and fine motor skills,

communication and social skills, learning about the world around them, appreciating and using number, shape and size and developing physical and creative skills. However, it is most important that they never stop having fun and enjoy being children!

Potton Pre-School,
Next to Potton Lower School,
Everton Road,
Potton SG19 2PB
01767 262807
www.pottonpreschool.co.uk



Wooden Tops Pre-School



Established in 1990, Woodentops provides pre-school education for 2 to 4 year olds. We provide teaching and learning following The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS, 2014) in a caring, friendly and community based group. We give a safe, secure and stimulating environment, embracing both indoor and outdoor play and work within a framework which ensures equality of opportunity for all children and families.

Woodentops Preschool
"Where learning is Fun"

Opening Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday -
08.45 to 15.45
Friday - 08.45 to 13.00
Bookings are made by the hour with a minimum of three hours (subject to availability)

Woodentops Pre-School,
The Hutchinson Hollow,
Biggleswade Road,
Potton SG19 2LU
01767 261100 (During opening hours) or
01767 449443
07947 892823
woodentopspotton@gmail.com
www.woodentops-potton.com



Potton Federation

Potton Federation consists of **Potton Lower School** (for children from Reception to Year 4) and **Potton Middle School** (for children from Year 5 through to Year 8).

We share a spacious, excellently resourced site and attract children from Potton itself as well as the surrounding towns and villages.

Through an outstanding educational experience, inspiring teaching and an

engaging curriculum, we have high expectations for all of our pupils.

Our schools are busy communities that strive hard for high standards in all things and our staff are committed to providing a true education for life.

We welcome visits to the school by prospective parents to come and see us at work and play.



www.pottonfederation.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Cathy Smart
Mill Lane, Potton SG19 2PG

Social Groups

First Steps Toddler Group

First Steps is a relaxed and friendly Toddler Group for ages 0-5 years provided for the community by St Mary's Church.

Mums/Dads/Carers stay with the children. Lots of toys for our age range, excellent toilet/nappy changing facilities.

Charged per child per session.

Our group meets every Friday at St Mary's Hall, Hatley Road, Potton SG19 2RP, between 10am and 11:30am during term time for play and socialising, with a break for healthy snacks at 10.30am. Lovely coffee and cakes for the grown-ups!

Mrs Sandy Gravestock
01767 260430
www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

TOAST Parent and Toddler Group

TOAST is a parent and toddler group run by young mums in Potton who are keen to see their children engage with others in play, crafts and singing. It runs term time only between 9.30am and 11.30am Thursdays mornings at The Pavilion, Mill Lane, Potton SG19 2PG. The charge is per week, so no joining fee.

A friendly toddler group for mums, dads, carers, babies and pre-schoolers. You'll find a warm welcome, fresh coffee and tea with yummy cakes, snacks, crafts and singing time and someone to talk to.

pottontoast@gmail.com

f TOAST



The Jubilee Project

We are a group for adults with additional needs who live in Potton.

Would you like to be part of a team who help other people in Potton? Shop for, prepare, cook and enjoy a meal with friends? Plan leisure trips to Bedford or Stevenage and become more confident in using the buses or trains? Help keep our town nice and tidy? Have a go at some new crafts and have some fun? Then the Jubilee Project is for you.



We meet at The Community Centre, Brook End, Potton SG19 2QS on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during term time between 2:00 and 4:00pm.

The Jubilee Project is a place to bring people together and find ways to integrate them into our community, giving them a reason to get up in the morning, to improve their social skills, and bring some meaning to their lives. Now on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons they can be found having fun together.

They love exploring new places, learning new skills, growing things, making things, volunteering in a charity shop, baking, travelling, ice creams, hot chocolate, birthday treats. Picking up litter, flying kites, walking in the woods, and just "hanging out" together all these things and more bring enormous pleasure to this delightful group of amazing people.

01767 261764

nicola.watson17@btopenworld.com

alan.watson17@btopenworld.com



Phoenix Chorus

Your local Ladies A Cappella Chorus. We specialise in A Cappella singing; it's a style that has gained in popularity over the past few years, thanks to movies such as Pitch Perfect and the TV series Pitch Battle, but Phoenix have been doing it since 1978!

What unites and drives us is a shared passion for what we do



and a desire to be the best we can and to inspire others.

What do we sing?

We mainly sing in the barbershop style, singing carefully-crafted arrangements of songs, but we also sing songs from the shows and more contemporary arrangements. We are always looking for new members, so please get in touch or come along on a Tuesday.

We rehearse at Potton Lower School, Everton Road, Potton SG19 2PB every Tuesday evening from 7:45pm to 10:15pm.

pro@phoenixladies.co.uk
www.phoenixladies.co.uk

 [phoenixladies](https://www.facebook.com/phoenixladies)
 [flamingbirdz](https://twitter.com/flamingbirdz)

Potton Ladies Club

We get together the first Tuesday of every month, with a speaker, demonstrations, outings, theatre trips, lunch clubs, etc. We have a membership of 65 ladies and meet from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at The Pavilion, Mill Lane,

Potton SG19 2PG. An annual membership is payable.

Please contact **Sheila Woods** on **01767 261995** for further information or find us on Facebook.

 [PottonLadiesClub](https://www.facebook.com/PottonLadiesClub)

Music 4 Memory

Do you know someone living with dementia or memory loss? Come to Music 4 Memory on Wednesday afternoons, 2:30-4pm at The Community Centre. You will be warmly welcomed with tea, coffee and cake, followed by singing and making music, dancing, reading poems and sharing stories and memories.



M4M sessions are run by Alice Ream, a local, registered music therapist and are created by and paced according to the needs of the group. A dementia support worker and trained volunteers will support you, and further information and support is always available.

jeni@tibbsdementia.co.uk or just turn up!


M4M is a service provided by Tibbs Dementia Foundation, a Registered Charity no. 1166596 based in Bedford Borough. For more information please see our website, www.tibbsdementia.co.uk.

Potton Community Orchard

Volunteers interested in the management and conservation of the new Potton Community Orchard. Members also run the well-established Potton Apple Day on the last Sunday in September.

This is a newly formed group of residents who are planning,

and will be planting, the Potton Community Orchard. Please get in touch with Sally Wileman if you would like to join the group or hear about the plans.

01767 262258
sal.wileman@btinternet.com
 [PottonAppleDay](https://www.facebook.com/PottonAppleDay)



Young People Groups

1st Pottton Scout Group

The Scout Movement is a global co-educational youth organisation, the largest in the world, with over 28 million members in 216 countries and territories.

In the UK, Scouting is organised through The Scout Association and which has a clear purpose:

To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as Members of their local, national and international communities.

The Scout Association offers everyday adventure and activity to almost 500,000 young people across the UK. Scouting is open to all young people aged 6 to 25 of every faith and background as long as they are prepared to make the promise. Variations of the promise are available to cover a range of faiths and nationalities. There are also plenty of opportunities for adults to become involved as Leaders, Assistants and Administrators and as Group Supporters.

As a member of our Group, we hope and will endeavour to ensure that your child can help to make the world a better place. Scouting makes a positive contribution to society by helping young people to develop as active members of the community who: are self-reliant, are caring, are responsible and show commitment.

The 1st Pottton Scout Group has two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs, two Scout Troop and one Explorer Unit.



Beavers (Riverbank Colony) - 6 to 8 years old meet Thursdays between 6:30pm and 8pm

Beavers (Woodland Colony) - 6 to 8 years old meet Fridays between 5:30pm and 7pm

Cubs (Leopard Pack) - 8 to 10½ years old meet Tuesdays between 6:30pm and 8pm

Cubs (Panther Pack) - 8 to 10½ years old meet Mondays between 6:30pm and 8pm

Scouts (Raleigh Troop) - 10½ to 14 years old meet Wednesdays between 7:30pm and 9pm

Scouts (Drake Troop) - 10½ to 14 years old meet Fridays between 7:30pm and 9pm

Explorers (Foresters Unit) - 14 to 18 years old meet Tuesdays between 8pm and 9:30pm

There is a termly subscription. Camp / day trips are charged extra on a trip by trip basis.

Dr Andrew Hope,
Group Scout Leader,
Group Headquarters,
Hatley Road,
Pottton SG19 2DX



01767 263094
potttonscoutgroup@live.co.uk
f Pottton Scout Group

Registered Charity no.. 306101



Rainbows

For girls aged 5 - 7 years. Rainbows learn by doing - they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts and play games. Being a Rainbow is all about having the space to try new things. Potton Rainbows meet at St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday evenings.



There is a termly subscription. Please register at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Girl Guides

Meeting at Potton Middle School, Mill Lane, Potton SG19 2PG on Wednesdays during term time between 7:15 pm and 9:00 pm.



Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk to register. To find out more information email karen@inkersole.co.uk.

We have fun and learn to grow...come and join us!

There is a termly subscription.

Registered Charity no. 306016

Brownies

Brownies is a section of the Girlguiding movement which caters for girls 7-10 years of age. The Brownie programme encourages the girls to take part in a wide variety of activities both indoors and out and provide them with opportunities and experiences to help them develop to their full potential and make a positive contribution to the community. We are all about fun, encouragement and enjoyment.



Meeting at Potton Middle School, Mill Lane, Potton SG19 2PG during term time on Tuesday evenings 6pm to 7:30pm or on Wednesday evenings 5.30pm to 7pm.

There is a termly subscription. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk to register or contact Melvene Smith adrian.melvane@tiscali.co.uk



Potton Youth Club (run by Groundwork)

Potton Youth Club provides a relaxed but fun environment where young people can come to express themselves through arts and crafts, music, or one to ones with a staff member. We also have a pool table, table tennis and Xbox for young people to use. The staff team put on several projects from cooking to music production to team games. At Potton Youth Club, we pride ourselves on creating a fun and safe environment for young people to come and socialise.

Meetings every Thursday from 5-7 pm at The Pavilion, Mill Lane, Potton. The youth club is open to all aged 12 to 18 years and a small fee is payable per session.

For more information contact Lead Youth Worker, **Kira Bernard** on **07736 132292** or kira.bernard@groundwork.org.uk.

www.groundwork.org.uk/beds
@gwklutonandbeds #PottonYouthClub
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Registered Charity no. 291558



Sports Clubs



Potton Town Cricket Club

Potton Town Cricket Club has two Senior sides on Saturday and Sunday. The First X1 play in Division Two B of the Saracens league whilst the 2nd X1 play in the Beds Saturday Invitation League. On Sunday, the First X1 play in the first division of the Beds Sunday League whilst the 2nd X1 are playing friendlies. We also have Junior sides which play on Sunday Mornings at U-10 and U-12 and have a side playing at U-13 mid-week. Coaching for these groups takes place in the evenings at 6pm the days vary.

We meet at the Jack Hutchinson Pavilion at The Hollow, Biggleswade Road, Potton SG19 2LX

Robert Bage – Club Secretary

01767 260453

www.pitchero.com/clubs/pottontowncricketclub

www.pottontown.play-cricket.com



Potton Colts Youth Football Club

Potton Colts was formed in 1980 to provide football for the youth of Potton and the surrounding area. The Club accepts boys

and girls, from 6 to 16 years old. Home matches played at Potton Federation School and the Recreation Ground, both in Mill Lane, Potton. Currently all teams play matches on Saturday mornings. Teams train midweek in the evenings.

www.pottoncolts.co.uk

Potton Bowls Club

Potton Bowls Club was founded in 1917 and has over 100 members both playing and social. Bowls gives exercise plus the opportunity to meet and socialise with friends and opponents, male and female. We have members who play for the County and members who play for fun, so everyone is welcome. We play local friendly matches each week in the playing season between April until the end of September, plus more competitive games.

New members, men and women, of all ages are very welcome and tuition can be given, so why not join us and give bowls a try?

Contact:

Mrs Margaret Corrin, Club Secretary
2-12 Sutton Mill Road
Potton SG19 2QB

01767 260865

contactus@pottonbowlsclub.com

www.pottonbowlsclub.com



Potton United Football Club

Potton United Football Club is situated at The Hutchinson Hollow and currently runs three teams; First and Reserve teams and Under 18s.



Match days are usually Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon and match day admission charges apply. Find out more information on our website or get in touch.



Alan Riley
The Hutchinson Hollow,
Biggleswade Road,
Potton SG19 2LX
07801 677109
[www.pitchero.com/
clubs/pottonunitedfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/pottonunitedfc)

Potton Tennis Club

Potton Tennis Club is a small friendly tennis club located in Bedfordshire on the border of Cambridgeshire.

We have two hard courts with floodlights located adjacent to Potton United Football Club at The Hollow.

Club nights are Thursday nights at 8pm and a few carry on for drinks at the Royal Oak.

Our annual membership is very reasonable and as a member you have free access to the courts, can play social tennis on a Thursday and have the opportunity to play matches against other Bedfordshire clubs.

We also offer a strong coaching programme under the reign of The Tennis Circle. Our head coach is Nick Peck who has been with us since spring 2016. Coaching is open to anyone wanting to learn.

So if you enjoy playing tennis. Grab your racket and pop down on a Thursday night and you'll be most welcome.

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Biggleswade Road,
Potton SG19 2LX
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POTTON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

(part of Potton United Football Club)



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Classes held at St Mary's Church Hall, Hatley Road, Potton, SG19 2RP

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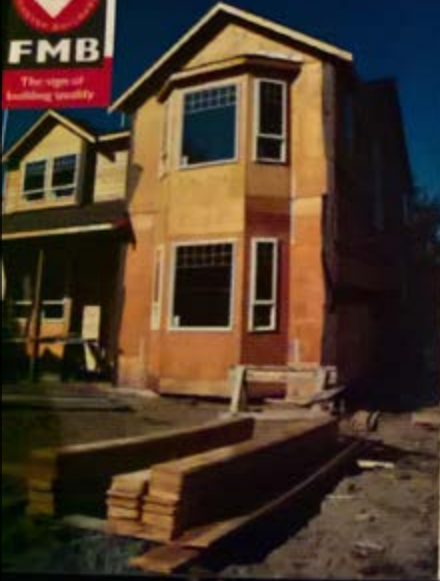
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01767 260792
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(See p34)

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The Community Centre,
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clubwebsite.co.uk/pottonunitedfc
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The official days to fly the flag are as follows;



Date	Occasion	Flag
January 9 th	Birthday of the Duchess of Cambridge	Union
January 20 th	Birthday of the Countess of Wessex	Union
February 6 th	Her Majesty's Accession	Union
February 19 th	Birthday of the Duke of York	Union
March (2 nd Monday)	Commonwealth Day	Commonwealth
March 10 th	Birthday of the Earl of Wessex	Union
April 21 st	Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen	Union
April 23 rd	St George's Day	St George's Cross
June 2 nd	Coronation Day	Union
June (2 nd Saturday)	Official celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday	Union
June 10 th	Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh	Union
June 21 st	Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge	Union
July 17 th	Birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall	Union
July 22 nd	Birthday of Prince George of Cambridge	Union
August 15 th	Birthday of the Princess Royal	Union
September 15 th	Birthday of Prince Harry	Union
October 21 st	** Trafalgar Day	Union
November (2 nd Sunday)	Remembrance Day	Union
November 11 th	Armistice Day	Union
November 14 th	Birthday of the Prince of Wales	Union
November 20 th	Her Majesty's Wedding Anniversary	Union

** Dept. of Culture Media & Sport confirm that whilst Trafalgar Day is NOT an official flag flying day, as strictly non-government - the town council is at liberty to display the union flag.

In addition the town council will arrange to fly a flag on the following days;

Date	Occasion	Flag
June (Last Saturday)	Armed Forces Day	Commemorative Armed Forces
November 28 th	Bedfordshire Day	Bedfordshire

The town council will exercise its discretion and fly appropriate flags as resources permit.



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