



Potton's Tribute

Sunday 11th November 2018

A Day of Commemorative Events marking the Centenary of the end of the First World War.

10.15am Battle's O'er

Jennifer Huntley-Prinn will play Battle's O'er on Northumbrian pipes in front of the Library in the Market Square.

10.15am Remembrance Day Service

In front of the Library in the Market Square.

10.30am Remembrance Parade

Remembrance Parade commences to the War Memorial, Sandy Road, Potton.

11am Laying of the Wreaths

War Memorial, Sandy Road, Potton.

6.50pm Tribute to the Millions

Message to be read out by DL Paul Fuller.

6.55pm The Last Post

Bugler or trumpeter sounds the last post in front of the Library in the Market Square. Volunteer required.

7pm WW1 Beacon of Light

Potton's Beacon will be lit by DL Paul Fuller and Chairman Angus Macdonald in front of the Library in the Market Square.

7.05pm Ringing Out for Peace

St Mary's Church will ring out their bells in celebration of Peace.

7.05pm A Cry for Peace

Cry for Peace. Volunteer required.

7.10pm - 10pm Armistice Projection

Potton resident, Ram Malocca, will provide an Armistice projection on the side of The Coach House, Market Square.



Town Council Information and Office Opening Times

For enquiries regarding the following: Cemetery, Allotments, Henry Smith Playground, Mill Lane Playground, Recreation Fields, Public Conveniences, Brook End Car Park, Mill Lane Pavilion and Community Centre. The Town Council office is open for drop-in visitors as follows:

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

If you want to be sure of seeing a specific member of the team, please ring ahead to make an appointment.

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Held in the library starting at 10am until 12 noon.

Saturday 17th November 2018	Cllr Gibb and Cllr Price Williams
Saturday 8th December 2018	Cllr Harris and Chairman Cllr Macdonald
Saturday 12th January 2019	Cllr Lean and Cllr Price Williams
Saturday 16th February 2019	Cllr Ivall and Cllr Whitfield

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The next edition is planned for delivery in February 2019. If you would like information to be included, please email: **pottoncouncil@btconnect.com** by midday on Monday 14th January 2019. Please be aware that the Town Council reserves the right not to include articles and images. **Please recycle this newsletter** when you've finished reading it by putting it in your green recycling bin.



Town Council Meetings

Held in the Main Hall of the Community Centre starting at 7pm.

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Tuesday 5th February 2019

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Chairman's message

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

The long, hot summer of 2018 has gone and we now turn our attention to the shorter days and longer nights of winter. Some parts of town are still suffering a "hangover" from last winter and it's good to note that King Street will finally be resurfaced in early November, removing the ridiculous amount of pot holes that appeared as a result of weather conditions last year.



Pothole

Summer did go out with a bang though in the form of another successful Party on Potton event. The four-day extravaganza certainly delivered and was enjoyed by many people in the town (see pages 18 and 19 for photos of the 2018 event). It was particularly pleasing to hear the comments from some of our newer residents who enjoyed the occasion and experienced a bit of what Potton has to offer in terms of community spirit. I'd once again like to thank Carlton, the Party on Potton Committee and the small army of volunteers that made this such an exceptional event and I can only hope that a new group of volunteers has



come forward to ensure this event continues in the years to come. If you want to be a part of this event and help create the next big weekend then visit

www.partyonpotton.org.uk for more details and how to get in touch with the PoP team.



Langenlonsheim

Whilst 2018 was a Party on Potton year, 2019 will see our twin town in Germany, Langenlonsheim, celebrate their 1,250th birthday! As a result, Langenlonsheim is holding a series of events across 2019 to mark this occasion and has kindly invited the residents of Potton to participate. Langenlonsheim continues to support Potton at every Party on Potton event and the town's Sound Express band comes over to join us as well as entertain us. Hopefully we can return the favour next year and think of something that Potton can do to help mark this occasion and maintain our twinning links in the future. For more information see pages 14 to 16.



Sound Express

Unfortunately, the summer wasn't pleasant for everyone and there has been a marked increase in anti-social and criminal behaviour in and around the town. A public meeting was held in September and representatives of Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedfordshire Police were in attendance with town and ward councillors and



local MP, Alistair Burt, to listen to the concerns of residents. In short, Bedfordshire Police Chief Superintendent, David Boyle, stated *"don't judge me on the words I speak, judge me on my actions"*.



Central
Bedfordshire

Chief Superintendent Boyle will be back in December to attend a further public meeting and take feedback. However, the advice given to all residents of the town in the meantime is to ensure that every incident, criminal or anti-social, is reported to the police. Residents can do this by ringing 101 and providing details of the incident or by going on line and recording the details, providing any evidence that they may have in the process - www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report.



Please do not assume that someone else will report something on your behalf – make the call or record the incident online. As mentioned, you will all have an opportunity to hold Bedfordshire Police accountable for policing at the public meeting to be held on **Thursday 13th December at Mill Lane Pavilion. The meeting starts at 7.30pm** and is expected to be busy so please get there promptly.



Housing development

Housing development continues with a further application for 30 houses off Everton Road approved by Central Bedfordshire Council recently. This brings the number of planned new houses for Potton to 501, considering all previously approved applications and including the current developments underway. Potton Town Council objected to this development, again due to the lack of investment or improvement in vital services required by the town. At present the scale of development in the town is completely unsustainable.



Field of poppies

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. There are a number of commemorative events being organised nationally and Potton will participate in some of these. Residents will start to see Tommies appearing in the town as we mark this anniversary and raise awareness.



Our annual service of remembrance also takes place in the market square on **Sunday 11th November at 10.15am**, followed by the traditional march to the war memorial in the

cemetery on Sandy Road and joining us will be Deputy Lieutenant Chris Kilroy MBE.

At the evening event we will be joined by Deputy Lieutenant Paul Fuller CBE QFSM, Chief Fire Officer for Bedfordshire. For further information on the events please see page 1.



Both Chris Kilroy and Paul Fuller represent the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis.

We would like to thank those who helped with the Autumn Litter Pick which took place on Saturday 13th October and to those who attended the Potton Civic Service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 14th October. More from these events in the Spring Newsletter.

Finally, as we head towards Christmas we will need to get the town ready for another spectacular Christmas lights display. The big switch on will be **Friday 30th November** so we need volunteers to assist in putting up our lights. This starts on **Sunday 4th November**.



Christmas Lights

If you wish to help, please come along to the town square at 10.00am and you will be welcomed by our enthusiastic regulars!...(see page 12 for more information).

Best Wishes

Angus

Cllr Angus Macdonald

Potton's Roll of Honour

First and Second World Wars

Information taken from www.roll-of-honour.com/Bedfordshire/PottonRollofHonour.html

First World War 1914 - 1918		
BAKER	William	Private G/14509, 2 nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.
BLANE	Horace	Private 5855, "B" Company, 2/5 th Battalion (Territorial) Gloucestershire Regiment.
BONESS	Arthur John	Private 18787, 1 st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.
BOSTON	Charles H	Corporal G/2922, 9 th East Surrey Regiment.
BREED	Frederick C	Private 23417, 1 st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
CARTER	Frederick	Private 8283, 8 th Battalion East Surrey Regiment.
CARTER	Harry	Private 23431, "B" Company, 1 st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
CHARTER	Albert	Private 20639, 2 nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
CLARK[E]	William Walter	Private 31995, 117 th Company, Machine Gun Corps (inf.). Formerly 23434 Bedfordshire Regiment.
COLLINS	Sam	Private 27468, 1 st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
COMPTON	Boston Leopold	Signaller 159089, 1 st /1 st (Warwick Bty.) 15 th Bde. Royal Horse Artillery.
DARLOW	Albert	Private 51607, 1 st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment.
DEEBLE	Samuel	Private 49257, 1 st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
DELANEY	J	[Probably Joseph Delaney] L/Corporal 1279, 9 th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London) Regiment.
DENNIS	John	Sergeant 33557, 14 th Army Bde. Royal Field Artillery.
EMERY	F	Private 2854, 5 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
FELTS	Percival Claude	2 nd Lieutenant, 6 th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.
FOSTER	A	Currently no information available.
FOSTER	Ernest	Private 23437, 4 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
FREESTONE	J H	Private 114640, 17 th Company Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). Formerly 23467 Essex Regiment.
GARDINER	Stanley Tysoe	2 nd Lieutenant 55 th Field Company, Royal Engineers.
GATES	William Henry	Private 2654, East Surrey Regiment.
GIDDINGS	Harry K	L/Corporal 32199, 6 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
GINN	Frederick William	Driver 182822, 62 nd Bty. 38 th Bde. Royal Field Artillery.
GURNEY	Albert G	Sergeant 28160, 259 th Siege Royal Garrison Artillery.
HARE	William Charles	Private 203183, 5 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.



HILL	W	Currently no information available.
HUTCHINSON	Herbert	[Hutchison on CWGC] Private 9271, 2 nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
HUTCHINSON	(Charles) Nicholas	Private 8196, 1 st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
HUTCHINSON	George	Private G/8320, 9 th Battalion East Surrey Regiment.
HUTCHINSON	William	[Hutchison on CWGC] Sergeant 13370, 47 th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). Formerly 8319 Bedfordshire Regiment.
INSKIP	Bert William	Private G/14547, 'C' Company, 2 nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment.
KITCHENER	James	Private 133841, 2 nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers Labour Corps. Formerly 35187 Middlesex Regiment.
LINFORD, MM	Alfred William	Company Sergeant Major G/20279, 12 th Royal Sussex Regiment.
MANNING	John	L/Corporal L/8831, 8 th Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
MARSDEN	George James	[Transcribed as D J Marsden] Private 29213, 11 th Battalion Essex Regiment.
MARSDEN	Fred	Sergeant 39316, 11 th Battalion Essex Regiment. Attd. 6 th Div. H.Q. Formerly 07704 R.A.O.C.
MOORE	F	Private 7311, Depot. East Surrey Regiment.
MUNKMAN	Frank	Private 30946, 1 st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment.
PAYNE	Walter	Private 27644, 8 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
PEACOCK	William Henry	Private 29558, 1/4 th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Formerly 46472 Yorkshire Regiment.
REYNOLDS	Arthur George	Private G/25785, 1 st battalion Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
REYNOLDS	J F	[Probably Frederick J. Reynolds] Private 25135, 4 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
REYNOLDS	W E	Currently no information available.
RICHARDSON	E G	Currently no information available.
RICHARDSON	James	Private 3/8288, 7 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
RICHARDSON	Wilfred Ernest	Private 2711, 2 nd East Surrey Regiment.
SHEARMAN	William	Private 23436, 4 th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
SPRIGGS	Frederick Harry	Driver 177485, 'D' Bty. 38 th Bde. Royal Field Artillery.
SURTEES	Richard Barron	Private 2720, 2 nd Battalion East surrey Regiment.
SYMONDS	James Howard	Private F/2805, 16 th Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment).
WHITFIELD	Frederick	Private 141584, 21 st Battalion Canadian Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment).
WHITFIELD	Allen Pettengell	Private 26754, 1 st (Herts) Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.
WOODS	F T	Currently no information available.

Second World War 1939 – 1945

APTHORPE	Arthur Walter	Fusilier 14701379, 6 th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers.
COBB	George William	Sapper 14631797, 20 Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers.
DAISLEY	Arthur William	Gunner 863416, 'D' Bty. 3 rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery.
EDWARDS	R	Currently no information available.
EMERY	Jack	Inscription in Potton Cemetery on Memorial Plot G214 reads: Died 7 th August 1943 whilst a Prisoner of War in Malaya.
HUTCHINSON	A	Currently no information available.
JAKES	Dick	Driver T/187282, 64 Bulk Petrol Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps.
KIDD	V	[Probably Victor Alfred Kidd] Private 6409423, 2/7 th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (W. Surrey).
KITCHENER	Macdonald	Trooper 10602953, 4 th Regiment Reconnaissance Corps. R.A.C.
LANGLEY	G T	[Possibly Gordon Thompson Langley] Flt/Lt. 83713, 68 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
MONTEITH	E W A	Trooper 14991645, 3 rd Carabiniers (POW Dragoon Guards), R.A.C.
NORMAN	Stanley Edmund	Gunner 845570, 65 (The Norfolk Yeomanry) Anti-tank Regiment, Royal Artillery.
TRUNDLEY	Leonard Gordon	Private 5952150, 2 nd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment.

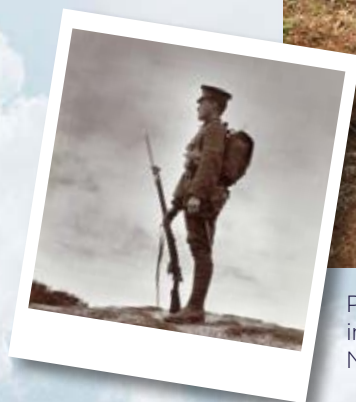
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Peace Celebrations in Potton Market Square, 19th July 1919

Tommy Figures

Potton Consolidated Charity has funded ten six-foot-high Tommy figures which are a life-size silhouette of a First World War soldier. The Tommy is a symbol of remembrance created by the charity Remembered, as part of their project "There But Not There". The aims of the project are to Commemorate, Educate and Heal.



Potton's Tommies will be appearing in the town between 1st and 10th November. Look out for them!

Knitted Poppies for Potton's Tommy Silhouettes

The lovely members of the Craft & Chatter group have kindly agreed to support the "There But Not There" Armistice 2018 Project, by generously donating their time and materials to knit ten poppy button holes, which will be placed on each of the Tommy Silhouettes to be installed around Potton for the centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 First World War.

Craft & Chatter meets at 7:30pm every Friday at St Mary's Church Hall, Hatley Road, Potton.



Poppy button holes

Market Square businesses boosted

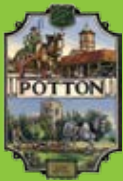
Three shops in the Market Square have had facelifts as part of Central Bedfordshire Council's area-wide £1 million High Street Improvement Scheme.

In partnership with the Town Council, this capital funding offered grants to landlords and businesses for up to 60 per cent

of total costs of renovating shop fronts, forecourts and making improvements to vacant units, in order to attract more shoppers and visitors onto the high street.

Improvements have been carried out to Cameron's Newsagent, Clayton's and Potton Food Stores.





Potton

Neighbourhood Plan 2016 - 2035



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Neighbourhood Plan 2016 - 2035



Planning for the Future

pottonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Thanks to the many of you who responded to our request for feedback and comments on the draft Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has met and considered all of your responses and the revised Plan will shortly be published on our website. Copies will also be available in Potton Library and at the Potton Town Council Office in Brook End.

What next...

Our revised Neighbourhood Plan will be sent to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) for consultation and a review by an independent assessor.

Following this process, the final Neighbourhood Plan will be presented to the residents of Potton via a referendum, probably in December or January. This will be a simple YES/NO choice as to whether you wish to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan and thus make it a mandatory document that must be considered by both future developers and CBC.

Details and dates for the referendum will be published by CBC and we will also advertise when we know more.

So please vote in the referendum.

CBC will not adopt the Neighbourhood Plan unless it is endorsed by Potton residents.



Christmas Lights



The Big Switch-On

Potton's Christmas Lights Switch-On will take place on **Friday 30th November**. There will be many stalls and organisations participating, a funfair and shops opening late. Activities start at 6pm with Father Christmas switching on the lights at 7pm.

Make sure to put the date in your diary to come and join us together with the hundreds of people of Potton and beyond who look forward to these annual festivities!

Christmas lights installation

The work to put up and take down Potton's Christmas lights is undertaken every year entirely by volunteers on behalf of the Town Council. We will commence putting the lights up on **Sunday 4th November**, so if you would like to provide your assistance and join the Christmas Lights Team, **feel free to come down to the Market Square at 10am to help!**

**Volunteers
Required!**

Contact Denis Ellison on 261925 for further information.



Four Seasons Market

**POTTON**
TOWN COUNCIL





Sat 8th December

9am – 1pm



For more information visit
pottontowncouncil.co.uk/four-seasons-market

Potton Town Council Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2018

Current Assets	31 Mar '17	31 Mar '18
Debtors	1,401	1,542
VAT Control Account	5,386	5,006
Current Account	17,812	3,343
30 Day Account	255,199	122,869
Petty Cash	357	205
Petrol Petty Cash	27	27
Nationwide Instant Saver	0	190,000
Total Assets	280,183	322,992

Current Liabilities	31 Mar '17	31 Mar '18
Community Orchard Fund	665	665
Accruals	0	2,003
Receipts in Advance	2,698	130
Party Deposits	300	150
Long Term Deposits	650	1,000
Total Liabilities	4,313	3,947

Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	275,870	319,045
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Represented By	31 Mar '17	31 Mar '18
General Reserves	71,735	70,487
EMR Community Centre	12,155	12,155
EMR Brook	2,873	6,654
EMR Cemetery	5,428	14,972
EMR Cemetery Extension	3,000	6,000
EMR Churchyard	0	2,113
EMR Christmas Lights	4,599	5,618
EMR Neighbourhood Plan	9,146	13,898
EMR Town Plan	2,084	2,084
EMR Town Guide	5,000	0
EMR Youth Budget	10,553	6,902
EMR Grants	16,611	51,611
EMR Mill Lane Play Area	4,066	3,221
EMR HSPF Play Equipment	1,981	0
EMR Carpark	50,000	55,719
EMR Skatepark	53,615	30,394
EMR Public Conveniences	1,609	3,895
EMR Office Movement	10,000	15,000
EMR Training	2,415	0
EMR Legal Fees	7,000	5,823
EMR Community Agent	2,000	0
EMR Elections	0	7,000
EMR Trees	0	3,000
EMR Rural Match Fund	0	2,500
Total Reserves	275,870	319,045

An invitation from Langenlonsheim

- Potton's Twin Town in Germany

We have received a letter of invitation (see page 15 for the letter and an English translation) from the Ortsbuergermeister of our twin town in Langenlonsheim to all friends in Potton.

2019 sees the 1250th anniversary of the village of Langenlonsheim and to celebrate this occasion a total of five festival weekends are being planned throughout the year (details of which are available on page 16 or see website www.langenlonsheim.de for more information).

Our two communities have been twinned since 1986 during which time many fantastic exchanges have taken place and enduring relationships have developed.

The community of Langenlonsheim would be especially pleased therefore if some people from Potton would like to take part in the main festival weekend **"Lalo feiert"** from 30th August 2019 to 1st September 2019 (or in any of the earlier events).

Details as they become available will be published on our social media sites and in subsequent newsletters so please keep an eye on these.

If you wish to register an interest in attending any of the events, please notify the Town Council office.



English Translation

Invitation "1250 Years of Langenlonsheim".

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends in Potton,

In 2019 our local community Langenlonsheim celebrates its 1250th birthday.

A total of five festival weekends are being planned throughout the year for this occasion.

Details of the preparations and planned events can be found in the enclosed brochures (see page 16 for events).

Since 1986 our two communities of Potton and Langenlonsheim have maintained a twinning partnership. Many fantastic exchanges have taken place during these 32 years and many friendly relationships have grown.

We would be very pleased therefore if some people from Potton would like to take part in the main festival weekend 'Lalo feiert' from 30.08.2019 to 01.09.2019 (or one of the earlier events).

We cordially invite you to celebrate this special festival with us.

With kind regards,

ORTSGEMEINDE LANGENLONSHEIM

Ortsgemeinde Naheweinstraße 79 55450 Langenlonsheim

Potton Town Council and
Potton Twinning Association
Mr. Alan Leggatt
Potton
GB-Sandy SG 162 QX
Großbritannien



Ortsgemeinde
Der Ortsbürgermeister
Naheweinstraße 79
55450 Langenlonsheim

Langenlonsheim, 07.08.2018

Einladung „1250 Jahre Langenlonsheim“

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren, liebe Freunde in Potton,
im Jahr 2019 feiert unsere Heimatgemeinde Langenlonsheim ihren 1250. Geburtstag.

Aus diesem Anlass sind im Laufe des Jahres insgesamt fünf Festwochenenden geplant. Die Details zu den Vorbereitungen und den geplanten Aktionen entnehmen Sie gerne den beiliegenden Broschüren.

Seit 1986 sind unsere beiden Gemeinden Potton und Langenlonsheim Partnergemeinden. Viele wunderschöne Begegnungen haben in diesen 32 Jahren stattgefunden, und viele freundschaftliche Beziehungen sind in dieser Zeit gewachsen.

Wir würden uns daher sehr freuen, wenn einige von Ihnen an dem zentralen Festwochenende 'Lalo feiert' vom 30.08.2019 bis 01.09.2019 (oder auch an einem der Termine zuvor) teilnehmen möchten.

Wir laden Sie ganz herzlich ein, dieses besondere Fest mit uns zu feiern.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Gert-Hendrik Voigt
Ortsbürgermeister

Telefon: 06704-567
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www.langenlonsheim.net
gemeindeverwaltung@langenlonsheim.de



Schedule of 2019 Festival Events



Lalo klingt
30. März 2019
Musikalische Ortsführung an historischen Plätzen
 Translation:
 Lalo sounds
 30th March 2019
 Musical guide to historical places



Lalo bewegt - Sportler & Flieger
28. Mai – 2. Juni 2019
 Translation:
 Lalo on the move - Athletes & Aviators
 28th May – 2nd June 2019



Lalo wächst - Kinder & Jugendliche
15. Juni 2019
 Translation:
 Lalo is growing - Children & Teens
 15th June 2019



Lalo schmeckt - Weinfest
26. – 28. Juli 2019
 Translation:
 Lalo tastes good - Winefest
 26th – 28th July 2019



Lalo feiert
das große Festwochenende vom
30. August bis 1. September 2019
 Translation:
 Lalo celebrates The big festival weekend of 30th August – 1st September 2019



The Potton Hall for All

As we write, summer is coming to an end and we look back on a busy six months which have included appearances at the Summer Seasonal Market, the fantastic Party on Potton (POP), and Potton Show, all to publicise the Hall. The picture, taken at POP, shows ideas collected for potential activities in the Hall. Thank you for the suggestions.

We've also been busy with funding applications with some successes, but regrettably not all, but we have been encouraged to make reapplications. The Trustees have become used to such challenges, but refuse to be deflected from their determined efforts to deliver an attractive, sustainable, multi-purpose facility, which Potton needs and the residents deserve.

To help boost our coffers, we also held a hugely successful jumble sale in June and ran the bar at the outstanding Locrian Choir's concert at Ashwell in July. You can still help to support us through the Co-Op's Local Causes Scheme (ends in Oct), just click on membership.coop.co.uk/causes/14886.

Join us for our next big fun event, a Beatles' Tribute Band on 24th November in the Scout Hut and look out for us at the Christmas Market and Potton Lights Switch On. See our website and facebook pages for more details: pottonhallforall.org.uk.

Remember, we are always looking for new volunteers - please contact **David Tall on dandrtall@gmail.com**. This is particularly important as we have just had a retirement from the Committee. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Roz Smith who was the driving force behind many imaginative fundraising ideas and we say a big thank you to her.

And finally we make no apology for repeating that the Hall for All, will be just that!!



The Big Weekend review



Posh picnic

Well, the 2018 Big Weekend is over and, although we do say it ourselves, it was a huge success!

Kicking off with Boogie Wonderland on the Friday evening it was another jam-packed bank holiday weekend with something for everyone. Whether it was Sound Express, returning for the 10th Big Weekend in a row, the Big Screen Small Screen-themed carnival, donkey rides, the Posh Picnic, or the hilarious Zorballs, everyone had their favourite bit.

The POP Committee would like to thank the wonderful people of Potton who came along to support us and especially our magnificent volunteers, without whom we could not put on an event of this size. We're having a rest for a few weeks, but we'll see you all at the Christmas Lights switch-on and will, of course, be touring Potton's pubs with our famous (infamous?) carol singing in December.

The POP bar crew





Carnival - History Society



Face painting



BBQ crew



Friday night Disco



Comedy night - Jonny Awsum



**A HUGE
THANK YOU TO
THE WONDERFUL
PEOPLE OF
POTTON!**

School Open Days

www.pottonfederation.co.uk

Potton Lower School

Reception to Year 4



Open Morning

**Friday 23rd November 2018
at 9am – 11am**

Talks by the Executive Headteacher
at **9am & 10am**.

Tours of the school & refreshments
throughout the morning.
Children welcome.

Potton Middle School

Year 5 to Year 8



Open Evening & Morning

**Tuesday 13th November
from 7pm**

Talk by the Executive Headteacher
followed by pupil-led guided tours.

**Wednesday 14th November
at 9am – 11am**

Come and see the school in action.
Children welcome.

Executive Headteacher: Cathy Smart | Mill Lane | Potton | Bedfordshire | SG19 2PG

Potton Apple Day

Autumn has definitely arrived with the pressing of apples and the festivities of Potton Apple Day. This year was a bumper crop for most orchard fruit as there was no frost to nip the young buds. We were overwhelmed by the good people of Potton bringing their surplus fruit for pressing. Look out for the bottles of Potton Apple Juice that we plan to make as a result. The rest of the apples create next year's cider (and of course the waste fruit goes to feed the happy pigs).



Our magnificent cider trophy, donated by Potton Hall For All, was presented by their Vice Chairman Phill Banks to the winner, Cromwell Cider of Hemingford Grey for 'Last Gasp'. It was accepted on their behalf by Tim Naisbitt of East Beds CAMRA.



Potton Community Agent News

Supporting the over 60s in Potton

Tel: Andrea on 0300 555 5949 mobile: 07590 359 630 (working, Weds, Thurs only)

See www.pottoncommunityagent.co.uk for information about how I can help you.

Christmas Trip to Brick Lane Music Hall

- tickets are selling fast for a trip to Brick Lane to watch a 'Winter Wonderland Special'. A three course Christmas lunch and travel by coach is included in the price of £45 per person. Trip takes place on Thursday 13th December. Contact Andrea if you are interested.

Potton Friendship Group - meets every Thursday morning 10-12 at the Community Centre, Brook End. Come and make new friends and chat over tea/coffee and homemade cake and quiche. Have a game of carpet bowls or play cards, crib or dominoes. A warm welcome awaits you. £2.50 entry.

Tablet workshop - Potton Consolidated Charity have kindly funded a further 10 Samsung computer tablets for a new autumn intake of participants. Andrea and John would be more than happy to support anyone over 60 who has little or no experience using a tablet or similar device. So, if you would like to know more then contact Andrea or pop down to our drop-in at the Community Centre on a Wednesday between 10 and 12 for a chat. Tea/coffee and biscuits served.

Claim what you are entitled to - many people over 60 have an illness or disability which affects their day to day quality of life. You may be entitled to claim benefits such as Attendance Allowance, a Blue Badge or Council Tax Reduction/Housing Benefit. Please call Andrea, Potton Community Agent, in confidence on 0300 555 5949.



Please note my working days are Weds and Thurs. I am funded by Potton Consolidated Charity with a generous contribution from Potton Town Council.



A new community transport offering for the mid-beds and Greensand area

Starting 15th October 2018

Travel around the area to shops, health services, visit friends and relatives, or just enjoy a day out. Access Bedford for a greater range of destinations. All our high quality vehicles are accessible for those with impaired mobility. All staff are friendly, caring, fully trained, DBS checked and MiDAS assessed.

End to end journey possibilities:

Amphill • Arlesey • Biggleswade
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Sandy • Shefford • Shillington
Southill • Stotfold • Tempsford
Wrestlingworth • all villages between
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for a Membership Form and details of how we can help you



Vacancy for a Potton Town Councillor

An opportunity to be part of your community

A candidate for the Town Council is qualified if at the time of nomination, they are:

1. A British subject or Irish citizen
2. 18 years of age
3. Either on the list of electors for the town or during the last twelve months you:
 - Occupied land or property in Potton as owner or tenant
 - Had your principle place of work here
 - Lived in, or within three miles of Potton.

A Town Councillor is unpaid and gives their time for free to the community on a voluntary basis.

Any interested parties must make an application in writing to the Town Clerk, Mr Jonathan Whitehurst at The Town Council Office, The Community Centre, Brook End, Potton, Bedfordshire, SG19 2QS by 9am on **Wednesday 31st October 2018** and include the following information:

- i. reason for wishing to be Councillor;
- ii. previous Community/Council work;
- iii. other skills they can bring to the Council.

For further information please refer to the town council's Co-option procedure in the Our Council, Policies section of the website.

Please note it is a condition of a Councillor that a means of contact by telephone and/or email will be public information.

If you require any additional information, please contact the Town Clerk either by email or phone.

Email: pottoncouncil@btconnect.com
Phone: 01767 260086

Co-option will take place at the Town Council Meeting held in the Community Centre, Brook End on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7pm.

