

PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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DIARY DATES

March

Saturday 1st All Souls Jumble Sale 9.30am Village Hall
Saturday 8th Charming Craft Fair 10.00am Village Hall

April

Friday 18th Good Friday – event for children All Souls

May

Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd Saturday 3rd PBDS play Village Hall

Saturday 14th May Fete Village Green and Village Hall

The weather has kept us on our toes recently but there are some daffodils, snowdrops and crocus out in the garden to remind us that spring is, hopefully, just around the corner.

Our thoughts though, must be with those poor people all over the country who have lived with the flooding of their homes and businesses for months now.

There is a message from the chairman of the Village Hall. I hope you will find time to respond to his questions and support the next couple of events at the hall namely the Jumble Sale and the first Craft Fair with cream teas.

Pratts Bottom Residents Association

Upgrading street lighting in Pratts Bottom

The council are replacing the old concrete and steel lamp posts with new steel columns. You will be receiving notification when the work is to be done in your street although I think that the current weather conditions will mean delays. There is further information available on www.bromley.gov.uk/street lighting.

Waste transfer station at Knockholt station.

The result of the Public Enquiry on the above organisation went in favour of the appellant so they can store more skips and lorries in the area.

News from the Orpington area.

The Odeon cinema being built on the site of the old Job Centre in the Walnuts should be ready in 2015. It is a 7 screen multiplex and will join new restaurants and retail businesses. Let's hope the development of the area gets started soon as at the moment it looks a mess.

The grapevine says that Boots will be opening an outlet at the Nugent Centre but keeping a shop on the High Street.

All Souls News

There is a lot going on over the next few weeks as we prepare for Easter.

In addition to the March Jumble Sale (Village Hall, 1st March from 9.30am) we have an event for primary aged children on Good Friday (18th April) at all Souls, from 11.00am – 1.00pm preceded by a time for reflection from 10.00am for everyone.

It is with sadness that we report the death of Edie Clare who managed to live to the great age of 103 years. Even until just before Christmas she was reminiscing about the zeppelins over London during the First World War. She lived a full life cared for by her daughter Janice.

Remembrance Sunday

This may seem a long way off but we are already preparing for a big village event on Sunday, 9th November, which will include an exhibition in the Village Hall. We would love you to help us by loaning any medals, family letters and stories for the event. If you can help, please will you contact me as soon as possible.

Penny Avann (pennyavann@btinternet.com)

Pratts Bottom Women's Institute (PBWI)

My, my, it seems that my last newsletter was such a long time ago, but then we have had Christmas and the New Year. Yes, they are long gone and possibly forgotten about, but Spring is hopefully just around the corner.

Our Christmas meeting started all members off with the Christmas spirit. No not a large gin and tonic, but entertainment by the choir of Pratts Bottom School. All our members enjoyed the children's singing immensely. They are keen to see if they can return next Christmas. Marion, our Home Economics and cake expert, made a large Christmas cake which was enjoyed by all at tea.

January's meeting was immediately after New Year's Day. Nevertheless, we were pleased to see so many members on such a bleak day and especially as their fees were due. Dr Sharif a local GP, gave a talk on the wastage of prescription drugs, and the future of the NHS. He also explained the changes in the way that the NHS will be allocating its money for patients after October 2014. In all his talk was very thought provoking and we were pleased that he found time in his busy schedule to come and talk to us.

Tim Mooney was our speaker in February when he spoke about "The amazing Dr. Johnson" Our speaker for March is Anna Astin and her topic is "It's your day to be beautiful". A guided tour of Westminster Abbey is in the future too. I am sure it will be fascinating.

Our Spring Lunch is in April. Albeit, we hold this lunch every year, we always try to arrange some entertainment. Irene, one of our committee members, always comes up with a quiz of some sort. So come on you “Eggheads” start revising.

May is the month of our AGM and Resolution meeting and is probably the most important month for all WI’s. This year’s Resolution has four topics which are to be debated before a choice is made. That which receives most votes goes before the National Federation of Women’s Institutes AGM in Leeds to receive national support.

Polhill District has a new Secretary. It is our current President, Shirley, who has now taken on the District Secretary’s role. She will therefore be retiring as PBWI’s President at our AGM. We wish her every success in her new role.

The speaker at our District Public Affairs and International event in June remains a closely guarded secret. This is sure to be an enlightening and extremely interesting evening.

Ladies if you would like to sample a PBWI meeting then do come along on the first Thursday of every month from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. The WI’s motto is “Inspiring women” so do come along and inspire us!

Angela Sutherland PBWI Secretary

Pratts Bottom Village Hall

Dear Resident

Please let us know....

Our village hall was opened in 1931 as a place for Pratts Bottom residents to have – “meetings, lectures and classes, other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life”

In the eighty years that have passed since that laudable objective was established the life styles of all of us have changed dramatically and some of the aims nowadays seem rather patronizing. Today the hall’s Trustees still have a duty, in as far as it is reasonably possible, to fulfil the spirit of the original objective.

However, is the hall meeting present day needs?

Here are some of the traditional village style activities, which currently take place:

Indoor bowls – afternoon and evening sessions –weekly
 Badminton—afternoon and evening sessions weekly
 Brownies – weekly
 Women’s Institute – monthly
 Dog training, Dance tuition - weekly
 Railway modelling. Dramatic Society

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Please return the slip below to one of the following addresses:

Myrtle Cottage, Old London Road, Knockholt, 9 Downs View Close, PB Summer Cottage, Orchard Road PB, 4 Norstead Lane PB.

It would be helpful if you put a contact number/name on the slip.

Which activities would you like to see take place at the hall to benefit yourself and others in your household?

Some suggestions we have had already are: Pilates, Keep Fit, Weight Watchers, Art classes

One offs include : Cookery demonstrations, Flower arranging

Please complete the following:

Activity	Preferred day/ time	For age group
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Do you support or intend to support any of the following:

Please tick the event.

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| The Village Fete | Carols on the Green | Quiz Night |
| Dramatic Production/Panto | Model Railway Show | |
| Craft Fair | Jumble Sale | Remembrance Day activities |

Thank you. John Hickinbottom Chairman

Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society

After a successful pantomime in January the next production by the PBDS is “Murdered to Death” by Peter Gordon on 1st -3rd May 2014. A cast of characters guaranteed to delight is involved in a mysterious death in a country manor house.

The production is entered in the Bromley Theatre Guild Festival so they need full house on every night.

Tickets on sale in April – 01689 602837.

100 Club Winners

January

1st Number 58 2nd Number 45 3rd Number 44 4th Number 43

February

1st Number 90 2nd Number 38 3rd Number 97 4th Number 8

Tuesday Badminton

A ladies social badminton group which meets each Tuesday at 1.30pm in the village hall welcomes new members for games, gossip and a cup of tea.

Please contact our email address on the back page or pop in and see us.

Condolences to the family of Bryan Tomkins who died last November.

Bryan was brought up in Pratts Bottom and attended the village school as did his children. Quite a lot of houses in the village were visited by him over the years to have building work and repairs done when necessary. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends in the village.

Congratulations to Gill and Clive Maier who celebrate a significant Wedding Anniversary in March.

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Annual Subscription Renewal

**Pratts Bottom Residents Association Annual Subscription Slip
For September 2013 to August 2014**

Name.....

Address.....

I enclose £4.00 Annual Subscription Fee

Signed.....

**Send to : Treasurer , PBRA, 11 DOWNS VIEW CLOSE,
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