

Pratts Bottom News



Welcome to this edition of the village newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading about the different events and activities which are taking place in the village.

One of the concerns the Residents' Committee have is the issue of traffic in Rushmore Hill. We have been campaigning about this for some time and have been able to outline some possible ideas with our councillors to increase traffic calming measures. But to act we need funds. If everyone paid their subscription it would provide a pot from which we could have further notices, gates and other measures provided. If you have not yet paid your £4 subscription for this year, it is not too late! You might like to use the slip with this newsletter, or just drop it into the treasurer's home (Christine Bradford, 11 Downs View Close). Subs are due in September each year. Chairman, Liz Turnbull writes more about traffic calming on page 2.

If you would like to include a notice or article in the newsletter, then please let the editor have the information by the 14th of June, October or February. Other information will be posted on the village website.

With best wishes for a happy Easter

Penny Avann (Editor)

PRATTS BOTTOM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chairman, Liz Turnbull writes ...

The PB Residents' Association is still investigating possible speed controls for the village. Before pursuing village entrance gates, a survey will be taken to ensure we have the best sites for them. We are also examining various alternatives. Unfortunately this is very time consuming, but we are on the case!

The village shop has been bought and we look forward to its resurrection. Thankfully (although the children will not think so) the Snow Friends haven't seen much action this winter. We would like to thank them for being on standby should we get an icy blast.

There are two items that could affect local residents. It is very important that concerned individuals write to the appropriate authorities stating their views. One is Biggin Hill airport – looking to extend their flying hours; the other is Fort Halstead – a planning application is due for submission any time now for a development roughly the size of our village. We will continue to monitor local issues.

KATHLEEN DOYLE is looking to begin yoga classes in the village hall and is offering two trial classes at a starter price of £5. One is on the 26th March, 6.15pm-7.15pm, the other is on the following morning, 27th March, 9.30am-10.30am. Contact Kathy on 0796 208 6496 or kc-doyle@hotmail.com



ALL SOULS CHURCH



We are looking forward to celebrating Easter next month. There will be a special event for primary children on Good Friday (3rd April) from 11.00am, in addition to our Easter services. In the next edition there will be details of the summer holiday club, which is open to all children.

You might like to join us at *Pop In* at the Bulls Head on Thursday mornings from 10.45am-12.00pm. Also in the news is the jumble sale we are holding in the village hall on the 18th April (from 9.30am).

THE VILLAGE HALL

www.pbvh.co.uk

The good news is that there is now a much wider range of activities in the hall some on a twice weekly basis. In addition to the established favourites: dance, badminton, drama, the WI, quiz nights, small exhibitions and special presentations and railway modelling. We have pilates, and indoor cycling also yoga sessions about to start soon. If you would like to know more about any of these activities please contact one of our Booking Secretaries: Jenny Riley or Claire Perrott.

If you haven't visited the hall recently please arrange to do so. Just about every aspect of the hall has been up-graded to a high standard making it very suitable for children's parties and other family events. In the near future the area to the rear of the hall which gets very soggy is

to be given a hard surface and an enclosed grassed area to the side of the hall will provide a children's play area.

The hall's management team are pleased to welcome to their ranks a new caretaker. He is Ted Cook who is also a member of the Monday afternoon bowls club. Our aim is to make your hall *A Hall Of First Choice*. We look forward to your support.

John Hickinbottom

(Chairman of the Management Committee)

PRATTS BOTTOM WI



How about coming along to one of our meetings?. They are held in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 2.00pm. we are a friendly group of women who have a wide range of interests which are catered for by the WI. We also have quite a few members from outside the village, so if you would like to bring a friend who does not live in Pratts Bottom, they would be most welcome.

We have some very good speakers booked for the coming months including a talk on woodland birds and butterflies; and a make-up demonstration by Clarins. There are courses to study, including craft and cookery, or you can just enjoy a couple of hours of stimulating company and a good cuppa.

Please contact Janice on 01689 853182 or ang.sutherland@btinternet.com for more information.

We look forward to seeing you.



THE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

www.orpingtonmodelrail.org.uk

Early last year Penny very kindly invited the Model Railway Society to participate in the special Remembrance Sunday Service event she was planning. Her invitation was welcomed, we set about planning, researching, model-making and constructing a display based on the theme "Railways in Wartime" with particular emphasis on the role played by our local railway during World War One. On that special Sunday, following the service, the display attracted considerable interest and favourable comment, so much so that we decided to also use the display in a more restricted form at our annual exhibition the following January in the Village Hall. We were again pleasantly surprised by the high level of interest shown by visitors and by other members of the model railway fraternity. The display is now booked to appear at exhibitions in Sevenoaks and Chatham with negotiations under way for it to appear at other exhibitions during the autumn. Thank you Penny for the inspiration and the motivation.

We are now busy working on the layouts to be exhibited in 2016 and 2017. Details of these will be provided in future Newsletters.

John Hickinbottom

PBDS Presents ...



An Evening of Comedy

This will include: Two short plays

A fish and chip (or veggie option) supper

30th April, 1st and 2nd May 8.00pm in Pratts Bottom Village Hall

Tickets £12 from Val McLaren 01689 602837

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

16th May is the May Fete – please keep the date free – we look forward to seeing you there.

13th June – Strawberry Tea at All Souls (2.00-4.00pm)

POLICE MATTERS ...

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team (Phillip Bradley and Dave Lilleywhite) are always happy to help wherever they can. Dial 999 for emergencies or to report a crime use Crime Stoppers 0800555111. But if you would like to talk through other issues with them they can be contacted on 020 8721 2605

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