

Pratts Bottom Village Newsletter July 2017



Welcome to the Summer edition of your Village Newsletter. You can catch up on what has happened in the village during the Spring such as the great success of the May Fete. Also what other events and activities are coming up.

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Liz Turnbull - Residents Association Chairman

New blood with new ideas are desperately needed for the village to thrive and continue to enjoy the many activities that take place. The Village Hall Committee, the Fete Committee and the Residents Association all need new members to carry the baton forward for future generations to enjoy the village as we are able to thankfully do today.

This newsletter is something which the Residents Association produce, and as you read on you will see what the other organisations do. So if you have a little time to share please don't be shy, contact any of the following to join.

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PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE FETE - 20 MAY 2017

Lesley Jones - Fete Committee Chairman

7am - In spite of a light breeze which made the bunting gently sway, the day promised to be fine and warm. This breeze carried the mouth-watering aroma of the Bull's Head hog roast across the Village green, later to mingle with the exotic scents and smells of Village Cuisine's Indian Food and the burgers.

Gradually the green became busy with folks setting up their stalls with crafts, plants, things to sell and games to play - local charities and organisations anxious to raise funds for their causes.

Phil (Crazy) Hazy arrived and set up his Punch and Judy kiosk. Not just Punch and Judy, more of an interactive theatre experience for the children and they participated with gusto!



Phil accompanied the grand procession along Rushmore Hill with the two Pratts Bottom May Queens and their attendants, together with May Queens from Petts Wood, Hayes and London.

Jo Johnson, our local MP, was on

the green ready to welcome the group and to watch whilst the May Queens declared the Fete open.

Curry Nursery provided us with plenty of straw bales which circled the arena in readiness for the horsey hopper races, display by the Orpington Gymnasts, country dancing by children from Pratts Bottom School and the fun dog show which attracted many competitive canines! In between the arena and the bouncy castle, Chris Hodle and his colleagues entertained us with great music from their ukuleles.

There were more stalls and railway games in the village hall, where the W.I. worked hard to refresh the visitors with



tea and cakes.

Back on the green, the Fete Committee ran the popular football goal shooting, hoopla, trap the rat and loo lobbing games, together with the Pot of Gold where the prizes donated by our generous sponsors meant that people had a better than 1 in 15 chance of winning something worth more than £50!

After the hard work and a lot of fun, the bonus was £1000 to be shared by local charities and community organisations: Kent Air Ambulance, Pratts Bottom School, Dovetail2 and Foal Farm. Thanks to all those who took part and to those who came along and supported us and helped to make it a 'Great Fete'!

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Pratts Bottom Residents
Association

Annual General Meeting

Friday 22nd September 2017

Pratts Bottom Village Hall

Refreshments from 7.30pm

Meeting Commencing 8pm

SHOWSTOPPERS!

All Souls Church Presents:

All Souls Church Holiday Club

Where: All Souls Church
Pratts Bottom

When: 25th – 28th & 30th July

Time: 9:30 – 12:30

Age: years 4 - 11

Booking: lancejohnson100@hotmail.com

Come and be a part..... bible stories, craft, music, games.....an adventure not to be missed!

PRATTS BOTTOM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Angela Sutherland - WI Chairman

Pratts Bottom WI continued with their annual visits this Spring and went to another excellent iconic London building which is an architectural masterpiece. I had my doubts if this outing would be able to go ahead as it was organised to take place just two weeks after the terrible attacks on Parliament and Westminster Bridge. Nevertheless, our guided tour of the Palace of Westminster was allowed to take place and our guide was extremely knowledgeable and accommodating. Certainly the best I have ever had in a number of visits.

Ladies, if you would like to come and join our WI, these are our events and talks for the coming year. They start in July with our annual Summer Cream Tea at Cooling's nursery. In August, Keith Weston will come and tell his stories of being a butcher, many people have told me he is excellent. September brings our Produce Show, where members participate in a traditional PBWI Schedule. October is a visit from Body Shop, whilst in November we will be regaled about the Christmas Traditions. December is the time our Christmas celebration event starts the festivities off. The New Year is heralded with a most interesting talk on Legal Services. In February Antarctic Exploration is the subject and in March we will hear of Royal Visits to Kent. April is of course the PBWI's very popular Spring Lunch. This lunch is prepared and served by our extremely hard working committee. Lastly, in May next year we have our AGM.

We are a traditional WI but nevertheless endeavour to move forward into the 21st Century, so, if any of you Ladies would like to come and join us, please do so in August as a cup of tea and biscuit will be yours before the speaker talks. We meet the first Thursday of every month from 2.00pm until 4.00 pm. We are an extremely friendly group and will make you most welcome. If you are interested and would like more information, the e-mail address for contact is our Secretary:- janicecoveney@gmail.com

I have now finished my three years in the position of President and will be looking at future prospects and projects for the WI. PBWI will now have Lesley Sharman taking over from me. I wish her well in the post and continued success for our local WI.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and do take particular care of yourselves should there be any reoccurrence of the hot weather that we have just experienced.

ORPINGTON AND DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY
Paul Shallcross - Chairman

Pratts Bottom have running track days on 20th August and 15th October. Pop in for advice on how to do things and run your trains. For more information contact chairman@odmrs.co.uk

Your Say

Anything to add contact me
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Had such fun at Sarah' s Zumba class!

Join Sarah for Zumba in the Village Hall Monday 9.30-10.30 (term time) £6 per class. For further info sarahelston@hotmail.com

Had a great curry at the Pub

The Bulls Head do an all you can eat Curry Buffet every other Tuesday for £8.50. Follow them on Facebook

Whats next from the AmDrams?

Quiz Night Friday 27th October at the Village Hall. For more info visit www.prattsbottomdramatics.com



Pratts Bottom Residents Association

Village Picnic

Sunday 10th September

Village Green

From 2pm

Bring a blanket or chair and a picnic basket with your lunch to join in with our annual Village Picnic!