



PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE NEWS November/December 2014

Now that November has arrived I feel able, on behalf of the Residents Association, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dates for your diary

November

Sun 9th Remembrance Sunday

Sat 29th Christmas Market

Sun 30th Carols & lights on the tree

January

Sat & Sun 10th & 11th Model Railway Society show

Thurs, Fri, Sat 22nd, 23rd & 24th Pantomime

December

Friday 12th All Souls Quiz

Sunday 21st Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 24th Crib Service

Pratts Bottom Residents Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Pratts Bottom Residents Association was held on September 26th in the Village Hall. It was a well attended and lively meeting. Frank Levett, Chairman of the Orpington Business Forum came and spoke to us about the work that they and Orpington 1st are doing to improve the business and shopping experience in Orpington town centre. There is a 7 screen cinema complex, restaurants, retail units and upgraded conveniences. The police station is due for redevelopment. We owe them our gratitude for lobbying so hard on our behalf. Lydia Buttinger, our new councillor, and resident introduced herself. She and Samaris Huntington-Thresher cover all four planning committees and Lydia is Vice Chair of the Environment Committee. We are very fortunate to have them batting for Pratts Bottom. As

you are aware, we need to update the association's constitution, details were circulated at the meeting. A vote will be taken at next year's meeting. A lot of interesting ideas were thrown up regarding speeding on Rushmore Hill. We continue to liaise with Bromley Council and our local police to work on improving matters. Fort Halsted is due to be redeveloped. Knockholt residents are also very concerned about the impact this will have on local areas. They can be contacted for updates on knockholtresidents@mail.com. Phil Bradley for our Safer Neighbourhood Watch Team attended. Although we are fortunate enough to live in a very low crime area, we must stay vigilant and report anything suspicious. After two hours lively debate the meeting was closed at 10pm.

ALL SOULS NEWS - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9th

November

This year will be a special commemoration of the beginning of WW1. The service will be at 10.15am and will be followed by an exhibition, songs, poems, food and football. Come and be part of this special event.

Christmas will soon be here too. There are special events planned including:

30th November Carols and lighting the Christmas tree on the Green at 4.30pm

12th December Quiz in the Village Hall (tickets from Brenda Johnson 858840)

14th December Breakfast and Nativity (Breakfast at 9.30am followed by the service at 10.30am)

21st December Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm

24th December Crib service at 4.30pm followed by First Communion of Christmas at 11.00pm

25th December Christmas raise at 10.30am

There is lots going on but lots to celebrate too - look forward to seeing you there. **Penny Avann**

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Pratts Bottom Village Hall	www.pbvh.co.uk	
Pratts Bottom Primary School	www.prattsbottom.bromley.sch.uk	
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Village Hall Christmas Market

Do hope you will all come along to the village hall on Saturday 29th November between 10am and 2pm to buy some presents and other goodies for Christmas from the stalls, meet up with friends and have a cup of tea or coffee and a cake provided by the Women’s Institute.

The lights on the (shorter) Christmas tree on the Green

The Fete Committee are organising mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks for you to enjoy after the lights have been lit on the Christmas tree, carols have been sung and the children have helped to put some decorations on the tree too. They look forward to seeing lots of you there on Sunday 30th November at 4.30pm.

Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society

It’s time to look forward to the next PBDS production --- the annual pantomime. This year it will be “Puss in Boots”. The performance dates are: January 22nd & 23rd at 8.00pm and Saturday 24th at 2.30pm and 8.00pm. Tickets are available from 1st December by phoning 01689 602837 and cost £8.00 each and £6.00 for children under 11 years.

Carole Spencer

100 Club winners

September. 1st number 28 2nd number 17 3rd number 98 4th number 2 3
October 1st number 98 2nd number 88 3rd number 82 4th number 3

Our condolences to the families of:

Alice Wade of Orchard Road
Peter Davies of Norsted Lane
Christine Boniface of The Green