



PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Produced by the Pratts Bottom Residents Association

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On behalf of the Pratts Bottom Residents Association,
we wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Diary Dates

Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society

Pantomime - Treasure Island - January 24th – 26th (see below)

The Bulls Head

Wednesday 9th January is Jam Night, open to all musicians
Sunday 13th January is Quiz Evening.

All Souls

13th January -- Lunch after Morning Service
23rd February – Rummage sale at the URC from 9.30am
8th March – Spring Supper at All Souls (details soon)
29th March – Good Friday – special event for children

Pratts Bottom Womens Institute

7th February: Tim Moorey – The Most Popular Indoor Activity.
7th March: Jim Buttress – The Royal Parks.
4th April: John Yarrow – The Ups and Downs of a Wedding Photographer.
2nd May: Annual Resolution and AGM – Swish Event.
6th June: John Solway – Churchill and Chartwell.

**Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society
presents**



“Treasure Island”

A traditional pantomime that's 'all at sea'.

Thursday 24th January at 8pm

Friday 25th January at 8pm

Saturday 26th January matinee at 2.30pm

Saturday 26th January at 8pm

Tickets

Thursday all tickets £6

Friday and Saturday £8 (Under 10s £6)

Box office: 01689 602837



ALL SOULS NEWS

First we wish all our newsletter readers a very happy new year!

We (almost) begin the new year with a lunch after the morning service on 13th January – it's not too late to book but please phone either Brenda (858840) or Penny (861742).

**Groups for children and young people begin now –
CK+ is on Tuesdays from 6.15pm, and is for over 8s
CoolKids is on Wednesdays from 5.00pm and is for 4s-8s
Senior CK is on Fridays from 7.00pm for anyone at secondary school**

Breakfast Praise is a great way to do family church and is on the 20th January and 17th February – breakfast is from 9.00am and is followed by action-packed worship at 9.30am (finishing by 10.00am)

CAMEO is for those free on a Wednesday afternoon (the last of each month) – time to share skills, chew over the news, pray and bring a Christian perspective to issues we face in life. We meet at the URC from 2.45pm.

At the other end of the scale, Parents and Toddlers meet at the URC on Tuesday mornings – all babies, toddlers and their carers are welcome.

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LENT *Journeys* is a great DVD series and we will have film nights with 'just desserts' during Lent (Wednesdays, 7.45pm at All Souls) beginning on the 20th February.

Come and be part of the action ... Penny Avann (Vicar)

The Village Hall



Firstly may I wish all residents a Happy New Year from all the members of the Village Hall Management Committee.

New Year is traditionally a time to look towards the future and as ever the Management Committee are doing just this.

As some of you are aware the kitchen is suffering rot in areas of the floor and dealing with this together with replacement of the ailing cooker is our “dream for 2013”. The cupboards, other fittings and decoration in the kitchen are also showing severe wear and need replacing, but of course the floor structure must be dealt with first.

As ever this puts a considerable strain on Village Hall finances, you may not realise that the day to day running costs of the Hall are now fast approaching £15K per year. This covers heating, lighting, insurance, licences, cleaning and materials and minor repairs. After this we of course need to set aside money each year as a “sinking fund” to cover major long term items such as regular interior and exterior decoration, roof maintenance etc. Add to this the sums we must prudently hold in reserve for major emergencies with for example the heating [the heaters have now seen some 20 years service] and you can see that the Village Hall is not a cheap facility to run.

The hall does not receive any financial support from government [local or national] or any other organisation. The recent grant from The City Bridge Trust was an exceptional event and the result of hard work by the Trustees both in the detailed planning of the work and their own, and other organisations / individuals fund raising efforts and donations. It should be noted that none of the Trustees receive any remuneration [or indeed accept any expenses] for this voluntary work which they carry out on your behalf.

Our finance comes almost entirely from hire fees which we charge. Small amounts are donated by individuals and some local clubs and village organisations and the occasional fund raising event organised by the Trustees or on their behalf. These efforts enable us to put a little “icing on the cake” in the way of improvements.

One way in which you can support your Village Hall is to join the 100 club. A small number of tickets are still available for 2013 [£24 for the year – email 100club@pbvh.co.uk or phone Val on 07502 280775 for more details] and give you the opportunity to support a worthwhile cause and at the same time win cash prizes.

Please help us in this or any other way you can to make the Village Hall an even better place to use for the future.

Colin Westwood - Chairman

Pratts Bottom Primary School - School Days

The Autumn Term was a very busy period for the school. We started the year with four classes instead of three and welcomed our twelve new children into our Reception Class. All of the children worked very hard throughout the term completing a range of activities and going on different school outings such as a visit to the Albert Hall for the Schools Prom, The Natural History Museum, and Horniman Museum in Forest Hill and of course using Foxwood for Forest Schools. Our children in Year Five and Year Six studied the poem the Highwayman by Alfred Noyes and looked at some of the myths and legends surrounding Highwaymen and Pratts Bottom!

The build up to Christmas was very busy and my thanks must go to everybody who came and supported our chocolate tombola at the Christmas Market back in November, it was a great way to start our festive celebrations. Throughout December the school was filled with the sounds of Christmas as the children rehearsed for their Pantomime, Puss in Boots and their Nativity play, Christmas with the Aliens. All the hard work that was put in clearly paid off as everybody who attended the performances commented on how well the children performed. The school had a very busy last week with the whole school going to watch Peter Pan at the Churchill Theatre, class parties and of course our Christmas dinner, when the staff served the children!

The children have all returned after the Christmas break refreshed and are looking forward to 2013 which I am sure will be just as busy as 2012. If you have some spare time and would like to come in to school to hear readers or to help out with other activities we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the school for further details.

Many thanks and a happy new year to you all.

M.Ringham Pratts Bottom: a small school with a big heart.

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Russ Winn - Editor

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