



# Pratts Bottom



## Village News

Produced by the Residents Association

**November/December 2012**

**Switching on of the Christmas**

**Tree Lights on the Village Green**

**As is our tradition, the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on by the May Queen at 4.30 on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Do come and join us for Carol singing, a mince pie and mulled wine in the United Reformed Church afterwards.**

*On behalf of the Pratts Bottom Residents Committee,  
we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New  
Year.*

*Russ Winn - Chairman*

## **Tree Dedication October 12<sup>th</sup> 2012**



**The Pratts Bottom Residents Association arranged for the Mayor and Mayoress of Bromley, Councillor Michael Turner and his wife Janet, to plant a tree outside Pratts Bottom Primary School, to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.**

**Along with the school, Head Teacher Matthew Ringham with Ava Bolton the youngest pupil, presented the Mayoress with an Autumn posie and the School's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mugs.**

**You may wish to pay your Subscription at the Christmas Market  
on  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Village Hall**

**Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society**

present

# “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 CHURCH PRATTS BOTTOM**



**ALL SOULS AUTUMN DIARY**

With lots of different things going on this autumn, we would like to invite you to:

**OCTOBER**

**26<sup>th</sup> October – Games and Nibbles Evening @ All Souls (7.30pm)**

**28<sup>th</sup> October – Memorial and Thanksgiving Service @ St Mary's (3.00pm)**

**NOVEMBER**

**4<sup>th</sup> November – Festival Service (10.30am) and Lunch  
(Please can you book asap for lunch)**

**11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service (10.30am)**

**DECEMBER**

**7<sup>th</sup> December – Quiz Night in the Village Hall (tickets on sale soon from 858840)**

**9<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity and Gift Service (10.30am)**

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Holiday Club (please phone 861742 for a booking form)**

**16<sup>th</sup> December – Carols by Candlelight @ All Souls (6.30pm)**

**24<sup>th</sup> December – 4.00pm Christmas Praise around the Crib  
11.00pm First Communion of Christmas**

**25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am Christmas Praise**

**It seems a full calendar, but Christmas is a time to celebrate being part of a community that cares and we look forward to welcoming you to these events, and to seeing you at the other celebrations which will go on in the village.**

*Penny Avann*



## ***PRATTS BOTTOM WOMENS INSTITUTE***

When I wrote my last report about the activities of the PBWI for the Village Newsletter back in June I recall predicting a potentially wet summer! You may be sure that despite my newly found weather forecasting skills, (who was Michael Fish anyway?), that I will not be risking the wrath of all the residents of Pratt's Bottom by making any further comment on the subject of the weather in this edition! Just as well, because I have so much other interesting news about the PBWI to relate.

I can however, thoroughly recommend to any groups in Pratt's Bottom who are contemplating an outing, that a visit to High Elms is a most enjoyable way to spend an afternoon. The staff at the restaurant was excellent and served our members with a wonderful cream tea to round off a thoroughly enjoyable July afternoon in the sunshine. Whoops, shouldn't have mentioned the weather.

PBWI's Summer Lunch in August, catered for sixty members and guests. The buffet was made and prepared by the committee and the delicious desserts were all made by our members, thank you. Irene organised a raffle and entertainment was provided by a very accomplished accordion player. Members thoroughly enjoyed the sing along.

Our September meeting was the Annual Produce Show. Preserves, jams, sponge cakes, flowers and quirky shaped vegetables were just a few of the produce on display. This very popular meeting once again provided the opportunity to display our member's hard endeavours and talents.

Ladies if you should get the opportunity to see our October speaker, Ms. Anna Astin, do not miss her! Her talk on Women & Motoring from 1898 to present day was extremely informative and entertaining, even if you do not drive. A most interesting part of her talk was when she explained in great detail how all aspects of women's driving skills, clothing and attitudes have changed over the years.

Ladies do you like to lunch? Then our monthly trips to local restaurants are organised by Barbara. Our quilters are still going strong under the guidance of Rita. Two members went on a Federation day trip to France. I hate early starts, and it rained as well!

Would you like to join us and restart our darts team, have tea with Henry the VIII, or join us and be part of the quiz team for the NFWI quiz competition? We always welcome new members.

With the possible closure of Orpington Hospital looming on the horizon, PBWI has sent a petition to all the other WI's in our district and written to the High Commissioner for

**Canada. We feel very concerned about the possible adverse effect that the closure will have on our village and are trying to do our bit. Use it or lose it, as they say!!**

**Once again we will be providing the refreshments in the Village Hall for the November Christmas Bazaar. Don't forget WI Ladies more cakes please.**

**A visit by the author Michael Morpurge to the Bedford House Cemetery in Ypres led to one of our WI members, Maxine Keeble, walking on the red carpet of the London film premier of the film Private Peaceful in September this year. After the viewing Maxine met with the producers and attended the after premier party.**

**Whilst walking through the gravestones in Ypres, the author came across a headstone with the name Thomas Samual Henry Peacefull engraved thereon and the title for the book which he was planning to write was decided there and then.**

**Maxine contacted Michael about nine years ago when the book was first published and confirmed that the name on the headstone was that of her Great Uncle. The two main characters are Tommo and Charlie Peaceful.**

**Even though the story is not about Maxine's Great Uncle, the book has now been re-printed and the story of how she discovered the connection has been added to the write-up on the flyleaf.**

**In addition to attending the premier, Maxine has since been interviewed by a reporter from a daily tabloid newspaper about Private Peaceful and an article has been subsequently printed outlining the story.**

**Although it now seems light years away, the members of Pratt's Bottom WI wish to be the first to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Angela Sutherland - Secretary PBWI**

**The WI meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at 2pm and finishing at 4pm. We also have Art & Craft Classes and arrange lunches and outings.**

### **Forthcoming Events**

1<sup>st</sup> November: Kevin Folkes – Natures Window

6<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Celebrations

### **2013**

3<sup>rd</sup> January: Social Afternoon

7<sup>th</sup> February: Tim Moorey – The Most Popular Indoor Activity

7<sup>th</sup> March: Jim Buttress – The Royal Parks

4<sup>th</sup> April: John Yarrow – The Ups and Downs of a Wedding  
Photographer

2<sup>nd</sup> May: Annual Resolution and AGM – Swish Event

6<sup>th</sup> June: John Solway – Churchill and Chartwell

**THE POLICE AND PRATTS BOTTOM**

**Reminder message from Sgt Tim Hall Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

Bromley Borough is starting a new initiative to target residential burglaries. As part of this initiative your team will be providing crime prevention advice to as many residents as possible, by leaflet drops and at our Community Engagement meetings.

In the past month half of the residential burglaries on Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Ward have been committed by people coming in through the front door WITHOUT forcing entry, this means people are either just not locking their doors, or are leaving their keys where burglars can get them i.e. in the back of the door or on a key rack near the door. Always lock your doors and windows, keeping keys and valuables out of view.

Burglars will try numerous addresses until they eventually find an easy target, don't let that be you.

If you have any questions or would like further advice then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

Sergeant Tim Hall PS 56PY

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Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Safer Neighbourhoods Team

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07843065882 (Type or Talk)



## **THE BULLS HEAD – COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> – Family Firework Party from 5.00pm. Contact Vernon for details and tickets.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Swing Jazz Band in the Evening**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Old Time Sing-A-Long with cheap British Food from 7.30pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Swing Piano Lunchtime 1.00 – 3.00pm. Quiz in the Evening 8.00pm.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Jam Night. Calling all musicians and audience**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Dancing to The Band from 8.45pm**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Charity Casino Evening in aid of ‘The Not Forgotten association’ Tickets from Vernon. Black tie or smart dress.**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz in the Evening 8.00pm**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November– Dancing to The Cult 45s from 8.45pm**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December- Quiz in the Evening 8.00pm**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Jam Night. Calling all musicians and audience**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Dancing to The Band from 8.45pm**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Jack Valentine singing Frank Sinatra and The Rat Pack**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Karaoke from 8.00pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Carol Evening with Brass Band from 7.45pm. Mulled Wine and Minced Pies available.**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – See in Christmas with The Cult 45s. 9.00pm to Half Past Midnight.**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Vernon and Family invite you to wish each other a Merry Christmas between 12.00 and 3.00pm. Mulled wine and minced pies available from 2.00pm.**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December - Quiz in the Evening 8.00pm**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December – New Years Eve Party from 8.00pm until 2.00am.**

**No food available so eat before you come out please.**

Check out our website [www.thebullsheadpub.net](http://www.thebullsheadpub.net)



# PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE HALL



**As I am sure you will have all noticed the car park surfacing was finished on schedule as promised [and budget] by the end of August. There is still some minor tidying up to do around the borders and these items are being worked on as time and weather permits**

**This has finally put to bed the major safety concerns that the Trustees have had for many years about the car park. The added bonus is that much less dirt is now being trodden into the hall.**

**The Village Christmas Market is on Saturday November 24th from 10.30 to 12.30 and there should be something there of interest to everybody. Please come and support the event and buy your Christmas presents. A few tables are still available so why not display and sell your wares. Phone the booking line, 07502 280775 for more details.**

**Have you got any good books you have finished reading? We would like them for our book stall at the market. Please bring them along from 9am on November 24<sup>th</sup> or phone the booking line. Unsold books will be passed on to other good causes unless you collect them at the end.**

**Don't forget the regular activities that take place in the hall, Dramatics, Railway modelling, Dog training, WI, Ballroom and Modern dancing, Brownies, Badminton and Short Mat Bowls. We would like to have a few more regular activities at the Hall for the Village so if you have any ideas for starting up a new group then please talk to me.**

**Colin Westwood**

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<b>Secretary</b>	Wednesday Badminton Club	01689 857404
<b>Chairman</b>	Short Mat Bowls Club	01689 851394
<b>Brown Owl</b>	Brownies	01959 533437
<b>Secretary</b>	Model Railway Club	01959 533070
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## **Website Addresses and Email Addresses**

<b>Pratts Bottom Village Website</b>	<a href="http://www.prattsbottom.co.uk">www.prattsbottom.co.uk</a>
<b>Pratts Bottom Village Hall Website</b>	<a href="http://www.pbvh.co.uk">www.pbvh.co.uk</a> (includes booking form)
<b>Pratts Bottom Primary School Website</b>	<a href="http://www.prattsbottom.bromley.sch.uk">www.prattsbottom.bromley.sch.uk</a>
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