

PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Produced by the Pratts Bottom Residents Association
MAY/JUNE 2013

Diary Dates

Thursday 25th to Sat 27th April

PBDS – “California Suite” Village Hall 8pm

Friday 3rd May Quiz in aid of Harris Hospice 7.30pm Village Hall

Saturday 11th May Village Fete

Wednesday 15th May Village Hall A.G.M. 7.30 for 8pm

Saturday 1st June Music Evening Village Hall (see below)

Saturday 15th June “921” day at All Souls 9am to 1pm

Residents Association

We hope that you will visit the Residents Association stall at the May Fete where you will be able to buy your raffle tickets for the “Summer Picnic Hamper Raffle”. It’s also an opportunity to pay your subscription of £4.00 for the year September 2012 – August 2013 if you haven’t done so already.

The United Reformed Church

The last service at the URC was very well attended and was a fitting tribute to a place that has played such an important part in the life of both families and the wider village.



Tree Planting

The occasion of the planting of a tree in memory of Olive and Ernie Bowen in the Recreation Ground by the school became a meeting place for the Bowen family and villagers. Roger Bowen said a few words about his parents and their life in the village and Tim Knowles explained the reasons for planting a walnut tree. The tree is sited opposite the cottage where Ernie was born. Both Olive and Ernie are still very much missed in the village.

Recreation Ground in Hookwood Road.

The Association were not informed/consulted on any changes to the children's play area in the Recreation Ground. There have been mixed responses to the new sitings in the playground. Councillor Julian Grainger has reported back this information to the appropriate department.

Policing

The latest meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel highlighted the news that crime was down by 35%. The team are targeting drugs, burglary and vehicle crime. Fuel theft is on the increase.

Hospitals

The Kings College Hospital Foundation Trust is now responsible for the Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH)

Fort Halstead

The third stage of the consultation and engagement programme on the future of Fort Halstead will take place in the Autumn of this year. Once again there will be public exhibitions to display the emerging master plan and seek further feedback. We will inform you of the dates for this event when we receive them.

River Crossings

Following on from the information in the last Newsletter about proposed changes to the charges at the Dartford Crossing, I came upon more information about a possible new crossing linking Thamesmead and Beckton which will be called the Silvertown Crossing. The consultation by TFL closed in February but if you are interested in finding out more you can access information at www.consultations.tfl.gov.uk/rivercrossings. One item of interest is the discussion about possible charging for existing tunnels that at present are free.

Highway Maintenance

Please be aware that there will be work done on local roads from 24th May 2013. It will probably mean temporary parking restrictions and short term closures.

Gwyneth Hudson - Chairman

THE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

First, an apology. Due to winter lethargy and post show exhaustion syndrome I did not submit an article for the March/April Newsletter to thank you for your support of the exhibition we held in the Village Hall in January. It was a very successful event in that it attracted nearly nine hundred visitors mostly from the surrounding area but with a significant number from further afield. We do not cater exclusively for modellers but also endeavour to appeal to local families by providing a friendly, interesting event that meets the need for a morning or afternoon outing in a dreary period of the year at a reasonable cost.

We appreciate that the success in itself can cause problems particularly with parking in a location where parking space is limited and when alternative public transport is non-existent. We always have at least two experienced members on duty to deal with parking so in a Newsletter towards the end of the year I will let you have a telephone number to contact if an exhibition visitor's parked car is blocking access to your home.

I have been asked if our society could organise some form of club to give young people in the village access to and mentoring in modelling craft skills. It seems however that the demands of child protection legislation do not make that possible us. However, it is known that some Model Railway Societies do have so called Junior Sections and schools are now encouraging pupils to take-up railway model making activity. Further enquiries will be made.

We do have an ongoing project with the 1st Green Street Green Scout troop to help boys gain their modellers badge.

The Society is going strongly. Eight layouts are under construction during four periods each week and the membership numbers fifty but I am still waiting for that phone call from someone in Pratts Bottom who just can't wait to join.

Best Wishes John Hickinbottom – Chairman

Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society

The next production of the Society, at the Village Hall is "California Suite" by Neil Simon which is set in a hotel.

The dates are Thursday 25th April, Friday 26th April, and Saturday 27th April at 8pm Tickets include a fish and chip supper, cost 12.00 each and are available on 01689 602837



GREAT VILLAGE FETE – SATURDAY 11 MAY 2013

A chance to get out your bunting again and win a prize for the Best Dressed House in the Village! With a little imagination, you can create a wonderful scarecrow for the competition: just bring it along to the URC before 11 on the morning of the 11th or display it in your front garden, letting us know that it is there so that it can be included in the judging. There will be prizes for children who dress up as characters from children’s story books and join the May Queen Procession which begins at 11 in Broke Farm Drive Recreation ground. Once the May Queen opens the fete at 12 noon the fun will begin.

The “Fun Dog Show” will be judging the dog which looks most like its owner, the one with the waggiest tail and best entertainer, so bring along your “best friend” and enter it for one or all of the “classes”.

The popular Horsey Hopper Races are being run again. Competition is fierce, so get in some practice.

As well as the entertainment there will be many exciting games to play, great prizes to win and lots of stalls to browse, with interesting things to buy. The Railway Society are running a splendid steam train on a 50 foot track across the Green and in the Village Hall, together with other stalls and super refreshments, children will have a chance to drive Thomas the Tank Engine!

If you buy a Lucky Programme you will know what is happening and when it is going to happen and you could also win £50. An exciting end to the day is the raffle draw – don’t forget to buy your tickets as there are some great prizes to be won!

Lesley Jones - Chair of the Fete Committee



ALL SOULS NEWS

As we look forward to late Spring and Summer, the focus at All Souls is on getting out and about.

We are sponsoring a Quiz in the Village Hall for Harris Hospice Care - 3rd May, 7.00 for 7.30. Tickets are available from Penny (861742). All the proceeds will go to the Hospice.

Music is on the menu for the evening with Opera Nova – again at the Village Hall on the 1st June. Tickets will be on sale shortly from Brenda Johnson (858840) – come and celebrate the start of summer.

15th June is 921 day when All Souls will be open for quiet space, reflection and prayer. There will be people on hand in the hall to chat to if that is what you would like (from 9.00 am to 1.00pm).

For all children

***Space Invaders Holiday Club 13th - 19th August.* Details and book forms are available from Brenda or Penny. All school-age children (including those who will be starting in September) are welcome.**

Parents and Toddlers which was held at the URC on Tuesday mornings from 10am will now be called Parents and Others. It will be held in the school holidays at the same day and time as before.

The next date is 28th May 2013



PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE HALL

Another year gone by and it's time for the Village hall AGM again. This is your formal chance to hear what has been going on behind the scenes over the past year and put forward your ideas for the future, although of course your ideas (and gripes) are welcome at any time throughout the year.

The meeting starts at 8pm on Wednesday May 15th at, of course, the Village Hall. Doors will be open at 7.30pm

The principal items of business will be to present the Charitable Trust's Annual Report and Accounts and to appoint the elected members of the Management Committee.

We welcome the views not only of Residents of Pratts Bottom but also members of local societies and other organisations that use the hall but who reside outside the area. Please note however that the right to propose and vote on motions and the election of the Trustees is limited to Residents of Pratts Bottom over the age of 18.

Nominations for election as a Trustee and proposals for resolutions to be made at the meeting should be notified to the chairman either by phone or email to chairman@pbvh.co.uk no later than Friday 10th May.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible on the 15th and hearing your views. If you feel that you would like to contribute to the management of the Hall then please contact me beforehand.

Colin Westwood Chairman PBVHMC Charity No. 303033

100 Club Winners
March 7, 26, 42 and 12
April 49, 71, 94 and 27

Congratulations to a younger resident of Pratts Bottom, Joe Choong, who took the overall and Junior titles in the British Modern Pentathlon Championships held in Solihull recently.

A new venture in the village is Pratts Fat Bottom Club which is about wanting to look good and feel great about yourself. Find out more details by going to:

www.prattsfatbottomclub.co.uk

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Annual Subscription Renewal

**Pratts Bottom Residents Association Annual Subscription Slip
For September 2012 to August 2013**

Name.....

Address.....

I enclose £4.00 Annual Subscription Fee

Signed.....

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