



PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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September 2014

Dates for your diary

September

Saturday 13 th	Charming Craft Fair	Village Hall
Friday 19 th	Dramatic Society Quiz	Village Hall
Wednesday 24 th	CAMEO	All Souls
Friday 26 th	Residents Association AGM	Village Hall
Sunday 28 th	Harvest Festival	All Souls

October

Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th Dramatic Society Play

November

Sunday 9 th	Remembrance event
Saturday 26 th	Christmas Market

Residents Association

Well folks it's that time of year again. The highlight of our social local calendar is nigh. In other words....

We, the Pratts Bottom Residents Association committee, would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting on the 26th September at the Village Hall. Kicking off at 7.30pm with tea and biscuits before our guest speaker, Mr Frank Levett from Orpington First, enlightens us on the regeneration of Orpington.

Also on the agenda;

- **Drugs paraphernalia found in the village.**
- **Speeding on Rushmore Hill.**
- **Local internet speeds.**
- **How do we ensure that our local waste transfer station doesn't degenerate into the same nightmare condition as the Cornwell drive site in Orpington.**
- **Proposed traveller sites.**

Local councillors will also be on hand to answer any questions to which I don't know the answers.

Liz Turnbull. Chairman

The Charming Craft Fair

After the success of the first craft fair the Village Hall committee, in association with Little Scamp company, is holding their second fair at the hall on Saturday 13th September 2014 from 10am until 3pm.

Do come along to see a selection of stalls with individual and exclusive ranges of arts and crafts and enjoy tea and refreshments.

Pratts Bottom Dramatic Society

The Dramatic Society is holding a quiz night on Friday 19th September at the Village Hall with a licensed bar. 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

Tickets cost £12.00 to include a fish & chip supper or vegetarian alternative.

Tables of 8-10 people. If you are less than 6 just come along and join a table.

Contact Carole Spencer to book. carolespencer@yahoo.co.uk

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Our October production is titled "A funny thing happened..." on 23rd -25th at 8pm is two, one act comedies with supper. Tickets cost £12.00 each.

To book a table phone the box office on 01689 602837.

Our annual traditional pantomime is “Puss in Boots” and is on 22nd -24th January 2015 at the Village Hall.

Tickets cost £6.00 for juniors and £8.00 for adults.

Carole Spencer Chairman

All Souls

Autumn will soon be here and this is the term where we move from new school year, to harvest, our patronal festival, Remembrance Sunday to Christmas – all in the space of a few weeks! It can all seem a bit fast-paced and might make us long for the return of the long, lazy(?) days of summer.

CK+ begins on 9th September at 6.15pm.

CoolKids begins on 17th September at 17.00pm

Senior CK starts on 19th September at 19.00pm

CAMEO is on 24th September and 29th October at 14.45pm.

Harvest Service is on 28th September at 10.30.

Penny Avann

100 Club winners

July. 1st No 16, 2nd No 37, 3rd No 57, 4th No 11

August 1st No 63 2nd No 42 3rd No 70 4th No 31

The Mobile Library service

A spokesperson for Bromley Council says due to unprecedented financial pressures the Mobile Library service will cease on Monday 8th September.

“The free Home Library service is available for residents who are unable to reach their local library with a selection of books delivered to their doors each month”. More information on this facility is available from our local library in Orpington.

Dartford Crossing update.

“Dart Charge - the new remote payment system is being introduced from October 2014 to reduce congestion and ease traffic flow.” Instead of stopping at the barriers to pay you will pay in advance or by midnight the following day. There will be several ways to pay, including online, at one of many retail outlets or by phone.

More information about these changes is available at gov.uk/highways/dartford.

Village Christmas Tree

As you know, the Christmas tree on the Green was badly damaged by high winds in the summer. The Tree officer from the council plans to carry out remedial work on the tree in early October. It will not be the straight tall tree that we have watched grow over the last few years but hopefully it will continue to be a shining light at Christmas.

The annual "Switching -on ceremony" will take place on Advent Sunday --November 30th.