

Pratts Bottom

Newsletter

Autumn 2018



We had a scorcher of a summer and even the autumn is holding onto some beautiful weather. Summer holidays have been had, and now we are looking towards the end of 2018, another year has passed and we all wonder where it went. There are plenty of events taking place in the village before the year is over and they will help you get into the festive season. However, do not worry if you are unable to attend them all, you can check out the website to find out what happened!

Editor – Laura Dimbleby

Residents Association

The Bulls Head closed in September and is now back under brewery control. The Residents Association contact the brewery about future plans, and were told that the pub should be open again by the end of October. A major refurbishment is in the pipeline and the plan has always been for the pub to remain open while the refurbishment is planned and finalised.

Some details of the planned refurbishment are on the brewery's website.

www.starpubs.co.uk/pubs/bulls-head-pratts-bottom

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Broke Hill Golf Club – Planning Update

Sevenoaks District Council published their draft Local Plan for consultation earlier this year. The draft plan included Broke Hill as a potential housing site, which would only be released from the Green Belt if “exceptional circumstances” are established.

Current Government policy says that before deciding that exceptional circumstances exist to justify changes to Green Belt boundaries, Councils should be able to show that they have examined fully all other reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development. In the case of Sevenoaks District, the Local Housing Need set by the Government amounts to providing sufficient land to build nearly 14,000 new homes by 2035. The draft Local Plan makes it clear that all avenues have been explored and that it will not be possible to meet the above figure

without building on the Green Belt land.

The Residents Association attended various meetings and events as part of the consultation process, which closed in early September. Having considered the arguments carefully, objections have been lodged. These can be found on the Pratts Bottom Website, along with the full text of the Associations response, as well as a link to the Sevenoaks council website with all responses to the consultations .

The council are currently considering the consultation responses and further draft Local Plan should be published by the end of this year. There will be a public examination in 2019 as well as a final six week consultation period. More information on the next steps will be publicised in future newsletters.

Get to know – Angela Page

Ward Councillor

I was delighted when asked to write this and to have this opportunity to let the residents of Pratts Bottom know a little more about me.

Although new to the Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom ward in 2018, I was previously a councillor in Cray Valley East ward having been elected there for the first time in 2014.



I have lived in the London Borough of Bromley for most of my life, the last 28 years of which I have lived in Orpington. Up until 2001 I always worked locally with a break to have my daughter and son. But in 2001 and coming up to a 'big birthday' I decided to make a break for it and started to work for a political lobbying organisation in Westminster. It was from then that I started to get an insight into the world of being a local councillor. I wanted to wait until I felt it was the right time to take on the challenge and responsibility. I also wondered if I was capable of such a role. Was I clever enough? Would I understand it all? Would I be able to stand up and speak in front of people? Many questions to ask myself. Actually though, it is really about just being you. On reflection I wish I had taken the plunge years ago as I enjoy the role immensely. Yes, it is challenging at times (especially juggling the diary!) but it is also extremely rewarding.

The role of Ward Councillor enables me to give something back to the community and services that have supported me and my children over the years. My daughter and son went to local schools, and both have gone on to have good careers as a teacher and banker. This would not have happened without the quality of education they received.

Apart from the role as Ward Councillor, I am also currently the Executive Assistant to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services. I am on the Renewal, Recreation & Housing PDS committee and one of the Planning sub committees, all areas that have many challenges.

On a more personal front, I have a number of animals (dogs, cats, chinchillas and guinea pigs) which I adore and I also love football. I won't say which team I have a season ticket for, but I certainly couldn't be called a 'glory hunter'! This passion is also shared by my son and daughter and I love spending time with them.

As for the future, there is a great deal of uncertainty for all with Brexit, but there is one thing I do know for sure, and that is I will continue to enjoy my role as Ward Councillor and to work with and for the residents of Pratts Bottom so always feel free to contact me. My email at the council is angela.page@bromley.gov.uk and my mobile is 07710 386923

Pratts Bottom Badminton Club

Wednesday Evenings

If you are interested in joining a friendly mixed badminton club please come along to the Village Hall 8pm – 10pm any Wednesday for a complimentary session.

The club runs September – April each year

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Don't Forget!

If you want to share anything please contact me

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Updates and info can also be found on our website

www.prattsbottom.co.uk

There are many gems in this village which we just don't know about, whether they be people or a business. However, the other day I found one, and being able to support a local business is a bonus in this current climate.

Holistic Philosophy has a treatment room at Woodhill Farm behind the Village Hall. Recently refurbished the treatment room is calm and relaxing with the most beautiful wallpaper. There is still ongoing work to the outside of the property, but will be finished very soon. Natalie was professional and so friendly and has at least 3 years experience. I opted for the 45 minute Indian Head Massage and she gave an amazing treatment which left me feeling relaxed and revitalised. Knowing that she also does facials and leg and foot massages I will certainly be returning. Living where we do, heading out into the quiet lanes away from a busy high street adds to the tranquillity.

I was surprised how competitive her prices are, and as she provides gift vouchers, it makes a perfect gift with Christmas just around the corner.

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Village Hall – John Hickenbottom

Starting on Monday 17th December the Village Hall will be closed for certain periods to enable a programme of extensive refurbishments to be carried out. The main hall, the kitchen and the toilets will be repaired where necessary and completely redecorated. New stage curtains and new operating systems will be installed as part of the programme. The padded chairs will be reupholstered and recovered in batches over the next few months. It is also

planned to upgrade some of the lighting, and some new kitchen equipment will also be introduced to offer safer handling and improved hygiene.

This programme of work does mean that some of the routine activities will be disrupted during the first week, but the organisers of the events will keep participants informed.

The Trustees look forward to welcoming you to a brighter, fresher venue for your enjoyment.

Don't forget to check out your What's on and When guide for all activities Village Hall based

Christmas Children's Activities

All Souls Church

Saturday 15th December 10.00 – 12.00

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PRATTS BOTTOM WI

In addition to our monthly meetings we also have

A lunch club

Art club

Quilting group

Social afternoon

There are opportunities to learn new skills and attend fun events organised by West Kent Federation and the WI at National Level

You do not have to live in the village to be a member, so why not come along and try us for an afternoon you we will be pleased to meet you.



OUR MEETINGS
TAKE PLACE THE
FIRST THURSDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

2.00-4.00 pm

AT

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VILLAGE HALL
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