

# **Pratts Bottom**

## **Newsletter**

### **Autumn 2019**



With the year shortly coming to an end we now look forward to the festive season with plenty of activities and events going on in the village. Lets add to this and bring the village to life by decorating our houses with lights and tinsel.

The Christmas Market gives the opportunity to support local businesses and charities when buying gifts for friends and family. Followed shortly by Carols on the Green and then in the new year we have the Model Railway show and Panto so plenty of dates for the diary

It is with great sorrow that we said goodbye to Ken Humphery early in October. Having lived in Pratts Bottom for many years he was a valued and much-loved member of the village. Our thoughts are with his family.

**Editor – Laura Dimbleby**

**Don't Forget!**

**Something you want to spread the word about?**

**Email me**

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**THE ENJOYABLE, FRIENDLY EVENT**  
*"It's the ideal show for enthusiasts and families.  
The trains keep running..."*

Orpington & District Model Railway Society

# **PRATTS BOTTOM MODEL RAILWAY SHOW**

**WEEKEND 11th/12th JANUARY 2020**

**Pratts Bottom Village Hall**

**Norsted Lane, Rushmore Hill BR6 7PQ**

**It's easy to find. See reverse for location & travel information**

## **ENJOY!**

The variety of top  
quality layouts.  
Fascinating  
miniature  
worlds

## **SUPER FUN!**

Children's  
drive-yourself  
trains  
and  
games

## **PLUS!**

OO loco clinic –  
the get it going  
service for  
your  
non-runners

- **Club Shop**
- **Trade Shop**
- **Hands-on Activities**
- **Helpful Advice**

**10am to 5pm each day ▪ Light refreshments**

**Adults: £4 ▪ Children: £1.50 (under 3yrs free)**

**For further information**

**Facebook: Orpington and District Model Railway Society**

**Email: [exhibition@odmrs.uk](mailto:exhibition@odmrs.uk)**

**Web: <https://odmrs.uk>**

## **Christmas Market**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10am – 2pm**

**Pratts Bottom Village Hall**

**Homemade/Handmade Gifts and Produce**

**Refreshments and a Raffle**

## **The Bulls Head Pub**

The brewery has delayed the refurbishment so the pub will remain open until they know more. Updates will be shared once known and can be found on the chalk boards outside the pub. In the meantime, thank you for your custom and please keep visiting.

### **Opening Hours**

Monday – Thursday 3pm – 11pm

Friday – Saturday Midday – Midnight

Sunday Midday – 10.30pm

## **Residents Association**

Broke Hill Golf Club – Update

The new Sevenoaks Local Plan is currently undergoing an examination by a Government Inspector. To recap, the Council decided not to include Broke Hill as a major housing site, but to leave it as open Green Belt land. The Resident's Association has written to the Inspector in support of the Council's position. In the meantime, Quinn Estates, who own the

site, have submitted an outline planning application for a predominantly residential development on the land. The application seeks an 'in principle' permission for up to 850 dwellings, a retirement living village, a primary school hub, rugby and hockey pitches with separate car park and clubhouse areas, two hectares of commercial use, a local centre with commercial retail and commercial facilities, undercroft car parking for Knockholt Station, open space including landscaping, infrastructure and groundworks. Only means of access are to be determined at the stage and the application shows two vehicular accesses on to Sevenoaks Road. The application can be viewed on Sevenoaks Council's website under reference 19/02616/OUT. The applicants also have their own website promoting the proposals – [www.stonehouse-park.com](http://www.stonehouse-park.com)

The Residents Association has decided to object to the planning application, primarily on the grounds of loss of open Green Belt land, loss of habitat, impact of additional traffic and the impact on local facilities such as schools, GPs, hospitals, social services etc. It is not known when the application will be determined by Sevenoaks Council and the future of Broke Hill still remains uncertain; the Residents Association will continue to provide updates on progress.

## **Badminton Club – Wednesday Evening**

If you are interested in joining a friendly mixed badminton club please do come along to the Village Hall from 8pm-10pm any Wednesday evening for a complimentary session. The club runs from September until April each year.

For further details please contact Wendy on 07759 781543 or 01689 856366

## **Pratts Bottom Dramatics Society – Joyce Gosnell**

Presents....

### **'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'**

In the woods surrounding the ancient village of 'Gizzly Bottom', live three mysterious bears. They have a magic cooking pot that produces cordon blue porridge. The wicked witch Frogmella would like this cooking pot for her evil scheme to take over the world. Come and find out if Goldilocks and her friends can succeed in stopping her.

Do come and find out if good overcomes evil in another rip-roaring, song filled adventure!

Matinee – Teas, soft drinks and snacks at the interval

Evening performances – Licensed Bar

Further information can be found on the website

[www.prattsbottomdramaticsociety.com](http://www.prattsbottomdramaticsociety.com)

### **WANTED!**

#### **A Dame for the Panto!**

**Want to show off how good you look in stockings?**

**contact [carolespencer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolespencer@yahoo.co.uk)**

## **All Souls Church – Brenda Johnson**

November 16<sup>th</sup> The Amazing All Souls Quiz Night. Compiled by Quiz Master Extraordinaire Peter Hudson. 7pm for 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Tickets £7.50, bring drinks and nibbles. For tickets – 01689 858840 or [lancejohnson100@hotmail.com](mailto:lancejohnson100@hotmail.com)

AS will also have a stall at the Christmas Market to include lots of homemade produce, Christmas tombola and games for the children.

We have exciting news within the Parish. The proposals to become a United Benefice with the Parish of Chelsfield are well underway. This has meant that since Ruth left we have been benefiting from the services and wisdom of Rev John Tranter, Priest in Charge at St Martins and Well Hill. We shall also benefit by having greater access to the historic and picturesque church of St Martins. Even more exciting is the news that the new incumbent for the Parish of Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom has been appointed. Rev. Susan Atkinson-Jones will be licensed at St Marys on 12<sup>th</sup> December and all are welcome to attend her first Communion at St Marys on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. Lunch will follow, so please let us know if you like to attend.

22<sup>nd</sup> December All Souls Carol Service at 6.30pm. Do come to a traditional service of lessons and carols in our candlelit church.

24<sup>th</sup> December All Souls Crib Service at 4pm. This is a short family service, with Christingle's made before the service so come a little earlier if you like to make one.

### **Carols on the Green**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4.30pm**

**Tree lighting by the 2019 May Queen**

**mulled wine with minced pies**

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PRATTS BOTTOM  
DRAMATIC SOCIETY present  
**THE 2020 PANTOMIME**

# Goldilocks

AND THE  
**THREE  
BEARS**

PRATTS BOTTOM  
VILLAGE HALL,  
Norsted Lane,  
Pratts Bottom,  
BR6 7NQ, Kent



**THURSDAY 24th Jan**  
**FRIDAY 25th Jan**  
**SATURDAY 26th Jan**  
**7.30 FOR 8PM**

**Matinee**  
**SATURDAY**  
**26th Jan**  
**2pm for 2.30**

**TICKETS ONLY**

**£9**

**(Under 11's £6)**

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