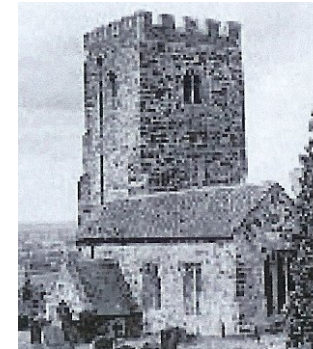


Bow Brickhill Parish News



APRIL 2008

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—APRIL	
Tuesday 1st	Bow Brickhill Club. 2.00pm. Pavilion
Wednesday 2nd	Green Bin Collection Preserve Bow Brickhill AGM 8.00pm Pavilion
Thursday 3rd	Youth Club 7.00—9.00pm. Pavilion
Sunday 6th	Annual Church Meeting. 10.30am All Saint's Church (after 9.30am Service)
Monday 7th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Tuesday 8th	John the Barber. 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Greenways Lay by
Friday 11th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45am. Next to War Memorial.
Monday 14th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion. Book Club (contact Celia for details)
Wednesday 16th	Green Bin Collection
Thursday 17th	Youth Club 7.00—9.00pm. Pavilion Woburn Sands Big Band Society. 7.30pm. Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall.
Monday 21st	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Tuesday 22nd	John the Barber. 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Greenways Lay by
Wednesday 23rd	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 24th	WI. 7.30pm Pavilion. Talk by representative of Air Ambulance Service
Friday 25th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45am. Next to War Memorial.
Saturday 26th	Bow Brickhill Pre-School Spring Fayre. 2pm to 4pm. The Pavilion
Sunday 27th	All Saints Lunch Club. 12.15 for 12.30pm. Church Hall.
Monday 28th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Wednesday 30th	Green Bin Collection Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.

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PARISH NEWS

Playing Field Drainage

Continuing problems with the drainage of the playing field prompted the Parish Council to look back at their records to discover the action that had been taken in the past to resolve these problems. Investigations showed that drainage pipes were laid some years ago so work is (continued on page 3)

BOW BRICKHILL CLUB MARCH MEETING

Tuesday March 4th was the day when club members revisited the scene of their early schooldays when, at the kind invitation of the staff and governors, we were given a tour of the enlarged school.



After being served with tea and biscuits by the older pupils we were taken to see the new classrooms and improved facilities. This was all so impressive from what we remembered of the two Victorian classrooms (The big room and the little room) from our early school day recollections! An added pleasure was to be able to speak to the staff and to see how much the children were enjoying themselves whilst in the process of learning.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 1st at 2.00pm** in the Pavilion when we will have our monthly raffle, stimulate our brains with a quiz, and an opportunity to snack and chat while discussing plans for our summer outing.

WOBURN SANDS BIG BAND SOCIETY

17th April
7.30pm

Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall
Woburn Sands

Derek Davies with "Big Band Themes"
and

Rex Harris with "Don't Shoot The Piano-Player".



COPY DEADLINE

We welcome your news for the next edition.
Please send contributions by **21st April**
to: Gill Cannell, 17 Greenways.
Tel 373602;
email
bowbrickhillpavilion@gmail.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

Fridays
11th April
25th April

10.30am to 10.45am
at the War Memorial



GREEN BIN COLLECTION

Wednesdays
2nd April
16th April
30th April



THAMES VALLEY POLICE AUTHORITY MEETING FEBRUARY 2008.



The Authority unanimously agreed an increase in the police precept of the council tax of 4 per cent. This will allow the force to continue to develop neighbourhood policing, fight terrorism and improve front line services. Currently, Thames Valley has the highest number of officers in its history, employs more than 500 Police Community Support Officers and is committed to increasing the number of volunteer Special Constables.

For further information log on to the press release distributed shortly afterwards:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/Default.asp?dismode=article&apage=4&artid=13823>

The Authority considered the draft three year strategy 2008/09 – 2010/12 for policing in Thames Valley. This was drafted following extensive consultation with stakeholders including parish councils.

A report on the development and use of body worn video cameras was noted. The force has received a grant of £95,000 to invest in 80 cameras, which can be worn around the head and used to capture evidence. Terms of use and a date for the introduction of these cameras are yet to be set. There will be a publicity campaign once a start date for the use of the new equipment is established.

LEVEL CROSSING CLOSURES—APRIL

Woburn Sands and Aspley Guise Level Crossings and Footpaths 2 and 3 Woburn Sands and Bridleway No 14 Bow Brickhill will be closed at the railway as follows

From 10pm on Saturday 5th to 6.00am on Monday 7th
10pm on Saturday 12th to 6.00am on Monday 14th
10pm on Saturday 19th to 6.00am on Monday 21st

The signed alternative route whilst the level crossings are closed will be via A5130, A4012 Crawley Road, Turnpike Lane, School Lane, Husborne Crawley, A507, A421 and to return to A5130, There will be no alternative route for the footpaths and bridleway, however advanced signage should be in place.

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currently underway to locate and clear these to try and improve the problem.

Summer Teas

The Parish Council would like to encourage local groups to offer Sunday Teas in the Pavilion during June and July. The PC will be writing to groups asking if they would like to take a turn by taking responsibility for a week or two. This would be open to all villagers and visitors.



Date of Next Meeting

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council on **Thursday May 8th at 7.30pm** in The Pavilion. This will be followed by the Annual Village Meeting at 8.00pm.

WOULD YOU LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? HAVE YOU GOT A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO SPARE? DO YOU CARE ABOUT OUR VILLAGE?

If you can answer 'YES' to any of the above, then you might be the person we're looking for.

We are in the fortunate position of having our own Parish Council in Bow Brickhill. The Parish Council is there to make sure that as a village we have a say in what happens in our village and to manage the use of the limited funds that we have at our disposal. We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and if you think that you'd like to get involved a bit more in your local community, then this is an excellent opportunity.

What does it involve? As little as one meeting a month (2nd Thursday of the month, 7.30 pm at the Pavilion) which lasts about 2 hours, and reading and responding to a few e-mails. You can be any age, although you must be at least 18 and you must live in the village.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Julie Summerfield on 07950 269233 who will tell you how to apply. Or if you would like to know a bit more before you make a decision, please contact one of the existing Parish Councillors who would be more than happy to have a chat.

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

Following on from the great success of last year's Brickhills Messiah, performed by local musicians, there will be three "Music in the Brickhills" concerts in 2008.

May 11th sees a performance of Faure's Requiem.

There's an instrumental concert on June 7th, the brilliant local Kaznowski String Quartet will be joined by friends to perform Schubert's sublime Octet.

Finally, on 21st September, there's the annual performance of the Messiah. Put the dates in your diary. Check out the website musicinthebrickhills.co.uk. If you want to join in, you're most welcome.

Proceeds of our concerts go to local charities. Last year we raised over £3000 for Willen Hospice.

MusicintheBrickhills is an ad hoc loose group of singers, instrumentalists and musicians who meet together to make good standard music. Some of the singers come from local church and secular choirs, and some of the musicians play with the MK Sinfonia. Our concerts contain well-loved pieces, and are founded around an annual Messiah performance in the autumn at Great Brickhill Church

For more information please contact Jerry Breslin currently Musical Director with MusicintheBrickhills on 01908 582952, or mobile 07977292602, by e-mail jerrybreslin@hotmail.com, and address 24 Blackthorn Grove, Woburn Sands MK17 8PZ



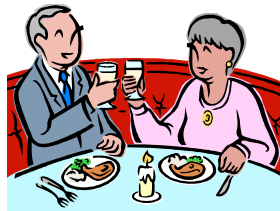
FOOD AT THE WHEATSHEAF

The Pub now provides:

Evening meals
on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
between 7pm and 9 pm
and

Lunches Monday to Friday between
12 noon and 3pm
and

Sundays between 12 noon and 4pm.



LITTLE BRICKHILL'S POST OFFICE IS DUE TO CLOSE LATER THIS YEAR!



Not only that, but Fenny Stratford's branch is also on the list for closure!

As you will know, the Post Office is currently undertaking a review of its counter services and proposes to close 2,500 branches across the country. Only 500 of these will be replaced by outreach services. Each area will be subject to a 6 week consultation period when users are invited to submit their views on the closures. This process has already been completed in some areas and we know that, in a small number of cases, the decision has been reversed when challenged.

Details of these can be found on the PO's website at www.postoffice.co.uk/networkchange. The consultation period for our local post offices runs from **8th July to 26th August**. However, we feel that we must start gathering our forces to contest this closure early. We are aware that many people from Bow Brickhill make use of the Little Brickhill Post Office and will be faced with going much further afield. As usual, it will be the elderly and the disadvantaged who will suffer most from these changes. Bus services to and from our villages are sparse and people will face difficult journeys to access post office services.

Local MP Mark Lancaster and Cllr David Hopkins have said that they will help us in our campaign to save our Post Office – but only if there is enough support from residents.

To find out how we can

Save Little Brickhill's Post Office and
Village Store

come along to a meeting with MP Mark Lancaster
and Cllr. David Hopkins

**Friday 18th April at 7.45pm
in Little Brickhill Village Hall.**

Make sure your voice is heard!

Little Brickhill Residents' Association



CHURCH ROTAS



APRIL
6th
13th
20th
27th

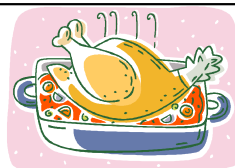
FLOWERS
Mrs L Drabble
Mrs L Drabble
Mrs B Goodger
Mrs B Goodger

CLEANING
Mrs A Cookson
Mrs A Cookson
Mrs D Cook
Mrs D Cook

ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The next meeting of the lunch club will be on

Sunday 27th April
12.15 for 12.30
in the church hall as usual.



Please book in either with Chris Loak at the Bow Brickhill club meeting or Chris Loak (373768) or Stuart & Kay Leeming (372032)
All welcome

CHURCH HALL MAINTENANCE AND DECORATION

For those of you who attend events in the Church Hall you will have seen that the Pre-School have been very busy painting and decorating.

There is a newly fitted kitchen with tiled splash back and new flooring. The toilets have been painted and the new flooring laid, also the entrance lobby and main hall ceiling have been painted, it is hoped the walls will be done over the Easter break. To achieve all this it took many hours from a dedicated team of helpers- Julie and Duncan Summerfield, Tracey Speed, Tina Moore, Emma Day, Louise French, Clare Watson, Sonia Kempster, Paul Vernon, Alison Blundell and Ross Wall.

The work was possible due to the very generous donations received from the following: Dulux Decorator Centre Bletchley for all the paint, Howden's Joinery West Granby for the kitchen worktops and Vicky Ashworth for the kitchen units.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

this will be held at
All Saints Church on
Sunday 6th April
at 10.30am
immediately after the 9.30am
Holy Communion Service.

We hope as many villagers as possible will be able to attend.

PRE-SCHOOL SPRING FAYRE

SATURDAY 26TH
APRIL

2.30PM TO 4.30PM

THE PAVILION

Fun and games for all the family



THREE PARISHES OUTING

HUNTINGDON GARDEN CENTRE
AND
ST. IVES
FARE £5.50
WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2008
DEPARTING 10:00AM



Parish	Pick Up Points	Contact for tickets
Woburn Sands	Fish and Chip Shop; Biker Den Bus Stop; The Leys	Pauline 01908 585368
Wavendon	Walton End; Wavendon Gate; Wavendon Community Centre; Leathern Bottle; Newport Road Lay-by; Parkway/ Bellway	Monica 01908 281424
Bow Brickhill	Church Road; Greenways	Julie 07950 269233

Available to all parishioners over 60 living in the three parishes
Sponsored by: Bow Brickhill Parish Council;
Wavendon Parish Council; Woburn Sands Town Council
In conjunction with

AGE Milton Keynes
Concern

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Bow Brickhill All Saints

6th April

9.30am Holy Communion
followed by Annual Church
Meeting

13th April

11.00am Family Service

20th April

6.00pm Evensong

27th April

8.00am Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond St Luke

6th April

11.00am Family Service

13th April

9.30am Holy Communion

20th April

8.30am Family Service

27th April

9.30am Morning Worship

Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene

6th April

6.00pm Holy Communion

13th April

11.00am Morning Worship

20th April

11.00am Family Service

27th April

9.30am Holy Communion

Great Brickhill St Mary the Virgin

6th April

9.30am Holy Communion

13th April

9.30am Morning Worship

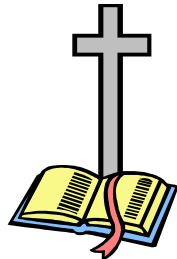
6.00pm Evensong

20th April

9.30am Holy Communion

27th April

4.00pm Sunday @ Four



A PRAYER FOR THE EARTH

Dear Lord

We thank you for this earth, our home;
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,
for the ocean and streams,
for the towering hills and the whispering wind,
for the trees and green grass.

We thank you for our senses by which we
hear the songs of birds,
and see the splendour of fields of golden wheat,
and taste autumn's fruit,
rejoice in the feel of snow,
and smell the breath of spring flowers.

Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty;
and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even
the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory.

For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities for new begin-
nings and new discoveries.

Life is constantly changing and renewing itself.
In this new day of new beginnings with God, all things are possible.
We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening to the wonder
that our lives are and, yet, can be.

Amen.

Revd. John Waller

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