

Bow Brickhill Club

Despite a cold and miserable day we had a remarkable turnout for our meeting in March. Our speaker Mr. Robin Brown, kept us fascinated with his commentary and slides of Fenny Stratford, dating back to the late 1800's. Many of the old buildings, unfortunately no longer in existence, brought back happy memories and prompted a great deal of discussion. Mr. Brown will be visiting again on May 2nd with an illustrated talk on Bletchley.

Another cheering subject for such a dreary day were the initial arrangements for our summer outing. The date and venue were set, now all we have to do is hope for good weather and look forward to a good lunch followed by an exciting afternoon sailing down the Thames. This sightseeing cruise will take us from Westminster Pier, by the Houses of Parliament, to the Thames Flood Barrier passing many historical and modern sights along the river banks. After crossing the Greenwich Meridian and passing through the Thames Flood Barrier the boat will take us back to our coach at Westminster Pier. This should be a leisurely outing with the very minimum of walking involved.

Our next meeting will be at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday April 5th in the Pavilion, when we shall have a great deal to discuss and "Easter Goodies" to consume.

Friends of the School

Beetle Drive

with Andy Malleson

*Saturday May 7th
in the school hall*



*Fun and refreshments
Put it in your diary now!*

Green Bin Collection

Wednesdays
6 April, 20th April



Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in the village at 11.15 am on Fridays 1st and 15th April.



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by April 21st to: Georgy Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626 or email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk

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Parish News

Football Team

The Parish Council is happy to welcome a new football team, AFC Rangers who will be using the Pavilion as their home ground next season. The club comprises of players from the villages and surrounding area, some of whom played for Bow Brickhill in the past. The club is doing well in the league, having reached the North Bucks League Division 2 final in their first season. More details will be published in later issues of the newsletter or visit their website <http://www.afcrangers.net>

New Councillor

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Mr Martin Robinson as a new member of the council. There is still a vacancy on the council.

Pavilion Working Group

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to bring all regular users of the Pavilion together to discuss the use of space and work together. A meeting will be convened in the near future.

Bookings Clerk

The Parish Council was most happy to agree to the appointment of Gill Cannell from Greenways as the new booking clerk for the Pavilion. Please see the ad below for contact details.

AGM

The May meeting of the council will be the AGM at which all village groups are invited to report on their activities in the past year.

Bow Brickhill Parish Council

For enquiries about the hire of the Pavilion call

Gill Cannell

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Pavilion Caretaker
Eddie Chesse Tel: 370486

Chair Colin Cornish
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Georgy Holden 372626
Martin Robinson

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Thursday April 14th
at 7.30pm
in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.
All welcomed to attend

Dennis Hatton.

Humblest apologies to the friends and family of Dennis Hatton for reporting his name wrong in the last edition of the newsletter.

Bow Brickhill W.I

At the March meeting members enjoyed a talk and display given by Mrs Val Knowles, of her wonderful miniature collection of dolls houses and small set scenes. These ranged from a tiny greenhouse, complete with snail, to a thatched roofed cottage post war.

She also brought lanterns with a small display inside, and a wonderful set piece, depicting a gentleman's emporium, complete with a barber shop. To bring her collection up to date she had a beach hut, complete with microwave, a wind-break and the usual seaside toys, buckets and spades etc. Her attention to detail has to be commended.

Pam Schorr won the Competition for a decorated hens egg, and Jean Webb and Ann Pickersgill won the raffle

Next Month's meeting is on April 28th and the speaker will be talking about "Working in Beatties the Department Store"



Sunday, 1st May 2005 Beating the Bounds Walk

On Rogation Sunday, 1st May, we are planning to reintroduce the custom of Beating the Bounds - a custom which dates back to a time of no maps and illiterate people when it was important to mark and upkeep the parish boundary in order to protect it from encroachment. The walk will start at 1.00pm from the crossroads in the woods beyond the church where the sandy lane to Aspley Heath and the road to the golf course clubhouse cross. The route is approximately 9 miles and takes about 4 hours to walk. All ages are welcome as we have planned several "escape" routes if the full distance is too far. Please wear clothing appropriate to the weather and bring a bottle of water. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall at the finish. Donations of sandwiches, cakes or biscuits for hungry walkers would be much appreciated and can be brought to the hall at midday. If you want any further information please phone Diana on 372434 or Rosemary on 370811. Get your walking boots dusted off and come and join us!

Roving Supper

This popular event will take place this year on
Saturday June 11th.
More details to follow next month.



PBB will be holding its
Annual General Meeting
at 7.30 pm on
Tuesday 5 April 2005.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Come and hear about all the work
PBB has done in the past year
and have your say.



Footpath - Rushmere Close to Edwin Close

Many people do not appear to realise that there is a public right of way which runs from Rushmere Close to Edwin Close. This footpath may be particularly useful for those who park in the Pavilion car park and wish to walk to the school. You will find the entrance to it in the extreme corner of the Pavilion car park.

MK Local Plan and Housing Development

Milton Keynes Council Cabinet decided to reject the Local Plan Inspector's recommendation for housing on the green field at the rear of Rushmere Close/Edwin Close. Instead it is proposed that the brown-field site at Blind Pond Farm will be developed in accordance with the Council's original proposals. This is the first step in the process and a public consultation now follows. PBB appeals to everyone who wrote to Milton Keynes Council about this matter to write again, to thank the Council for its decision and to reinforce the reasons why it was a wise decision.

Chris Barrington's photos show what developments may look like

ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The next meeting for the lunch club will be on Sunday, March 20th and places can be booked at the next Bow Brickhill club meeting or with Chris Loak on 373768. Volunteers to help with the lunch are always appreciated. Please contact Stuart or Kay on 372032.

Sunday School

May 1st, 11pm in the Church Hall. Bring a picnic if you would like to Beat the Bounds afterwards.

Youth Music Group

A new, music based youth workshop has been started in the village. meeting on the last Sunday of the month, musicians and would-be musicians over the age of 14 are invited to take part in a jam session from 8-10pm in the Pavilion. Experienced musicians are on hand to offer advice and some basic instruction. Bring your own instruments or use ours. Next meeting April 24th.

Admission £1. for more details call: Mark Berry 01296 68069 or Steve Valledy 01908 270835



Church Rotas

		Flowers	Cleaning
April	3	Mrs E. Drabble	Mrs A. Cookson
	10	"	"
	17	Mrs D. Cook	Mrs B. Goodger
	24	"	"

Tracey's Dance Zone

Saturday morning dance classes for children

Bow Brickhill Pavilion

10-10.45

age 4+

10.45-11.15

Rock and roll all ages

11.15 - 12

age 10+

Strictly Dancing for Adults

New Beginners Class

starting

Thursday Evenings,

8.30 pm

at High Ash School

Great Brickhill



Call Tracey for further details

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill St Mary The Virgin 3rd April.

9.30 Holy Communion

10th April.

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

17th April.

9.30 Holy Communion

24th April.:

11.00 Family Service

Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene 3rd April.

6.00 pm Holy Communion

10th April.

11.00 Morning Worship

17th April.:

11.00 Family Service

24th April.:

9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond St Luke

3rd April.:

11.00 Family Service

9.30 Holy Communion

17th April.:

11.00 Holy Communion

24th April.:

9.30 Morning Worship

April Services Bow Brickhill All Saints

3rd April

9.30 am Holy Communion

10th April.

11 am Family Service

17th April.

6 pm Evensong

24th April.

8 am Holy Communion



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

*There is a crack, there is a crack, in everything
That's how the light gets in*

Recently I've been listening to a song that includes these words. They may seem an unlikely place to begin a reflection on the Easter message, but they say to me that it is not in the easy, happy or successful parts of our lives (when we're tempted to believe that we can be perfect) that we learn the most valuable lessons, but in the parts of our lives when we are troubled, tested, and broken. Where we are broken, there is a crack, and that is where the light can get in. There has to be loss, for there to be gain. There has to be brokenness, for there to be healing. There has to be death, for there to be resurrection.

But we might say, we'd rather manage without the troubles, the testing, the breaking – we'd rather manage without those, even if that means we never see the light break in either. We might prefer that, and wish for it, or at times long for it, but the truth is that we don't actually have that choice.

This is not easy or comfortable, but it is *truth* – and so it is precious. And the Bible shows how this hard truth can in fact be good news for us. Paul wrote about prayer:

*“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.” (Rom. 8. 26)
“But (the Lord) said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” ... For when I am weak, then I am strong. “ (2 Cor. 12. 9 – 10)*

There are many things in life that are not good, but they are part of life, and God made our world and gave us life and saw that it is good. And God is always ready to work with us, to bring good out of our hurts and troubles, to make the cracks of our brokenness into the places where his love can shine through.

This is one way of seeing the mystery of our life, and God's strange good news that we can find in the Easter story. There is loss, and so there can be gain. There is brokenness, and so there can be healing. There is death, and so there can be resurrection.

Revd. John Waller

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My day off is Friday.