

The Bow Brickhill Club

Our meeting on March 4th was both entertaining and informative.

The speaker was Sylvia Fox, who demonstrated how, with the use of glue, scissors and various decorations, it is possible to make your own greetings cards. Club members responded with great enthusiasm and produced very successful results.

Tea was followed by another of Rosemary's Raffles, our great fund raiser. The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Our next meeting will be the first outing of this year and we remind members to be in the **Pavilion Car Park at 8.45 am on Tuesday April 1st** for what should be a very interesting day.



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Bow Brickhill Friends of the School

We are planning a raffle around the annual Easter Bonnet Parade. If anyone would like to contribute raffle prizes of refreshments this would be most appreciated. Contact Georgy on 372626

Refuse and Recycling

Collection Dates
These will be subject to alteration around Easter but the dates are not yet published on the councils website. Collections are likely to be at least one day late in the week beginning April 20th



Mobile Library

By the War Memorial from 11 -11.15 am on Friday April 4th
Due to Easter the next time will be May 2nd



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by **April 19th** to:
Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626
or email timholden@ntlworld.com



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PARISH NEWS

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING

PC Cameron Smith took time to arrange a meeting and advertised in the parish news to reinstate the scheme within Bow Brickhill following residents concerns over the past months in relation to local crime. This meeting was very poorly attended with only 6 residents turning up. It seems a shame that there is so little support for such an important scheme especially in a rural area. If you are interested in knowing more about neighbourhood watch or are willing to become part of a group actively involved in neighbourhood watch please contact the Parish Clerk.

GRASS VERGES

We would like to thank residents for not parking on the verges and hope that the areas that are damaged from vehicles can be re-instated by Milton Keynes Council in the near future to improve the look of the village. We hope all residents are enjoying the daffodils again this year.

ELECTIONS

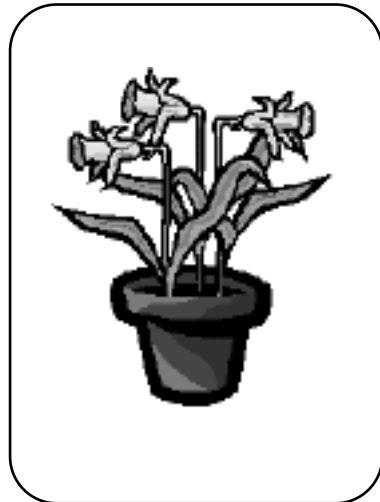
Polling day is Thursday 1st May in the Pavilion Rushmere Close. Thank you to all the residents who have put their names forward to become Parish Councillors.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS

These are due to be put up over the next month and will be planted as soon as possible. Please be aware there may be some traffic congestion through the village whilst building is in progress.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 10th April 2003, at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.

Clerk : Mrs Julie Summerfield, 12 Station Road, Bow Brickhill.
Tel: 01908 645158, E-Mail juliesummerfield@btconnect.com



Sue's Snippets



You will be pleased to hear that the number of Bucks Residents Against the Incinerator (BRAIN) members is now nearly 750, but with a Public Inquiry threatened by the GOSE (Government Office for the South-East) call-in, we need many more (www.brain-group.org.uk). At this moment we have very little information about the call-in and its implications, but the Committee will send you such news when we have it.

Milton Keynes Council is calling a Public Meeting before the crucial MK Development Control Committee Meeting for which there will be limited public attendance. Although restrictions on the number allowed into that DCC meeting are controversial, we need to have as many members as possible at the earlier Public Meeting.

Public Meeting

4th April 7.00 p.m. at Bletchley Leisure Centre. (Both the applicant and objectors will be invited to put their views across. Members of Development Control Committee will be present but will make no comment on the proposals. Objectors will be given the opportunity to appoint spokespersons for the full meeting of DCC on the 16th.)

Development Control Committee 16th April - Civic Offices - this will discuss the Green MK Centre application, along with every other planning application in the Borough. Because the capacity of the Civic Offices is only 70, the meeting will be ticket only. Tickets can be obtained by calling or e-mailing MK Council Planning Dept. The best people to contact are Simon Heap and Lennox Beattie (Lennox.Beattie@Milton-keynes.gov.uk - 01908-252484).

Please attend the public meeting and invite other residents



Contact Numbers

The following are numbers which may be useful to you. Some are repeated elsewhere in this newsletter but they are all reproduced here so that they are in one place.

Parish Clerk: For matters concerning village issues and the Pavilion

Mrs Julie Summerfield, 12 Station Road, Bow Brickhill.

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Local Councillor: For matters concerning Milton Keynes Council

David Hopkins,
80 Walton Road
Wavendon

Milton Keynes
01908 582632

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Police: Our local policeman is P.C. Cameron Smith

High Street,
Newport Pagnell
MK16 8EH

Tel: 01908 686433

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Rector

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Great Brickhill
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Church Wardens:

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Environmental Services: Refuse collection, bulky item disposal, dumped cars, graffiti and other environmental matters.

01908 252570
mkweb.co.uk/waste_recycling

Mobile Library Service

01908 254050

Bow Brickhill First School

Head Teacher Mrs Jane Bellamy
Station Rd
01908 373672

Sunday School

Rosemary Clarke 370811
Helen Coghill 373344
Georgy Holden 372626

Parish Map

Rosemary Clarke 370811

Church News

Maundy Thursday Supper

The benefice Maundy Thursday supper will be held at Little Brickhill's Community Centre on April 17th at 7.00pm. To book in please contact Kay Leeming on 372032 - final numbers by Monday April 14th. Everyone welcome.

Easter Preparations

The church will be open on Saturday morning, April 19th from 9.30am. to prepare for Easter and anyone who can help with flowers and cleaning, will be most welcome. We also need help to tidy and mow the churchyard if weather permits. Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated and can be given to either of the Church Wardens.

Church Wardens

At the Church meeting last month Stuart Leeming retired from the post of Church Warden and was replaced by Tim Holden. John Wales remains in post. Many, many thanks are due to Stuart who took on so much responsibility for Church business particularly in the long period when we were without a rector. Tim's contact details are on the back of the newsletter.

Church Rotas

April 6	Flowers	Cleaning
April 13	Lent	Mrs J.Lousada
April 20	Mrs K.Leeming	Mrs K.Leeming
April 27		

Readers as advised

Parish Map

The next meeting to discuss the creation of a Parish Map will take place on Wednesday April 9th, 8pm in the Church Hall.

Anyone who is interested is warmly welcomed to attend.



Easter Fun

Sunday School invite all children to a special Good Friday Workshop from 11am to 1pm in the Church Hall, we will be having fun with lots of Easter activities including an Egg Hunt.

Bring a friend:-)



SERVICES APRIL 2003**Bow Brickhill - All Saints****6th April:**

11.00 Family Service

13th April:

11.00 Holy Communion

20th April:

6.00 p.m. Evensong

27th April:

8.00 a.m Holy Communion

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**Great Brickhill – St Mary The Virgin****6th April:**

9.30 Holy Communion

13th April:

9.30 Family Service

6.00 pm Evensong

20th April:

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

27th April:

9.30 Village Service

Little Brickhill - St Mary Magdalene**6th April:**

No Service

13th April:

11.00 a.m. Family Service

20th April:

3.pm Holy Communion

27th April:

11.00pm Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond- St Luke**6th April:**

9.30 Holy Communion

13th April:

9.30 Holy Communion

20th April:

9.30 Holy Communion

27th April:

9.30 Family Service

Holy Week Services

Monday April 14th 7.30pm

Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond

Tuesday April 15th 7.30pm

Holy Communion

Bow Brickhill

Wednesday April 16th 7.30pm

Holy Communion

Great Brickhill

Maundy Thursday April 17th 7pm

Supper and Service in Little

Brickhill Community Centre

Book with Kay Leeming 372032

Good Friday April 18th

Holy Communion

9.30 Bow Brickill

Easter Sunday April 20th

9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond

11.00 Holy Communion

Great Brickhill

3.00pm Holy Communion

Little Brickhill

6.00pm Evensong

Bow Brickhill

***Letter from the Rector***

Dear Friends,

“Disgusting ... outrageous ... barbaric”.

These words were heard one day in a church, as a visitor stood looking at the large crucifix – the representation of Jesus hanging on the cross. The speaker worked in public relations, and he went on to say, “Isn’t it about time the church found something more civilised for its main image?”

At least he had noticed something of what the cross stands for. We can get so used to seeing crosses as mere decoration or jewellery, that we forget what they represent – one of the cruellest forms of torture and execution ever devised.

However uncomfortable it may be, I believe that we need this symbol at the heart of the Christian faith, and at the centre of our celebration of Easter. The death of Jesus, without the resurrection, would be a story of noble failure and despair. The resurrection, without the pain and suffering of the cross, would make Easter a cheap and hollow celebration.

The gospel – the good news at the heart of the Christian faith, holds them together at its heart.

The cross reminds us that on the day we call Good Friday, God himself shared our human life and experience, even to the point of sharing the deepest of human suffering, and the reality of death. The empty tomb that we remember and celebrate on Easter day is a sign that Jesus is risen and alive for ever, and that he has defeated for all time the power of evil and death.

It is only if we will face the reality and horror of the cross, that we can begin to understand and celebrate the wonder of what the resurrection of Jesus means.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

Revd. John Waller

PS. Here are my contact details, if you would like to approach me about anything (but please bear in mind that I take Friday as my day off, and would prefer not to be contacted on Fridays, apart from emergencies).

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