

these devices, either remove it from view or better still, remove it from the vehicle when you leave it unattended. This applies equally to when it's parked on your drive or outside your house. They are an absolute gift for the opportunist thief who simply has to smash a side window to 'swift it away'. In addition, please do not put this type of equipment in your glove compartment, whilst leaving the casing or cabling in view, as there have been incidents where offenders are smashing windows to gain access to glove compartments to remove electronic equipment. Also if you can, try and rub off the "sucker marks" on the windscreen too, they are a "give away" that a satellite navigation device may be present in the car, but out of view.

You should find a "We do not buy or sell" sticker in with the newsletter. Some houses have these already, if you do not, and you wish to, we encourage you to place it in a prominent position to deter unwanted callers.

NEW BADMINTON CLUB

We are still looking for people interested in forming a badminton club – and also for anyone who has equipment that they would lend or sell to us.

It would run on Wednesdays at the Pavilion. Please contact Gill Cannell if you are interested or can help with equipment. Tel: 373602
email candishtowers@ukonline.co.uk

EASTER ART EXHIBITION—14th to 23rd APRIL WOBURN HERITAGE CENTRE

Bedford Street, Woburn

The Exhibition will include paintings, pottery, prints and hats all for sale at reasonable prices.
OPEN DAILY 10am to 5pm ADMISSION FREE

POLICE NEWS

A few snippets of police news from The Thames Valley Police website are reproduced below, courtesy of Inspector Sue Usher of Newport Pagnell Police Station. The comments below refer to her sector as a whole and not Bow Brickhill in particular.

There has been an increase in car crime over the last two months, including damage to and items being stolen from cars. Please can we reinforce that items of any value should not be left in a car. Most of the crimes have happened overnight, so if you can put your car in a garage out of sight then please do. I know that this is easier said than done – we use our garages now to keep everything other than a car!

Burglaries across the Sector are decreasing, and we have arrested a number of the individuals involved. On the 'down side', there have been some distraction burglaries (particularly Newport Pagnell and Woburn Sands areas). This is the awful crime whereby a person cons him/herself into someone's home and steals. In every case the victims have been elderly. Neighbourhood Watch can play a big part in tackling this, if you see anyone suspicious, call the Police immediately.

You'll probably be aware that in-car Satellite Navigation Systems (Satnav) were a very popular item for Christmas presents. They are proving to be equally popular with car thieves. It's ironic that as the car industry has now woken up to car security with alarms, deadlocks, unique fit radios etc. as standard items on most models, we can now purchase an item costing hundreds of pounds and then proudly display it on top of our car dashboards for all the world to see. Regardless of your views on them, the same applies to speed camera detectors which are proving very popular amongst thieves. Please, if you possess

these devices, either remove it from view or better still, remove it from the vehicle when you leave it unattended. This applies equally to when it's parked on your drive or outside your house. They are an absolute gift for the opportunist thief who simply has to smash a side window to 'swift it away'. In addition, please do not put this type of equipment in your glove compartment, whilst leaving the casing or cabling in view, as there have been incidents where offenders are smashing windows to gain access to glove compartments to remove electronic equipment. Also if you can, try and rub off the "sucker marks" on the windscreen too, they are a "give away" that a satellite navigation device may be present in the car, but out of view.

You should find a "We do not buy or sell" sticker in with the newsletter. Some houses have these already, if you do not, and you wish to, we encourage you to place it in a prominent position to deter unwanted callers.

NEW BADMINTON CLUB

We are still looking for people interested in forming a badminton club – and also for anyone who has equipment that they would lend or sell to us.

It would run on Wednesdays at the Pavilion. Please contact Gill Cannell if you are interested or can help with equipment. Tel: 373602
email candishtowers@ukonline.co.uk

EASTER ART EXHIBITION—14th to 23rd APRIL WOBURN HERITAGE CENTRE

Bedford Street, Woburn

The Exhibition will include paintings, pottery, prints and hats all for sale at reasonable prices.

OPEN DAILY 10am to 5pm ADMISSION FREE

POLICE NEWS

A few snippets of police news from The Thames Valley Police website are reproduced below, courtesy of Inspector Sue Usher of Newport Pagnell Police Station. The comments below refer to her sector as a whole and not Bow Brickhill in particular.

There has been an increase in car crime over the last two months, including damage to and items being stolen from cars. Please can we reinforce that items of any value should not be left in a car. Most of the crimes have happened overnight, so if you can put your car in a garage out of sight then please do. I know that this is easier said than done – we use our garages now to keep everything other than a car!

Burglaries across the Sector are decreasing, and we have arrested a number of the individuals involved. On the 'down side', there have been some distraction burglaries (particularly Newport Pagnell and Woburn Sands areas). This is the awful crime whereby a person cons him/herself into someone's home and steals. In every case the victims have been elderly. Neighbourhood Watch can play a big part in tackling this, if you see anyone suspicious, call the Police immediately.

You'll probably be aware that in-car Satellite Navigation Systems (Satnav) were a very popular item for Christmas presents. They are proving to be equally popular with car thieves. It's ironic that as the car industry has now woken up to car security with alarms, deadlocks, unique fit radios etc. as standard items on most models, we can now purchase an item costing hundreds of pounds and then proudly display it on top of our car dashboards for all the world to see. Regardless of your views on them, the same applies to speed camera detectors which are proving very popular amongst thieves. Please, if you possess