

Bow Brickhill Club

We started the New Year with our meeting on January 11th with a surprisingly large attendance considering the illnesses that had hit so many people over the festive season. We started, as usual with a quiz and, as a look forward to Spring, the subject was "Flowers" and was won by Pat Parker. Whilst refreshments were being prepared Rosemary sold tickets for the raffle, which this month seemed larger than ever.

After a most enjoyable tea the afternoon ended with a short Bingo session presided over by Don and Betty. Although it is only the beginning of the year it is not too early to think about our annual outing as such events take some time to arrange. We have already had trips on the canal, on the River Thames, to gardens and a trip to the seaside so members are asked to submit suggestions for our 2005 outing.

Our next meeting is on February 1st.at the Pavilion in Rushmere Close at 2.00pm. New members are always welcome. Come and join us in two hours of relaxed fun, food and friendship.



Friends of the School

You are invited to an

*Evening of indulgences
on Thursday March 3rd
6.30pm*

More therapies and treatments than last year. Interesting stalls for pampering and gifts. A great night out for £2 including a glass of wine and nibbles. Details of how to book treatments will be posted nearer the time.. but put it in your diary now!

Lost in Bow Brickhill Woods on
December 13th

Steel walking stick.

If you have found it please ring
376070. Thank you

Mobile Library

The mobile library will
be in the village at
11.15 am on Fridays
4th and 18th Feb.



Copy deadline

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

Bow Brickhill Parish News



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Parish News

MK Expansion meeting

A meeting has been arranged by Councillor David Hopkins to allow residents to hear first hand from our most senior local planning expert David Hackforth (Head of Planning and Transportation at MK Council). This presentation, updating us on issues impacting the village, will be in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close on Thursday February 17th 2005 at 7.30.p.m.

All residents are invited to attend this meeting, when their views can be expressed, and questions answered.

Storage in the Pavilion Area

The Portacabin has now been installed and the first of the tin huts removed. Let us hope this will resolve our storage problems for some time. We must thank councillors Georgy Holden and Colin Cornish for the time and effort put into this project.

Bow Brickhill Level Crossing

At the meeting on January 11th The main points for discussion were:- Motorists jumping the warning lights and the necessity for a deterrent. Flooding of road adjacent to crossing, and a request for an increase in sound of the warning signal. All of these items were noted.

PARISH CLERK

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Vacancies

We still have vacancies for a Parish Councillor and a Pavilion Bookings Clerk.

If you are interested in either position please contact the Parish Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday February 10th at 7.30pm** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close. All welcomed to attend

Three Parishes Shopping Trip

The Three Parishes Shopping Trip, on January 19th, was to Northampton and although it was the third visit to the town our party found plenty to do. In spite of the dire warnings the weather was good. It was Market Day, and as Northampton boasts a splendid market there was plenty to see and buy. The undercover Grosvenor Centre was also a popular attraction as well as the church of All Saints, and the two museums.

The last hour saw the traditional call at Morrison's for last minute food shopping and a well deserved cup of tea.

Another happy day out and no worries about car parking - a big plus on such a shopping trip. Details of the February trip have yet to be announced.

Youth on Show

Youth on Show is very grateful to the Parish Council for making a section of the Portacabin at the Pavilion available to us for storage. The space allocated to us is fantastic and far more suitable than our tin shed! we have struggled for years against the dark, damp and cold. We have had to discard many outfits because of mildew or mice damage, which we feel sure will now be a thing of the past!

We are hopeful that we will be able to obtain some directing support via contacts at Milton Keynes council and that Youth on Show will recommence in September. We also aim to forge stronger links with the Youth club and we are already pooling some of our resources.

Mary Preen 647003



Church Rotas February

	Cleaning	Flowers
6th	Mr S. Leeming	Mrs K Leeming
13th	"	Lent
20th	Mrs D. Kesterton	Lent
27th	"	Lent

The Wheatsheaf

Kevin, Kay and Michelle would like to wish all their customers a Happy and Prosperous 2005

From February 8th the new opening times are as follows:

Monday to Thursday

12 - 2.30 pm
5.30 - 11 pm

Food available 12 - 2 pm

Friday

12 - 11 pm

Food available 12 - 3 pm

Saturday

12 - 11 pm

Food available 12 - 3 pm

Sunday

12 - 10.30 pm

Sunday Roast 12 - 3 pm

Bookings taken for Sundays
01908 370947

Events for February and March

Every Friday night

Fun Quiz 8.30 pm

Saturday February 26th

Karaoke 8 - 11pm

Saturday March 5th

Horse Racing

in aid of Dr Barnardos 8 - 11pm

Saturday March 26th

Milton Keynes Expansion Issues

Public Meeting

The Pavilion (off Rushmere Close)

Bow Brickhill

On

Thursday February 17th

(7.30 p.m.)

Guest Speaker: David Hackforth

(Head of Planning & Transportation at Milton Keynes Council)

Chairman: Cllr David Hopkins

All Welcome

This meeting will discuss the local plan inspector's recommendations for development sites within the village



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

Everyone is welcome to attend and to hear how the organisation has been working during the past year to preserve the village from inappropriate development.

Attend MK Council's cabinet meeting!

The Local Plan Inspector's recommendation to develop land at the rear of Edwin Close, Station Road, Haynes Close and Rusmere Close in preference to Blind Pond Farm will be on the agenda of Milton Keynes Council's Cabinet meeting on **1st March at 7 pm at the Civic Offices**, Central Milton Keynes.

Residents are urged to attend this meeting to support the deputation from Preserve Bow Brickhill which will oppose the recommendation.

Bow Brickhill W.I.

The meeting this month took the form of a meal provided by the committee, to enable members to have an evening "Catch Up" on all that had happened since we last met in December. Some members had been on the W.I Outing to Kew for the "Magic of Christmas" a wonderful trip, to see Kew dressed in all its fairy lights, music and food.

Our Menu for the evening was Chicken Creole with New Potatoes and Crusty French Bread, followed by Gateau and Cream and of course Tea/ Coffee was available. Our raffle this month took a slightly different form, this is thanks to Pam Schorr who kindly provided a lucky dip ensuring that every member won a small prize.

Our members are to become involved in a "Save our Streets" audit, on a street near where they either live or got to shop or work, these will then be collated and returned to the local council. They will be looking at Paving, Street Lighting, Obstructive Adverts, Bollards, Litterbins and much more. This is an audit supported by National W.I.

Our next meeting will be on 24th February at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, our speaker will be talking about "Water Softeners and their benefit to Health"

Brickhills Rotary Club

The Brickhills Rotary Club welcomes new members.

We are a club with more than 20 members meeting once a month on a Sunday at the Old Green Man Pub in Little Brickhill. Sunday meetings are unusual for Rotary meetings and we are part of a pilot to see if a Rotary club can change to suit its members needs. Our Sunday evening meetings allow us to attend in a relaxed atmosphere and catch up with our active club programme leaving weekdays free for home and professional life.

Recent events and activities include collecting groceries for donation to charity, a visit to Cadbury's World, collecting money for the Rotary Tsunami appeal, and a fondue evening. This month we celebrate our third birthday, visit the Natural History museum and collect for the Marie Curie appeal.

Meetings on the first Sunday of each month. Contact Neil or Helen Douse on 01908 507236 for more information

ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The next meal will be on Sunday February 13th
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.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill
St Mary The Virgin

6th Feb.:
9.30 Holy Communion

13th Feb.:
9.30 Morning Worship
6.00 pm Evensong

20th Feb.:
9.30 Holy Communion

27th Feb.:
11.00 Family Service

Little Brickhill
St Mary Magdalene

6th Feb.:
6.00 pm Holy Communion

9th Feb.:
10.00 Ash Wednesday Holy
Communion

20th Feb.:
11.00 Family Service

27th Feb.:
9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond
St Luke

6th Feb.:
11.00 Family Service

9th Feb.:
8 pm Ash Wednesday Holy
Communion

13th Feb.:
9.30 Holy Communion

20th Feb.:
8.30 Holy Communion

27th Feb.:
9.30 Morning Worship

February Services
Bow Brickhill
All Saints

6th Feb
9.30 am Holy Communion
Revd. John Waller

13th Feb.
11 am Family Service
Revd. John Waller

20th Feb.
11 am Mattins

27th Feb.
8 am Holy Communion
Revd. John Waller



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Be Still, and Know ...

Easter is early this year, and so Lent is early as well, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 9th. Our Lent Course this year will be a series of five sessions looking at different aspects of prayer. Full details of the course venues will be available in our churches soon.

During Lent we will also be holding a Quiet Morning. This will provide an opportunity to gather together with others, and share a simple framework of prayer together, within which we will each have the gift of space. Space to stop, to rest, to walk, to pray, and, in whatever we do, to seek to be aware of the presence of God.

Many of us live very busy lives, with a high level of stress. Even our leisure time and holidays can become busy, demanding, and often expensive. We can feel that we are trapped in a cycle of pressure and busyness.

The Quiet Morning will be on Saturday 26th February, from 9.30am to 12.30, beginning in the Church Hall at Bow Brickhill.

Through this, or in other ways during Lent, we can take the opportunity to stop, take time to reflect, and be aware of God's presence in our lives and our world, as we seek to:

Be still, and know that I am God (Psalm 46. 10)

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