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BOW BRICKHILL VILLAGE NEWS

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**The happy trio who hosted our 3rd Burns Night in the Wheatsheaf
Thanks to Denise, Simon & Russell for another successful event
Thanks also to Ian who gave the eloquent tribute to Burns**

**The Village News is hand delivered to over 300 homes in Bow Brickhill
Joint Editors: Gill Cannell & Sally Robinson**

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Bow Brickhill : All Saints

February

2nd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 9th 11.00 a.m. Family Service
 16th 11.00 a.m. Matins
 23rd 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Said)

House Communion

A service of Holy Communion for residents of Bow Brickhill is held on most Thursday mornings in the village. Transport can be arranged. If you would like to attend, please phone Cynthia on 01908 642878

Prayers for healing

Monthly meetings are held at the Rectory in Great Brickhill, to pray for healing in the lives of individuals and the communities of the four villages in our benefice.

These meetings are open to anyone who would like to take part and join the group. If you would like to ask for a prayer for yourself, or for someone else you are concerned about, please let the Rector know- email rector@brickhillchurches.org.uk or tel 01525 261062.

Great Brickhill : St Mary the Virgin

February

2nd 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9th 9.30 a.m. Matins
 16th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 23rd 11.00 a.m. Family Service With Baptism

Stoke Hammond : St Luke

February

2nd 11.00 a.m. Family Service (at Methodist Church)
 9th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 16th 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 23rd 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship Communion

Little Brickhill : St Mary Magdalene

February

16th 11.15 a.m Family Service
 23rd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion



Contact details for the Rector:

Tel: (01525) 261062

Address: The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great Brickhill MK17 9AS

The email address for All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill is:

bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com

Emails to this address will go direct to the Rector and to the Church Wardens

The Benefice website which serves across all 3 parishes is:

<http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk>

**CHURCH FLOWERS
& CLEANING ROTA**

Feb
2nd
9th
16th
23rd



Flowers
D Kesterton
—“—
S Willis
—“—



Cleaning
W Mills
—“—
A Spurdle
—“—



**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
18th February 2014**

Contributions for the March issue should be sent to:
Sally email: sallyhawtin@hotmail.co.uk
Gill email: candishtowers@gmail.com

If you are able to help with a contribution towards the cost of the Newsletter please send it to:

Andrea Spurdle, the PCC treasurer at 42A Station Road, Bow Brickhill
Cheques should be made payable to: Bow Brickhill Parish Church

CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

Very many thanks to all who donated funds towards the cost of the flowers and a big thank you to those who came along to do the flower arranging and cleaning in preparation for the Christmas services.

Many comments were received on how lovely and festive the church looked and special thanks to Andy Malleson who once again donated the Christmas tree.

Contact details for the local policeman:

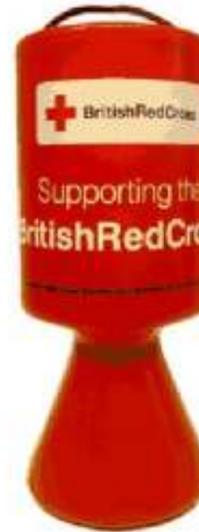
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Danesborough and Walton Neighbourhood
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Tel: 01908 584824 Mobile 07800 703 657 Tel: 101
Email - jason.rowe@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



BritishRedCross

**RED CROSS WEEK
4 to 10 MAY 2014**

Small change makes a big difference



Would you like to be part of the worlds largest humanitarian organisation? Would you like to make a difference? Do you like to have fun? Join us and help support our annual fundraising week this May and you can make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people in your local community.

**Help us to be there for people in
Buckinghamshire.**

Sign up www.redcross.org.uk/redcrossweek

Thank You!

Contact Sharon Cooper ♦ 01296 739309 ♦ scooper@redcross.org.uk

ASTRA

All Saints Tower Restoration Appeal

December Draw Results—Congratulations all round

First prize: Sue Malleson, Ticket number 28, £36.50

Second prize: Andrea Spurdle, Ticket number 186, £25.55

Third prize: Andrew Malleson, Ticket number 54, £10.95



ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The **February** meeting of the lunch club will be on **Sunday 23rd**

In December 23 guests and helpers enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch together and thanks go to all those who prepared and helped serve the excellent festive meal.

Our first meeting of the New Year which took place on Sunday 26th January had an equally good turnout.

The date of our **February** meeting is **Sunday 23rd** and will take place in the church hall as usual.

From **March**, due to the time changes of our church services, the lunch will take place on the **third** Sunday of the month.

All are welcome, particularly anyone who is on their own, and transport is available.

To book in or for more information please contact Kay or Stuart on 372032

More news from All Saints Church

We are going to hold a service in celebration of marriage at the church on **May 11th at 11 a.m.**

We would be delighted to hear from any residents who have been married for 50 years or more.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking part in the service – to arrange flowers; read a prayer or choose a hymn or music.

Please get in touch with either:

Trish Wilby at trish@lesterel.co.uk 01908 372577

or

Brenda Goodger at mail@bgoodger.plus.com 01908 372172



Good morning all,

Many of you are already aware of the current consultation that is underway to determine the future of transport provision in Milton Keynes. The Milton Keynes Community Transport contract comes to an end later this year and the Council is investigating a wide range of options regarding how to ensure provision for clients is maintained.

I would like to ask for your views on ‘what future provision should the council consider for people who are disabled or have difficulties accessing public transport?’ and ask that if anyone would like a further discussion on how the Parish Councils can be involved or may be able to help provide ‘Community’ Transport locally, that you please come forward and arrange a meeting with me?

Please feel free to contact me with any further queries.

Many thanks,

Kind regards,

Amy Savage Passenger Transport Assistant Social Care

T: 01908 252012 E: amy.savage@milton-keynes.gov.uk



BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH



Have you always wanted to belong properly to the church - to be Christened or confirmed? A new course will be running from Easter next year to prepare candidates for confirmation by the Bishop next autumn.

Confirmation means that you embrace Christianity as an adult and confirm those vows that your godparents made at your Christening. As a full member of the Church of England you can participate at services of Holy Communion by receiving the bread and wine.

But you don't have to have been Christened as a baby to prepare for confirmation. Sometimes adults are Christened and confirmed at the same time.

For more information or just to have a chat about it:

Email: bowbrickhillchurch@googlemail.com or phone 01908 372032

Laughter Lines:

Is there anything worn under the Kilt?

No, it's all in perfect working order ...

Thanks to Spike Milligan and Burns Night

A LITTLE THOUGHT WOULD HELP A LOT !!



This mobile vehicle user at one time lived in Bow Brickhill and she's pictured here on her way from Woburn Sands to visit a friend in our village.

When she makes the journey she has to take a scoop with her and stop to clear up horse manure before she can travel along the path. When you're disabled even this action is not easy.

Please could you pass this to anyone that you know who rides between Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill, with the request that they either use the verge instead or alternatively take a shovel with them and clear up as they go.

As well as all the other users, there's one seriously disabled lady who would be extremely grateful if this inconvenience were to stop.
Many thanks Sue Malleson

News from our School

Mrs Bellamy, our present headteacher, will be retiring at the end of the Summer term.



The governors are in the process of advertising for a new head.
More details to follow

Do you need help with your rent or Council Tax?

If you are having difficulty paying your rent or Council Tax you may be able to claim extra help. This is called a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) for rent and Discretionary Council Tax Reduction (DCTRS) for Council Tax.

You can apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment if you are receiving Housing Benefit. You do not need to receive Council Tax Reduction to apply for a discretionary Council Tax payment. DHP can help you if your rent is more than your Housing Benefit.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF A CHANGE TO THE PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Beginning in March there will be a change to the schedule of church services throughout the Benefice of the Brickhills and Stoke Hammond.

These changes have been implemented to enable the Reverend John Waller to avoid rushing from one service to another without time to spend with congregations before and after services and to facilitate the introduction of more varied kinds of service led by lay people.

For All Saints Bow Brickhill this means that the

First Sunday of the month will now be either a Matins Service in winter or an Evensong Service in summer.

The second Sunday will as usual be our 11.00am Family Service

The third Sunday will be free to enable a variety of forms of service yet to be finalised by the Parochial Church Council

The fourth Sunday will now be a 9.00am Holy Communion Service

More details will be published in the March newsletter

DIARY DATE: Annual Church Meeting

All Saints Church Annual Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday 11th March at 8.00pm
in the church hall**

All are welcome



Message from Bill the Postman

Wishing everybody in Bow Brickhill a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Currently waiting for a date from the hospital to have my hip replacement operation.



CHURCH HALL DROP-IN AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 12TH



The church hall is open on the second Wednesday of the month for anyone to call in during the afternoon for the chance to meet up with others, spend some time sewing or knitting, or just enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

There were around 30 adults and children at the December drop in thanks to a surprise visit from Santa.

We are continuing to meet during the winter months, weather permitting, and the **February** get together is on **Wednesday 12th** anytime between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. **Refreshments are free**

John the Barber



John has asked that we let his customers know that he will no longer be calling in the village as he is to have two knee replacements in the near future.

He would like to thank all his clients for their support over the last nine years and sends best wishes to those he did not meet on his last visit in January.

FOR SALE : £400 ono

We have our "runabout" car for sale here at 17 Greenways. It's a 1999 Vauxhall Vectra 1.8LS in Silver. It's done about 100,000 miles, is petrol and a manual. Runs well, and has an MOT until April 16th 2014, Tax until 31st May 2014. No advisory information at last MOT.

Paperwork to show car regularly serviced at Pikesley's. Mileage on MOT Test Cert shows mileage on 10/04/2013 as 94813, but does not show on car display for some reason! It's advertised on "Gumtree" at present, however it may provide an ideal car for someone learning to drive in the village?

Gill & Andy 17 Greenways candishtowers@gmail.com
(01908) 373602 or 07885 435050



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Www.wheatsheafbowbrickhill.co.uk

01908 374795

TAKEAWAY TUESDAY



February

- 4th Fish & Chips
- 11th Curry
- 18th Fish & Chips
- 25th Curry

Phone your order through or pop down and have a cheeky drink while your food is cooked for you

DON'T FORGET VALENTINE'S ...

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH



!! BOOK NOW !!
Just a few spaces left

WEDNESDAY WINE CLUB

FEBRUARY 26TH

5 Wine tastings

Plus

Light Supper



£13.50 per person

These evenings are very popular so early booking is essential

EVERY SUNDAY Delicious Sunday roast dinner

Choice of Roasts
with homemade Yorkshire
Pudding, Roast Potatoes
and a selection of Fresh
Vegetables



Just £9.95

Booking Advisable

To be the first to know everything that's happening at your friendly local why not log on to:

www.wheatsheafbowbrickhill.co.uk
and sign up for our monthly newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY			
Monday 3rd	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 4th	Bow Brickhill Club	The Pavilion	1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 5th	Rainbows	Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
	Brownies	Church Hall	6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
	BB History Society	Church Hall	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 6th	Youth Club	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Monday 10th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 12th	Drop-In Afternoon	Church Hall	2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
	Rainbows	Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
	Brownies	Church Hall	6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 13th	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Monday 17th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 19th	Buckaneers Model Club	Pavilion	8.00 p.m.
Thursday 20th	Youth Club	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Sunday 23rd	All Saints Lunch Club	Church Hall	12.00 for 12.30 p.m. .
Monday 24th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 26th	Rainbows	Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
	Brownies	Church Hall	6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 27th	WI "Lifeboats"	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
	ASTRA 500 Club Draw	Wheatsheaf	8.00 p.m.
MARCH			
Monday 3rd	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 4th	Bow Brickhill Club	The Pavilion	2.00 p.m. tbc
Wednesday 5th	Rainbows	Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
	Brownies	Church Hall	6.15 - 7.30 p.m.

Bow Brickhill History Society

Wednesday 5th February 2014 Church Hall 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm

How an author goes about research for an historical novel

A talk by local author Griselda Gifford (who lived in Bow Brickhill for a while).

Free for BBHS members £2.50 for guests. Includes refreshments.

Wednesday 5th March 2014 The Wheatsheaf 7.30 pm

General meeting - all welcome.

Wednesday 2nd April 2014 Church Hall 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm

Ancient Droveaways

A talk by local historian Bruce Smith, this lecture was given to the Bletchley Archaeology Society in 2013 and by all accounts was extremely interesting. Bruce has promised to feature Droveaways as local to Bow Brickhill as possible.

Free for BBHS members £2.50 for guests. Includes refreshments.

Everybody is welcome at any of our events - we try to cover a wide range of interests, or you can get involved in the compilation of our virtual archive or in transcribing 500 years of Church Registers.

If you would like further information or would like to join the group please contact Diana 372434 or Mary 647003. Annual subscription £10.

Weird Facts:

- * It's impossible to hum while holding your nose
- * A human liver can grow back even if 75% has been removed
- * At any one time, 45 million people in the world are drunk
- * In the time it takes you to read this sentence, 50,000 cells in your body will die
- * A flu virus can survive on most surfaces for only 48 hours, but can live on a bank note for 17 days

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are planning to carry out some work on the playing fields and to the trees and ditch alongside the Pavilion play area. The work to be carried out is as noted below, with a programme of works (including proposed dates) to be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting being held Thursday 13th February.

- ◆ Remove the trees and roots at the back of the Children's play area.
- ◆ Level the ground to the right of the Pavilion in order to reposition the football pitch to give more space for a proposed cricket square. The soil from this area will then be used to fill the ditch where the trees have been removed.
- ◆ Clear the area around the old metal shed and remove shed.
- ◆ Clear all ditches and cut back perimeter hedging.

It is hoped that the Parish Council can get a team of volunteers together to do the majority of this work and they would therefore welcome any volunteers to contact the Parish Clerk on 07904 339391 or parish.clerk@bowbrickhill.org.uk to discuss this further.



Please also contact the Parish Clerk with any comments/suggestions you may have with regard to the proposed works.

WELCOME TO THE 21ST CENTURY : *The "LESS" Century*

Our Phones ~ Wireless	Cooking ~ Fireless
Food ~ Fatless	Tyres ~ Tubeless
Youth ~ Jobless	Leaders ~ Shameless
Attitude ~ Careless	Wives ~ Fearless
Feelings ~ Heartless	Education ~ Valueless
Politicians ~ Gutless	Cars ~ Keyless
Relationships ~ Meaningless	Babies ~ Fatherless
Dress ~ Sleeveless	Children ~ Mannerless

Everything is becoming LESS but still our hopes are ~ Endless

All this, quite frankly, leaves me ~ Speechless!!



Church Tower

Monday January 27th will see the start of the completion of our work. AS-TRA's new stonemason Mick Bunning is due to start on the final works to complete the south west buttress, west 'string course' and total renovation of the wonderful 'west window' (funds permitting). Together with the extensive graveyard extension, new safe visitor pathway, 2 new gates, renovation of benches, resurfacing of Church Path, new floors, safety rails, even new galvanised trap door, this will see the completion of our work for the foreseeable future.

As chairman of ASTRA I could not thank the village enough for the support, enthusiasm and generosity in making this project so successful and indeed enjoyable! I believe it has helped bond our community, bringing us together under a single cause. Without doubt the needs of this beautiful 12th Century building has strengthened our unique community here in Bow Brickhill – my congratulations!

The next project

The 'Church Hall' is in desperate need of attention, if it is to meet the community needs over the next ¼ Century. The present cramped kitchen and toilet areas are very difficult and fail to meet legislative requirements. We need a new store room to allow easy access to chairs and tables, the floor needs strengthening, the *heritage* interior needs refurbishing and repainting, the electrics need to be brought to today's standards. We need to provide a safe yet exciting area for our younger children, make more use of the internal space, replace the deteriorating flat roof, rotten doors and woodwork. More than anything it needs to appeal to the next generations of 'Bow Brickillians' whilst maintaining its traditional design and character. **All this is likley to cost circa £50,000!** This time I believe with luck 'top up grants' will be available but we need to prime the fund!

So it begins.....

Thank you Bow Brickhill - Father Christmas raised **£160**

The Bah Humbug Auction at the Wheatsheaf on Saturday last raised an amazing **£300** a huge thank you to Denise and Simon for the use of the restaurant and all those who supported the event. **THANK YOU so much!**

ASTRA Community projects plan to initiate a 'village meeting & workshop' in March to develop a plan for our Church Hall. *Details to follow.*

Thank you
Alan Preen Chair of ASTRA