

BOW BRICKHILL PARISH NEWS



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Friends of the School

Summer Fete

Sat. July 10th
2 - 4pm



Bow Brickhill Pavilion

- Pony Rides
- Balloon Race
- Strawberry Teas
- Hot Dogs
- Licensed Bar
- Lots of Stalls and Games
- Soccer Shootout
- Displays
- Under 5's Area

Come along and have fun!

Mobile Library

By the War

Memorial from

11 - 11.15 am on

Friday July 9th

and 23rd



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by July 19th to:

Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626
or email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk

Bow Brickhill Club

The Club met on June 1st, all prepared for our annual feast of strawberries and cream, which together with sandwiches and other delicacies, were enjoyed and quickly consumed.

Again, another Tuesday afternoon passed all too quickly with a quiz, raffle and games, not to mention arrangements for our summer outing.

A reminder for all our members: On the day of our outing, the coach will be leaving the Pavilion car park at 8.00 a.m, a little earlier than usual, but this will ensure an earlier return. We are looking forward to "A Grand Day Out"

Our August meeting will be at 2-00 p.m. on August 3rd. In the Pavilion, all members old and new will be very welcome, and I am sure there will be a great deal to talk about



Church Barbeque

You are warmly invited to a barbeque Stuart and Kay Leeming's garden at

"Driveside"

Sunday July 4th at 1pm
Families welcomed.



Driveside is off Station Road take the lane between the end of Gravebank and the cottages

Salads supplied, bring your own meat or veggie protein.

Call Kay on 372032

who needs an idea of numbers
£1 per person

House Group

A group of us meet together on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month for Bible study, prayer and mutual support.

Anyone who would like to join us is most welcome. The venue is in a different home each time so if you are interested in coming along ring

Steve Valledy on
01908 270835

Sunday School

Next Sunday School is on July 25th, 11 am in the Church Hall. Come and join the fun.



Bow Brickhill W.I

Report for June Meeting.
Following the business side of the meeting a fellow member Pam Schorr brought to show us her large and varied collection of collectable frogs, she spoke enthusiastically about them and with a great deal of humour, members enjoyed handling the glass and pottery ones as well as enjoying her "international" section of frogs from abroad.

Pat Pullinger and Yvonne Alton won the competition for an animal ornament jointly

And the Raffle prizes which all related to frogs in some way Sylvia Fox, Chris Davey and Joan Varney won.

For our next meeting in July we are going out to dinner at "Henry's Table" and the August Meeting on the 19th will be a garden Party hosted by Sally Robinson on 19th of August at 7.0pm.

Bedford Morris Men

The Bedford Morrismen would like to thank all those brave souls who turned out to watch the Morris despite the foul weather.

It did not rain, but it did blow and was quite chilly for the bystanders. However at least 10 of the audience joined in with a stick dance.

See you next year hopefully!

PBB

Preserve Bow Brickhill

PBB has heard about sales of parcels of land being promoted on a field south of the village in the Area of Attractive Landscape. You may have read about this in the local or national press.

Any potential purchaser is advised to take legal advice immediately and not to part with any money before doing so.

MK Council have issued a statement stating that there is no intention to grant planning permission on the site in the foreseeable future.

Three Parishes Shopping Trip

The shopping trip this month took place on Monday June 7th, when we paid a return visit to Northampton. It was a very warm, sunny day and everyone enjoyed following their own interests. Some of us visited museums, while others took advantage of the fruit market and shops. Leaving the Drapery at 3.00p.m. we were driven to Morrisons where we were able to finish our shopping before boarding the coach for our return journey at 4.00p.m.

Our next trip is provisionally arranged for July 28th and will be to Cambridge. Further details will be posted on the Parish notice board, and tickets can be obtained from Chris on 373768.

Church Rotas

	Flowers	Cleaning	Readers
July 4	Mrs B. Goodger	Mrs D. Cook	As notified
July 11			As notified
July 18	Mr and Mrs Fox	Mrs B. Toombs	As notified
July 25			As notified

Parish News

NEW COUNCILLOR

The Parish council are pleased to welcome Sandy Miller to serve on the council.

PLANTERS.

Geraniums have now appeared, planted by MK Council. Well, it's a start! All the kind people who offered to help maintain them will be contacted and organised into rotas. Many thanks to all volunteers, and if anyone else would like to join in, just let me know.

PARKWAY.

The car park is in a terrible condition. We are waiting for Milton Keynes Council to sort this out. I have now made three reports to Environmental Services without much result. The matter has now passed to the Housing Department for their attention.

FOOTPATH.

The path from Parkway to the back of Blind Pond Farm has been reported as dangerously overgrown, with the stiles missing and the ditch is a safety hazard. MK Council has promised to inspect it and take appropriate action.



Bow Brickhill Youth Club

The good weather shone down on the village and its residents for the youth club BBQ. The event was arranged at the request of the members and gave the opportunity for everyone to enjoy a fun day. As every good BBQ needs top quality food there were no disappointment with Sara and Steven at the helm, supplying us with an array of food from the BBQ as well as a cascade of salads. After the main course there was the usual tuck shop for sweets and fizzy drinks as well as the option of tea, coffee and cake. There were too many physical and mental challenges to list them all. These included: badminton, rounders, dance mats, giant Connect 4, table tennis, pool, etc. At the end of the day everyone went home smiling but worn out. At this point I would like to thank personally the committee and members of the youth group for their help but most of all I would like thank the residents of all I would like thank the residents of the village for supporting your village youth group. Thank You

Duncan Summerfield
Chairman

More about Youth Club

Our raffle at the BBQ had over 30 prizes and thanks to all who participated we raised over £200 on this alone. Youth Club will make a contribution to the Parish Council from the proceeds.

Our regular youth club meetings since have welcomed a number of new helpers. Some of the young people have been practising face painting with Georgy so that they can help at the School Fete on July 10th. Stewart and Steve came to talk about how the Church might help the youth club and lent a hand carrying equipment on the long trek from the shed. We are always pleased to see fresh faces as helpers and we are mindful of the summer holidays when help may be thin on the ground.

Pete Tomis

Brownies

Brownies will be visiting as many homes as possible between 6 and 7.15pm on Wednesday July 7th, to collect coins for their "Mile of 2p" to be donated to Church funds.

If we miss you please feel free to give coins to any Brownie you know to bring along to our next meeting. Or pop them through the door of 60 Station Road or 4 London End Lane or ring Sally Robinson on 274852 to arrange collection.

Thanks in anticipation!

PARISH CLERK

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Thursday July 8th at 7:30pm
in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.
All welcomed to attend

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill
St Mary The Virgin
4th July:
11.00 Holy Communion
11th July:
9.30 Morning Worship
6.00 pm Evensong
18th July:
11.00 Village Service
25th July:
9.30 Family Communion Service

Little Brickhill
St Mary Magdalene
4th July:
6pm Holy Communion
11th July:
11.00 Morning Worship
18th July:
11.00 Family Service
25th July:
9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond
St Luke
4th July:
9.30 Holy Communion
11th July:
9.30 Holy Communion
18th July:
4pm Family Service
25th July:
9.30 Morning Worship

July Services

Bow Brickhill
All Saints
4th July
11.00 Family Service
11th July
11.00 Holy Communion
18th July
6pm Evensong
24th July
8.00 Holy Communion



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

When Bad Things Happen

One of the privileges and challenges of the work I do is to be alongside people at some of the most testing and difficult times in their lives. Often the most important thing is simply to be there to support people, but there is also the question of what can be said that may help at such times.

I try not to assume that I will know exactly how other people feel, when I have not faced the same challenges as they do, and I also try not to offer glib and superficial 'answers' to their situation.

I often find that people are tempted to try and understand things in terms of us 'deserving' the good or bad things that happen to us in life. I don't believe that is a helpful way to try and understand things. It is a mystery why good or bad things happen as they do in our lives, and we may understand better at some future time, what we cannot fully understand now.

Rather than always looking back, fretting and worrying over what has happened, and why, I believe it is more important to look forward, and think how best to move on in response to what has happened to us, and where we find ourselves now.

There is a very precious verse in the New Testament, that says this;

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him

Romans Ch. 8, v. 28

This does not say that all things are good, but it does promise that God will work with us to bring good out of any situation, however bad or difficult it may seem.

With this promise, I believe we can look forward with hope, knowing we are in the loving presence of God.

Revd. John Waller

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