

Bow Brickhill Parish News



JULY 2007

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PARISH COUNCIL

Playground

At an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council details of the playground improvements were agreed and it is anticipated work will commence during the month in the expectation that the improvements will be completed in time for the school summer holiday.

School Crossing

Milton Keynes Council has assured the Parish Council that work to install the crossing will commence during the school summer holiday to ensure it is in place by the time the children return for the autumn term.

Cricket at Bow Brickhill

A representative of Great Brickhill Cricket Club attended the last Parish Council meeting and received an enthusiastic response to a proposal that a youth cricket section be created at the village with a view to games being played next season. A detailed plan is to be placed before the Council for further consideration



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PARISH PLAN

Following the presentation by Bucks Community Action on the 17th April a number of villagers have volunteered to be members of the steering group that will ultimately produce the Plan for the village.

An open day has been arranged on

**Saturday the 15th SEPTEMBER
at the PAVILION**

between 2.00pm and 5.00pm

when we would like all villagers to attend through the afternoon to express your hopes, aspirations and concerns regarding the future of the village, these may include:

Local facilities (e.g. sport, shop, pub....)

Youth facilities

Environment

Traffic, roads and paths

Public transport

Historic preservation



If the future of the village interests you please come along.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on

Thursday 12th July

7.30pm

In the Pavillion

CONTACTS:

All Saints' Lunch Club: Chris Loak (373768) or Stuart & Kay Leeming (372032)

Bow Brickhill Club: Chris Loak (373768)

Brownies: Sally Robinson (374852)

Buccaneers (Model Club): Derek Giles (374494)

Line Dancing: Jan Cade (07721 420176)

Parents & Toddlers: Allison Goodyer (368212)

Women's Institute: Sylvia Fox (378289)

Sunday School: Rosemary (370811)



BOW BRICKHILL CLUB JUNE MEETING

The clock stood at a quarter to three and there were strawberries and cream for tea! That is how it was in the Pavilion, on June 2nd at the Bow Brickhill Club meeting. Having bought our raffle tickets and completed Pat's quiz, it was now time to settle down to our strawberry tea before springing into action, with dice in hand and Beetles to be completed, for another very lively competition.



The "Beetle Drive" took place while our stalwart washers-up cleared the tables and removed all signs of our seasonable feast. However, it was soon time for the raffle to be drawn and for us to bid "au revoir" to our friends before making our way home after a very busy afternoon.



Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday July 3rd** in the **Pavilion at 2.00pm** when we will be entertained with a one-act play presented by members of the U3A Drama Group. This will be another lively afternoon when we look forward to seeing all our friends.



We would also remind our members and friends that on **Thursday July 12th**, the coach will leave the Pavilion car park, for our trip to Runnymede and Windsor, at **8.30am**.



There will be a second picking-up point from the bus stop at the entrance to Greenways.

We are looking forward to more settled weather and "A Great Day Out!"

ROVING SUPPER

Thank you to all those who made the Roving Supper such a positive experience.

£215 was raised to help with the work of the church in the village. This year there were 43 of us. I wonder if there will be even more next time? We hope to arrange the date after Christmas, so keep your eyes open and keep the date clear!...

...and a big 'thank you' to Rosemary from all those who attended for organising such a very enjoyable evening!



YOUTH CLUB

Numbers have been very encouraging at our recent meetings but we are always looking for new members.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month and our next meeting will be on the **5th JULY** at **7.00pm** in the Pavilion.

During August it's planned to take the older members to a paintball and adventure game so keep your heads down!



WOMENS INSTITUTE

We were hugely entertained at our June meeting by Edwin Rye, a previous winner of the BBC's Gardener of the Year competition. He took us through the process of the competition from the moment his wife sent off for the application form to the final scenario of buying back his 'white garden' after its year on display at Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

His description of the drama and humour of the filming when almost four days' work was reduced to one hour of TV viewing was fascinating and the details of plants used and photographs of the completed garden were fuel for dreams of our own 'potential' gardens. Pam Schorr gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 26th July** when there will be a mystery outing followed by strawberries and cream.



Great Brickhill St Mary the Virgin

1st July
9.30am Holy Communion

8th July
9.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evensong

15th July
9.30am Holy Communion

22nd July
11.00am Family Service

29th July
10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Great Brickhill

Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene

1st July
6.00pm Holy Communion

8th July
11.00am Morning Worship

15th July
11.00am Family Service

22nd July
9.30am Holy Communion

29th July
10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Great Brickhill



Stoke Hammond St Luke

1st July
11.00am Family Service

8th July
9.30 Holy Communion

15th July
8.30am Holy Communion

22nd July
9.30am Morning Worship

29th July
10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Great Brickhill

Bow Brickhill All Saints

1st July
9.30am Holy Communion

8th July
11.00am Family Service

15th July
6.00pm Evensong

22nd July
8.00am Holy Communion

29th July
10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Great Brickhill

Still a Blessing

Dear friends,

Sometimes a verse or passage from the Bible will attract our attention, and speak powerfully to our lives and circumstances. I had one of these experiences recently, as I listened to an Old Testament reading during one of our services. The section that stood out for me was this:

This is what the Lord says:

'As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and people say, "Don't destroy it, there is still a blessing in it," so will I do on behalf of my servants.

(Isaiah 65. 7)

The setting is one of the assurances that God will not abandon his people. Despite their disobedience and lack of faith, and all the trials they have been through, they are assured that God will fulfil his promises. The image is either of grapes that have already been pressed once, and appear to be used up, but which still have some juice in them, or perhaps of grapes that appear shrivelled and dry, but which have some goodness within.

At a time when we as a family have experienced illness and other setbacks, and I am aware of others locally who are going through difficult times, this verse brought me back to God's promise that, even at times when we feel that everything is hopeless or negative, God is with us, and will work for good with us, if we are ready to work with God.

The promise is that, even when we find it hard to have hope, *there is still a blessing in it* for us and our loved ones.

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CHURCH ROTAS



JULY

1st

8th

15th

22nd

29th

FLOWERS

Brownies

Mrs L Drabble

Mrs L Drabble

Mrs K Leeming

Mrs K Leeming

CLEANING

Brownies

Mrs A Cookson

Mrs A Cookson

Mr S Leeming

Mr S Leeming

ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The July meeting of the lunch club will be on

Sunday 22nd

at

12.15 for 12.30

in the

Church Hall.

Please book in with Chris Loak at the Bow Brickhill Club or phone Chris on 373768 or contact Stuart or Kay on 372032.

JUNE FAMILY SERVICE

Thank you to all the pupils, brothers and sisters, parents, grandparents and others who made our June family service special.

This is the first one at which we have had such a direct link with the school, but we hope to have another one next term.

Of course, everyone is welcome to all services, and family services are always the second Sunday of the month!

BROWNIES MILE OF 2ps

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this fund-raising event and to the Brownies for their enthusiastic collecting which raised a total of **£160** for church funds.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you to all who gave to the Christian Aid collection in the village, and to those who helped collect.

We raised just over **£300**.



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BOW BRICKHILL SCHOOL SUMMER FETE



**Saturday 7th July
2pm - 4pm
Pavilion**

Once again Bow Brickhill Friends of the School will be running their popular summer fete. This is one of the main fundraising events for the school so all support is gratefully received at this event. There will be Refreshments and a Licensed Bar as well as a great array of fun and games.



3 PARISHES OUTING

The Three Parishes summer outing will be going to Rochester, where you can visit the cathedral and castle with a variety of local independent shops.

The outing will be on
August 15th

the coach will leave
Wavendon
at **9.30am**
and will return from
Rochester
at **4.00pm**



BOW BRICKHILL SCHOOL

On
6th September
the
Bishop of Buckingham
Will be opening the new
section of Bow Brickhill School



THE WOBURN SANDS BIG BAND SOCIETY

has been established in Woburn Sands, at present meeting on the third Thursday in each month at the Memorial Hall, High Street
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

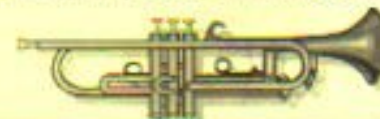
Come and Join Fellow Enthusiasts to Listen to 'Recitals' Featuring Music from the Big Band Era (e.g. Miller, Dorsey, Basie, Ellington) And Singers such as Fitzgerald, Thorne, Lee, Darin Played on High Quality Sound Equipment

Entrance £2.00, to include refreshments

Parking behind High Street shops - access off Russell Street

For more information contact:

Rex Harris on 281235 or David Higgs on 583937



COPY DEADLINE - AUGUST

To overcome copying problems with the next two editions we are planning a mini edition for August which will probably comprise 'Diary Dates' only, then the September issue will be circulated shortly after school re-starts in September.

Please deliver essential contributions for August by **21st July 2007** to:

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17 Greenways,
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**Friday 6th
and
20th July**



GREEN BIN COLLECTION

**Weds 11th July
Weds 25th July**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—JULY

Sunday 1st	Sunday School. 11.00am Church Hall
Monday 2nd	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 3rd	Bow Brickhill Club 2.00-4.00pm Pavilion John the Barber 2pm to 6pm Greenways Layby
Wednesday 4th	Brownies. 6.00pm to 7.15pm Church Hall
Thursday 5th	Youth Club. 7.00pm Pavilion
Friday 6th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial
Saturday 7th	Bow Brickhill Friends of School Fete. 2pm to 4pm, Pavilion
Monday 9th	Mobile Police Station 5pm to 7pm. Church Road and Greenways Layby
Wednesday 11th	Green Bin Collection Brownies. 6.00pm to 7.15pm Church Hall
Thursday 12th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Pavilion
Monday 16th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 17th	John the Barber 2pm to 6pm Greenways Layby
Thursday 19th	Youth Club. 7.00pm Pavilion
Friday 20th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial
Sunday 22nd	All Saints Lunch Club 12.15 for 12.30pm
Monday 23rd	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Wednesday 25th	Green Bin Collection
Thursday 26th	WI Mystery outing ending with strawberries and cream
Monday 30th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.

AFC Brickhill Rangers End of Season Report

The highlight of the last year was the setting up of our junior side. The training sessions commenced last summer and the encouraging turn out enabled us to form teams at both Under 10 and Under 11 levels. More than 20 local youngsters are now regularly involved and the matches attract a healthy number of parents, friends and supporters from the village. Our sponsors have provided a new kit and the teams will join structured leagues next season after playing a series of friendlies over the past few months. The committee is extremely proud of the junior section of the club and will continue to aid their development as much as possible. The number of junior players continues to grow and anyone wishing to join in should contact the junior team Manager, Greg Hayes – boys and girls of all ages are welcome.

The club also ran a very successful charity match and barbeque last summer which raised £300 for Helen & Douglas House, a charity involved in caring for terminally ill children. This was a cause backed by one of our senior players who had special motivation in helping this charity. We would like to say thank you to those villagers who attended the barbeque and contributed to the overall donation.

Looking back over our last season, it is easy to forget how far we have come in our two short years at Bow Brickhill playing fields. When we first applied to hire the village pitch, it was overgrown and untended, but thanks to our generous sponsors, Hasmead and P R Lowe Butchers, we have been able to improve the playing surface no end, although there is still work to do. The financial implications of paying rent to the parish council and also funding the maintenance of the field are considerable for an amateur club and we are very grateful for the help we have received.

The incredibly wet winter that we have just endured highlighted an existing problem with the drainage and although we carried out some work to remedy this last summer, the problem is still occurring and we would hope to improve the situation further over the coming months. We lost many games to waterlogging and this resulted in a fixture pile up in the latter weeks of the season. At one stage the senior side faced 18 games in 42 days.

On the pitch, our senior team competed strongly in the Intermediate Division of the North Bucks League. The club did not quite reach the promotion places in the league (finishing 4th), but did reach the final of the league cup, unfortunately losing out in the final. The club also reached the quarter finals (from 264 teams entered) of the Junior County Cup and this marked the furthest round the club had reached in its short history. The squad struggled without a full time manager for most of the season and this contributed to a rather flat end to the league campaign when fixture congestion took a heavy toll on players and ultimately, results.

The Committee are very pleased with the compliments we have been paid by the league regarding the running of our club. We received a glowing reference from the NBDFL when we first approached the Parish Council and this season we were held up as an example to the rest of the league as to how an amateur club should be run and this is obviously very humbling. We have also received compliments from visiting referees and opposition regarding our conduct and this is another great source of satisfaction. In the 2005/6 season we were awarded the 'Fair Play' award by the Berks & Bucks County Football Association. We shall continue to try and maintain these high standards.

We would also like to thank the Wheatshaf for the hospitality they have shown us, both after matches and during our committee meetings over the past year. We also enjoyed a very enjoyable 'Race Night' at the pub and this generated over £600 to club funds. A big thank you to the patrons who contributed to the race night and to the regular football cards we ran after matches. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We would again like to thank everyone who has wandered down to offer their support over the season and hope that we see you again. Anyone wishing to get involved with the club should contact the club representatives listed below, the senior team are still looking for a manager, and 'off the pitch' help is always welcome for both teams, as are new players.

AFC Brickhill Rangers Committee

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