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*The Rector
Bow Brickhill*

Dear Friends

As we get older we all learn a little about living with ourselves. I won't claim to understand myself, or even to be able to always predict what I will do. However, I do know myself sufficiently well to avoid certain errors. For instance I am looking forward to the holidays, as it will allow me to read again. Of course, it is not that I can't or don't want to read at other times, but I know that I have to ration my reading, otherwise it can make me very antisocial. You see, once I get started in a book I can become completely immersed in it. It can take over all my free time as I enter the world created by the author. I love it. I like to lose myself in all that other world, but for the sake of harmony in the real world I must ration myself.

In the end life is a compromise. We are individuals with the needs and drives that power us: yet we are also social animals who live with and amongst others. Even the most self-sufficient amongst us cannot ignore the activities of those around us, for in our complex world we depend on our fellow citizens. However, I believe that for the vast majority of us there is much more to our reactions than satisfying our practical needs. Our relationships and dealings with others give meaning and purpose. They are 'what life is all about' for most people. We curb our drives not just to keep people happy, but because we want to give them happiness. On the other hand, never to do what you want, never to reward yourself, never to ask for what you want, always to give in, always to be the martyr, is equally inappropriate. Compromise, not surrender is the secret of relationships.

Love your neighbour as yourself.

With every good wish,

Stephen J.Toze

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
4 July)		
11 July)	S.Paulger	D.Kesterton
18 July)		
25 July)	A.Buck	K.Leeming

CHURCH NEWS

COTTESLOE CHRISTIAN TRAINING PROGRAMME

Copies of the Cottesloe Christian Training Courses for Autumn 1999 are available in the Church.

VILLAGE NEWS

BOW BRICKHILL W.I.

The W.I. Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its founding on Thursday 17 June with a party for past and present members. The next meeting will be in the Pavilion at 7.30 pm on 15 July. Mrs.Lane will be talking about "Embroidery Through The Ages". Competition will be for a *Handmade Golden Card*.

PROMISE AUCTION

This is to be held on Saturday 17 July in the Pavilion at 8.00 pm. Half the proceeds will go towards Bow Brickhill Parent and Toddler Group and half towards the Kosovo Refugee Fund. Tickets £2.50 to include a Buffet. If anyone has any promise they would like to donate or would like tickets, please contact Helen, Tel:642280, Sue, Tel:639664 or Lisa, Tel:374019.

BOW BRICKHILL SCHOOL

The School wishes to thank all those who have given Tesco vouchers. The total stands at £10,000, well on the way to the target of £15,000.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be in the village by the War Memorial on Friday 2 July, Friday 16 July and Friday 30 July from 11.20 am to 11.40 am.

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