

The Bow Brickhill Club

Our meeting on May 6th was very well attended, staying on a high level of interest throughout the afternoon. Our speaker, Amanda, from the Pensions Office gave our members a great deal of helpful advice, backed up by relevant literature and telephone numbers. needless to say she was kept very busy answering questions.

Mrs Diana Kesterton was our next speaker explaining "The Parish Map" showing us photographs from villages she had recently visited. Discussions continued through tea time, particularly delicious due to many varieties of cheesecakes donated by Mrs Ruth Broomfield. Rosemary's raffle was once again a huge success and the afternoon ended with a quiz organised by Mr Jack Broomfield.

Our next meeting will be on June 3rd at 2pm in the Pavilion, when we hope to spend the afternoon playing Scrabble, Whist, Dominoes and monopoly or just chatting with friends and enjoying one of our teas with strawberries and cream. We look forward to seeing all friends old and new.

B.B.Friends Of The School

Fun filled family disco

Licensed bar,

Buffet supper

(the menu includes baked ham, salmon and veggie dishes as well as food especially for the children)

At the Pavilion on

Saturday July 5th

starting at 5pm

For details and tickets contact Georgy on 372626.

Mobile Library

By the War
Memorial from
11 -11.15 am on
Friday June
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Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by **June 19th** to:
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Parish News

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

We would like to congratulate Mrs Christine Loak for becoming the new Chair Person and Mr Colin Cornish the Vice Chair of Bow Brickhill Parish Council. We would also like to welcome our new Councillors to their positions within the Community: Mrs Diana Kesterton, Mrs Georgina Holden and Mr Michael Breslyn.

AGM

The Parish Council AGM was held in May and we would like to thank all the representatives who took the time to attend the meeting and forward a report on their group's activities over the past year. We would also like to thank Cllr. David Hopkins-Danesborough Ward, PC Andy Perry who is our new area beat officer and Mr Kevin McCarthy from the Green Sands Trust who will be forwarding information on local walks and events in the Bow Brickhill Woods that will be published in future editions of the Parish News.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Some residents may be aware that we are still continuing to suffer acts of criminal damage (graffiti) on the bus stops and at the Pavilion. The Police are fully aware of the ongoing problems and are in the process actively

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We would encourage residents to immediately report any damage that may have occurred to personal property or report any suspicious occurrences as this will enable the Police to build up a pattern of events. The contact numbers for our local area beat officers are:

Mobile Phone PC Rick Williams
07817 7278654

Newport Pagnell Police Station
686431

Milton Keynes Police Station
686000

SATELLITE POST OFFICE

In spite of efforts made by the Parish Council and Phillipa Newey (Post Office official) for the arranging of a Satellite Post Office to visit Bow Brickhill, it was decided this was not a viable proposition. However our application is to be kept on file for future reference.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Thursday** 12th June 2003, at **7:30pm** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close. All villagers are welcome to attend.



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From the Borough: Councillor David Hopkins

Can I start by thanking residents for the most emphatic vote of confidence shown at the local election on May 1st. I will do my best to represent the best interests of the village over the coming four years and to work closely with the Parish Council and village groups.

The Local Plan Public Inquiry starts on 15th July 2003 at the Civic Offices and residents can obtain a copy of the Inquiry Programme (setting out, in draft, the dates when certain issues or geographic areas will be discussed) can be obtained by telephoning Caroline Clapson at MK Council on MK 252318. The Inquiry may well last 12 months and will focus to a considerable extent, upon expansion areas and associated policies for the period to 2011.

The village has been subjected to an increasing amount of fly tipping in recent weeks, not helped by a change in litter picking frequency from two to eight weeks. After my numerous complaints the **Environment** section at the Council have established a 'hotline' which any resident can call to arrange for special collections of illegally tipped rubbish or if the levels of litter in any part of the village have become unacceptable. The telephone **hotline** is **MK 252570**.

Finally, the Shanks proposals for an Incinerator at Newton Longville landfill site appear to have finally gone following tentative agreement for an alternative (non thermal) solution for recycling and disposal at that site. As I write, this is subject to approval at a meeting of the Milton Keynes Council Development Control Committee on May 28th but had the broad agreement of the Council, BRAIN, PALS, Friends of the Earth and other groups at the April Planning meeting. Considering the horrific proposals that were before us this time last year this is a considerable success and one that balances the need for recycling and continued (if reduced) landfill with a solution that is environmentally acceptable.

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Youth on Show

Youth on Show have stopped meeting for an extended summer break. In recent weeks we have enjoyed both a pancake and an ice-cream party :-)

We have also had a major spring clean in our costumes and props store at the Pavilion.

Our aim is to restart on Tuesday September 16th at 6.30pm at the Pavilion by which time we will have sourced a script and a venue!

Contacts Mary: 647003 or Heather: 585245.

Bow Brickhill Brownie Pack

Mile of 2ps – On Wednesday, 18 June between 5 pm and 6.15 the Brownies will be laying their annual line of 2ps down Rushmere Close. We will be knocking on doors around the village at the same time and would appreciate any coins you can spare. Also on Sunday, 15th June we will be serving Cream Teas in the Church Hall. Both these events are in aid of Church funds.

On another note, I have been running the Pack for quite some time now and wonder if there is anyone out there keen to take on the role. I have to retire in any event at 65 and, although I'm not quite there yet, now would be an ideal time for someone with time and enthusiasm to take over as there is a new programme for the Brownie section which is due to start soon. Training would be given and obviously we would support anyone willing to take on the role with one or both current Guiders 'fading out' at appropriate times. For more details, please feel free to 'phone me on 374852.

Sally Robinson

CRIME FIGURES

The crime statistics for our area are constantly improving and now the team covering Bow Brickhill has been increased to three officers this should hopefully continue to do so. The officers are PC Rick Williams, PC Cameron Smith and PC Andy Perry. They have compiled the following report for your information:

In 2001 / 2002 April to April there were 94 crimes reported

In 2002 / 2003 April to April there were 54 crimes reported; a reduction of 50 on the previous years figures.

In particular the number of vehicle crime has reduced considerably from 74 in 2001/02 to 29 in 2002/03. This is partly due to improved security and greater police presence at the Golf Clubs in the area to ensure that these target spots are better protected.

Theft has also reduced from 8 to 2 reported crimes. Unfortunately some figures have increased over the same time period especially Criminal Damage which increased by 3 reported crimes.

If you are interested in seeing the full report you can find a copy on the Bow Brickhill Web site or ask one of the community policemen.

Sue's Snippets



Billeted at Bow Brickhill

Does anyone in the village remember Patricia Burkitt? Patricia worked at Bletchley Park during the war and met her future husband there, an American called John Hyman, with whom she migrated to the States in 1946. Patricia wrote this about being billeted in Bow Brickhill.

"Early in '44 I left my billet and moved to a simple little house in Bow Brickhill where two of my girlfriends lived. The owner was a railwayman who walked along the tracks hammering the blocks between the rails, and cleaned coal from the engines. His wife took care of us all. There was NO bathroom at all in this house, only a privy outside, but by now, Bletchley Park had installed a bathroom for us, so that's how we took a bath every now and then! Bow Brickhill was a charming little village, and had a sort of 'grand lady' who ran things at the church and seemed to impress the locals a lot..."

Does anyone know which cottage she was billeted in and who was the railwayman, his wife and the grand lady? Please contact Sue Malleson sue@bowbrickhill.com.

Village Summer Disco

The Pavilion Bow Brickhill

Saturday 12th July 2003

7.30 to Midnight

Buffet, Raffle, Dancing, Fun & Games

Licensed Bar

Tickets £5 each over 16s only

Tickets from:

Jan at 33 Greenways

07721 420176

or

Anita at 11 Parkway

01908 376230

or

Sandy at 68 Station Road

01908 647424

Proceeds to the Pavilion and Willen Hospice

Raffle Prizes would be appreciated

Wildlife Watch

If you have been enjoying watching "Wild in your Garden" with your children you might be interested to know about Wildlife Watch, the junior branch of the Wildlife trusts.

Wildlife watch has thousands of adult volunteers across the UK running groups where children can meet and enjoy exploring their environment.

Past projects have included

*watervolewatch,

*treewatch,

*frogwatch and

*riverwatch.

Young people can join and receive a starter pack and six mailings a year.

Membership costs £10 for one child or £12 for up to four children living at the same address.

There is a local branch which has regular group meetings and activities. To find out more about wildlife watch visit their website at www.wildlife-watch.org.uk or contact Neil Barber on 01223 712404 or email nbarber@cambswt.cix.co.uk

This item was passed on by the Bow Brickhill Woods Park ranger from the Greensands Trust.

Did you know?

That you need a permit from the Greensands trust to cycle in the woods? The trust ranger is based at Stockgrove Park

Bow Brickhill Parent & Toddler Group meet on a Thursday afternoon from 1:30pm – 3:00pm at Bow Brickhill Pavilion.

We have a wide range of toys for babies and toddlers up to School Age and enjoy many activities involving paint, glue and clay! We also invite all children to join a song time at the end of the session.

If you are a new mum or wishing to meet other parents with children the same age or wanting to find a welcoming group for your baby/toddler to join in with then come and visit, the first session is free with a £1.00 charge per family thereafter. As well as a stimulating environment for children and a rest spot for parents we offer light refreshments!

Our Summer trip this year is to Stockgrove Park for a pick-nick and Teddy Bear Hunt and we are also arranging social evenings for parents to get to know each other.

We would like to thank the Community Foundation for awarding us a grant to enable the group to purchase new safety floor matting. This will provide a much needed new colourful play surface for all our babies and toddlers.



Parish Map
 This project is still on, please contact Rosemary Clarke for details of the next meeting on 370811

Sunday School
 The June Sunday School will be on **June 23rd**
 Children of all ages are very welcome to this friendly group which usually meets in the Church Hall on the last Sunday of every month.

	Flowers	Cleaning	Readers
1st June			Mrs H.Coghill
8th June			Mrs J.Varney
			Mr S. Leeming
15th June			Mrs P.Wilby
			Mrs J.Woods
22nd June			Mr A. Wilkins
			Mr A.Malleson
29th June	Benefice Service		

**SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE
Great Brickhill – St Mary The Virgin**

1st June:

9.30 Holy Communion

8th June:

19.30 Holy Communion

15th June:

9.30 Family Service

6.00 pm Evensong

22nd June:

9.30 Holy Communion

29th June:

9.30 Village Service

Little Brickhill - St Mary Magdalene

1st June:

No Service

8th June:

11.00 Family Service

15th June:

No Service

22nd June:

11.00pm Holy Communion

29th June:

Stoke Hammond- St Luke

1st June:

9.30 Holy Communion

8th June:

9.30 Holy Communion

15th June:

9.30 Morning Worship

22nd June:

9.30 Holy Communion

29th June:

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Communion

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Benefice Service

Dear Friends,

God's Good Gift

On June 8th we will celebrate what the church calendar now calls Pentecost, which many people know as Whit Sunday. At this time we remember and give thanks to God for the gift of his Holy Spirit, promised by the risen Jesus, and given to his disciples on the Jewish festival day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit brings us God's presence, and power. We are promised that we can know God's presence in and with us at all times, in every part of our lives. And we are promised that we can experience God's power to help us do his will, and live out a life of love in his service.

To seek to serve God with our lives, but without being open to the Holy Spirit, has been compared with trying to live in a modern fully equipped house, but never using the electricity!

Sometimes people are wary, or even afraid, of what it might mean to open ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit, but we can trust that God loves us, and that what he wills is what is best for us.

"If you, then ... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."
(Luke 11. 13)

We are offered the wonderful gift of the power and presence of God in our lives, and in our world. What possible reason could there be to refuse such a gift?

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