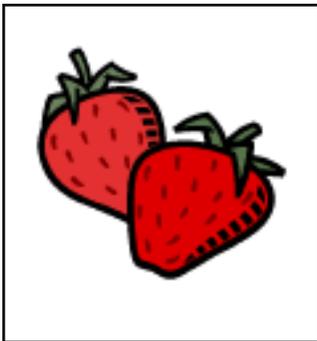


Bow Brickhill Club

The meeting of the club, on Tuesday May 4th was a very busy one. We hardly had time to complete all our business in the two hours from 2.00 p.m. to 4. 00 p.m. Our afternoon started with an illustrated talk by Bill Billings MA. MBE, who explained how much of the outdoor art work in Milton Keynes had been designed and painted by children from local schools and how the Prison had been brightened by the inmates, all under the guidance of Bill. There was a great deal to discuss concerning our summer outing, which together with our monthly raffle and time taken to consume our tea, completed another lively afternoon. Our next meeting will be at 2.00 p.m. in the Pavilion on Tuesday June 1st, when we hope to indulge in our annual strawberry and cream tea.



Friends of the School

The Friends of Bow Brickhill School were delighted to learn recently that the children will have the library that funds have been raised for over the last couple of years.

The old school house is to be converted to a library, design and technology and resources area over the summer holidays. This will be funded by a grant from Milton Keynes council and £6000 contributed by FOTS.

However fundraising efforts will continue as we will need books and furniture for the new areas.

On Saturday July 10th the school fete will be held at The Pavilion and we hope this will be an enjoyable event for the whole village. More details next month.

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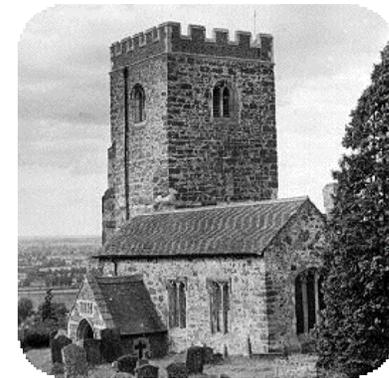
By the War
Memorial from
11 -11.15 am on
Friday June 11th
and 25th



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by June **19th** to:
Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow
Brickhill. tel 372626
or email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk

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PARISH NEWS

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There have been a couple of expressions of interest in the post of councillor. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

PLAY AREA

Users of the play area will by now have seen that not only has safety matting been installed in the park but also Milton Keynes Council has painted all of the play equipment, which has really brightened up the park.

GRASS CUTTING

The Parish Council are aware that there have been problems with grass cutting in the play area and on the playing fields. This has now been sorted out and we are hopeful that the problems will not reoccur.

PLANTERS

This has been a long-running saga but an end is in sight. The borough say they are about to plant geraniums in the planters. Our Parish Clerk will continue lobbying council officers until this actually happens.

TRAFFIC CALMING

We are still waiting for semicircles of coloured paving blocks to be laid in the road around the planters as part of the traffic calming scheme. A meeting is being set with officers from the borough to discuss the progress on this.

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THANKS

The Parish Council would like to thank all those organisations who sent representatives to the AGM. The Council were delighted to hear of the excellent work done by so many groups which contribute to the life of the village community.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday June 9th at 7:30pm** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close. (The change in day is because the Pavilion is being used as a polling station on Thursday 10th)
All welcomed to attend

PARISH CLERK

Mrs Susan Rumens, 4 Phebe Lane, Wavendon MK17 8LP tel. 587704



PBB Preserve Bow Brickhill

The Inspector's Interim Report into the Local Plan which was recently published has recommended that Milton Keynes Council removes the 'Area of Attractive Landscape' designation from the Local Plan.

PBB is of the opinion that to do so would put the area in grave risk of inappropriate development. PBB is making representations to the various authorities concerned to oppose this recommendation.

The Wheatsheaf

Refurbishment is finally complete!

We have only lived in the village for a short period of time moving here at the end of September 2003. We moved here to take on a tenancy at the Wheatsheaf because of the friendly atmosphere and welcome we felt as visitors. We imagined a strong sense of community from those brief visits and have not been disappointed. We happened to mention that we were planning to decorate the lounge bar. Before we knew it we had offers of help and the locals turning up ready to help where needed. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon and Nick Circuit~ Danny McCluskie and Tim Green for their handy work in decorating the bars. We would also like to thank the regulars for their advisory input into colour schemes etc and their honesty when we got it wrong!

Finally thanks to Pearl, Rose, Shelly and Jackie for their support and for being so adaptable throughout. Everybody has been helpful, supportive and very patient. We appreciate it and feel privileged to have been made so welcome in the village.

With a big thanks from Karen & Kevin

Concert with the St James Singers Saturday 19th June at 7.30pm in the Church

We are very pleased to welcome back the St. James Singers who will be giving a concert on June 19th.

St. James singers are a well established male voice ensemble based in Oxfordshire who mainly sing to help raise funds for a variety of organisations. Those who attended their concert two years ago enjoyed a programme which included Gregorian chant, Renaissance church music, madrigals from Europe, British folksongs and love-songs.

This year the programme will feature west gallery music as well and there will also be contributions from the church choir. We hope you will come along and enjoy what should be another excellent evening.



Tickets £5 including a glass of wine and a light buffet supper.

These will be available from the Church Wardens John Wales Tel. 373907 Stuart Leeming Tel. 372032 or on the door.

Archaeological Finds

Have you ever found archaeological objects and wondered what they were?

Ros Tyrrell, the Finds Liaison Officer, will be available to help identify your finds and record them on the new Portable Antiquities Website

Venues 10 am - 4 pm

June 2nd
Open University New Library,
Walton Hall

June 24th
Stony Stratford Library (upstairs), Church St,
Stony Stratford

July 18th
City Discovery Centre, (Opens at 11am), Alston Dr,
Bradwell Abbey

August 4th
Central Milton Keynes Library (upstairs)

For further details contact Ros on
01296 624519 or 0709 2026269 or email
rtyrrell@buckscc.gov.uk

Roving Supper



A snapshot of the after supper party in the church hall
By roving photographer Sue Malleon

The Roving supper on May 22nd was a great success for the second year running. Nearly 30 people took part, roaming from house to house for each course of their meal. Several 'new' people took part who had not participated last year and everyone had a very enjoyable evening

The cuisine was lovely and the whole event was a super social occasion. It was worth all the cooking and cleaning!

It is rumoured that the party went on well beyond 1am. Many thanks to Rosemary Clarke and Helen Coghill for orchestrating the evening.

Youth on Show

Youth on Show has enjoyed an end of show party at the Pavilion, tucking into sausage and chips (who's counting the calories?!) and generally socialising on a lovely spring evening.

We have received a very favourable critique for greasy from the NODA (National Operative and Dramatic Association) representative who seemed to have genuinely appreciated our efforts. Her only criticism was that some of our cast were not always loud enough on stage but sometimes a bit too noisy backstage! Well done everybody!

A special thank you to Sarah Dent (Libby's mum) who on hearing of our financial plight has raised and donated £100 to us. In addition she is organising a sponsored row in September from which we will benefit.

We are looking forward to a visit to Milton Keynes theatre at the end of June to see a professional production of Grease. All 29 of us are going in costume so hopefully it will be a fun evening out.

For further details contact Heather 585245 Mary 647003 or visit the Youth on Show page on the Bow Brickhill website.

Sew and Chat Group

This group is up and running (thanks to Wendie's kind hospitality). Friends from the village and from the surrounding area spend a couple of relaxing hours a week working on various projects including knitting, embroidery and mending! We meet at 52 Station Road nearly every week on different days and at different times.

If you would like to join us just give Wendie (374745) or Diana (372434) a ring to find out the latest details.



**Bedford
Morris Men**
will dance outside the
Wheatsheaf Pub on
Wednesday
23rd June 8.00pm.



Miss it - Miss out

Neighbourhood Watch

There is now a single number for Thames Valley Police:

0845 8 505 505.

This number should be used for all non-emergency calls.

In an emergency call 999.

It is an emergency if a crime is being committed, or is about to be committed, or if there is a risk of serious injury.

The Police web site is

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

where you will find a huge amount of information. You may be able to find the answer to your query there, rather than by phoning.

Summer Holiday Season

It's a good idea to get help from your neighbours. You could ask them to collect post, mow the lawn, open and close curtains and so on. They could even occasionally park a car on your driveway - anything to make the place looked lived in.

Before you go away on holiday please remember the following points:

- * Make your home look like someone is living in it.
- * Don't close curtains - in the daytime this shows the house is empty.
- * Consider using automatic timer switches to turn your lights on when it goes dark.
- * Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.
- * Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that burglars could hide behind.
- * Uncollected mail is a sign that you are away. Consider using the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service.
- * Do not put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination.
- * Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear details of your absence from home.
- * Lock all outside doors and windows, and if you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set.

Gaelic Blessing

May the road rise up to
meet you.
May the wind be always
at your back.
May the sun shine warm
upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon
your fields
And, until we meet
again,
May God hold you in
the palm of His hand.



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

Sunday School
Next Sunday School is on June 27th, 11 am in the Church Hall. Come and join the fun.



Church Rotas			
	Flowers	Cleaning	Readers
June 6	Mrs E. Drabble	Mrs A. Cookson	As notified
June 13			As notified
June 20	Mrs S. Giles	Mrs E. Morris	As notified
June 27			As notified

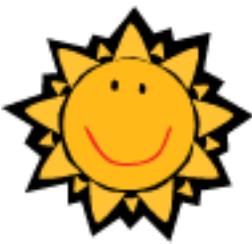
Bow Brickhill Youth Club
Thursday 6th May was a warm summer evening with lots of young people playing outside the pavilion. Simone organised a game of rounders which was a great laugh especially when the ball was hard to find in the long grass! Although perhaps it could be cut more often as our feet got very wet?

Inside Rosemary was demonstrating the art of braiding a "Scooby-doo" key chain, which proved a very popular challenge. The tuck shop was popular as ever, Sara keeps an inviting range of goodies available.
As the sun went down another indoor hockey contest got under way which was won by Emma Russell.
We were very pleased to welcome two new members Sarah and Olivia and we are thrilled that Sarah's mum wants to come and help as well! We also enjoyed the company of Terry Isles and George Roach from the Milton Keynes Junior and Rural Youth Work Project.

The barbeque on May 30th was a great success.. children and adults alike spent a relaxing afternoon in the sun enjoying brilliant food.. More about this in the next edition we hope. (editor)

Three Parishes Shopping Trip
The shopping trip for May took us to Saint Albans, which it would appear, was the most successful to date. Many of us took the opportunity of visiting the Cathedral, where we spent a great deal of our time, not only enjoying a conducted tour of this magnificent building and its contents, but also having a very good lunch at a reasonable price.

We were also fortunate in being in Saint Albans on a Wednesday (Market Day). This market is most impressive in size and variety of goods available. I am sure it is a venue that we shall all want to re-visit.
As Northampton is such a popular local town, we shall be returning there on our next trip, Wednesday June 1st when we hope to have more time for our visit to "Morrisons": Tickets this time will be back to £2.00 for over 60's and £5.00 for accompanying adults.



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**Great Brickhill
St Mary The Virgin****6th June:**

11.00 Holy Communion

13th June:

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

20th June:

11.00 Village Service

(in a marquee on the Cricket Ground)

27th June:

9.30 Family Communion Service

**Little Brickhill
St Mary Magdalene****6th June:**

6pm Holy Communion

13th June:

11.00 Morning Worship

20th June:

11.00 Family Service

27th June:

9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond**St Luke****6th June:**

9.30 Holy Communion

13th June:

9.30 Holy Communion

20th June:

4pm Family Service

27th June:

9.30 Morning Worship

**June Services
Bow Brickhill
All Saints****6th June****11.00 Family Service****13th June****11.00 Holy Communion****20th June****6pm Evensong****27th June****8.00 Holy Communion****Letter from the Rector**

Dear Friends,

Celebrating Difference

On the first Sunday in June, the church celebrates Trinity Sunday. People often think of the Trinity as a complicated and obscure bit of theoretical theology, but in fact it contains a positive and powerful message for our life together.

The Trinity is the truth that God is not something single and alone, but that within God himself there is difference (which we often call 'Father', 'Son', and 'Holy Spirit'), and that this difference is held together in the perfect unity of love.

So God has made the universe, our planet, and humanity, in his image, to reflect both God's unity, and his diversity. We are not all the same, and we are not supposed to be all the same, but we are called to find in God the power of love to hold all our diversity in unity, and live positively with all the ways in which we are different.

The hope I see in this distinctive aspect of the Christian faith, is that it can help us not merely tolerate and put up with all our differences, but learn to celebrate our positive differences as a gift to be enjoyed.

This is summed up well in one of my favourite quotations;

"It is not our differences that are the problem. It is our inability to accept, embrace, and rejoice in these differences."

That is a message that our country, and our divided and war-torn world, desperately needs at the present time.

Revd. John Waller

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