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# Bow Brickhill Village News

## May 2014

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*A carpet of bluebells to welcome Spring*

*View Photos on the Bow Brickhill website  
Www.bowbrickhill.com*

**The Village News is hand delivered to over 300 homes in Bow Brickhill**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

### Bow Brickhill : All Saints

#### May

4th	6.00 p.m. Evensong
11th	11.00 a.m. Family Service (Celebration of Marriage)
18th	3.00 p.m. Consecration of Churchyard
25th	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sung)
29th	10.30 a.m. Ascension Day Holy Communion at 53a Station Road

### Great Brickhill : St Mary the Virgin

#### May

4th	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11th	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
18th	6.00 p.m. Evensong
25th	11.00 a.m. Family Service

### Stoke Hammond : St Luke

#### May

4th	11.00 a.m. Family Service
11th	Time tbc Café Church
18th	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
25th	9.00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Little Brickhill : St Mary Magdalene

#### May

4th	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
18th	11.00 a.m. Family Service

### Prayers for healing

Monthly meetings are held at the Rectory in Great Brickhill, to pray for healing in the lives of individuals and the communities of the four villages in our benefice.

- email [rector@brickhillchurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@brickhillchurches.org.uk) or tel

### House Communion

A service of Holy Communion for residents of Bow Brickhill is held on most Thursday mornings in the village.

Transport can be arranged. If you would like to attend, please phone Cynthia on MK 642878

### Contact details for the Rector:

Tel: (01525) 261062

Address: The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great Brickhill MK17 9AS



The email address for All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill is:

[bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com)

Emails to this address will go direct to the Rector and to the Church Wardens

The Benefice website which serves across all 3 parishes is:

## CHURCH FLOWERS & CLEANING ROTA

May

4th

11th

18th

25th



Flowers

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S & R Fox

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Cleaning

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### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE



**20th May 2014**

Copy for the **June** issue should be sent to:

**Sally** email: [sallyhawtin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sallyhawtin@hotmail.co.uk)

**Gill** email: [candishtowers@gmail.com](mailto:candishtowers@gmail.com)

We are most grateful for all the contributions we receive towards the cost of the newsletter production and try to keep it down to 4 pages (double-sided) but for a 5 sheet issue, the cost is currently £44 – this with the school kindly allowing us to do the copying at cost. If you are able to make a donation to help towards these costs, it will be much appreciated.

Thanks this month to **Mike Duff** for his kind donation towards these costs.

*If you are able to help with a contribution towards the cost of the Newsletter please send it to:*

Andrea Spurdle, the PCC treasurer at 42A Station Road, Bow Brickhill  
Cheques should be made payable to: Bow Brickhill Parish Church

### Contact details for the local policeman:

At present Thames Valley Police have not advised who will replace Jason but further details will follow as soon as they are known. In the meantime should you wish to contact TVP please direct your email to Sergeant Chris Winks who may be able to help you - his email is: [winks.christopher@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:winks.christopher@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

or

Alternatively please call 101.

Woburn Sands Police Office  
12 High Street, Woburn Sands MK17 8RL

Tel: 01908 584824

Web: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)



### We'll go once more a-roving

Yes, the Roving Supper will be taking place again but this time a bit later in the year, when more people are able to participate, on **Saturday 27th September**.

The way it works is that everyone involved starts the evening together with pre-dinner drinks. They are then given details of the location of their starter course after which they learn where they will eat their main course. After a dessert course everyone meets again at the same venue for coffee. It's great fun. If you want to take part all you will be required to do (apart from eat courses of the meal at different houses) is to prepare one of the courses yourself. It will only be for a few people - and if you don't feel confident about preparing a main course, you could specify that you want to do a starter or a sweet.

The Roving Supper has taken place in Bow Brickhill for several years now and it's always been great fun. You meet new neighbours and it's a wonderful way to introduce yourself to other residents that otherwise you might not encounter. By charging £5 per head in aid of All Saints Church, we also raise some money too.

If you'd like to take part, please ring:

01908 372376 or email [sue@bowbrickhill.com](mailto:sue@bowbrickhill.com) with your address, and any preference for which course you'd like to prepare.



**EVERY CRISIS IS PERSONAL  
EVERY ONE OF YOU CAN HELP**



**RED CROSS WEEK 2014  
4 to 10 MAY**

Help support our annual fundraising week this May and you can make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people in your local community.

Hold a Caring Cuppa with friends, organise a house to house collection in your road, have a bake sale at home or in your office, there are so many ways in which you can help us to be there for people in Buckinghamshire.

Sign up [www.redcross.org.uk/redcrossweek](http://www.redcross.org.uk/redcrossweek)

Contact Sharon Cooper ♦ 01296 739309 ♦ [scooper@redcross.org.uk](mailto:scooper@redcross.org.uk)



### ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The **May** meeting of the lunch club will be on  
**Sunday 18th at 12.30 p.m.**

Due to the time changes of our church services, lunches now take place on the **third** Sunday of the month.

All are welcome, particularly anyone who is on their own, and transport is available.

**To book in or for more information please contact: Kay or Stuart on 372032**

### CHURCH HALL DROP-IN AFTERNOON MAY 14TH

Do you enjoy meeting up with others for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee?



If so drop in to the church hall on Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> anytime between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

**Refreshments are free**

### WI March Meeting

At our meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March members and guests were models for full make-over by MK college theatrical makeup students.

Hair and beauty students offered hand and arm massage and mini file and polish and hairdressing students demonstrated styling techniques.

Wine, cheese and biscuits were also on offer and the evening was a great success and provided a community outreach opportunity for the college.



At the May meeting the resolution to be decided at the AGM will be discussed, followed by cheese and wine tasting.

### Bill the Post

Good news from Bill the Postman, he is back home convalescing after his hip replacement operation. When asked whether he was being a good patient; he replied he had to be because when he isn't Jan, his wife, makes sure that his crutches are out of reach!

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Bill a speedy recovery.  
*Mary P.*



All Bus companies continue to operate under difficult trading conditions and have seen significant increases in operating costs over the last 12 months with an escalation in insurance premiums and the on-going impact of Bus Service Operators Grant reduction. Arriva have advised they will continue to try and minimize these costs in Milton Keynes as long as they can.

However I have been informed that there will be fare increases from 6 April 2014. The following is about Arriva buses only.

Regards Peter

### ARRIVA FARE INCREASES

The following are affected:

<u>Current</u>	<u>New</u>
£1.60p	£1.70p
£2.10p	£2.20p

In an attempt to try and level out these increases, Arriva are introducing return fares for the first time. By doing this, a passenger purchasing this option will actually avoid the increase.

<u>Single</u>	<u>Return</u>
£1.70p	£3.20p
£2.10p	£4.20p

**Day Ticket** is not increased and remains £4.20p. This means this is most attractive option as gives a passenger of flexible travel.

Tickets from Coachway to CMK and Station Square to CMK remain frozen.

All other fare options will increase by 10p to 20p.

Weekly and Four weekly tickets will be increased as follows:



**Weekly ticket** will increase from £14 to £15.

**Four weekly ticket** will increase from £46 to £48.

# The Pilates Workshop

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**Jan 2014**  
**ENROL NOW**

**New Beginners Pilates Mat Class**  
Commencing January  
Stoke Hammond  
Community Centre  
Monday 8pm

**Sunday 10.30am**  
Improvers/Intermediate Mat Class

Weekday daytime class coming soon - please register your interest  
07941 203689  
classes@thepilatesworkshop.co.uk  
www.ThePilatesWorkshop.co.uk




### BOW BRICKHILL YOUTH CLUB



Bow Brickhill Youth Club is delighted to announce that parents have elected a new Management Committee, and this very popular Club will carry on.

The new officers are Shaz Siddiqui, Chairman, Becca Aberly, Secretary and Matt Braddish, Treasurer. Other members of the Management Team are Becky Gray, Georgy Holden, Edwin Stein, Duncan Summerfield, Beverley Thompson and Nick Wagstaff.

Junior members of the Management Team will be appointed shortly.

Details of the Spring programme are on the website:  
<http://bbyc.org.uk/programme.html> and further details will be posted up shortly

### THREE PARISHES BUS TRIP

The Three Parishes Bus Trips are open to all parishioners aged 60 or over living in Bow Brickhill, Woburn Sands or Wavendon.

The next two bus trips (open to residents of the village aged 60+) are as follows:

Wednesday 14th May	-	Lichfield
Wednesday 11th June	-	Leamington Spa



The fare is £8 and the coach pick-up points in Bow Brickhill are Church Road and Greenways. The coach leaves Wavendon at 9.30 a.m.

Sale of tickets has now been taken over by Ron and Sylvia Fox, so please 'phone them on 378289 if you would like tickets. (Non-parishioners may have tickets for £9.50 if seats are available.)

### Celebration of Marriage Service



The Rector and P.C.C. of All Saints' Church, Bow Brickhill would like to invite all village residents, and their friends, to a special service in Celebration of Marriage at the church on *Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock.*

Come and enjoy our beautiful woodland setting and see all the work which has been done by **ASTRA** to restore our lovely, ancient church.

There will be prayers and readings by members of the village, the Benefice Choir will be performing specially chosen items and the whole congregation can join in singing some well-loved hymns.

Beautiful floral arrangements, based on the different Wedding Anniversaries, will decorate the church for you to admire.

Following the service please join us for a glass of sparkling wine (or soft drink) and a slice of cake.

### Refuse collection date changes



Wednesday 7th May will be collected on **Thursday 8th**

Wednesday 28th May will be collected on **Thursday 29th**

**The results of the March draw for the ASTRA 500 Club are:**

First prize:	Trish Wilby	ticket number 84	£35.75
Second prize:	William Smith	ticket number 100	£25.03
Third prize:	Louise Malleson	ticket number 39	£10.73

**The results of the April draw for the ASTRA 500 Club are:**

First prize:	Odette Holland	ticket number 113	£34.75
Second prize:	Nick Wagstaff	ticket number 64	£24.33
Third prize:	Gavin Wilby	ticket number 87	£10.43



**Congratulations all round!**

**FIND OUT EVERYTHING ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE – AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON**



A new, simple to use online service has been launched by Milton Keynes Council to help local people find out almost everything they need to know about where they live.

**My Milton Keynes** is an online 'one stop shop' providing information and maps about council services and other community facilities in your local area.

By searching by postcode or address, you can find details of your nearest community facilities, from pharmacies to leisure centres; details of council services such as bin collection day; information on nearby planning permissions; contacts details for your local ward councillor and parish council; the location of schools; public rights of way, and much more. The information can be viewed in a list or on a map.

**To use My Milton Keynes click on the "My Milton Keynes" link on the home page of the council's website [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk) or go to <https://mapping.milton-keynes.gov.uk/>**

The new tool was designed in-house by the council's Research and Intelligence team.

Bill Errington, Head of the Research and Intelligence team, said: "My Milton Keynes is a very simple system to use, and we think it will prove popular for existing residents and for people who are considering moving to or within Milton Keynes, as it helps gather essential information about council services and local facilities in one convenient place."



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[Www.wheatsheafbowbrickhill.co.uk](http://www.wheatsheafbowbrickhill.co.uk)

**01908 374795**

**TAKEAWAY TUESDAY**



**Alternate Tuesdays offer:  
either Fish & Chips or Curry  
See pub board for details**

*Phone your order through or pop down  
and have a cheeky drink while your food  
is cooked for you*

**EVERY SUNDAY  
Delicious Sunday roast  
dinner**



Choice of Roasts  
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and a selection of Fresh Vegetables

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**Provides  
5 Wine tastings  
Plus  
Light Supper**

**£13.50 per person**

**See pub board for date & details**

*Due to popular demand early booking  
is essential*

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous"

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool"

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>MAY</u>			
Thursday 1st	Youth Club	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Monday 5th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 7th	Rainbows Brownies BB History Society	Church Hall Church Hall Whearsheaf	5.00 - 6.00 p.m. 6.15 - 7.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 8th	Parish Council Meeting & Annual Village Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Monday 12th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 14th	Three Parishes Coach Trip Drop-In Afternoon Rainbows Brownies	To Lichfield Church Hall Church Hall Church Hall	2.30 - 4.30 p.m. 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 15th	Youth Club	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Sunday 18th	All Saints Lunch	Church Hall	12.00 for 12.30 p.m.
Monday 19th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 21st	Buckaneers Model Club	Pavilion	8.00 p.m.
Thursday 22nd	WI - Resolutions, Cheese & Wine	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Monday 26th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Thursday 29th	ASTRA 500 Club Draw	Whearsheaf	8.00 p.m.
<u>JUNE</u>			
Monday 2nd	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 4th	Rainbows Brownies BB History Society	Church Hall Church Hall Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m. 6.15 - 7.30 p.m. 7.45 p.m.
Thursday 5th	Youth Club	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.

# ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

**10<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 p.m.**

**The Pavilion**

Come along to hear:

What the Parish Council has been doing

What the Police have to say

What local groups and societies have been up to over the last year



**ALL WELCOME – TEA AND CAKE PROVIDED!!**

## The Pavilion

**Do you want to hold a party at the Pavilion?  
The Pavilion is available to hire for residents  
(and non-residents) at a very competitive rate**



**should you wish to get available dates or hire rates  
Please contact Debbie Mayer on 01908 631007**

### **Now that Spring is here .....**

Thames Valley police is giving the following guidance now that the spring is well and truly here. I would add to this that if you have a really valuable plant especially if it's in a pot, don't leave it accessible at the front of your property because we have had plants stolen from Bow Brickhill in the recent past; some from pots some from a flower bed. So it's best not to make it easy for criminals.

So here's the advice:

- Cut back your shrubs and hedges to aid visibility
- Secure access to the back garden
- Are your gates and fences maintained
- Consider a time switch for your radio and lights
- Service/maintain your burglar alarm
- Keep gardening tools locked away
- Ensure sheds and garages are fully secured





**WILLEN HOSPICE NEEDS YOU AT THEIR MULTI-COLOURED MOO**

The Willen Hospice MK Midnight Moo is back for its sixth successive year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014, and is calling on the ladies of Milton Keynes to get moving and join in with the fun on the biggest, ladies only, night out in the Milton Keynes calendar.

The MK Midnight Moo returns to Midsummer Place Shopping Centre with a fantastic multi-coloured theme! The care that Willen Hospice provides to its patients and loved ones is as diverse as the people that walk through the doors – and the MK Midnight Moo 2014 will reflect this diversity with our varied, multi-hued scheme.

Ladies who have participated before are encouraged to wear any previous years Moo T-Shirts, from white, pink, green, and orange, to last year's blue. T-Shirts can be personalised giving flamboyant ladies creative reign to make this year's Moo the biggest, brightest and most vibrant event to date. New Moo walkers will receive a new t-shirt.

Places are limited for this fun night out so register today! Walkers need to be 14 years or older to take part. The Registration Fee of £20 only covers the cost of running the event, so we rely on the sponsorship money you raise to contribute directly to the care our patients and loved ones receive from Willen Hospice. This year we are suggesting a minimum sponsorship of £100 per walker and this will ensure that your personal challenge of walking 10 miles will help to fund the cost of a Staff Nurse for one shift at the Hospice.

**If you would like to get involved then sign up today at: [www.mkmidnightmoo.com](http://www.mkmidnightmoo.com)**



**Working together to improve the A421  
Construction work begins to dual the A421  
Partnership working could drive further improvements**

Following a successful bid for £8.81m of government funding aimed at easing congestion at 'bottleneck' areas including the A421 and Kingston roundabout, work has started by Milton Keynes Council to clear the areas around the A421 from Fen Farm to Eagle Farm roundabouts ahead of this busy stretch of road being widened into a dual carriageway. The site clearance work will take place outside of peak hour traffic to minimise delays. Main construction work is expected to run from July 2014 to mid-2015. The site clearance taking place now will help to protect wildlife, particularly birds before they start nesting.

At the same time, the Kingston roundabout will also be improved by enlarging a signalised junction and widening stop lines to accommodate three lanes. Work is expected to start in April 2014. The schemes will cost around £17m in total and the remainder of the funding will come from developer contributions.

Council Leader Andrew Geary has indicated that further improvements to the A421 could be possible, as a bid for further funding to dual the remaining section is to be included in the SEMLEP Strategic Economic Plan. Milton Keynes Council and Central Bedfordshire Council have worked together to ensure the A421 extended dualling is included in the bid, which along with the A421 scheme covers a range of projects across the wider South East Midlands region. Milton Keynes Council Leader Cllr Andrew Geary said:

"This particular stretch of road is a key strategic route for Milton Keynes because of the proximity to Magna Park and the M1, and it will also serve the future developments north and south of the A421. As such it's very important that we seek all available opportunities to bid for funding and other support to keep investing in local infrastructure.

"Improvements to the A421 such as this, which will help to keep Milton Keynes a thriving economy, have a wider positive impact on the region. That's why we've been working with Central Bedfordshire Council and SEMLEP colleagues to include it in the SEMLEP Strategic Economic Plan."

Cllr David Hopkins, ward member for Danesborough added: "I'm delighted that the work is now starting on site to improve the A421. It's a busy road and dualling the highway will make a real difference to local congestion. Hopefully we'll receive further funding to make additional improvements as Milton Keynes continues to grow."

A husband went to the police station to file a "missing person" report for his missing wife:

Husband :-I lost my wife, she went shopping & hasn't come back yet.  
Inspector :-What is her height? Husband :-I never checked.  
Inspector :-Colour of eyes? Husband :-Never noticed.  
Inspector :-Colour of hair? Husband :-Changes according to season.  
Inspector :-What was she wearing? Husband :-Not sure whether it was a dress or a suit.  
Inspector :-Was she driving? Husband :-yes.  
Inspector :-colour of the car? . . . . .  
Husband :-black Audi A8 with supercharged 3.0 litre V6 engine generating 333 horse power teamed with an eight-speed tiptronic automatic transmission with manual mode. And it has full LED headlights, which use light emitting diodes for all light functions and has a very thin scratch on the front left door?  
and then the husband started crying . . . . .  
Inspector:-Don't worry sir. We will find your car.