

Bow Brickhill Club

Our meeting on April 5th was well attended by 39 of our members. We were delighted by the return of Mrs. Enid Burton who, since her accident, has been unable to attend for the past few months.

The afternoon started with our regular quiz, won this month by Mrs Pam Schorr. This was followed by discussion and plans for our summer outing which is now well under way. With tea to be consumed and Rosemary's raffle to be drawn time was rapidly running out, but Don and Betty managed to arrange a quick Bingo session before the meeting closed at 4.00p.m.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 3rd, when Mr Robin Brown will be visiting us again, this time with an illustrated talk on Bletchley in past times. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Pavilion at 2.00p.m when we shall be sure of a very entertaining afternoon.



Friends of the School

Beetle Drive
with Andy Malleson
Saturday May 7th
in the school hall



Fun and refreshments
call Georgy 372626 for
tickets

Green Bin Collection

Wednesdays

5th May, 18th May



Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in the village at 11.15 am on Fridays 13th and 27th May.



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by May 21st to: Georgy Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626 or email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk

Bow Brickhill Parish News



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Parish News

Pavilion grounds

AFC Rangers have begun maintenance of the football pitch. They are hoping to improve the pitch and the drainage to get it into a good playing condition for next season. Your co-operation is appreciated in keeping dogs on a lead when walking around the pitch to avoid problems of fouling. When AFC Rangers begin regular training sessions in the village they invite villagers of any age, boys and girls to join them with their coaches. A link to their website can now be found on the Bow Brickhill website.

Edwin Close Footpath

The Parish Council is looking at ways to improve the condition of the footpath between the Pavilion and Edwin Close, especially as this now forms part of the school travel plan.

Community Action Day

The Parish council have agreed to hold a fun day clearing ditches, and tidying up the undergrowth around the Pavilion area, this may also include some work on the Edwin close footpath. This will be held in July, more details to follow but it is hoped that this will be a social occasion too, with perhaps a village bar-beque for helpers and supporters.

Photo competition

The Parish council invites villagers to take pictures of the village and village life to submit in a photo competition in July, this event will probably be linked to the community action day discussed above.

Bow Brickhill Parish Council

For enquiries about the hire of the Pavilion call

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Thursday May 12th
in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.

The Parish Council meeting will take place at 7pm followed by the

Annual Parish Meeting
at 8pm

This is your chance to hear the reports of village groups and find out what has been happening in Bow Brickhill in the past year.

Refreshments will be served!

All welcomed to attend

Bow Brickhill W.I

At the April meeting Mrs Audrey Tompkins, who gave an amusing talk "Are you being served" which told what it was like to work in the large Department Store "Beatties", entertained us with what it was like when customer service, and appearance of staff and department presentation, were major priorities. She mentioned many amusing anecdotes of what could and did happen when working in retail.

Ann Pickersgill won the competition for "An unusual coin" and the raffle was won by Carole Stewart and Joan West.

This is the 85th year of the W.I in Buckinghamshire, and we are celebrating with a Party for the four Institutes who make up our Group, Great Brickhill, Soulbury, Stoke Hammond and Bow Brickhill on May 17th, at the Pavilion.

Could you care for a planter?

The village planter at the Station end of the village needs someone to look after it from the end of May. This involves clearing and planting the planter twice a year (October and May). Also deadheading and watering plants as needed. If you can help please let Diana know on 372434

Village Photo Competition



For adults, young people and children

Themes:

Village Views
Village Life
Village Folk

Get your cameras out and get snapping

All pictures will be displayed at an exhibition at the Pavilion in July. The winning entries will be put up in the Pavilion.

An entry form will be published in the next newsletter along with full details.

Roving Supper

This popular event will take place this year on **Saturday June 11th**. More details to follow next month.



Youth Club

Youth Club are still enjoying meeting twice a month. Most meetings are at the Pavilion but from time to time we go out for an outing instead. At Easter the Church took us on an outing which was great fun. On election day we will be going bowling because the Pavilion is in use as a polling station.

The youth club committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank Christine Loak for all of the work that she did for them in her role of Chair of the Parish Council, Chris and Douglas are invited to pop in at any time for a visit!

New members aged 10 and over are always welcome. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7pm.



Youth on Show

After much deliberation we have decided to disband Youth on Show, a tough decision as we have been meeting and performing since 1991. We own a huge number of costumes that we have collected over the years which we store in the portacabin at the Pavilion. We are anxious that anything of value or use should be found a new home. Therefore we are holding an open evening on Wednesday 15th June 6 – 8pm when any organization or individual is welcome to come and rummage.

On behalf of Youth on Show may I take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council and the many local people for the help, support and encouragement we have been given over the past 14 years.

Sunday, 1st May 2005 Beating the Bounds Walk

The custom of Beating the Bounds, dates back to before maps when it was important to mark the parish boundary to protect it. Starting at 1pm from the sandy lane in the woods beyond the church (opposite the road to the golf course clubhouse). The walk is about 9 miles (4 hours). All ages welcome, there are drop out points. Dress for the weather and bring a bottle of water. Refreshments available in the Church Hall at the end. For further info phone Diana (372434) or Rosemary (370811)

Youth Music Group

A new, music based youth workshop has been started in the village. meeting on the last Sunday of the month, musicians and would-be musicians over the age of 14 are invited to take part in a jam session from 8-10pm in the Pavilion.

Experienced musicians are on hand to offer advice and some basic instruction. Bring your own instruments or use ours. Next meeting May 29th.

Admission £1. for more details call: Mark Berry 01296 68069 or Steve Valledy 01908 270835



Sunday School

May 1st, 11pm in the Church Hall. Bring a picnic if you would like to Beat the Bounds afterwards.



The following Sunday School will take place on June 5th, 11pm as usual.

Church Rotas

	Flowers	Cleaning
May 1	Brownies	Brownies
8	Mrs R Parker	Mrs P Hewitson
15	"	"
22	Mrs S Giles	Mrs B Morris
29	"	"

All Saints Sunday Lunch Club

Eight guests attended the April meeting of the lunch club. The roast dinner was excellent and the conversation was very lively as it always is.

The next lunch is on the **15th May** at the Church Hall as usual. If you would like some company for Sunday lunch come and join us.

To book in contact Chris Loak on MK 373768 or see her at the monthly Bow Brickhill club. We have a small but dedicated team of helpers. If you would like to help perhaps once every few months call Kay or Stuart on 372032.



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill St Mary The Virgin 1st May.

9.30 Holy Communion

8th May.

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

15th May.

9.30 Holy Communion

22nd May.:

11.00 Family Service

Little Brickhill

St Mary Magdalene

1st May.

6.00 pm Holy Communion

8th May.

11.00 Morning Worship

15th May.:

11.00 Family Service

22nd May.:

9.30 Holy Communion

29th May.:

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond

St Luke

1st May.:

11.00 Family Service

8th May.

9.30 Holy Communion

15th May.:

8.30 Family Service

22nd May.:

9.30 Morning Worship

May Services

Bow Brickhill

All Saints

1st May

9.30 am Holy Communion

5th May.

7.30 pm Ascension Day

Holy Communion

8th May.

11 am Family Service

15th May.

6 pm Evensong

22nd May.

8 am Holy Communion

29th May.

Little Brickhill Benefice Service



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Vote and Pray

When we come to election time, I always encourage people to vote if they possibly can. We have an opportunity that many other people around the world are longing for, or fighting for, or have recently won at great cost.

It is a great concern that the turnout of voters at our elections continues to fall, as an expression of apathy or disillusionment. Our political system is far from perfect (as every such system is), and our politicians are far from perfect – they are fallible human people like us. But I believe that this is an opportunity that we should be thankful for, and make the best use of.

It is not my place to tell anybody else who they should vote for. Sometimes people talk about ‘moral issues’, usually meaning things like abortion or euthanasia, but in fact there are moral or ethical aspects to most issues, including our health and education systems, and our care for the poorest and most vulnerable people in this country and around the world. I don’t expect that any of us ever find our perfect party or candidate, whose views exactly match our own, but we can think and pray over the issues we are most concerned about, and vote in the way that seems best.

So, let us give thanks for this opportunity, and use it. And as we vote, to do it not just as an expression of our own interests, but for the good of all people.

Revd. John Waller

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My day off is Friday