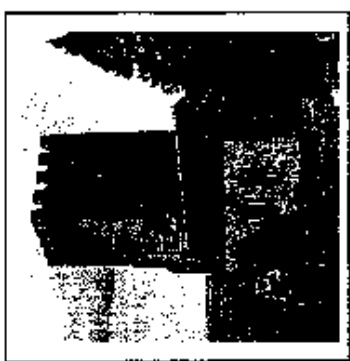


# BOW BRICKHILL PARISH NEWS



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### Bow Brickhill Club

On Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Bow Brickhill Club visited the Milton Keynes Museum where we spent a most interesting afternoon.

We were met at the entrance by two guides and divided into two parties. One party viewed the Victorian house and its fascinating contents, while the other was taken to the Telephone area. Here we were allowed to use the switchboards and telephones reminding us of our teens and early days in employment.

After visiting the schoolroom, kitchen and laundry we saw the toy exhibition before wandering down a narrow lane with shops on either side. Eventually we found our way to the teashop where we all met up. What a wonderful teashop this was! The teas had all been prepared specially for us and after indulging ourselves with a variety of freshly made sandwiches, homemade cakes and scones we made our way to the Transport area. Here again we were able to go back in time, climbing onto the tram that had originally taken passengers between Stony Stratford and Wolverton. We were all surprised at the length of the vehicle!

Another surprise was the Romany Caravan, something we had seen but few of us had ever been inside. I am sure many of the club members will be re-visiting the museum during the summer.

The next meeting will be at the Pavillion at 2pm on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> when we shall all have a great deal to talk about especially deciding a venue for our next summer outing.

**Friends of the School**  
A successful indulgences evening was held which raised over £300. Many thanks to all those in the village who came and supported us.

**Mobile Library**  
The mobile library will in the Parkway layby Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is not clear from Council information whether there will be another April date



If you would like to contribute anything to the next newsletter please email it to Georgy Holden by April 19<sup>th</sup> at [g.m.holden@open.ac.uk](mailto:g.m.holden@open.ac.uk) or post through 31 Greenways, Tel. 372626.

## PARISH NEWS PLANTERS

We are still waiting for the Highways department to plant our planters, and finish the traffic scheme. In anticipation of this we are looking for volunteers to help maintain the planters, e.g. watering and weeding. Could anyone new who would now like to help please contact the Parish Clerk.

### PLAY AREA SLIDE

This has been removed for safety reasons. A new slide is to be installed by the borough.

### COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We are very sorry that Cllr. Breslin has resigned due to pressure of work. We would like to thank to him for all he has done in the past year. There is now a vacancy for a parish councillor. Do let the Parish Clerk know if you are interested in this role.

### PARISH CLERK

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4 Phebe Lane, Wavendon  
MK17 8LP tel. 587704  
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### Date of the next Parish

Council meeting  
7.30pm April 1st  
at the Pavilion

All welcomed to attend



### Sue's Snippets

#### Village Couple Elope

Bow Brickhill was the scene of a dramatic true love story when the landlord of The Wheatsheaf David Munday's son George courted Lizzie Howes, daughter of John Howes a bricklayer and his wife Ann who kept The Plough public house on Church Road for over 50 years.

It was 11 November 1878 when George (in the parish register as William George) who was only 17 went with Lizzie (18) to All Saints Church to have the banns read for their wedding. Apparently David Munday stood up and objected to the banns on the grounds that his son was not yet 18. The parish register records the event and the rector's abandoned plans for a wedding. But George and Lizzie eloped and went to Bedford where they found a compliant vicar and willing witnesses and returned to the village as man and wife.

#### The Bow Brickhill Book

Sue Malleson can now supply a facsimile copy of the Brief History of the Village and Church, published 1934 on CD in Word format.  
sue@bowbrickhill.com

## Val Wright

We are sad to report the death of Val Wright who died recently after a long illness. Val and her family lived in Bow Brickhill for many years until moving to Woburn Sands 2 years ago.

Val was an active member of our community. She was Parish Clerk for many years and later a Parish Councillor for 4 years. She was a representative of the Parish Council on the Pavilion Management Committee. Val also walked many miles on the local footpaths as footpaths officer for the council reporting any problems she found along the way. It was Val who instigated the planting of the Blue Spruce tree on the village green.

Val was also a member of the local bridge club and a very active member of the Woburn Sands Bowls Club. She was school secretary at Knowles School in Queensway Bletchley.

She will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to her family.



## Bow Brickhill Football Club

**Presentation Evening**  
in the Pavilion  
Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Licensed bar and disco**

**Annual Six-a-Side Football  
Tournament**  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

If any organisation in the village would like to have a stall of their own at the event to raise funds for their own club they would be very welcome.

For further details of either event contact Roy Toombs 375151 or Odette Holland 370904



## Gold Chain

found in Station Road on  
March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Call Pam or Alison on 375971  
if you think it might be yours

### Good Friday

#### Sunday School Event

A special workshop for all children, 11am -1pm  
Starting at the Church and ending up at the Church Hall.

Egg painting and rolling,  
Easter Cross Hunt  
and lots of fun.

Please call Helen 373344,  
Georgy 372626 or Rosemary  
370811 to book a place.



### Church Flowers and Cleaning for Easter

The Church will be open on Saturday April 10th from 9.30 am. to prepare for Easter. Help would be very much appreciated with the cleaning and flower arranging within the church and mowing and tidying the churchyard (if weather permits).

Donations towards the cost of the flowers would be very welcome and can be given to the warden, Stuart Leeming or John Wales.



### Church Rotas

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| 11 <sup>th</sup>      | Mrs S. Paultger | Mrs A. Duff    |             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>      | Mrs S. Willis   | Mrs D. Bowdler |             |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>      |                 |                |             |



### Youth on Show

The performance of Greasy was a great success. This was the first full musical that the company have done and there were a few nerves about how it would go but the cast did it credit.

Many thanks to the innumerable people who helped in so many ways from front of house to backstage, thanks to those who donated time, props and energy and a big thank you to all those who turned up on those cold March nights to see the show.

We are planning a party and a trip to see a professional production of Grease at Milton Keynes Theatre in June

*Mary and Heather*

PS To whoever keeps trying to break into the YoS shed - there is nothing of value in there. However the material and costumes stored inside need to be kept dry or they will not be usable. Breaking in doesn't help



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The speaker for the evening was Mr Stanley who gave an illustrated talk on his visit to China, we travelled with him to start our journey at the Capital which was known to many as Peking but has now been renamed, then down the great Yangtze River calling at the wonderful new dam that is being built, along some of the Great Wall of China, and lastly visiting the Terracotta Army. What a journey all from the comfort of our chairs.

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## Services in the Benefice

**Great Brickhill**  
St Mary The Virgin  
4<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
11.00 Service and Procession  
6<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
7.30pm Holy Communion  
9<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
2pm Hour of Devotion  
11<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
9.30 Morning Worship  
6.00 pm Evensong  
18<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
11.00 Family Service (HC)  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
9.30 Family Service  
**Little Brickhill**  
St Mary Magdalene  
4<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
6.00 pm Holy Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
7.30 Holy Communion  
9<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
11.00 Litany and Prayers  
11<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
11.00 Holy Communion  
18<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
11.00 Family Communion Service  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
9.30 Holy Communion  
**Stoke Hammond**  
St Luke  
4<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
9.30 Holy Communion  
7<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
7.30 Holy Communion  
9<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
12 - 3pm Church open for Prayer  
11<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
9.30 Holy Communion  
18<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
4pm Family Service  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr:  
9.30 Morning Worship

## Easter Services and Events

**All Saints**  
**Bow Brickhill**  
4<sup>th</sup> April  
10.45 am Palm Sunday  
Family Service  
Processing up the hill from  
the War Memorial  
Sister Hazel  
8<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday  
7pm Last Supper  
Bow Brickhill Pavilion  
9<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday  
9.30 Hymns and Readings  
Rev. John Waller  
11<sup>th</sup> April  
11am Holy Communion  
Rev. John Waller  
18<sup>th</sup> April  
6pm Evensong  
Stuart Leeming  
25<sup>th</sup> April  
8am Holy Communion  
Rev. John Waller



## Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

### Real Hope

When somebody experiences great pain, suffering or sorrow, it can be hard to know how to offer any comfort or hope. But the good news at the heart of the Christian faith may speak to us at just those moments. On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus on the cross. This was not just an outward show or gesture, but the real experience of the most terrible kind of suffering and execution that we can imagine.

When we, or somebody close to us, is suffering, then we can be comforted and strengthened by knowing that God in Jesus Christ has been there before us, and knows what pain and grief is like, and stands with us in our times of trouble. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the rising again of Jesus from the dead, and this offers us the promise that, even through the most desperate and apparently hopeless situations, we can trust God to work for good with us, and bring the hope of new life.

So this is what the church has to celebrate at Easter, that Jesus Christ shared the reality of death, was truly risen again from the dead, and so offers a real hope to us, and all people.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

**Revd. John Waller**

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(Please note that my day off is Friday)