

Bow Brickhill Club

Tuesday June 3rd was the date chosen for our annual strawberry and cream tea. The tea, as always, prompted a great deal of lively conversation among friends. Together with a quiz, cards, board games, Rosemary's raffle, and the afternoon culminating in a short session of Don and Betty's Bingo, this proved to be a very successful formula and a great time was had by all.

Our next event will be the Cotswold river cruise on Tuesday July 1st. We would remind members to be in the Pavilion car park at 8.45 am, when we look forward to an interesting and relaxing day. On the return journey we shall be making a brief stop at Blooms of Bressingham.

Another date for your diary is August 5th when a representative from the Milton Keynes Theatre, Carol Burgess, will be coming to talk to us.

We look forward to welcoming more new friends to our August meeting.



Parish Map

The parish map group will not meet again until the autumn.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School during the school holidays.

The next meeting will be on September 28th.

Refuse and Recycling

Green bins (or paper sacks) will be collected on these Thursdays:
3rd 17th, 31st July



Mobile Library

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



Copy deadline

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

Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626
or email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk



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PARISH NEWS

PAVILION GROUNDS

Please could residents ensure if they are following the footpath round the grounds of the pavilion that dogs are kept on leads at all times in this area. Thank you

BLUE SPRING PUMP

The pump has been restored and repaired and now stands again in its rightful place at the top of Church Road opposite Drakewell Road. The pump was the original water supply for dwellings in Church Road; over the years it became damaged and was looked after by Alan and Mary Preene for several years. The Parish Council have been able to restore the pump with part funding from the Parish Partnership Fund (MKC) which offer financial support for community groups and projects.



PARISH FUNDING APPLICATIONS 2003

The Parish Council have been successful in gaining part funding through the Parish Partnership Fund this year for a new cooker and fridge at the Pavilion and monies towards providing a new football strip for the Bow Brickhill Football Club.

SID

Bow Brickhill is part of the Speed Check Campaign run by Milton Keynes Council and the Police. As we are members of this scheme the village is provided with regular visits from the mobile speed detectors and posters alerting drivers to maintain the speed limit. We have also recently been selected to be a SID trial site. Hopefully you have met SID and he has smiled at you! – If this was the case then you will be pleased to hear that you were within the village speed limit. SID detects the speed of vehicles on their approach to the mobile monitor and the vehicle speed is flashed up on the screen with a smile or a frown. The system has so far been located in three positions within the village and proved to have a very positive effect.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on
Thursday 10th July 2003,
 at 7:30pm
 in the Pavilion,
 Rushmere Close.
 All residents are welcomed
 to attend

CLERK : Mrs Julie Summerfield, 12 Station Road, Bow Brickhill.

Village Summer Disco

The Pavilion Bow Brickhill

Saturday 12th July

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

Bow Brickhill Friends of the School
 invite you to

Summer Jazz

at

The Pavilion,
Saturday July 5th
from 5pm onwards.



Family event with games and
 music for the children and a
 Jazz Trio and bar for the
 adults.

Come and enjoy a Pims and a
 great buffet with home baked
 ham and salmon, salads,
 veggie dishes and yummy
 desserts.

Children's buffet too.

Adults £7.50 children under 16 free

Call 370323 for tickets

(before Thursday)

Local Wildlife Trust

We have received some more information about the local wildlife trust which looks after wildlife in Bucks, Berks and Oxon. (known as BBOWT).

BBOWT has 90 reserves in the three counties, many of which offer some very exciting flora and fauna. One example is the breeding colony of dormice in Linford Wood to the north of Milton Keynes. The new guidebook gives superb information including colour and aerial photographs of all the major reserves. There is an active Wildlife Watch club for children which offers children their own Wildlife magazine and the chance to join the local club. To join the Club, the Trust offers family membership and cost is based on whatever the family feels they can afford.

For more details and information please contact Adrian Soskin at the Old Hayloft tel: 632549 or email as@powerjax639.fsnet.co.uk



Church News

Christian Aid collection

The total amount raised for Christian Aid in Bow Brickhill this year was #253, a little lower than last year but still an impressive amount. The total collected in all of the Brickhills was #859, Great Brickhill contributed #584 and Little Brickhill (who did not have a house to house collection) #22.00.

Many thanks to all those who donated so generously to this worthy cause and special thanks to those who delivered envelopes and collected money.

Roving Supper

The supper was a great success and a good evening was had by all 29 participants. This was an excellent way to meet some new faces and to get to know others better. There was lots of fun to be had sampling culinary delights from house to house. No-one wanted to go home, the party at the end went on till way past 1 o'clock in the morning, having started, with Pims in Diana Kesterton's garden at 7.15pm!

Many thanks to Rosemary Clarke and Helen Coghill for organising this event which raised £143 for church funds.

Church Rotas

Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Readers
July 6	Mrs S.Giles	Mrs E.Morris	Miss R Clarke
July 13			Mrs P Wilby Mrs J Woods
July 17	Mrs E. Drabbles	Mrs A.Cookson	Mr J Wales Mrs B Goodger
July 27			As advised

Sharer Wanted

Room available in 4 Bedroom Bow Brickhill cottage to share with three others.

No smokers, no pets.

Available 1st September

£250 per month exclusive of bills.

Contact 01908 365072 after 7pm

Domestic help required

2/3 days per week

(1-2 hours/day)

for general

cleaning, ironing etc.

Please call 586900 or 365088.

Night Out?

Our village pub, **The Wheatsheaf** is always good for a night out and has a varied entertainment programme, good pub grub and a friendly welcome. For a special treat I would recommend **thebridge@fenny**. This old pub has recently been converted into a stylish modern restaurant serving fresh local produce in a relaxed atmosphere. The food is great and not too pricey (about £7 - £11 for a main course, £4.50 for dessert). Well worth a try! Food is European in flavour and includes vegetarian options. tel: 01908 379584

For a completely different eating experience try **Yaws House**, this soulfood restaurant comes to the City Centre Church every Friday and Saturday. The food is excellent and Yaw is an amazing host who tells stories and welcomes everyone. Sometimes there is a band too. The "How to eat an African" nights are great fun. Best to book tel:01908 579249 email: yaw_asiyama@hotmail.com

Cricket Match Sunday August 10th



In a moment of excitement and friendly banter and forgetting we have no team, a challenge was made to Wavendon Cricket club of a one off game of cricket.

We now have a match date at Wavendon and we now need a team. Have you played? Can you play? Your village needs you. If you are interested in an enjoyable, friendly game of cricket with some pre-match practice contact Paul Bowdler on 0783 6383517. It would be great if some of the original Cricket club could turn out again and help organise a team for this one-off game.

Anybody got a bat?



Paul Bowdler

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

9.30 Holy Communion

13th July:

9.30 Family Service

6.00 pm Evensong

20th July:

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

27th July:

9.30 Village Service

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

No Service

13th July:

11.00 a.m. Family Service

20th July:

3.pm Holy Communion

27th July:

11.00pm Holy Communion

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

9.30 Holy Communion

13th July:

9.30 Holy Communion

20th July:

9.30 Holy Communion

27th July:

9.30 Family Service

SERVICES JULY 2003***Bow Brickhill******All Saints******6th July:****11.00 am****Family Service******13th July:****11.00 am****Holy Communion******20th July:****6.00 p.m.****Evensong******27th July:****8.00 a.m****Holy Communion*****Letter from the Rector**

Dear Friends,

"Unless I see . . . "

July 3rd is the day when the church remembers St. Thomas, and it seems to me that he is in some ways a very modern kind of saint.

He is often referred to as 'doubting Thomas', because he had a questioning attitude to what other people told him, and he wanted to see and experience things for himself.

You can read more about him in the Bible, in Chapter 20 of the gospel of John. He was absent when the risen Jesus appeared to a group of his disciples, and Thomas was not satisfied with just accepting what they told him they had seen and heard. He wanted to be able to see and touch the risen Jesus for himself.

A week later the same group gathered, and this time Thomas was with them. He saw and met the risen Jesus for himself, and then he believed.

Thomas can be a useful example for us, because he reminds us that there is nothing wrong with having honest doubts and questions, if that is part of a sincere search for truth. In recent years many churches have discovered the importance of giving time and attention to people's questions and searching, and providing opportunities for questions and open discussion. The Alpha course, and other courses and meetings, can offer that opportunity in our local churches.

Thomas brought his doubts and questions to Jesus, and found the answer to his questions in the experience of meeting the risen Jesus face to face. If we bring our doubts and questions to God, we may find that the same thing happens to us.

Jesus said, "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John Ch. 8, v. 32)

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(Please note that my day off is Friday)

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