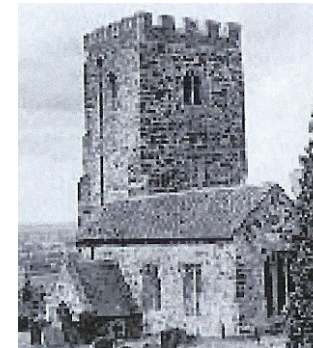


Bow Brickhill Parish News



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—APRIL

Sunday 2nd	Sunday School. 11.00-12.00. Church Hall.
Monday 3rd	Line Dancing. 7.30pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 4th	Bow Brickhill Club. 2.00 pm Pavilion Preserve Bow Brickhill AGM 7.30pm Pavilion
Wednesday 5th	Green Bin Collection
Monday 10th	Line Dancing. 7.30pm Pavilion.
Thursday 13th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Pavilion
Wednesday 19th	Green Bin Collection Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall. Buccaneers 8.00-10.00pm Pavilion
Saturday 22nd	Bow Brickhill Pre-School. Easter Teas 2-4pm Pavilion Great Brickhill Annual Plant Fayre 12-4pm. Parish Hall
Sunday 23rd	All Saints Lunch Club 12.30 for 1pm Church Hall
Monday 24th	Line Dancing. 7.30pm Pavilion
Wednesday 26th	Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 27th	WI. Andy Creamer—Garden Baskets. Donation to Willen Hospice. 7.30pm Pavilion
Friday 28th	Mobile library 10.15-10.45 War Memorial
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Tuesday 2nd	Bow Brickhill Club 2.00-4.00pm Pavilion
Sunday 7th	Sunday School 11.00-12.00 Church Hall

AFC Rangers—Home Fixtures

www.afcrangers.net

Trophy Match
1st April 14.30

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Silverstone

Division Match
6th April 18.15

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Bletchley Trees

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Parish News

Traffic Calming

Members of the Parish Council recently met again with the Highways department. The council were advised that for safety reasons the only form of road-marking possible at the entrances to the village is coloured tarmac with a painted

speed limit. The council have agreed to red tarmac with a large 30 being laid at either end of the village by the planters. The council has also asked the highways department to look at the possibility of a traffic island by The Wheasheaf.

Parish Plan

The Council discussed the possibility of creating a Parish Plan. Great Brickhill have recently completed their plan and found it a really useful exercise to identify the concerns and priorities of residents. An application to fund the work involved is being drawn up.

The council are now looking for a team of volunteers to consult villagers about their needs. We need as many people as possible from all ages and walks of life. Would you like to help with this important venture? Being involved would mean setting up a consultation meeting and hearing what people have to say, creating and distributing a questionnaire to the village and above all talking to people about what they think is important for the village. The results of the consultation will then be drawn up as a plan to inform the future activities of the Parish Council. If you can help please contact Ailsa Petchey.

New Fridge-Freezer

The Pavilion now has a new

The Bow Brickhill Club March Meeting

Tuesday March 7th was a bitterly cold and very wet day, but this did not deter the 35 members who attended our monthly meeting. Time flew as we solved the quiz and chatted with friends whilst enjoying our tea. Tea consumed and the raffle drawn, we concluded the afternoon with a Bingo session organised by Betty and Don.

For the April meeting our speaker will be a representative from the Milton Keynes Hospital. The talk will, I am sure, be of great interest to all of us. We look forward to seeing our old friends and anyone who feels they would like to join in our club activities, for a very interesting afternoon commencing at **2pm on Tuesday 4th April** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.

WI March Report

This months meeting was the Group Meeting when members from Stoke Hammond, Soulbury and Great Brickhill joined Bow Brickhill who's turn it was to act as host.

Gillian Hughes gave a sparkling talk and demonstration of "Hats for all Occasions", members could enjoy, and also try on hats of all shapes and design, for a variety of occasions from weddings to the races, both glamorous and fanciful.

Bow Brickhill members provided an appetising buffet, which was followed by a thought provoking Quiz.

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill W.I is **April 27th** at the Pavilion, when the speaker will talk and demonstrate "Garden Baskets"

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Are your neighbours going hungry?

Despite the modernity of Milton Keynes there are areas which house some of the poorest people within the country and the Christian Centre at Oldbrook has set up, in conjunction with other local churches, *the Food Bank*, which supplies tinned, jars and packet food, baby products and other essentials to families who have fallen on hard times and who have been referred to the centre by doctors, social workers and clergy and are in genuine need. At All Saints we have a collection basket within the church and if you feel you would like to help and are able to contribute please add an extra tin or packet of food to your shopping and bring it along to the church when you next come or give it to one of the wardens.

SPEED CHURCHING!

Sunday School will not be quite the same on Sunday April 2nd. We meet in the Church Hall as usual, but are going to quickly explore the three other churches in the Benefice. Transport is by car [with parental consent] and we finish in Stoke Hammond Church just at the end of Morning Service. After a drink and biscuit, we return to the Church Hall at around 12.30pm.

Please , Please , Please prebook by phoning Georgy 372626; Claire 379425 or Marion 366390

Any adult help gratefully received, and if you wish to drive your own children, that would also help.

GOOD FRIDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 14th APRIL

A special Sunday School will be

held in the Church Hall from 11am to 1pm to celebrate Good Friday. There will be fun, games and some craft activities, with refreshments.

Again, please could you book using the above telephone numbers as spaces are limited. It is likely that some children from Stoke Hammond Sunday School may be joining us for part of this.

Over 3's, with or without adults very welcome

BOW BRICKHILL PRE-SCHOOL

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL.

EASTER TEAS

IN THE PAVILION

2.00 – 4.00 PM,

Including the

EASTER BONNET PARADE

and the

FIRE ENGINE

Church Rotas

April

2	Flowers	Lent
9	Flowers	Lent
16	Flowers	Mrs Paulger
23	Flowers	Mrs Paulger
30	Flowers	Cleaning

Cleaning

Mrs J Lousada
Mrs J Lousada
Mrs S Willis
Mrs S Willis
Cleaning

May

7	Mrs R Parker
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Mrs P Hewitson

The church will be open on Saturday 15th at 9.30am in preparation for Easter Sunday. All are welcome to help with the cleaning, flower arranging or tidying and mowing the churchyard (weather permitting). Any donations towards the cost of flowers would be greatly appreciated and can be given to either of the churchwardens

fridge-freezer. The extra freezer space should help regular groups and hirers and the new eye-level fridge will hopefully be better for elderly and disabled users. Date of next **meeting Thursday April 13th** at **7.30pm** in the Pavilion. All are welcome to attend

Village Business Directory

The Parish Council is hoping to launch a village business directory in the next few months. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Georgy Holden 372626, email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk The format of it has not yet been decided as this will depend to some extent on the content.. To help us decide, could you please indicate whether you would be happy with a short entry, or be prepared to pay for a block advertisement. Would you prefer colour or black and white? You would not be committing yourself at this stage, but it will enable us to give a better indication of costs .

All Saints Lunch Club

The February Lunch Club saw 18 guests and helpers once again enjoy a convivial meal with good food and lively conversation, and it was a great pleasure to have our rector, John, his wife Pauline and son Tim join us. 15 guests and helpers enjoyed lunch in March. The next lunch club will take place on **April 23rd**, a week later than usual, as the third Sunday of the month is Easter. Please book by Monday 17th by telephoning Stuart or Kay on 372032 or via Chris Loak at the next meeting of the Bow Brickhill club.

COPY DEADLINE – MAY

We welcome your news and views for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by 18th April to: Gill Cannell
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Line Dancing: Jan Cade (642237)
Parents & Toddlers: Alison Goodyer (368212)
Women's Institute: Sylvia Fox (378289)
Sunday School: Rosemary (378011)



Great Brickhill**St Mary the Virgin****2 April**

9.30 Holy Communion

9 April

9.30 Morning Service procession

6.00pm Evensong

12 April

10.30 Holy Communion-10 Heath Road

13 April

7pm Last Supper Parish Church

14 April

2pm Hour of Devotion

16 April

11.00 Holy Communion

23 April

11.00 Family Service

Little Brickhill**St Mary Magdalene****2 April**

6.00pm Holy Communion

9 April

11.00 Morning Worship

14 April

11.00 The Litany and Prayers

16 April

11.00 Holy Communion

23 April

9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond St Luke**2 April**

11.00 Family Service Parish Church

9 April

9.30 Holy Communion (Palms)

14 April

12.00-5.00pm Open Church

16 April

9.30 Holy Communion

23 April

9.30 Morning Worship

Bow Brickhill**All Saints****2 April**

9.30 Holy Communion

9 April (Palm Sunday)

11.00 Family Service

10 April

10.30 Holy Communion

(At 53a Station Road)

14 April (Good Friday)

9.30 Hymns and Readings

16 April (Easter Day)

9.30 Holy Communion

23 April

8.00 Holy Communion

Rev'd Peter Green

30 April

10.00 Holy Communion

(Joint Benefice Service

at Bow Brickhill)

*Rev'd. John Waller**The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great**Brickhill MK17 9AS**(01525) 261062*john.waller1@virgin.net**“Disgusting ... outrageous ... barbaric”**

Dear Friends,

These words were heard one day in a church, as a visitor stood looking at the large crucifix – the representation of Jesus hanging on the cross. The speaker worked in public relations, and he went on to say, “Isn’t it about time the church found something more civilised for its main image?”

At least he had noticed something of the reality of what the cross stands for. We can get so used to seeing crosses as mere decoration or jewellery, that we forget what they represent – one of the cruellest forms of torture and execution ever devised.

However uncomfortable it may be, I believe that we need this symbol at the heart of the Christian faith, and at the centre of our celebration of Easter. The death of Jesus, without the resurrection, would be a story of noble failure and despair. The resurrection, without the pain and suffering of the cross, would make Easter a cheap and hollow celebration. The gospel – the good news at the heart of the Christian faith, holds them together at its heart.

The cross reminds us that on the day we call Good Friday, God himself shared our human life and experience, even to the point of sharing the deepest of human suffering, and the reality of death. The empty tomb that we remember and celebrate on Easter Day is a sign that Jesus is risen and alive for ever, and that he has defeated for all time the power of evil and death.

It is only if we will face the reality and horror of the cross, that we can fully understand and celebrate the wonder of what the resurrection of Jesus can mean.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.