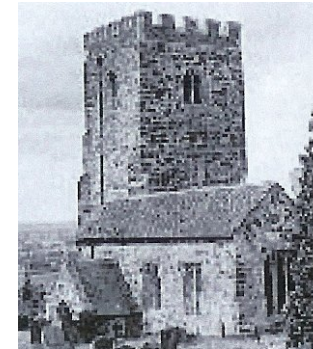


Bow Brickhill Parish News



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—FEBRUARY	
Monday 2nd	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Tuesday 3rd	Bow Brickhill Club. 1pm.to 3pm. Pavilion. John the Barber. 2pm to 6pm. Greenways Layby
Wednesday 4th	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 5th	Youth Club. 7.00pm to 9.00pm Pavilion
Monday 9th	Book Club (contact Celia for Details) Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Tuesday 10th	John the Barber. 2pm to 6pm. Greenways Layby
Wednesday 11th	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 12th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm. Pavilion.
Monday 16 th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Wednesday 18th	3 Parishes Outing. Hemel Hempstead
Thursday 19th	Youth Club. 7.00pm to 9.00pm Pavilion Woburn Sands Big Band Society. 7pm for 7.30pm. Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall Woburn Sands
Sunday 22nd	All Saints Lunch Club. 12.15 for 12.30pm. Church Hall.
Monday 23rd	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Tuesday 24th	John the Barber. 2pm to 6pm. Greenways Layby
Wednesday 25th	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 26th	Women's Institute. 7.30pm. Pavilion. Life and times of a country builder. Competition for item with the letter B

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COPY DEADLINE

We welcome your news and events. Please send contributions by
19th February To: Gill Cannell
 17 Greenways
 Tel 373602
 Email: bowbrickhillpavilion@gmail.com



WOBURN SANDS BIG BAND SOCIETY

THURSDAY
19th February 2009
7pm for 7.30 pm
Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, Woburn Sands

Band Leaders' Choice


James Goff : "Bandleader's Favourites"
and
Colin Skinner : "President's Choice"

ENTRY: Members £2.00,
Non members £3.00

Free car parking available behind the shops in the High Street,
entry from Russell Street

Membership application forms available at the desk.

For further information call
David Higgs, 01908 583937, or Rex Harris, 01908 281235



MILTON KEYNES BRANCH WEA SPRING PROGRAMME 2009:

Managing your finances – it's your money!
by **Adrian Arnold-Smith.**



The Children's Centre, Stony Stratford

A four week evening course running from April 20th
Mondays from 7.30 – 9.30pm

Cost: £28

This course will encompass banking, saving, borrowing, insurance, investing, pensions, taxation and benefits in relation to domestic finances, but when we were discussing it with the tutor we asked for quite a bit of global context as well. We must have been psychic.

As there will be a break for the Whitson bank holiday on Monday 4th
May the course will finish on May 18th 2009

For more information contact: 01908 314151

Why use them?

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use 80% less electricity, save you about £3 a year each, and last up to 12 times longer than tungsten bulbs.



What are they?

Think of them as compact versions of the strip lights in work places since the 1950s.

Have they improved?

You can now get all shapes and sizes, fittings and levels of brightness, including 150W equivalent and dimmable options. A recent blind test of 761 shoppers, found that 64% preferred the light from them.

Is it better to leave them running?

No, switching them on uses the equivalent electricity as leaving them on for a few minutes. Most now light instantaneously.

How should I dispose of them?

Use the service your local council provides for the safe disposal of fluorescent tubes.

Is mercury an issue?

Installing CFLs ought to help reduce the need for coal-fired electricity production - a major cause of global mercury emissions. CFLs contain mercury - about 5mg. Locked into its tube, this is harmless.

What should I do if I smash one?

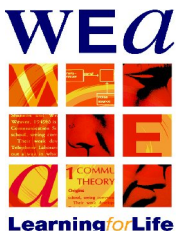
Ventilate the room for 15 minutes. Put on your rubber gloves, brush the bits into a bag, seal it and drop it at your local waste and recycling centre next time you visit.

Are tungsten bulbs banned?

No. Manufacturers have agreed to withdraw them for sale, starting with 100W this year, 60W in 2010 and 40W in 2011.

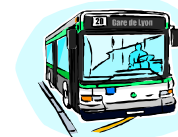
Where can I find out more?

Contact the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012.



3 PARISHES OUTING

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
FARE £4.50
WEDNESDAY
18TH FEBRUARY 2009
DEPARTING 10:00am**



Returning at Approximately
4:00pm

Parish	Pick Up Points	Contact for tickets
Woburn Sands	Fish and Chip Shop; Biker Den Bus Stop; The Leys	Pauline 01908 585368
Wavendon	Walton End; Wavendon Gate; Wavendon Community Centre; Leathern Bottle; Newport Road Lay-by; Parkway/Bellway	Monica 01908 281424
Bow Brickhill	Church Road; Greenways	Julie 07950 269233

Available to all parishioners over 60 living in the three parishes
Sponsored by: Bow Brickhill Parish Council;
Wavendon Parish Council; Woburn Sands Town Council

AGE Milton Keynes
Concern

WOBURN SANDS POLICE OFFICE

Opening Hours:

**Every
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
11:00 – 13:00**



PARISH NEWS

Village launches Parish Plan

This is an exciting time in the history of Bow Brickhill. A group of village residents have been working hard over the past year to put together the new Parish Plan. This is a document written by people who live in the village using information that has been collected from our households that states how we want our village to develop in the future. We've had a sneak preview and we are very excited about what it says and how it will enable us to develop our community over the coming years.

On Saturday 7th March we will be formally launching the Plan to the village with an event at the Pavilion.

Please come along and see what the plan says and how it might affect you - now or in the future. Representatives from the Parish Plan Committee and the Parish Council will be there all throughout to answer questions.

Your village needs you!

Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to one of the Parish Councillors. Anita Frith, of Parkway, has served on the council since May last year but has had to bow out due to pressures of work. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much for your support and we hope that you will be able to get involved in some way again in the future.

As a result, we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, with immediate effect. If you would like to get more involved with the running of our village then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Julie Summerfield. You can find her details at the front of the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Council says 'no' to Ecohouse

Following representations from the Parish Council as well as a number of villagers, the re-application to build a new house on land at the end of London End Lane has been refused by Milton Keynes Council. A number of reasons were cited, the main one being that the development would have been outside the current village 'envelope'.

Something should be done...

If you think that 'something should be done' about something that is or isn't going on, in and around our village, then please let us know.

RESERVATIONS AND RESERVE SITES

Across MK there are pieces of land owned by MK Community Foundation, which are to be used to develop facilities for the benefit of the people of the city. Examples of sites that have been developed include:

- o Age Concern's Peartree Centre on Peartree Bridge
- o the HQ of the Spinal Injury Association on Oldbrook
- o the SNAP centre on Walnut Tree.

A review is taking place of the process by which decision are made about these reserve sites. What sorts of projects should be supported? How can maximum public benefit be achieved? Who should be involved in the decision-making? How can the process be as fair, as open and as accountable as possible?

You are invited to take part in the Review of Reserve Sites by attending a Focus Group discussion on:

Monday 9th February, 5.30 – 7.30pm

Tuesday 10th February, 9.30 – 11.30am

Friday 13th February, 12.30 – 2.30pm

at

Acorn House, Midsummer Boulevard
CMK

TO BOOK

Please contact SHEILA on 01908 661623 or
sheila.thornton@mkcvo.co.uk

COULD YOU FILL THIS SPACE?

If you have any news or information you would like to share with others then please let us know.

We are happy to include articles, local events etc.

Please contact the person named in deadline section on page 2 and space permitting we will endeavour to include it.



The club continues to go from strength to strength with plans already being made to increase the number of teams for next season. This current season the club runs an Under 11's in the MK7's League with a Senior side playing in the Premier of the North Bucks League.

The Junior side are having a good run of late following a mixed start to the season with three victories in a row. Their hard work

in training on Saturdays with additional sessions on the astro turf at Walnut Tree is certainly paying off. The friendly spirit within the squad is excellent, this is reflected by losing only one player in the past two years.

The Senior side have lost one league game from twelve and are currently lying second in their first season in the Premier League following three promotions in four years. They have a large and strong squad.

Junior Section

We already have sufficient numbers for the club to run at least one under 11's and an under 12's next season.

We just need a few more girls and we will be able to run an under 12's girls side.

Any boys who will be under eleven at 1st September 2009 (Year 6) or boys and girls who will be under twelve on 1st September 2009 (year 7) and would like to join our club are welcome to come to our training sessions on a Saturday morning.

Please contact Neil Sharp on 07887 833070.

Senior Section

In view of the large number of players on our books we are considering running a second side next season. This will only happen if we can improve the drainage to allow the extra games. Despite spending several thousands of pounds of valuable club funds over the past three years the field still has problem areas that have restricted us to play one game since middle of November.

Anyone wishing to be part of AFC Brickhill Rangers please contact Brian Tanner on 01908 584808 or 07917273621

You can write to us, call us or even just stop us in the street. We want to know what we can do to improve things but we need to know what to focus on. So, don't just sit there, pick up the phone!

Bird scarer or people waker?

If you are one of the people who has woken to the sounds of gunfire recently, you are not alone. One of the fields behind Greenways has been planted with oil seed rape (the one with the bright yellow flower) and the farmer has already lost a lot of his seed and seedlings to the pigeons. He has put three bird scarers in the field which intermittently fire shots. Following comments from a number of residents, we have contacted the farmer who was very helpful and said that he would do what he could to help – the first thing being to set the time back on the devices so that they start a little later; hopefully this will improve matters. Living in the country brings with it a number of sounds and smells, some more pleasant than others!

WE won't put the Council Tax up!

Every year, Milton Keynes Council asks all Parishes how much money the Parish wants collected through the Council Tax. Once again, we have not asked for any more money from you. For five years now we have not increased the Precept – a fact of which we are very proud.

Footpath number 9 diversion

Footpath 9 at the end of Parkway runs behind Blind Pond Farm and then into the woods. An order has been approved diverting the path from the point at which Parkway finishes (the brook) and taking it roughly 30 metres south-east of the current path, then diagonally north-east for roughly 90 metres until it meets the site of the current path.

At the moment, the new route is not useable. The landowner is aware of this and attended the Parish Council in January to explain that he would be creating a new footpath, which would then be way-marked by the Council. In the meantime, he is happy for walkers to use the old route.

And finally

A big thank you to all the people who have given their time and energy and worked hard during the past year to help the young, the old and everyone in between! The Parish Council and many groups in the village would not be able to operate without these individuals.

BOW BRICKHILL CLUB JANUARY AND DECEMBER MEETINGS

On Tuesday December 2nd the club held their annual Christmas lunch at the "Broughton Hotel", this was a very jolly event, thoroughly enjoyed by our members.

January 6th, although a very cold and frosty day, did not deter our group from our New Year lunch which, together with a talk on the history of Big Bands, from David Higgs and Rex Harris kept our toes tapping while we listened to the music from the hey day of Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong and Glen Miller together with singers Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald and our old favourite Frank Sinatra. A very interesting afternoon down memory lane!



Our next meeting will be at **one o'clock** on Tuesday **first aid ambulance** in the Pavilion, when we are looking forward to a Fish and Chip lunch which I am sure will dispel our winter blues.

BOW BRICKHILL WI

Our Christmas meeting was held at Sylvia Fox's home when each member brought along something for the buffet table and also a 'secret Santa' gift resulting in a most enjoyable start to the festive season.

In January, our speaker was Barbara Cherryman whose talk on 'First Aid in the Home' proved both practical and humorous. She gave us confidence to tackle most of the emergencies experienced in the home whilst highlighting some of the occasions when a 999 call or visit to A & E are imperative.



The competition for an item beginning with the letter 'A' resulted in three winners with the same number of points and produced a wide variety of objects ranging from a huge Aspidistra plant, an amber necklace and an Abba album! The winner gaining the most points from competitions during 2008 was Pam Schorr.

YOUTH CLUB

Bow Brickhill Youth Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 5th February at 7.00pm in the Pavilion, for approximately 30 minutes.

Among other things, this gives an opportunity to hear what we've been doing and to have a say in forthcoming activities.

Anyone is welcome, so if you've been thinking of joining the Youth Club, or of volunteering to help out (either regularly or just with one-off activities) we would be very happy to see you.

Contact Stuart Leeming 372032) or Beverley Thompson (372192) for more information.

BROWNIES

A very big thank you to 'Snowy Owl' and her helpers in particular, but also Brownies and guests, for the delightful farewell party at the end of last term. Needless to say, I particularly appreciated the 'bubbly' but the refreshments and spectacular cake were wonderful too. I was really touched by all the warm wishes and gifts, and planning spending the garden vouchers will keep me well occupied until Spring rolls round!



Snowy Owl has now taken over running the Pack with a parent rota to ensure she has help each week but I know an additional Guider to help out on a regular basis would be much appreciated. If anyone out there can spare a couple of hours a week in this role, please contact Sally Pepper on 375365 to discuss and/or arrange to attend a Brownie meeting.

FOR SALE

A nest of 3 "Ducal" wooden tables, in good condition. £10; please contact Gill or Andy on 373602.



CHURCH ROTAS



FEBRUARY

FLOWERS

CLEANING

1st
8th
15th
22nd

Mrs B Goodger
Mrs B Goodger
Mrs L Drabble
Mrs L Drabble

Mrs D Cook
Mrs D Cook
Mrs A Cookson
Mrs A Cookson

CAROL SINGING

The carol singers raised **£316** for church funds.



Very grateful thanks go to all those who turned out to sing, the people who rattled the collecting tins and everyone who gave so generously on the doorstep.

We were especially grateful for the hospitality provided by Peter & Jane Lousada and the Bowdler Family.

ROVING SUPPER

Book this date now!

Saturday 13th June.

You wouldn't want to miss the opportunity of joining in what has become our traditional village roving supper.



ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

Please note that the next meeting of the lunch club will take place on

February 22nd
In the Church Hall
12.15pm for 12.30pm



To book in for February's lunch please contact Chris Loak at the Bow Brickhill club or Kay and Stuart on 372032.

SUE'S SNIPPITS

William Munday and the Silver Spoons

News of another Munday has reached the village but this time the tale is one of crime, bigamy and intrigue.

The first cousin of Henry Mundy's father - one William Munday - arrived in Australia a year earlier than Henry. William was transported to Tasmania having been convicted of stealing some silver spoons from Thomas Woodward of Bow Brickhill.

Three years later William's wife, who had been left behind here with two small children to support, bigamously married in London and then returned to live in the village but with her second husband masquerading as a lodger.

It was only years later that they lived openly as a married couple in Great Brickhill. Was William dead by then? Did he ever return to England? Did he ever see his children again?

The tale of the silver spoons has been passed down through two branches of the Munday family, but what eventually happened to William remains a mystery. Read the full story on www.bowbrickhill.com or contact Sue Malleson on 01908 372376 for an information sheet.

COME AND SEE THE NEW PARISH PLAN

and join us for a cup of tea and some delicious home-made cakes

Music – Quizzes - Games

Bow Brickhill Pavilion

Saturday 7th March 2009

2.00pm – 5.30pm



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Asking the right questions

Dear friends,

The Christian life is a journey of exploration and discovery.

We believe that God reveals the essential truths of life in the person of Jesus – in his life, death and rising again –and through the Bible. But, in this life, our understanding of that truth will be partial and imperfect, and there will always be more for us to discover and learn. So it is vital for our growth in faith and understanding that we ask the right kind of questions.

This year our Lent study course will help us to do that through the month of March. It uses a set of readings and themes from the gospel of John, to help us ask questions like these:

Where are we going in life?

What really feeds me?

How can I make sense of my everyday life?

What makes me feel safe?

How do I avoid getting burned out?

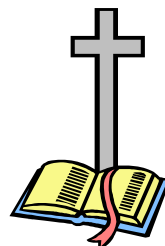
During Lent we will have some weekly discussion meetings to explore these questions together. Full details of the times and venues will be available at the church, or from me. And we will use the same readings and themes in our Sunday services during March, so that we can bring our questions, and seek a deeper understanding of God's truth, as we meet together for worship.

You are very welcome to join us at our Sunday services, and at our Lent groups.

Revd. John Waller

The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great Brickhill MK17 9AS
(01525) 261062

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Bow Brickhill All Saints

1st February
9.30am Holy Communion

8th February
11.00am Family Service

15th February
11.00am Matins

22nd February
8.00am Holy Communion

Great Brickhill St Mary the Virgin

1st February
9.30am Holy Communion

8th February
9.30am Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

15th February
9.30am Holy Communion

22nd February
11.00am Family Service

Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene

8th February
11.00am Morning Worship

15th February
11.00am Family Service

22nd February
9.30am Holy Communion



Stoke Hammond St Luke

1st February
11.00am Family Service at
Methodist Church

8th February
9.30am Holy Communion

15th February
8.30am Holy Communion

22nd February
9.30am Morning Worship