

### Bow Brickhill Club

On Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. the club welcomed Mr Robin Brown, once again as our speaker. This time the subject of Robin`s talk was Bletchley, with photographs and slides from the early 1900`s to the re-structuring of the railway bridge and entrance to the station. After this very interesting presentation our members became so immersed in enthusiastic discussion that we had very little time left for the raffle and the all important completion of arrangements for our summer outing.

Our next meeting will be on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and will in fact be replaced by our outing. We shall be leaving the Pavilion car park at 10.00 a.m for our day trip to London when, after lunch at our favourite fish and chip restaurant, we look forward to the conducted cruise from Westminster Pier to the Thames Flood Barrier.

A note for your diary: The July meeting will be on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>.(Strawberry and cream tea!)

### Football

**AFC Rangers 1st training session will be on Tuesday 14th June  
6.30pm at The Pavilion.**

Children and adults, girls and boys are all invited to join them.

*Friends of the School*

## Summer Fete

Saturday

July 2nd

2pm - 4pm

*At The Pavilion*

*Stalls, Refreshments and*

*Lots of Fun.*

*Please come and Support us.*

*We need to raise £2500 extra this year to help with the refurbishment of the School House.*

### Green Bin Collection

#### Wednesdays

15 Jun

29 Jun



### Mobile Library

I cannot find details for the library this month. this may be due to a fault on the MK Libraries website.



### Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by June 21<sup>st</sup> to: Georgy Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626 or email [g.m.holden@open.ac.uk](mailto:g.m.holden@open.ac.uk)

# Bow Brickhill Parish News



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## Parish News

### Election of Officers

Cllr. Cornish was elected as the new Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr Cornish will also act as the Responsible Finance Officer for the council. Cllr. Kesterton was elected as Vice Chair

### Parish Clerk

A new clerk has been appointed. We are delighted to welcome Ailsa Petchey to this role.

### Pavilion Hire Charges

The charges for the Pavilion have been slightly adjusted to round figures. The charge now includes the charge for insurance which was previously being calculated and added separately. Full details of the hire rates will be published at the Pavilion and on the Bow Brickhill website.

### Pavilion Grass Cutting Contract

The grass cutting contracts for the Pavilion and the Green have been awarded to Marcus Young Landscapes and Dave Butcher respectively.

### Community Action Day

This fun day clearing ditches, and tidying up the undergrowth around the Pavilion area, will be held on Sunday July 17th. This will be a social occasion too, with a village barbeque for helpers and supporters. linked to the community action day discussed above.

### Village meeting

This was successful and well attended. Reports were received from the following organisations.  
Thames Valley Police

Neighbourhood Watch  
Preserve Bow Brickhill  
Bow Brickhill First School  
Primary Steps (was Head Start)  
Bow Brickhill Womens' Institute  
Bow Brickhill Club  
Youth Club  
1<sup>st</sup> Bow Brickhill Brownies  
All Saints Church Bow Brickhill  
Cllr. David Hopkins  
AFC Rangers  
Youth on Show  
A full report can be found on the Bow Brickhill website.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on  
**Thursday June 9th**  
at 7.30pm  
in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.

### Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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Martin Robinson

### Bow Brickhill W.I.

Bow Brickhill hosted the Brickhill Group Party, when members from Great Brickhill, Soulbury and Stoke Hammond celebrated the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of W.I in Buckinghamshire. The theme was green and yellow and members arrived to beautifully decorated tables, with flowers arranged by Sylvia Fox.

Guests included Jean Baldock, Gillian Williams, Gwyneth Sketchley and Chris Loak. After introductions members sang Jerusalem. Then Mr Billy Keys entertained with music, song and a monologue, on the history of the W.I in and around the Brickhill area and Buckinghamshire. His research into the subject was very well done.

Mr Barry Bramham took photographs all evening to record our celebration. Beautiful refreshments were provided by both Great Brickhill and Stoke Hammond members and eaten and enjoyed, by all. Jean Baldock and a Soulbury member cut the wonderful Birthday cake, that had been made by Soulbury W.I. Later Mr Keys entertained again. This was lots of fun and many joined the impromptu singing and dancing. The Raffle was then drawn, 16 members received prizes. Gillian Williams and Gwyneth Sketchley thanked Bow Brickhill members for all the hard work that they had put in, and for hosting a wonderful evening, to remember.

Following the National Anthem members left all saying what a wonderful evening it had been.

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm

This evening we are having a meal at "The Red Lion" at Salford.

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July

The Pavilion 7.30pm

The speaker will be a lady Magistrate speaking about "Women in Prison"

Do please come along and join us, you are all very welcome.

### 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.

Entry form from Georgy Holden  
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### Are your neighbours going hungry?

Hunger is not just a Third World problem. Even in our prosperous new city of Milton Keynes there are many people living on the edge of poverty. National statistics show that some wards are within 10% of the most deprived in England. In one ward the number of people relying on means tested benefits is 50% higher than the England average. All it takes is a sudden, unexpected event - a bereavement, illness, redundancy or even a postal strike - to throw people into a genuine crisis.

You can help through **The Food Bank** - with a collection point here at **Bow Brickhill Church**.

The **Food Bank** is based at the Christian Centre at Oldbrook and is providing people with essentials at a time when they most need it. At our church we have a collection basket for such items as tins, packets and jars of produce and when this is full it is taken along to **The Food Bank** where it is distributed to local families and individuals that have been referred by registered professionals, including doctors, health visitors and church pastoral workers etc. If you are able to help please add an item to your shopping list and bring it along to the church on your next visit.

### Sue's Snippets



#### Trouble brewing?

A relative of Joshua Chaplin, the overseer whose name appears on the plaque on April Cottage, has contacted Sue Malleson. There is a Chaplin family story that Joshua and his brother William used to brew beer and spirits. Apparently their boss found out about it and took over. Could this have been the notorious Colonel De Lap of whom Henry Mundy wasn't very fond? We know that Joshua was a bailiff for the Colonel in 1844.

Does anyone in the village know anything about this story? If so, please contact Sue - tel 01908 372376 or email sue@bowbrickhill.com.

#### Property prices

There is now an information feed on the web site [www.bowbrickhill.com](http://www.bowbrickhill.com) which gives the average price of houses changing hands within the

#### Great Brickhill Cricket Club

Great Brickhill Cricket Club are looking for new players. Anyone, young or old, interested please do not hesitate to contact either Steve Martin: 07773332629 or Lee Morgan: 07812073427.

Matches take place on Saturday and Sunday's starting at 1.30pm. Nets are on Wednesday Nights from 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

### Date for your Diary

**Family Fun Barbecue** to be held at Driveside (74a Station Road) on **Sunday July 10th** after the Family Service.

As last year there will be a booking fee of £1 per adult - please bring own barbecue food and drinks - salads will be provided and hopefully the weather will be kind and we will have more games available for the children. All welcome!! To book in phone Stuart or Kay on 372032 or contact Steve, Georgy or Rosemary at Sunday School.



### Sunday School

**June 5th**, 11pm in the Church Hall.



The following Sunday School will take place on July 3rd, 11pm as usual.

### All Saints Sunday Lunch Club

There were 12 for the lunch club in May and all had a very enjoyable time. This month's club at the church hall will be on Sunday 19th June and is open to all. If you would like to book in (booking fee is £1) or would like any further information you can contact Chris Loak on MK 373768 or see her at the next Bow Brickhill Club meeting or call Steve Valledy on 270835.

### Little Brickhill Open Gardens

Some of the residents of Little Brickhill will be opening their delightful gardens to the public on **Saturday 2nd Sunday 3rd July** from 2pm - 6pm in aid of Church Funds.

Tickets £2.50 from the village Hall where refreshments will be served. There will also be a plant stall.

### Youth Music Group

Next meeting Sunday June 26th 7.30p, Admission £1. for more details call:

Steve Valledy 01908 270835

### Church Rotas

	Flowers	Cleaning
June 5	Mrs S Paulger	Mrs S Willis
12		
19	Mrs N Valledy	Mr S Valledy
26		

## *Something to Sing About!*

If you've ever climbed the hill to the church for a service then you've probably seen and heard our loyal choir of ladies. It hasn't always been ladies. If you look on the web site there's a copy of the Webster picture for which it's claimed the artist drew on the characters from the village. Men feature prominently in that picture.

In more recent years we know that there were men and boys in the choir. Fred O'Dell used to tell tales about his time singing, sometimes with the Westminster choristers in attendance. And if you take a close look at the choir pews you can see the carvings done by very naughty bored choir-boys.

The current choir has been going for well over 20 years now and none of the members are getting any younger. So, before they croak their last hymn, some new tuneful recruits are needed.

### **\* What commitment is entailed?**

You don't have to be available every Sunday. The choir sings at three Services a month. Just come along when you can. Practices are on Mondays at 7 pm at the church in the summer and elsewhere (a little warmer!) during the winter.

### **\* Do I have to be very religious?**

Absolutely not - everyone is welcome to sing in the choir.

### **\* Does it matter if I can't read music?**

Not at all. Some of the most proficient of our members arrived not knowing one end of a crotchet from another. The choir doesn't sing very complex pieces, but sticks to music well within the range of its members.

### **\* Can I come along and just have a go?**

Yes, of course. Try it and see if you like it.

### **\* Do I have to be a middle-aged woman to join?**

Goodness, no! The choir would especially like to recruit young trebles and men.

### **\* Any other questions?**

Then ring Sue Malleson on 01908 372376 or [emailsue@bowbrickhill.com](mailto:emailsue@bowbrickhill.com).

## **Community Police Officer**

The hunt is on for the best community police officer in Thames Valley, and members of the public are being asked to tell the Force who gets their vote.

All officers who have made a significant contribution to the communities which they police are eligible and the overall winner will go forward to a national competition.

Residents, community organisations and businesses can all put nominations forward but they must be in by Friday 17 June.

The Thames Valley Community Beat Officer of the Year competition, sponsored by West Oxfordshire Motor Auctions, is now in its fourth year and aims to highlight the important role of community officers. Nominees will be judged on initiatives they have introduced to reduce crime and disorder and the relationships that they have built with local communities. The more public nominations they receive, the more likely they are to succeed.

Five officers – one from each of the Force's basic command units – will be short-listed and the overall winner will be put forward for a national community officer of the year award offering a prize of a £3,000 bursary to travel to another country and find out about different methods of community policing. Assistant Chief Constable Michael Page said: "We know how important community officers are to local residents, and one of the reasons we are introducing neighbourhood policing is so everyone knows who their local officer is and how to contact him or her.

"This competition not only gives communities an opportunity to reward a local officer who they think has done a good job, but gives the Force an opportunity to show officers just how important the role of the community beat officer is."

Nomination forms are available from police stations and main libraries and they have also been sent to all parish councils. You can download a nomination form or poster advertising the competition from our website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityofficer/pdf/Community\\_officer.pdf](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityofficer/pdf/Community_officer.pdf) For further information contact Annie Tysom at Corporate Information on 01865 846350.

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

### Great Brickhill St Mary The Virgin 5th June.

9.30 Holy Communion

### 12th June.

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

### 19th June.

9.30 Holy Communion

### 26th June.:

11.00 Family Service

### Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene 5th June.

6.00 pm Holy Communion

### 12th June.

11.00 Morning Worship

### 19th June.:

11.00 Family Service

### 26th June.:

9.30 Holy Communion

### Stoke Hammond St Luke

### 5th June.:

11.00 Family Service

### 12th June.

9.30 Holy Communion

### 19th June.:

8.30 Family Service

### 26th June.:

9.30 Morning Worship

## June Services Bow Brickhill All Saints

5th June  
9.30 Holy Communion

12th June  
11.00 Family Service &  
Baptism

19th June  
18.00 Evensong

26th June  
8.00 Holy Communion



## Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

### Building Life

I have always found the name 'Brickhills' interesting, alongside the various ways that the Bible uses the idea of building as an image for our spiritual life. I was reminded of this recently by one of our Bible readings in church.

“you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

(1 Peter 2. 5)

(Of course there was no such thing as a church building in New Testament times, so this image of a building could be used without any confusion with actual church buildings.)

There are different aspects to this 'building up' of our spiritual lives:

*Building faith for life* – seeing individuals begin a life of faith, and each individual member continue to grow in faith.

*Building church life* – that is, our life together as a community of people, the family of the church

*Building community life* – playing our part in seeking the good of the whole community within which we live, both local and global.

Each of these is important if we are to be healthy and growing as a local church community. And we do this not in our own strength, but trusting in God to be at work in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit.

I pray that God may build us into the community of people that he calls us to be.

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My day off is Friday