

Bow Brickhill Club

Our meeting on March 1st, commenced with a talk on "The Falklands" presented by Mr. John Bates, a local teacher. Before the Falklands war John, with his wife Meg and two sons, travelled to this point, off South America, and taught in the local school for three years. His account of living among the very friendly British community, in far from the ideal conditions that we in Britain take for granted, was fascinating and heartwarming.

Several of our members were able to talk to John about his experiences as he joined us for tea.

Tea was followed by a discussion on our annual outing, planned for summer 2005. In 2002 we visited the "London Eye" followed by a fish and chip lunch at a restaurant in the Waterloo Road. This outing was so successful that many of our members suggested that we return to the restaurant then follow our lunch with a Thames River Trip. This is now being arranged.

Our next meeting will be on March 1st at 2.00 p.m in the Pavilion when our speaker will be Mr Robin Brown, who will be giving an illustrated talk on old Fenny Stratford and Bletchley

Friends of the School

You are invited to an

*Evening of indulgences
on Thursday March 3rd
6.30pm*

More therapies and treatments than last year. Interesting stalls for pampering and gifts. A great night out for £2 including a glass of wine and nibbles. Details of how to book treatments will be posted nearer the time.. but put it in your diary now!

Green Bin Collection

Took a while but I finally found the dates for the next couple of months!

Wednesdays

9 March, 23 March,
6 April, 20th April



Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in the village at 11.15 am on Fridays 4th and 18th Mar.



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by March 21st to: Georgy Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626 or email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk

Bow Brickhill Parish News



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Parish News

MK Expansion meeting

This meeting was well attended and Director of Plannign, David Hackforth gave a good presentation on different planning policies and how they might affect the village. Many thanks to Cllr Hopkins for organising this meeting.

Parish Council

The Parish Council regret to report that Christine Loak has resigned from the council. Colin Cornish has taken over as chair until the annual parish meeting.

The council would like to thank Christine for all of the work she has done for the village over many years, much of it above and beyond the call of duty.

There have been an expression of interest in one of the Councillor vacancies. If you would like to be join the council please drop a note with your details to Colin Cornish, 61 Station Rd before the next meeting.

Parish Clerk

We are also in need of a Parish Clerk as Mrs Rumens has resigned. If you are interested in taking on this paid post please let Cllr Cornish know as above. We are still in need of a bookings clerk.

Derek Hatton

Derek Hatton's funeral took place at Bow Brickhill Church on Friday, 18th March and we send our sincere condolences to the Hatton family on the sad loss of a father, brother and friend to many.

Pavilion Bookings

Until we appoint a Parish Clerk or bookings clerk, Cllr. Georgy Holden will be taking bookings for the pavilion. Please call 372626 if you wish to hire the Pavilion, or drop a note of the dates you need to 31 Greenways.

If you get the answerphone please leave a message and she will get back to you.

Vacancies

We have vacancies for a Parish Councillor
Parish Clerk, (20 hours per month)

Pavilion Bookings Clerk
(10 hours per month)

If you are interested
any of these positions please
write to Cllr Colin Cornish
61 Station Rd
Further details call Colin on
07974 421915

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Thursday March 10th
at 7.30pm
in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.
All welcomed to attend

3 Parishes Shopping Trip

The next Three Parishes Shopping Trip, will take place on Wednesday, 16h March to St Albans.

Please contact Diana Kesterton on 372434 if you would like a ticket.

Letter to the Editor

As residents of London End Lane, we constantly have the pleasure of lots of walkers, hikers, cyclists and dog walkers. Most people are friendly and stop for a chat, or just to admire the view.

However, sadly, there are an increasing number who simply use the Lane as a "dog loo", despite there being a bin provided and a home made scooper available. The dogs are not to blame, they don't know any better, but the owners are. It takes only a few seconds to pick up after your dog and deposit it in the receptacle provided. It is clearly recognisable and the council empty it regularly.

If owners do not clean up after their animals, it creates a health risk for anyone who walks down the lane. If your child became ill because they had fallen over and put their hand into an offending deposit, you would be distraught. We have had occasions where a child has fallen over and someone in the Lane has had to lend use of their washing facilities.

If a dog continually fouled outside your property you would not be very amused, and neither are we, why are owners being so selfish? If you want to use the Lane, please respect it!

One weekend recently was particularly tragic. A careless owner let their dog off the lead well before the woods and it ran amok in our fields at the end of the Lane. This resulted in the death of one of our chickens. These are our pets, we love them to bits, we spoil them, and enjoy looking after them. Weekends are the only time that they

can roam free as chickens should, because we are around to keep an eye on them.

Unfortunately these things happen all too quickly, Keith was in the garage and I had popped into the house, the dog chased the chickens terrifying them in the process and one of our babies was dead.

Please, please, can dog owners take responsibility to ensure that their animals are kept under proper control and on a lead until they are well into the woods.

We want people to continue to use and enjoy the lane as it is a beautiful place, but spare a thought for those of us who live there, human, animal and chicken, leave it as you found it safe, free from dog foul, and safe for everyone.
Thank you

Keith and Sandra Dimmock
on behalf of the residents of London End Lane

Dates for your Diary

Beating the Bounds, May 1st. This year for the first time in many years there will be a walk round the village boundary on Rogation Sunday.

Roving Supper, this popular event will take place this year on **Saturday June 11th**. More details of both events to follow nearer the time.





Preserve Bow Brickhill
will be holding its
Annual General Meeting
at 7.30 pm on
Tuesday 5 April 2005.

Come along and have your say. What do you want the village to be like in the future? Preserve Bow Brickhill will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5 April 2005. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and hear about all the work PBB has done in the past year and have your say.

PBB works on behalf of Bow Brickhill to preserve the village from inappropriate development. A committee is elected each year at the AGM. PBB monitors various potential threats to the village and responds to the many bodies which carry out consultative processes. Currently there are many different studies and plans which may affect us in the coming years.

Thank You

The Parish Council and PBB would like to thank the members of Youth Club who very kindly set out the hall and made tea for the villagers who came to the meeting on M.K. Expansion.

Attend MK Council's cabinet meeting!
March 15th, 7 pm at the Civic Offices,

The Local Plan Inspector's recommendation to develop land at the rear of Edwin Close, Station Road, Haynes Close and Rasmere Close in preference to Blind Pond Farm will be on the agenda of Milton Keynes Council's Cabinet meeting on Central Milton Keynes on March 15th (not March 1st as previously published).

Residents are urged to attend this meeting to support the deputation from Preserve Bow Brickhill which will oppose the recommendation.

Youth Music Group

A new, music based youth workshop has been started in the village. meeting on the last Sunday of the month, musicians and would-be musicians over the age of 14 are invited to take part in a jam session from 8-10pm in the Pavilion.

Experienced musicians are on hand to offer advice and some basic instruction. Bring your own instruments or use ours. Next meeting April 24th. Admission £1. for more details call: Mark Berry 01296 68069 or Steve Valledy 01908 270835



Are you Black or from an Ethnic Minority?

The MK Council for Voluntary Organisations wants to involve more Black and Ethnic Minority members of the community in decision making in MK. If you would like more details contact Vicki on 661623.

ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The next meeting for the lunch club will be on Sunday, March 20th and places can be booked at the next Bow Brickhill club meeting or with Chris Loak on 373768. Volunteers to help with the lunch are always appreciated. Please contact Stuart or Kay on 372032.

Church Flowers and Cleaning

The church will be open on Saturday 26th March from 10.00a.m. to prepare for Easter. Help with the cleaning, flower arranging and mowing the churchyard (weather permitting) is always very much appreciated so please do come along and lend a hand. Donations towards the cost of Easter flowers can be given to either of the wardens, Stuart Leeming or John Wales.

Church Rotas

March
6
13
20
27

Flowers
LENT
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LENT
Mrs K. Leeming

Cleaning
Mrs. J. Lousada
"
Mrs A. Duff
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Bow Brickhill Pre-School
Invite you to join them
for

Easter teas on
Saturday 19th
March

2.00-4.00pm
at The Pavillion

There will be a number of craft activities, side stalls and competitions. The afternoon will end with an Easter egg hunt. Any children wishing to enter the Easter hat competition please remember to bring it with you.



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill

St Mary The Virgin

6th Mar.

11.00 Family Service Holy Communion

13th Mar.

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

20th Mar.

9.30 Palm Sunday Family Service

23rd Mar.

7.30pm Holy Communion

25th Mar.

2pm Devotion

27th Mar.:

11.00 Holy Communion

Little Brickhill

St Mary Magdalene

6th Mar.

5.00 pm Family Service

13th Mar.

No Service

20th Mar.:

11.00 Palm Sunday Family Service

21st Mar.

7.30pm Holy Communion

25th Mar.

11.00 Litany and Prayers

27th Mar.:

11.00 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond

St Luke

6th Mar.:

11.00 Family Service (Methodist Church)

13th Mar.:

9.30 Holy Communion

20th Mar.:

8.30 Holy Communion

24th Mar

7.30pm Last Supper (Methodist Church)

25th Mar.

12.- 3pm Church open for Prayer

27th Mar.:

9.30 Holy Communion

March Services

Bow Brickhill

All Saints

6th March

9.30 am Mothering Sunday
Service

13th March.

11 am Family Service

20th March.

11 am Palm Sunday Family
Service

Holy Week

22nd March.

7,30pm Holy Communion

25th March

9.30am Good Friday
Hymns and Readings

27th March.

9.30 am Easter Sunday
Holy Communion



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

*“How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced us as your own.”*

On Sunday 6th March we celebrate Mothers Day. It is not always easy to see how we can celebrate Mothers Day in a positive way, which is also real and honest.

It is right that we celebrate all the good things about our mothers, as well as our fathers, and others who love and care for us. There is no such thing as the perfect family, but there is much that we can give thanks to God for.

However, we also need to acknowledge that every family experiences some tensions and difficulties, and some of us have to deal with break-ups and separation. Sadly, for a few people, their experience of home and family is of a place of fear and abuse.

And yet we all have a notion of what good family life could be, and of what it means to be a good father or mother. The words I have quoted above come from our Holy Communion service, and they remind us that, for those of us who have had a good experience of family life, the loving care of God is even better. While, for those of us who have had a negative experience of parents and family, we may find in God a love that is greater than that of the best human carer, father, or mother.

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