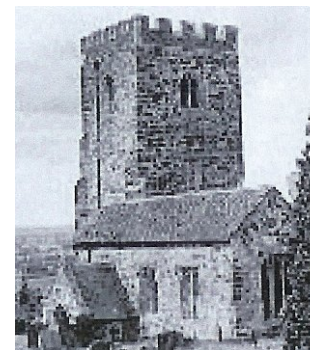


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—MARCH

Thursday 1 st	Youth Club. Open Evening 7.00—9.00pm. Pavilion
Friday 2 nd	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45am. Next to War Memorial.
Sunday 4th	Sunday School. 11.00am. Church Hall
Monday 5th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Tuesday 6th	John the Barber. 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Greenways Layby Bow Brickhill Club. 2.00pm. Pavilion. Scrabble, Whist and Draughts
Wednesday 7th	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 8th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm. Pavilion.
Monday 12 th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Wednesday 14 th	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 15th	Youth Club. 7.00pm to 9.00pm Pavilion
Friday 16 th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45am. Next to War Memorial.
Monday 19 th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Tuesday 20th	John the Barber. 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Greenways Layby Mobile Police Station. 1.00pm—3.00pm Greenways Layby
Wednesday 21st	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 22 nd	Womens Institute. 7.30pm. Pavilion, Poets, Pillowcase and Pancakes.
Sunday 25th	All Saints Lunch Club. 12.30 for 1.00pm. Church Hall.
Monday 26th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion.
Wednesday 28th	Brownies. 6.00 - 7.15pm. Church Hall, Preserve Bow Brickhill—AGM 7.30pm Church Hall
Friday 30th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45am. Next to War Memorial.

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PRESERVE BOW BRICKHILL

Annual General Meeting will be held on

**28 March 2007
at
7.30 pm
in the
Church Hall.**

Please come along and find out what PBB has been doing during the year to save the village from inappropriate and unwelcome development.



CONTACTS:

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A picture of a school class with Miss Eames. Sent by Kath Goode, who is in the picture. Do you recognise anyone else there? If so, or if you have any idea of the date it was taken, please contact Sue Malleston

"GIG FOR GHANA"!

Saturday 31st March
Great Brickhill Parish Hall
7.30pm – 10pm (doors open 7pm)



A variety show of mainly musical items, to raise money for summer music education trip to the Mansek School of Music, Ghana. Soft drinks and light refreshments provided, feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks if you wish.

Admission by ticket, available free (donation on the night) from Tim Waller; either e-mail me at tim.waller@virgin.net or call 01525 261062 and leave a message either with my dad or on the machine and we will arrange for you to get your ticket(s)

WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our February meeting, members participated in an evening of Yoga guided by Mrs Jane Richardson who entitled her demonstration "Yoga from your chair". Everyone benefited from breathing exercises, which covered all parts of the body from head to toe. Many were not aware of the help that can be obtained from Yoga for problems such as high and low blood pressure, back pains etc.

This year the monthly competition is themed on Wedding Anniversaries and items made of cotton as gifts provided an interesting display; it was won by Carol Stewart and the raffle was won by Pat Pullinger and Sally Robinson.

Next month's speaker will be talking about "Poets, Pancakes and Pillowcase" and the competition will be for a leather item for a third wedding anniversary, so do come along to the **Pavilion at 7.30pm on 22nd March.**

MOBILE LIBRARY

2nd March
16th March
30th March



10.30-10.45 at the War Memorial

GREEN BIN COLLECTION

Wednesday 7th March

Wednesday 21st March



PARISH NEWS

Playground

A working group is being set up to progress plans for new play equipment to meet the needs of older children. This will include a representative from the School and the After School club and it is hoped that Children might also take some part in the planning.

Football

At its last meeting The Parish Council received a report from AFC Brickhill Rangers. The Parish Council were particularly encouraged to hear that the junior football team is attended mainly by children from the village. The junior side is growing and doing well and is hoping to take two sides into the junior league. Their kit has been sponsored by local business and the support from parents has enabled the team to also run social events which are held in the village pub. The junior team are also aiming for standard chartered status, a professional recognition run by MKC and the Football Association.

Water-logging of the pitch continues to be a problem and has prevented a number of games from being played at home. This is despite a lot of work already done by Brickhill Rangers to try and improve drainage. Further, more drastic work, is proposed to try and rectify the problem.

Landscape Character Assessment

A landscape character assessment is being made of the Milton Keynes area. Cllr Kesterton, put together the response on behalf of the council to ensure that the consultants conducting this exercise are aware of the unique character of the village and surrounding area.

Fancy being a councillor?

Just a reminder that in May the councillors terms of office come to an end. If you think that you may be interested in becoming a parish councillor do talk to the Chair, the councillors or the Parish Clerk for more information.

Date of next meeting

**Thursday March 8th at 7.30pm
In the Pavilion**

All are welcome to attend.

Great Brickhill Cricket Club



It's that time of year again, the winter months are over and the cricket season is fast approaching. After last year's relatively successful year we are this year gunning for bigger and better things.

Junior Cricket is a major area that we have looked at over the past four months. This year we are planning to field an Under 11's, Under 13's and Under 16's team. The Under 11's and Under 13's will be in a league and will have a mixture of league and friendly matches. The Under 16's will be playing friendlies as well as competitive matches on a Sunday with a combination of adults and juniors. Junior training for Under 16's and Under 13's will begin on **Friday April 13th** starting at 6.15pm while the Under 11's will be on a Monday night beginning on **April 16th** at 6.15pm.

Great Brickhill are continuing to strive for excellence within Junior Cricket this year and we are working towards an ECB Clubmark which will allow the club to get grants from the ECB for future improvements and to become a recognised organisation for the coaching of juniors.

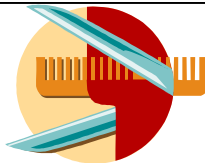
Another three current players have been sent on ECB level 2 coaching courses with the help of our sponsors.

We all look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on **March 30th** for signing on.

The club is also looking for new adult cricketers of all abilities. Anybody interested please contact the below.

For further details please contact either Steve Martin on 07773 332629 or new Junior Administrator Arran Aris on 07891 872457.

JOHN THE BARBER



Please note that from March, John will be changing his Bow Brickhill day to Tuesday, and will only be in the village from 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

BOW BRICKHILL CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

The Club meeting on February 6th began with a very informative and helpful talk by Jan Hodgkinson, the Crime Prevention Advisor from Thames Valley Police. Not only were we given advice on how to protect ourselves from theft and burglary, but were given a demonstration of a personal alarm device which could be easily obtained. We were also advised on how to contact help if this should be needed for the fitting or replacement of door and window locks. There is no doubt that our speaker left us feeling that we would be very secure in our homes.

The next meeting will be of particular interest to all our Scrabble enthusiasts and also Draught and Whist players. Our monthly raffle and quiz will contribute to making this a very entertaining afternoon.

The club will meet in the Pavilion at 2.00pm on
Tuesday March 6th

when we shall have the opportunity to chat with old friends over a cup of tea and who knows what other culinary surprises!

ANTENATAL EXHIBITION

Sat 14th April; Sat 7th July ; Sat 22nd October
1 to 4pm Centrecom, 602 North Row, CMK.

Milton Keynes Independent Midwives present... toward a positive birth... a FREE exhibition for women and their partners providing information for pregnancy, birth and early parenting. Midwifery advice, breastfeeding, yoga, antenatal classes, complementary therapies, nappies, water-birth and much more!

ANTENATAL WORKSHOP

Sat 19th May ; Sat 23rd June
10am – 4pm. Quaker Centre, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes
Milton Keynes Independent Midwives present "Towards a positive birth".. a one day antenatal workshop for women and their birth partners to explore any aspect of pregnancy, birth or early parenthood. Come along and find out how to help yourself and what your options are! Pre booking essential.

Info: www.3shiresmidwife.co.uk Or www.mk-midwife.co.uk

Email info@3shiresmidwife.co.uk; tel. 01908 511247

Or michelle@mk-midwife.co.uk; tel. 07852 100 484.

CHURCH ROTAS



MARCH

FLOWERS

CLEANING

4th Lent
11th Lent
18th Lent
25th Lent

Mrs A Duff
Mrs A Duff
Mrs J Lousada
Mrs J Lousada

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The next Sunday School will take place on

Sunday March 4th

11.00 am in the Church Hall

We will be thinking about Mothers and Mothers' day.

All Children Welcome

ROVING SUPPER

Have you had a chance to sample the annual village Roving Supper? The date for this year is

Saturday 16th June,

so please put it in your diaries now. Book your baby sitter early and look forward to an excellent meal with each course cooked by a different host.

Rosemary (tel. 370811) is happy to answer any questions, and more details will be given nearer the time.

BOW BRICKHILL PRE-SCHOOL

SPRING FAYRE

28 April
2 – 4pm

The Pavilion



COPY DEADLINE

We welcome your news for the next edition.

Please send contributions by
21st March

to: Gill Cannell, 17 Greenways.

Tel 373602;

email

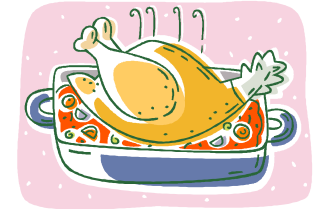
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ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The next meeting of the lunch club will be on

**Sunday 25th March
12.15 for 12.30**

in the church hall as usual.



Please book in either with Chris Loak at the Bow Brickhill club meeting or with Kay and Stuart on 372032. All welcome

VILLAGE SOCIAL

Saturday 28th April

in the Pavilion

7.30pm to 10.00pm


Aimed at families, there will be a variety of activities and entertainment, including barbershop singing and refreshments.

THREE PARISHES OUTING

Leamington Spa

Wednesday 21st March

Tickets for sale to the over 60s at the Bow Brickhill Club on Tuesday 6th March or from Diana Kesterton Tel: 372434

In Conjunction with  Milton Keynes

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month except during school holidays.

We are holding an Open Evening at our next meeting on

**1st March in the pavilion, Rushmere Close
7.00 to 9.00pm**

at which we would like to see as many members and potential members as possible (age group 9-16) but could we ask that 9 year olds are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Do come along and join us for a cup of tea or soft drink and see the activities and what we have to offer. If you have any queries, please call our secretary Martin Robinson on 374852.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill St Mary the Virgin

4th March

9.30am Holy Communion

11th March

9.30am Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

18th March

9.30am Holy Communion

25th March

11.00am Family Service

Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene

4th March

No Service

11th March

11.00am Morning Worship

18th March

11.00am Family Service with
Holy Communion

25th March

9.30am Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond St Luke

4th March

11.00am Family Service

11th March

9.30am Holy Communion

18th March

11.00am Mothers' Day Service
at Methodist Church

25th March

9.30am Morning Worship

Bow Brickhill All Saints

4th March

9.30am Holy Communion

11th March

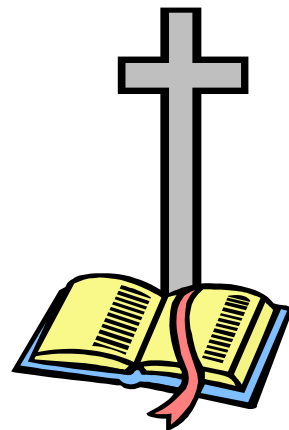
11.00am Family Service

18th March

11.00am Mothering
Sunday Family Service

25th March

8.00am Holy Communion



Rector's letter

Amazing Grace

Dear friends,

March 27th this year is the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade by the British Parliament. This was a significant step towards ending what has been described as 'one of the most brutal chapters in human history.' In one way this could be seen as a part of history that is passed and gone, but there is much in it that is still relevant to our lives and our world today.

Along with others, many committed Christians played a major part in the campaign against slavery, including William Wilberforce, and John Newton – who is best known today for writing the words of Amazing Grace, a celebration of the freedom we can find in God's forgiveness and love. John Newton was once the captain of a slave ship, but, after his conversion to the Christian faith, he became a key figure in the anti-slavery movement, and a clergyman who served at one time as Vicar of Olney.

Our Lent courses this year will look into the history of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and its abolition, as well as exploring relevant passages from the Bible, and so seek to learn lessons for the life of our world today, and the struggle against slavery which is far from over. The course is called Set All Free. Please contact me for details of the days and times of our various group meetings.

What John Newton came to understand is that there is a paradox at the heart of the Christian faith, which is that we gain our true freedom by being ready to give it up, as we offer ourselves to the service of God in Jesus Christ. For Jesus said:

Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it. (Matthew 10. 39)

Rev. John Waller

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