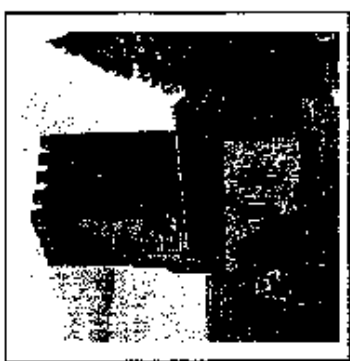


BOW BRICKHILL PARISH NEWS



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Bow Brickhill Club
 On Tuesday March 2nd the Bow Brickhill Club visited the Milton Keynes Museum where we spent a most interesting afternoon. We were met at the entrance by two guides and divided into two parties. One party viewed the Victorian house and its fascinating contents, while the other was taken to the Telephone area. Here we were allowed to use the switchboards and telephones reminding us of our teens and early days in employment. After visiting the schoolroom, kitchen and laundry we saw the toy exhibition before wandering down a narrow lane with shops on either side. Eventually we found our way to the tearshop where we all met up. What a wonderful tearshop this was! The teas had all been prepared specially for us and after indulging ourselves with a variety of freshly made sandwiches, homemade cakes and scones we made our way to the Transport area. Here again we were able to go back in time, climbing onto the tram that had originally taken passengers between Stony Stratford and Wolverton. We were all surprised at the length of the vehicle!

Friends of the School
 A successful indulgences evening was held which raised over £300. Many thanks to all those in the village who came and supported us.

Mobile Library
 The mobile library will in the Parkway layby Friday April 2nd. It is not clear from Council information whether there will be another April date



If you would like to contribute anything to the next newsletter please email it to Georgy Holden by April 19th at g.m.holden@open.ac.uk or post through 31 Greenways, Tel. 372626.

PARISH NEWS PLANTERS

We are still waiting for the Highways department to plant our planters, and finish the traffic scheme. In anticipation of this we are looking for volunteers to help maintain the planters, e.g. watering and weeding. Could anyone new who would now like to help please contact the Parish Clerk.

PLAY AREA SLIDE

This has been removed for safety reasons. A new slide is to be installed by the borough.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We are very sorry that Cllr. Breslin has resigned due to pressure of work. We would like to thank to him for all he has done in the past year. There is now a vacancy for a parish councillor. Do let the Parish Clerk know if you are interested in this role.

PARISH CLERK

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Date of the next Parish

Council meeting
7.30pm April 1st
at the Pavilion

All welcomed to attend



Sue's Snippets

Village Couple Elope

Bow Brickhill was the scene of a dramatic true love story when the landlord of The Wheatsheaf David Munday's son George courted Lizzie Howes, daughter of John Howes a bricklayer and his wife Ann who kept The Plough public house on Church Road for over 50 years.

It was 11 November 1878 when George (in the parish register as William George) who was only 17 went with Lizzie (18) to All Saints Church to have the banns read for their wedding. Apparently David Munday stood up and objected to the banns on the grounds that his son was not yet 18. The parish register records the event and the rector's abandoned plans for a wedding. But George and Lizzie eloped and went to Bedford where they found a compliant vicar and willing witnesses and returned to the village as man and wife.

The Bow Brickhill Book

Sue Malleson can now supply a facsimile copy of the Brief History of the Village and Church, published 1934 on CD in Word format.
sue@bowbrickhill.com

Val Wright

We are sad to report the death of Val Wright who died recently after a long illness. Val and her family lived in Bow Brickhill for many years until moving to Woburn Sands 2 years ago.

Val was an active member of our community. She was Parish Clerk for many years and later a Parish Councillor for 4 years. She was a representative of the Parish Council on the Pavilion Management Committee. Val also walked many miles on the local footpaths as footpaths officer for the council reporting any problems she found along the way. It was Val who instigated the planting of the Blue Spruce tree on the village green.

Val was also a member of the local bridge club and a very active member of the Woburn Sands Bowls Club. She was school secretary at Knowles School in Queensway Bletchley.

She will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to her family.



Bow Brickhill Football Club

Presentation Evening
in the Pavilion
Saturday May 15th
Licensed bar and disco

**Annual Six-a-Side Football
Tournament**
Sunday 23rd May

If any organisation in the village would like to have a stall of their own at the event to raise funds for their own club they would be very welcome.

For further details of either event contact Roy Toombs 375151 or Odette Holland 370904



Gold Chain

found in Station Road on
March 14th.

Call Pam or Alison on 375971
if you think it might be yours

Good Friday

Sunday School Event

A special workshop for all children, 11am -1pm
Starting at the Church and ending up at the Church Hall.

Egg painting and rolling,
Easter Cross Hunt
and lots of fun.

Please call Helen 373344,
Georgy 372626 or Rosemary
370811 to book a place.



Church Flowers and Cleaning for Easter

The Church will be open on Saturday April 10th from 9.30 am. to prepare for Easter. Help would be very much appreciated with the cleaning and flower arranging within the church and mowing and tidying the churchyard (if weather permits).

Donations towards the cost of the flowers would be very welcome and can be given to the warden, Stuart Leeming or John Wales.



Church Rotas

April 4 th	Flowers	Cleaning	
	Lent	Mrs A. Duff	
11 th	Mrs S. Paultger	Mrs A. Duff	
18 th	Mrs S. Willis	Mrs D. Bowdler	
25 th			



Youth on Show

The performance of Greasy was a great success. This was the first full musical that the company have done and there were a few nerves about how it would go but the cast did it credit.

Many thanks to the innumerable people who helped in so many ways from front of house to backstage, thanks to those who donated time, props and energy and a big thank you to all those who turned up on those cold March nights to see the show.

We are planning a party and a trip to see a professional production of Grease at Milton Keynes Theatre in June

Mary and Heather

PS To whoever keeps trying to break into the YoS shed - there is nothing of value in there. However the material and costumes stored inside need to be kept dry or they will not be usable. Breaking in doesn't help



Bow Brickhill W.1

The members of Bow Brickhill acted as host to Institutes from Great Brickhill, and Soulbury for the Spring Group Meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Stanley who gave an illustrated talk on his visit to China, we travelled with him to start our journey at the Capital which was known to many as Peking but has now been renamed, then down the great Yangtze River calling at the wonderful new dam that is being built, along some of the Great Wall of China, and lastly visiting the Terracotta Army. What a journey all from the comfort of our chairs.

The finger buffet had been provided by members of Bow Brickhill, and was enjoyed by everyone.

The many raffle prizes encouraged the sale of many tickets, and the evening concluded with a thought-provoking Quiz.

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Services in the Benefice

Great Brickhill
St Mary The Virgin
4th Apr:
11.00 Service and Procession
6th Apr:
7.30pm Holy Communion
9th Apr:
2pm Hour of Devotion
11th Apr:
9.30 Morning Worship
6.00 pm Evensong
18th Apr:
11.00 Family Service (HC)
25th Apr:
9.30 Family Service
Little Brickhill
St Mary Magdalene
4th Apr:
6.00 pm Holy Communion
5th Apr:
7.30 Holy Communion
9th Apr:
11.00 Litany and Prayers
11th Apr:
11.00 Holy Communion
18th Apr:
11.00 Family Communion Service
25th Apr:
9.30 Holy Communion
Stoke Hammond
St Luke
4th Apr:
9.30 Holy Communion
7th Apr:
7.30 Holy Communion
9th Apr:
12 - 3pm Church open for Prayer
11th Apr:
9.30 Holy Communion
18th Apr:
4pm Family Service
25th Apr:
9.30 Morning Worship

Easter Services and Events

All Saints
Bow Brickhill
4th April
10.45 am Palm Sunday
Family Service
Processing up the hill from
the War Memorial
Sister Hazel
8th April Maundy Thursday
7pm Last Supper
Bow Brickhill Pavilion
9th April Good Friday
9.30 Hymns and Readings
Rev. John Waller
11th April
11am Holy Communion
Rev. John Waller
18th April
6pm Evensong
Stuart Leeming
25th April
8am Holy Communion
Rev. John Waller



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Real Hope

When somebody experiences great pain, suffering or sorrow, it can be hard to know how to offer any comfort or hope. But the good news at the heart of the Christian faith may speak to us at just those moments. On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus on the cross. This was not just an outward show or gesture, but the real experience of the most terrible kind of suffering and execution that we can imagine.

When we, or somebody close to us, is suffering, then we can be comforted and strengthened by knowing that God in Jesus Christ has been there before us, and knows what pain and grief is like, and stands with us in our times of trouble. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the rising again of Jesus from the dead, and this offers us the promise that, even through the most desperate and apparently hopeless situations, we can trust God to work for good with us, and bring the hope of new life.

So this is what the church has to celebrate at Easter, that Jesus Christ shared the reality of death, was truly risen again from the dead, and so offers a real hope to us, and all people.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

Revd. John Waller

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(Please note that my day off is Friday)