



Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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BREAKING NEWS:

Alan Preen

We would like to congratulate **Alan** on his award of the **British Empire Medal** in the **King's Birthday Honours list**.

Alan has worked tirelessly on behalf of the village fundraising and organising social events over many decades but most notably he was instrumental in motivating a team of volunteers to repair the Church Tower and to build the new Community Hall.



Little Stars Nursery

Sadly, Little Stars have decided to close their nursery in Bow Brickhill and will be leaving at the end of July. The Parish Council is sorry to lose them after so many years of providing nursery care not only for village residents but those from outside the village. We wish Jo Tierney and her team all the very best for the future. The Parish Council is currently in negotiations with a new nursery provider and subject to agreement being reached, Buttons will be taking over, probably in October.

Julian C Price : Chairman, Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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Saturday 6th July : Starts from 2 p.m.

Dog Show Starts: 2.15pm (registration opens at 1.45pm)
£1.00 per class* (Class 10 free)

Wacky Races Starts: 3.00pm (registration opens at 1.45pm)

Live Music **The Recollections**
3p.m. - 4p.m. and 5p.m. - 6p.m.

Hot Food, Cakes & Confectionary in the Pavilion

Horne's Brewery Craft Beer and Wine

A large selection of Stalls and Brockleby's Pies

Butterfly Effect Face painter - Henna Art by Yasmin

Bouncy Castle

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY JULY/AUGUST 2024

DATE	ACTIVITY/TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Tues 2nd July	Parish Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
Sat 6th July	Village Fayre 2.00 p.m. onwards	Pavilion	paula013@hotmail.com clare.evans11@hotmail.co.uk
Sun 7th Jul	Family Church Service Also Sun 4th August	Community Hall	Phillipa Cook pjcook@gmail.com
Mon 8th	Book Club 7.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Celia Sherratt celiarsherratt@gmail.com
Sun 14th	Sunday Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 07831 633653
Wed 17th July	3 Parishes Coach Trip 9.30am Bury St Edmunds Also 21st August TBA	Greenways	Brenda Toombs 01908 375151
Thurs 25th July	BB W.I. 7.30 p.m. Also 22nd Aug TBA	Pavilion	Stephanie Warren 01908 671394
Sat 27th Jul	Yoga Day Retreat	Community Hall	Anna Pichowski annapichowskiyoga@gmail.com
Weekly Mon:	Line Dancing 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Jan Cade 07721 420176
Weekly Mon	Yoga 6.00 p.m.	Community Hall	Elli Flitton https://Bookwhen.com/elliyoga
Weekly Wed:	Brownies 6.00 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 01908 375365
Weekly Sat:	Kick Boxing : 9.30 a.m.	Pavilion	Mark Mackrill mark.ecka@outlook.com
	Tai Chi : 12 Noon See item on P.9 for more info	Pavilion	Frank Purcell fjmp1953@yahoo.co.uk
Alternate: Thursdays	Acoustic Guitar Club 8.00 pm	Community Hall	Martin Bishop mbishop61@googlemail.com
Monthly:	Buccaneers 3rd Weds : 8.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Derek Giles Derek.giles@skedda.test
Monthly: 1st,2nd,3rd	Old Apostolic Church Group Sun 9.15 a.m.	Pavilion	Fatima Cronje 07577 478037 fatima.cronje@Oldvwfs.co.uk



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Churchwarden: John Wales Tel: 01908 373907

To contact the Rector and Churchwarden email:

bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com

The Rector is now back from his Sabbatical so The next Bible Study will be on Thursday 11th July

Please remember that the Benefice website will be the best way to obtain information and updates on any of the services etc: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

RECTOR'S JULY MESSAGE:

Words of Comfort

Dear friends,

There are precious parts of the Bible that can speak to us at times of hurt, struggle or disappointment. One of those is Chapter 40 of the book of Isaiah. It was first spoken to the people of Israel when they were in exile – defeated, humiliated, and forced to live in a strange and foreign land, uncertain what their future would be.

The chapter begins with the words, 'Comfort, comfort my people, says your God,' and goes on to meditate on the wonder of God's glory seen in creation and in human life. It concludes with the assurance that, although even the most powerful people will sometimes stumble and fall, those who put their trust in God 'will renew their strength ... they will walk and not be faint.'

Somebody has written this about this part of the Bible: The prophet is commissioned to preach to a people whose faith is burnt out, whose morale is gone, whose hope is extinguished, and to tell such people that their God is alive, he does care, and he is about to return to them.

At the times when our faith seems to fail, and it is hard to see a way forward, passages such as Isaiah chapter 40 can bring us God's word of comfort and hope.

Revd John Waller

Below is a message recently posted on the Diocesan website:-

THANK YOU – you really make a difference

This **Volunteer Week** we're shining a light on all the hidden gems in our parishes who give their precious time to serve their church. Their generous service is an integral part of our ministry to the communities of the diocese.

A message from The Rt Revd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester:

"Volunteers are the backbone of every church and parish, serving in a host of ways, both in formal and informal roles, ranging from churchwardens and PCC members to coffee-making and gardening. Our volunteers make our churches the wonderful welcoming communities that they are, and I thank God for every one of you."

And this is certainly the case in Bow Brickhill, the church can only remain active with the help and support of our many volunteers who all give of their time so freely in many different ways





Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

Our EYFS children were very excited to have duckling eggs recently which they helped to look after for the first week of their life. We kept the



eggs in an incubator until the ducklings had hatched and once they had moved into the brooding cage, we got to hold them and take them swimming. We learnt about life cycles, how ducklings hatch and talked about looking after



each other and pets we have at home. The children across the whole school loved coming in to see how fast the ducklings were growing and some of our older children in particular (and the staff) loved giving the ducklings a cuddle each day.

This half term we also welcomed our parents into school for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) morning. The children worked in house groups, exploring through a rotation of activities alongside their parents, learning about the solar system before designing their own planet, coding and animation, the effect of a bird's wing span linked to paper aeroplanes and the distance travelled by cardboard mice when powered by wind. It was lovely to see the children engaging in the tasks with their parents, using things they have learnt at school but also learning with the advice of their parents.

Whilst the weather didn't do us many favours, we held our annual summer fete on Saturday 15th June. It was lovely to see so many familiar, but also new, faces come to the school to be a part of the day. There were lots of smiles as the children enjoyed bouncing on a bouncy castle, beating the goalie in a penalty shootout and winning lots of prizes on tombolas and in the games zone. Thank you to our Friends of the School team for arranging it and for all our past and present pupils and parents who helped us with running stalls on the day. It is a vital fundraiser for the school.

Finally, as we look ahead to the autumn term, we have recently welcomed the parents of children who will be starting with us in EYFS in September for an information evening. We are looking forward to meeting the children themselves in the coming weeks for transition sessions, it's an exciting time!

We have limited spaces in some year groups, please contact the school on office@bowbrickhillprimary.co.uk or 01908 373672 to arrange a personalised tour.

Claire Kemp : Assistant Headteacher : Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - JULY/AUGUST 2024

Sunday 7th July

9.30	(Gt. Br.)	Holy Communion	JW
9.30	(St. H.)	Morning Worship	Jeremy Hopkinson
11.00	(Bw. Br.)	Family Service in Community Hall	JW

Sunday 14th July

11.00	(St. H.)	Family Service	JW
11.00	(Gt. Br.)	Family Service with outdoor activity	Phillipa Cook

16.00 Deanery Service at All Saints Church, Wing

This is an opportunity to come together and reflect on the past year
Refreshments provided and ample parking in Overtone School car park

Sunday 21st July

10.00	(Bw. Br.)	Holy Communion Benefice	JW
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A joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond

Sunday 28th July

9.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion	JW
11.00	(Lt. Br.)	Family Service with Holy Communion	JW
18.00	(Bw. Br.)	Evensong	JW

Sunday 4th August

9.30	(Gt. Br.)	Holy Communion	JW
11.00	(Bw. Br.)	Family Service in Community Hall	JW (lay?)
9.30	(St. H.)	Café Church / Morning Worship tbc	(lay leader)
	(Lt. Br.)	(no service)	

Sunday 11th August

11.00	(St. H.)	Family Service	JW
16.00	(Gt. Br.)	Pimms & Hymns (Outdoor Service)	JW
	(Bw. Br.) and (Lt. Br.)	(no service)	

Sunday 18th August

9.30	(Bw. Br.)	Holy Communion	JW
11.00	(Gt. Br.)	Family Service	JW
17.00	(St. H.)	Compline following Afternoon Tea	JW
	(Lt. Br.)	(no service)	

Sunday 25th August

10.00	(St. H.)	Holy Communion Benefice	(visiting clergy)
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SUNDAY 14TH JULY LUNCH CLUB

The July lunch is on **Sunday 14th July at 12.30 p.m.** held in the Community Hall. We look forward to seeing existing members unless you tell us otherwise.

There is **NO** Sunday Lunch in **August** but **September** marks our **20th Anniversary** so we will be making it a special celebratory lunch. More details in the next issue.

Please contact Sally or Alistair if you want to join us or help in any way 07831 633653



THREE PARISHES COACH TRIP

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY 2024

BURY ST EDMUNDS

cost is £14.50 for Parishioners over 60
£16.00 for Non Parishioners (if space available)

Departing 9.30am : Return from Location 4pm

ALSO 21ST AUGUST

**For more info and to Book a Ticket
contact Brenda 01908 375151 or 07792610055**

ASTRA 500 Club

The results from the May draw of the 500 club are:



1st prize:	£23.25	ticket	39	Louise Tomlin
2nd prize:	£16.28	ticket	34	Mike Hallett
3rd prize:	£ 6.98	ticket	19	Pauline Hall

Draws are held on the last Thursday of every month

A big thank you to Andrea Spurdle who manages these monthly draws

Bow Brickhill Women's Institute

meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in
The Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB

New members and guests are very welcome

further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com



BBPC Cont'd

WARM PLACES GRANT

The PC obtained a grant of £500 towards funding a facility to provide warm conditions and refreshments in the village. This was forwarded to the Community Hall for them to utilise. A further grant of £200 was forwarded in the year.

MARKING THE KINGS CORONATION May 2023

Cllr Evans and her team organised this event where there were bouncy castles, a dog show, craft stalls, Horne's brewery, Ice cream van, magician, balloon ologist, caricature artist, acrobatics team. The lunch club were in the Pavilion for afternoon tea, and this was an outstandingly successful event. We were lucky to get sponsorship from MK Foundation, MKCC and local businesses. Our thanks to everyone involved.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

A community transport service provided by 'Love Woburn Sands' is to include Bow Brickhill. Love Woburn Sands Community Transport is intended for those who are less mobile, can't reach a bus stop and do not drive. It will pick you up from the door, can carry a wheelchair passenger and can take someone to medical appointments, shops, or social venues. The service is free (but does welcome donations) and must be booked at least 48 hours in advance. Our thanks to Ward Councillor Tracey Bailey for her help with this.

YOUTH CLUB

We were sad to note that after almost a year of unsuccessful recruitment for a new committee to take over the youth club they made the decision to close and as per their constitution any leftover funds have been transferred to Bow Brickhill Parish Council in the sum of £1840.67. Members agreed to ringfence the funds for a possible future youth related project after pooling ideas from residents.

BANKING

It was agreed to review banking arrangements and change from NatWest Bank to Unity Bank as they offered a more user friendly service.

COUNCIL PRECEPT

The PC is not immune from the high increase in costs as experienced elsewhere in the economy and due to higher operational costs along with proposed maintenance and improvements to the Pavilion, it was determined that there was the need to raise and set the Precept to £48,000.00. This increase equated to an additional £35.55 per annum or 68p per week for a Band D Council Taxpayer.

POLICY S11 (AREAS OF ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPE) REVIEW

Cllr Philip Ball provided a detailed report on a meeting in February 2024 about areas of attractive landscape. The PC is keen to ensure that Bow Brickhill is earmarked as an AAL. Whilst it will not stop development, it does require the planning authority to take this into account. The PC submitted our views during the consultation to which residents were also asked to contribute.

Julian C Price : Chairman, Bow Brickhill Parish Council : 9th May 2024

Eds: We all owe a big thank you to the Chair and Councillors for all their work during the year. This role is unpaid and voluntary and serves the best interests of our village as best as it possibly can. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH

BBPC Cont'd

PAVILION FOOTBALL FACILITIES

The PC granted a licence to Woburn and Wavendon Football Club for 22 years. This enables the football club to apply for funding to improve the pitches. In return for the free use of the grounds they mow and maintain the playing fields at no charge to BBPC and this outweighs the hire costs they would otherwise be charged. The licence does not give WWFC exclusive use of the playing fields, it is written into the contract that BBPC can liaise with WWFC if we need the field for other use, as has happened for the Coronation Celebrations 7th May 2023. It can be cancelled with a month's notice on either side.

ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS

The PC were advised that there may be funding available under the LEVI scheme for electric vehicle charging points to be installed at the Pavilion or elsewhere in the village. However, this relies on MKCC identifying a suitable site where they are satisfied with access. The difficulty with the Pavilion is the security barrier which restricts hours of entry.

PLAYING FIELD EQUIPMENT

Following an enquiry from a resident, the Clerk had sent members costings for a trim trail that had been installed 4 years ago at Bradwell PC at a cost of £14k. Unfortunately, we do not have funding for this.

CCTV

The PC received quotes for and agreed to the installation of an upgraded CCTV system to enable the cameras to be viewed remotely along with two extra cameras for the car park area.

THE PAVILION - SOLAR PANELS

The PC looked at using the S106 funds earmarked by MKCC for environmentally friendly works to fund solar panels, however it was established that the carbon offset fund will finance 50% of cost. We subsequently approved funding this project

PAVILION UPGRADE PROPOSAL

Cllr Ball provided an overview of a meeting regarding the renovation of the Pavilion. The discussion focused on various aspects, including improving acoustics, decor, kitchen facilities, storage, accessibility, and potential expansion for events. Ideas were proposed to enhance the venue's attractiveness and competitiveness for income generation. Nursery storage was identified as a significant issue, with suggestions to repurpose existing space and remove temporary structures. The committee also explored reconfiguring the kitchen and adding a bar area possibly at the viewing area end to be accessible both sides to better accommodate events. Overall, there was extensive brainstorming and consideration of multiple options that will be presented to members when they have been drawn up by consultants. The PC would like to thank Alan Preen for his help with this project.

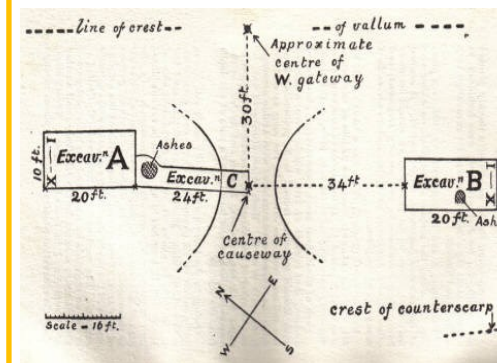
NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

Woburn Sands (WS) have set up a neighbourhood futures group that seventy residents have attended along with a BB Parish Council member to ensure the planning takes into consideration the existing needs of WS along with the integration of the new area.

BOW BRICKHILL HISTORY SOCIETY

Danesborough Hill Fort Dating Back to the Iron Age

On the summit of the Greensand Ridge tucked in the woods, on Bedford Estates land, is the remains of Danesborough Hill Fort, a Scheduled Monument dating back to the Iron Age. Today it is a fascinating collection of mounds and ditches covering a site of approximately 8.5 acres with a definite entrance to both the east and the west. There has only been one archaeological investigation which took place 28th - 30th May 1924. Details can be found in "Excavations at Danesborough Camp, by James Berry", in the "Records of Bucks" Vol 11 - No. 7. The work took place across



the causeway and in the ditch at the western entrance nearest to our village. After 3 days of digging the archaeologists concluded that the causeway was undoubtedly original and that the pottery fragments found dated from 100 BC to 100 AD with nothing later than 2nd century AD. The finds are held by Buckinghamshire County Museum at a storage site just outside Aylesbury.

Bow Brickhill History Society felt that the centenary of this work should be recognised and therefore a group of members met at the dig site on 29th May 2024 to commemorate the work.



The photograph shows us flanking the exact location of the excavation site



Bow Brickhill Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2023 / 24

It has been another busy year for the Parish Council as will be seen in the report below. I would like to thank my colleagues Philip Ball, Clare Evans, Maria Ferguson Ford and Daemon Pink for all their help and support during the year and our Clerk Julie Godden for her contribution to the work of the PC.

The principal issues continue to be the threat of unwelcome development both in the village and beyond with over 3500 houses to be built in the wider area but nonetheless of concern. Traffic and speeding were regularly raised as issues by residents and there were many other matters taking the PC's time and consideration. We made a number of representations on planning matters but many of these are governed by National Policy and in some instances beyond the control of Milton Keynes City Council

CHURCH/STATION ROAD TRAFFIC

On several occasions, we received reports of lorries trying to access Church Road, sometimes when children were going from the school to the church. Dangerous traffic issues for horses and riders on Bow Brickhill Road were also reported. We were told by MKCC that they have erected some signs on the road obtained from the British Horse Society and that they will be carrying out a safety survey.

MKCC have completed an audit on Church Road traffic and will not be doing any adjustments, however they have conceded that the signage needs improving as the 20 mph signs on the surface of the road are worn and other signs need to be bigger and more noticeable. Another problem is that there are no HGV prohibited signs at Woburn Road, but this comes under Central Beds. These are urgently needed as lorries have damaged gardens and walls trying to use Church Road.

Ward Cllr Hopkins and I met with Matther Barber the Police Commissioner along with representatives from Woburn Estates, to explain the difficulties that people were experiencing with speeding and large lorries and anti social behaviour on The Wicks.

Church Road: MKCC have agreed to site a sign saying no HGV at the top of Church Road, this will hopefully deter the larger trucks from using this unsuitable road.

Station Road: Speeding was discussed, unfortunately Mathew Barber would not commit to anything. Cllr Pink asked for Average Speed cameras, but this is not Thames Valley Police policy nor is there any finance available from MKCC. The Community Speed Watch initiative will develop the evidence for any traffic calming by MKCC.

SPEEDWATCH GROUP

Following the general concern expressed by residents at the number of vehicles speeding through the village, it was agreed that we should set up a Speedwatch Group in conjunction with Thames Valley Police. This began work in September and to date over 100 vehicles have been reported to Thames Valley Police. The PC is grateful to residents who volunteered to help with this project.

THE WICKS FOOTPATH

We discussed closing the footpath at the meeting with Mathew Barber due to anti-social behaviour, but MKCC have informed BBPC that it is extremely difficult and it would take years with the Secretary of State to be involved. The Woburn Estate have offered to put in a hedge to delineate the footpath and cut off ½ the land.

BBPC Cont'd..

DEVELOPMENT IN STATION ROAD

The PC objected to the proposed development of 48 houses in Station Road and submitted the reasons to MKCC. Unfortunately, these objections were not upheld and the development went ahead.

MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

The use of 230 class trains was scrapped because of their inefficiencies and the class 150 trains will be reinstated, but as these were removed over five years ago drivers needed to be retrained. The train service will resume in late autumn. In the meantime, a bus service was operating. A partial peak hour service was eventually introduced in November. Cllr Ball reported that the traffic flow is bad when the barriers are down and that the white lines need to be restored on Station Road as people are racing down past stationary traffic.

EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION

Cllr Ball represented the Parish Council and reported that EWR had published their route proposal and findings after the non-statutory consultation. The main point of interest is the easing of the number of trains per hour from four to three each way. However, this will cause the level crossing to be closed for at least half an hour. EWR are no longer wanting to run trains at one hundred MPH, negating the need for expensive bridges and removal of some crossings, although the proposed sixty to seventy MPH will mean some crossings will not stay in place, but it is unclear which ones will be closed. Formal consultation took place in the first half of 2024.

SEMK

As Chairman, I represented the PC at meetings of this group attended by MKCC and developers and commented on the proposals. As a PC, we submitted our objections in writing in June 2023 to the 1920 housing development proposed. A meeting with L&Q & ONH developers revealed that the location of the proposed primary school will be closer to Bow Brickhill than envisaged, and this may impact on the Village School, however until proper planning is received it is hard to say what impact this may have. In total over 3500 new homes are proposed in the wider area including Woburn Sands and Wavendon. The planning applications are not coming through as one scheme as the developers will not join together to submit their proposals. Added together the proposed number of houses on is 3582 and this impact on density and facilities and is worrying. The PC did contact MKCC about the bypass for Bow Brickhill and we had a reply to say that it will be L&Q's responsibility but that it will be approx. 5-6 years before it is built.

During the year, it was proposed that BBPC should form a joint working group regarding a proposed Neighbourhood Plan with WTC as a lot of the issues raised will affect both areas. Cllr Ferguson-Ford and I attended a MK 2050 meeting in October 23 at MKCC. The actual presentation was not very informative, but the Q&A was quite revealing and showed MKCC are planning for a 410,000 population for MK. We are currently at 300,000 so this will mean 63,000 houses including 30,000 already planned. The question of where are these going to go was raised. And the answer was they are going to have to expand into undeveloped areas. Some developments will be high rise and repurposed offices in CMK, other areas may be Sherrington, Hanslope, Olney and Castlethorpe or there is the possibility of a new town between J14 & 15 of the M1, but this is all speculation at the moment.

The plan will be published in 2026.