



Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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Cllr: **Vacancy** **Could you fill this place?????**

Pavilion Caretaker: Andy Wright 07773 671094

Pavilion Cleaner: Maybright Cleaning Ltd maybright@aol.com

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR



Bow Brickhill Parish Council are looking for an enthusiastic person to join them in the management of Parish affairs. There are important issues facing the Parish Council and you can help shape the outcome by giving up just a little of your time. We meet nine times a year plus some ad hoc meeting to decide financial matters and planning applications along with a whole range of local issues.

If you care about your village and want to have a say in running it, this is your opportunity to get involved. We have a responsibility for the finances, Pavilion, and influence planning in Bow Brickhill. Traffic and transport issues also feature in our discussions, and we are able to act as a pressure group with Milton Keynes City Council.

**Please don't leave it to somebody else to get involved
you can make the difference if you join us**

Further details are available from the Parish Clerk: clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
or the Chairman Philip Ball on philip.ball@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE



21ST SEPTEMBER 2025



Contributions please to:

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With a Copy to: Chris - email: bobchrisfrench@gmail.com

N.B. Please note all content is correct (as far as we know) at time of going to print

BOW BRICKHILL VILLAGE NEWS

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Saturday 27th September 2025, 6-10pm

Bow Brickhill Roving Supper

Join neighbours for a fun evening of food and
friendship!

Host one course for 6 people and visit 2 other homes
for the remaining courses, starting and ending at
Bow Brickhill Community Hall.

Can't host? Help out at the Hall instead.

Cook or buy from shops - your choice, no
judgement!

All dietary requirements accommodated - just let us
know when signing up.

To join in please contact Mike Hallett by 14th September:
micafilms@btinternet.com or 07758 834072

The Village News is hand delivered to all the homes in Bow Brickhill and a few beyond

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	ACTIVITY/TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Wed 3rd	BBHS - Vice Admiral Robert Fitzroy - a talk by David Marks : 7.45 p.m.	Community Hall	Mary Preen marypreen@gmail.com
Sun 11th	Church Family Service 11.00 a.m.	Community Hall	Phillipa Cook pjcook6@gmail.com
Mon 8th	Book Club : 7.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Celia Sherratt Celiasherratt@gmail.com
Tues 9th	Parish Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Parish Clerk clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
Sat 13th	Bucks Historic Churches Tower Open Day/Ride & Stride	All Saints Church	Andrea Spurdle andrea_spurdle@earthling.net
Sun 14th	Sunday Lunch Club : 12.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 07831 633653
Wed 17th	3 Parishes Coach Trip 9:30 a.m. To Marlow	Greenways	Brenda Toombs 01908 375151
Thurs 25th	BB WI - Talk by a local beekeeper 7.30 p.m.	Pavilion	Yvonne Alton 01908 665940 yalton3@outlook.com
Sat 27th	Village Roving Supper	Community Hall/Various	Mike Hallett 07758 834072
Weekly Mon:	Yoga 6.00 p.m.	Community Hall	Elli Flitton www.elli.yoga Email: info@elli.yoga
Weekly Mon:	Pilates (over 50's) 12.00 p.m. Email: pilates-with-mindfulness@hotmail.com	Pavilion	Jennifer Walker 07460 015142
Weekly Wed:	Drop-in : 2.30p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Andrea Spurdle andrea_spurdle@earthling.net
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	Pavilion	Frank Purcell fjmp1953@yahoo.co.uk
Alternate: Thursdays	Acoustic Guitar Club 8.00 pm	Community Hall	Martin Bishop mbishop61@googlemail.com
Monthly:	Buccaneers : Model Making 3rd Weds : 8.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Derek.giles@skedda.test 01908 374494
Monthly: 1st,3rd,4th	Old Apostolic Church Group Sun 9.15 a.m.	Pavilion	Fatima Cronje 07577 478037 fatima.cronje@Oldvwfs.co.uk



Rector - Reverend John Waller Tel: 01525 261062
The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great Brickhill MK17 9AS

Church Contacts: Trish & Andrea

To contact the Rector or Church Contacts please email:
bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com

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:

Want and Need

Dear Friends,

*Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.*

(Isaiah 55. 2)

In all kinds of ways, our lives are driven by what we want, what we long for. Much more dangerously, our lives can be shaped by what other people try to convince us that we want, or make us long for, because that is what they want to sell. But what do we really long for, or *thirst* for, in the depths of our hearts?

The passage from Isaiah speaks to people who know all about practical needs, and about being hungry and thirsty – and God promises they will be given, not necessarily what they think they want, or what other people try to sell them or convince them they 'need'; but that they will be given what God knows they need, the good things that will meet the deepest longings of their hearts. And God's promise to them is both practical, and symbolic – about meeting their practical needs, and their deepest spiritual needs.

If we will set out on the adventure of answering God's call to us in Jesus Christ, then we may find that we are called to give up some of the things we wanted, or thought we needed. But we are promised that we will be blessed with every good thing that God knows we need.

Rev John Waller

John Wales 1931 - 2025

We were all very sorry to hear recently of the death of John Wales. He had lived in Bow Brickhill for many years, and served faithfully as churchwarden for the parish church. We will miss his distinctive character and sense of humour, and we give thanks for all his service to others through the life of the church and village.

Rev John Waller



BOW BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Upcoming Parish Council Meeting Dates 2025/26

9 September 2025 (7.00pm)	Full Parish Council Meeting
14 October 2025 (7.00pm)	Community Engagement Meeting
11 November 2025 (7.00pm)	Full Parish Council Meeting
13 January 2026 (7.00pm)	Full Parish Council Meeting
10 February 2026 (7.00pm)	Community Engagement Meeting
17 March 2026 (7.00pm)	Full Parish Council Meeting
12 May 2026 (7.00pm)	Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Village

Normally held at The Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JD

In accordance with approved Standing Order 3e, members of the public may make representations, ask questions, and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

The total period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 20 minutes and an individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting

Chairman: **Philip Ball** Parish Clerk: **Mrs Julie Godden**

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER:

Sunday 31st August

9.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion	JW
10.00	(Gt. Br.)	Morning Worship	Phillipa Cook
11.00	(Lt. Br.)	Family Service	JW
18.00	(Bw. Br.)	Evensong (BCP) Choir	Jeremy Hopkinson

Sunday 7th September

10.00	(Gt Br.)	Holy Communion Benefice	JW
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(This is a joint service for all in the 4 villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond)

Sunday 14th September

11.00	(St. H.)	Family Service	JW
16.00	(Gt. Br.)	Harvest All-age Service	JW

followed by tea & cake

Please Note: HARVEST CELEBRATION:

(Our Harvest celebration will be slightly different this year. The service is an All-age service and will be in the afternoon on Sunday 14th September followed by tea and cake)

Sunday 21st September (John Waller away)

9.30	(Bw. Br.)	Holy Communion	(visiting clergy)
9.30	(St. H.)	Morning Worship	(lay leader)

Sunday 28th September

9.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion Harvest Festival	JW
11.00	(Gt. Br.)	Family Service	Phillipa Cook
11.00	(Lt. Br.)	Family Service Harvest Festival	JW
18.00	(Bw. Br.)	Taize Service	Jeremy Hopkinson

A REMINDER ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION:

A reminder that we would like to hear from anyone in the Benefice who would like to be confirmed, or would like to know more about it – any age from teenager, to young adult, to a more senior age. A meeting will be arranged for those interested.

All enquiries about confirmation will be welcome - please contact the Rector:-

Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk



SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 14TH SEPTEMBER

Please join us on **Sunday 14th September at 12.30 p.m.**

For our Sunday Lunch Club in the Community Hall

We look forward to seeing existing members
and new members are very welcome

Regulars please let us know if you are NOT coming

New members please contact Sally or Alistair on 07831 633653

Any offer of help is much appreciated

BOW BRICKHILL HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday 3rd September

at Bow Brickhill Community Hall, Church Road, MK17 9LH
7.45pm for an 8.00pm start. Non members £3

A talk by David Marks about Robert Fitzroy
the extraordinary story of the boy
who grew up in Potterspurty
and went on to sail the Beagle for Darwin
and invent weather forecasting

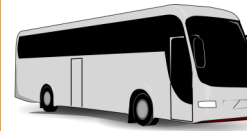


Bow Brickhill Women's Institute meets on the
4th Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm
In The Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB

A local beekeeper will talk about her bees and their honey
Thursday 25th September at 7.30 p.m.

New members and guests are very welcome

For further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com



THREE PARISHES COACH TRIP

SEPTEMBER 17th : MARLOW

cost is **£15.50** for Parishioners over 60
£17.00 for Non Parishioners (if space available)

Departing 9.30 a.m.

Return from Location 4.00 p.m.

For more info and to Book a Ticket contact Brenda

01908 375151 or 07792610055

BB Free Library



Thanks to generous villagers and our local Cllr Tracey Bailey we have raised £525 towards the build of a wooden library unit to be sited at the Pavilion for people to freely bring and take books.

This is being made for us by the charity that is "Men in Sheds" due for completion at the end of September when it will then be secured at an agreed site on the Pavilion grounds.

Please lookout for further updates and save those books to donate to it.

Ann & Mary

!!! Weekly drop-in is back !!! Starts Wednesday 3rd September



Many thanks to those who have volunteered to run the drop-in sessions over the last year your contribution is very much appreciated and now we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break

2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Every Wednesday in the Community Hall

Look forward to seeing you there



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING 10 JUNE 2025 – KEY UPDATES

6 attendees – 5 villagers and 1 Ward councillor.

Below is a summary of the items raised by villagers at this meeting:

****Parking** – there are various points in BB where parking is noted to be an issue, e.g. Church Road, Station Road, and the entrances into Greenways. Villagers were reminded that various options are available, such as a white line, or double yellow lines. However MKCC need the village to conduct a consultation for some of these. You can report parking issues to MKCC at milton-keynes.gov.uk/parking/parking-information or call TVP on 101.

**** Drainage** in Church Road and other areas – details have been submitted to MKCC in order to try to arrange an onsite meeting in the village. Outcome awaited.

**** East West Rail** – waiting news on the design and possible further consultation, though the latter might not happen. Believed to be highly likely the BB station will close and a bridge over the railway built to replace the level crossing. When that will happen is not known.

**** Free library** – discussed possible locations and BBPC agreed to it being sited at the Pavilion.

**** Pavilion project update** – still awaiting MKCC meeting to try to agree way forward for financing the project.

**** Community Hall update** – a proposed lease for the life of the building (from the C.o.E) is in the offing – Hall can then be managed by a community Trust. Some legal help with advice on the lease is required.

**** Community groups** – possible ‘Well Being’ group was proposed, e.g., a monthly gathering in either the Community Hall with restricted numbers for villagers, or in the Pavilion.

**** AOB** – a question regarding care of an Oak Tree that MKCC look after opposite the The Wheatsheaf; recommended this is reported to MKCC. To report a highway or safety issue e.g. streetlight out or pothole, call 01908 252353 or to report an emergency outside office hours please use 01908 226699.

Received from Julie Godden, Parish Clerk e-mail: clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk



VILLAGE FLOWER BEDS

These are sited at either end of the village and a small group of villagers maintain them. Watering them is especially arduous.



They have been looking so lovely this year and show all who live here or travel through how well

kept and cared for this village of ours is.

I think a big thank you is due to all those who help with these planters which brighten entrances at both ends of the village and welcome people to Bow Brickhill



Church Tower Open Day Saturday 13 September 10am-4pm



All Saints Church in Bow Brickhill will be open as part of the Heritage Open Days and the Bucks Historic Churches Ride & Stride on:

Saturday 13 September from 10am to 4pm.

This day is a chance for anyone to go up the church tower, which is not normally open to the public. The views from the top are fabulous, and there are historically interesting features inside, including the 17th century bells and graffiti from the WW1 observer room in the tower. Cakes and other refreshments will be on sale in the church.

If you're feeling energetic then you can join the Ride & Stride – this is a fundraiser for the Bucks Historic Churches Trust.

Participants are sponsored to walk, cycle or ride horses between different churches in Buckinghamshire (you choose your own route). For more details see <https://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride> or contact Andrea.

Could you volunteer some help to make this day possible? We rely on volunteers to provide cakes, sell refreshments, and to help out at the top of the tower. If you can help for an hour or two on the day, please contact Andrea on andrea_spurdle@earthling.net or 01908 648 373.



Bow Brickhill Village Harvest Festival 2025

Our Harvest Festival will be on
Sunday, October 5th.
in the Community Hall

We will begin with a Harvest Service at 11 o'clock
which will be followed by a 'Bring & Share Lunch' at 12.30

This is a celebration for all the village so everybody is
welcome to join in and come to both the service and the
lunch or just the service or just the lunch - whichever you
choose

Please bring your goodies for lunch to the Meeting Room
before 12 o'clock

last year we had an amazing spread - can we do even better
this year?

Look out for final arrangements in next month's newsletter
but make a note of the date in your diary now!

Trish Wilby



The Bow Brickhill information leaflet



This has been updated and is correct as of June 2024. Gill or Mary deliver a
copy to every new resident as and when they move into the village, but they
wondered if the updated information might be of use to anybody else?

If you would like a copy please contact :
marypreen@gmail.com or gill.cannell@gmail.com

"PATHWAYS" MAGAZINE

The Summer edition of Pathways, the magazine for the people of the
Diocese of Oxford, is now available. A copy can be downloaded from the
website:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways>

ASTRA 500 Club



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

1st prize:	£21.25	ticket	152	Valerie Brimble
2nd prize:	£14.88	ticket	159	Rosie Wright
3rd prize:	£ 6.38	ticket	124	Sharon Giles

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

1st prize:	£21.25	ticket	63	Andrew Barr
2nd prize:	£14.88	ticket	37	Brian Hall
3rd prize:	£ 6.38	ticket	86	Susan Bartlett

Draws are held on the last Thursday of every month

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

Join Danesborough Chorus



**Danesborough Chorus welcomes
new members in all voice parts**

Rehearsals ➤ Aspley Guise Village Hall, MK17 8JH
Time ➤ Wednesday evenings at 19.45-21.50
Email for info ➤ dcmembershipsec@gmail.com



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