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Danesborough Chorus

Come & Sing

KARL JENKINS REQUIEM

Led by Ian Smith

Aspley Guise Village Hall

7th March 2026

10am - 4pm (Registration from 9.30am)

Tickets £20 include music hire and refreshments

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Bring your own lunch



Danesborough Chorus reg charity no: 1188026

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The Wheatsheaf Pub & Grill

Before Christmas we welcomed the lovely Matty and his wife, Claire as the live-in managers for our pub. They were such a great team and settled in very quickly so it was a big shock when rumours of Matty's departure started to circulate.

I want to assure everyone that Matty will still be living at the Wheatsheaf and continue to be involved with our pub but we have to congratulate him on his becoming the area manager for all of Jason's pubs. (Jason was obviously quick to spot Matty's value) but I'm also very happy to report that his wife, Claire, will be continuing at The Wheatsheaf as General Manager.



Pleased to say that you will still see Matty working from the pub and I know we will be well looked after by Claire who said to be assured that they will continue to keep their lovely guests happy.

Quote from Claire "There are exciting times ahead for the Wheatsheaf. I have now taken over from Matty as General Manager. Matty will still be a familiar face, but in the role of Area Manager for the company. Our lovely village pub will be continuing to offer delicious food, perfectly poured drinks and friendly service. My team and I are looking forward to making memories at The Wheatsheaf with you."

These are difficult times for pubs as you all know so please let's

USE IT AND ENJOY IT

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 : FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	ACTIVITY/TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Sun 1st	Church Taize Service 11.00 a.m.	Community Hall	Phillipa Cook pjcook@gmail.com
Wed 4th	BB History Society 7:45 p.m. Talk on the Gunpowder Plot and how it involves Little Brickhill	Community Hall	Mary Preen Marypreen@gmail.com
Sun 8th	Sunday Lunch Club : 12.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 07831 633653
Mon 9th	Book Club : 7.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Celia Sherratt celiarsherratt@gmail.com
Tues 10th	Community Engagement Meeting (BBPC) 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Parish Clerk clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
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. Tai Chi : 12 Noon	Pavilion	Mark Mackrill mark.ecka@outlook.com 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



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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 FEBRUARY MESSAGE:

Come and See

Dear Friends,

This year Easter is quite early, on April 5th, so the season of Lent will also begin early, after Ash Wednesday on February 18th.

One of the customs of Lent, along with the traditional discipline of giving up something we usually enjoy, is to take time to pause and reflect on our faith and God's calling to us.

Each year our diocese produces a Lent course, under the title 'Come and See'. This year the course will focus on our service of Holy Communion, and there will be two ways of taking part in it.

Firstly, anyone who is interested can register to receive an email every day, offering some brief reflections and prayers. If you would like to try this, you can register on our diocesan website here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

Secondly, we will be holding some weekly discussion groups during Lent, to discuss the course material together. Full details will be available soon, and you would be welcome to join one of the groups, as we seek to renew and deepen our faith.

Revd John Waller

LENT COURSE:

Our Lent Course will follow the Oxford Diocesan "Come & See 2026" course, which this year focuses on Holy Communion. For those who sign up, there will be daily readings and reflections, and a weekly video from Bishop Steven. The Diocesan website gives all the details of the course:- <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

The normal Benefice Lent Groups will be held, 6 sessions from the week after Ash Wednesday up to Holy Week, on Tuesday afternoons in Stoke Hammond and on weekday evenings at 8.00pm spread across different venues:-

1. Thursday 26th February at The Rectory, Great Brickhill
2. Wednesday 4th March at Green Farm, Great Brickhill
3. Tuesday 10th March at Bow Brickhill Hall
4. Wednesday 18th March Green Farm, Great Brickhill
5. Thursday 26th March at The Rectory, Great Brickhill
6. Tuesday 31st March at Bow Brickhill Hall

Full details are available on the website in the "Lent Courses" section:
<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/lent-course/>

Arriva's Loop service reaches 100,000 journeys as Milton Keynes' newest bus route continues to grow. (MK Citizen 3rd Nov 2025)



Loop, the Arriva bus service, connecting communities in the southern part of Milton Keynes, has now carried more than 100,000 passenger journeys since launching in January.

The milestone marks a major success for the route, which was introduced to improve access to key destinations across the city including healthcare, education and shopping.

Loop has been particularly welcomed by residents in areas that previously had no direct, fixed-line bus services, providing a reliable and sustainable alternative to driving.

Loop, which began in January this year, operates up to every hour, Monday to Saturdays. It links major destinations including Bletchley, Kingston, Westcroft and Woburn Sands, providing convenient connections into the city centre and the wider Milton Keynes bus network.

Matt King, network manager at Arriva, said: "We're incredibly proud of what Loop has achieved in such a short space of time. Hitting 100,000 journeys in under a year shows the real appetite for better public transport connections in Milton Keynes. The feedback from customers has been fantastic. Loop is helping people get to work, school, hospital appointments and shops more easily and we're excited to keep building on that success. Whether you're commuting, shopping or getting around locally, Loop is also about supporting a shift in how people travel: choosing the bus over the car to cut congestion and emissions in the city."

The service's strong performance has also been recognised nationally. Loop was recently nominated at the National Transport Awards and has been shortlisted at this year's UK Bus Awards in the Marketing for Growth category. Loop is operated by Arriva, working in partnership with Milton Keynes City Council and ITP, as part of ongoing efforts to improve sustainable travel and strengthen public transport across the city.

Cllr David Hopkins

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF FEBRUARY:

Sunday 1st February

9.30	(Gt. Br.)	Holy Communion	JW
11.00	(Bw. Br.)	Family Service in the Hall	JW
11.00	(St. H.)	Family Service	Dave Webber

Sunday 8th February

10.00	(St. H.)	Holy Communion Benefice	JW
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(This is a joint service for all in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond)

Sunday 15th February

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

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

10.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion Benefice (Said)	JW
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(This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond)

Sunday 22nd February

9.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion	JW
11.00	(Lt. Br.)	Family Service	JW
11.00	(Bw. Br.)	Mattins (BCP) Choir	(lay leader tba)

BISHOP OF OXFORD'S APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

The announcement of Bishop Steven's pending retirement has caused the Vacancy-in-See Committee to be convened. The full Committee met last month with the Prime Minister's and Archbishops' Appointments Secretaries, again this month and five further meetings are scheduled, culminating in a meeting in late March at which six representatives will be elected to join eight others to form the Crown Nominations Commission who will meet later this year to identify who should be recommended to the Crown to be invited to be the next Bishop of Oxford. **This is obviously a long process, but alongside this, the Diocese would like to hear from anyone living, working or worshipping in the diocese - the consultation period is now open via an online form until Wednesday 4th February at 5pm:-**
<https://oxford.anglican.org/consultation?>



SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 8th February

Please join us on Sunday 8th February at 12.30 for Sunday Lunch 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 !!!

Christmas Lunch 2026

BOW BRICKHILL HISTORY SOCIETY

A talk by Jean Yates about the Gunpowder Plot and how it involved Little Brickhill



Wednesday 4th February
Bow Brickhill Community Hall,
Church Road, MK17 9LH
7.45pm. for an 8.00pm start
All welcome. Non members £3.

There is no car park at the Hall, so please consider parking at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, MK17 9JB a few minutes walk away.

Mary Preen Chair

Three Parishes Coach Trip

The 2026 trips begin on 18th March with a visit to Market Harborough

Full details will be in the

March issue of the newsletter

Cost is £17.00 for parishioners over 60

For more info and to book a ticket Contact :

Brenda 01908 375151 or 07792610055



The Woburn Sands Band

Are you, or someone you know, looking for a new hobby for the new year? If so, then how about learning to play a brass instrument, so that you can play in one of The Woburn Sands Band groups? The Band currently has four playing groups, catering for all playing abilities.

If you want more information about learning to play a brass instrument and joining the Band then please contact us at woburnsandsband@btinternet.com.

Please also get in touch if you have played a brass instrument in the past and would like to return to playing in a Band – you do **not** need to have your own instrument as the Band has instruments available for you to use..



The Woburn Sands 'A' Band is currently rehearsing for the next concert at The Stables Theatre, Wavendon on Sunday 26th April at 4pm.

The programme for this concert called 'At the Cinema' will include music from films and will feature soloists from within the Band.

Tickets for the concert are priced at £15 (£5 for 18 and under) and are available from the Band Concert Secretary on 07709 184905.



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

February's meeting will be about fire safety in the home

New members and guests are very welcome

For further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com



Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

After a busy end to the autumn term with our whole school pantomime trip to MK theatre, nativity performances, bazaar and carol service, the children have returned to school fresh and ready to learn.

The cold start to the spring term came as a bit of a shock but it has not stopped our EYFS children who have enjoyed painting on ice blocks and exploring the best way to keep ice solid or to make it melt. Following all this fun they also learnt how to warm their hands back up when cold. Their topic of winter wonderland has tied in brilliantly with the cold weather and hopefully we might get a bit of snow during the remainder of the term to finish their winter discovery.



Children in Year 1/2 have started a new topic all about coastlines as they explore coastline holidays and write postcards and adventure narratives about a sea rescue. They are enjoying exploring maps and learning about compass points.

Year 3 and 4s topic of 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' has allowed them to investigate the different layers of Earth as well as tectonic plates. They are looking forward to finding out about volcanoes and learning about historic eruptions as well as those which have affected our world recently.

Finally, further up the school, the children in Year 5 and 6 have started their new topic of 'Sow, Grow and Farm', learning about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.

All this learning as well as different lunch clubs, sports tournaments and visitors to schools mean we have a busy half term ahead of us all!

We currently have limited spaces in some year groups, if you would like a look around please call us 01908 373672 or contact us via email office@bowbrickhillprimary.co.uk

Claire Kemp : Assistant Headteacher

ASTRA 500 Club

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

1st prize:	£20.50	ticket	16	Georgy Holden
2nd prize:	£14.35	ticket	7	Sue Malleson
3rd prize:	£ 6.15	ticket	13	Georgy Holden

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

1st prize:	£19.75	ticket	85	Susan Bartlett
2nd prize:	£13.83	ticket	22	Sally Pepper
3rd prize:	£ 5.93	ticket	62	Alan Preen

Draws are held on the last Thursday of every month

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

NEWSLETTER FUNDING

A very big thank you to all those who donated last year to cover the funding needed to provide 10 issues of 300 copies of the newsletter which we distribute around the village.



It is now that time of the year when Chris and I have the begging bowl out again. Our only cost goes to the printing company who charge us £135 per issue and we have 10 issues a year. This is for colour printing on quality paper, collated and bound. Please let Ann know if you would be happy to contribute this year.

We are looking to raise sufficient funding to secure our newsletter for the coming year. The BBPC have already generously donated towards it so we just need to raise the balance. Any amount would be gratefully received. If you or your Club can contribute it would be very much appreciated.

It is hoped that the newsletter brings news to those who are not necessarily internet connected so everyone is kept informed of what is happening.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US GOING IN 2026



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BECOME A COUNCIL MEMBER

Bow Brickhill Parish Council are still looking for an enthusiastic and community-minded person to join the team and help shape the future of our village.

This is a rewarding opportunity to have a real say in local decision-making and to represent the interests of Bow Brickhill residents. By giving just a small amount of your time, you can help influence important matters that affect everyday life in the village.

What's involved?

- Attending around nine council meetings a year
- Helping decide on local finances, planning applications, and community projects
- Supporting the management of the Pavilion
- Discussing traffic and transport issues
- Acting as a local voice and working with Milton Keynes City Council to raise concerns and drive change

Why join?

If you care about Bow Brickhill and want to play an active role in its future, this is your chance to get involved, meet like-minded people, and make a meaningful contribution to your community.

Don't leave it to someone else — you really can make a difference

For further details, please contact the Parish Clerk at:
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