



## Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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### Bow Brickhill Parish Council AGM

Following the Annual Village Meeting on 12 May 2026, Bow Brickhill Parish Council held its Annual General Meeting, Cllr Philip Ball was re-elected as Chairman, with Cllr Clare Evans re-elected as Vice Chairman. The Council also warmly welcomed new councillor Phillip Czepinski, who was co-opted at the meeting and is anticipated to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the team.

The Council also marked the resignation of Maria Kozak after nearly three years of dedicated service to the village. During her time as a councillor, Maria played a key role in securing the village's fourth defibrillator through EWR funding — now installed at The Wheatsheaf — an important addition to community safety in Bow Brickhill.

### Could You Be the Next Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy and is encouraging residents to consider getting involved. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding opportunity to help shape local decisions, represent the interests of residents, and make a genuine difference to village life — all with just a small commitment of your time. If you've ever thought about getting more involved in the community, now is the perfect time. For more information, contact: clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk. Visit [www.bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk) for agendas, meeting minutes and Pavilion bookings.

### DEADLINE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE

**21ST JUNE 2026**



#### Contributions please to:

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## BOW BRICKHILL VILLAGE NEWS

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Bow Brickhill Events proudly present....

# SUMMER FAYRE

## SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2026

DOG SHOW  
REFRESHMENTS  
MUSIC  
TUG O' WAR  
GAMES  
CRAFT STALLS

bowbrickhillevents@hotmail.com

Bow Brickhill Pavilion  
12.30 - 5.30pm

Kindly Sponsored by: Need A Dog Walker

Proceeds to: National Animal Welfare Trust

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 : JUNE 2026

DATE	ACTIVITY/TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Sun 6th	Summer Fayre 12.30 - 5.30	Pavilion	Bowbrickhillevents@hotmail.com
Sun 7th	Church Service 11.00 a.m.	Community Hall	Philippa Cook Pjcook@gmail.com
Mon 8th	Book Club - 7.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Celia Sherratt celiarsherratt@gmail.com
Tues 9th	BBPC Engagement Meeting 7p.m.	Pavilion	Parish Clerk Clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
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 Bourton-on-the-water	Greenways	Brenda Toombs 01908 375151
Thurs 25th	B.B. W.I. Speaker : 7.30 p.m. Talk on local history Visitors welcome	Pavilion	Bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com
Sun 28th	Songs of Praise	All Saints Church	dianakesterton@gmail.com
Weekly Mon:	Yoga 6.00 p.m.	Community Hall	Elli Flitton www.elli.yoga Email: info@elli.yoga
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  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



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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](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk)

### Thank you message from The Rector:-

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for my farewell last Sunday. The service and lunch was so enjoyable, and, as I had hoped, we were able to welcome and include so many people. I am very grateful to all those who helped to prepare and to take part in it all, and to everyone who came along. And I was very touched by the generous and thoughtful gifts that I received - I look forward to enjoying them all.

As I spend the next few weeks sorting out the house and preparing to move, you will be in my prayers as you look to the future, and continue the life and work of the church here.

*With my thanks and best wishes, John*

### UPDATE ON THE VACANCY:

And so, John took his last service on 26th April; since then, he has been working on admin matters. He will be leaving the village on 9th June, moving to his flat in Worcester where he will be close to his family. John's official retirement date was 10th May. We were legally not allowed to start the formal recruitment process until the day after that. That may seem strange, but there is nothing we could do about that. However, there was much that could be done before then as there was a lot of preparatory work required. A small team of representatives from all four parishes have been working hard to gather all the information required to produce the large document called the Parish Profile, which is our opportunity to sell the benefice to potential candidates. Part of this process was the consultation we had in each church at the time of the Annual Meetings. Thank you to all who took part in that. The Parish Profile, all 37 pages of it, was completed by John's retirement date. This meant that we have been able to advertise the position at the earliest opportunity. For anyone saying that we might be dragging our heels, please dispel this myth. Some local interregnums have lasted more than two years. We are doing all we can to have the shortest possible vacancy. The comment has come from our adviser at the Diocese that it looks as if we are going for the record of the shortest interregnum, which would be a very welcome a record. That said, with the time for applications to come in, shortlisting then interviews, and a three-month notice period, the earliest possible time that we will have someone in place is late October.

**DURING THE INTEREGNUM, UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW RECTOR, .....**

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 01525 26167 [jeremysfh@gmail.com](mailto:jeremysfh@gmail.com)

For general information about church matters in Bow Brickhill, please contact:-

Trish Wilby:- 01908 374577

**THE FAREWELL SERVICE FOR THE RECTOR:**

The Farewell Service for Revd John Waller who had been Rector here since February 2003, was held here in Great Brickhill on Sunday 26th April. This was a Benefice service of Holy Communion. Around 180 people including some of John's friends and family and local clergy, joined us for this celebration.

The collection was for the Archdeacon of Buckingham's Clergy Charity, which John and Pauline benefitted from in the past. For over 150 years the charity has supported local clergy and their families who are in financial need, hardship or distress. The collection raised £774 for the charity.



Stephen Syfret played the bagpipes as John came out of the vestry for a presentation. Jerry Breslin read his re-wording of "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", with letters aptly "straying" to describe John on his retirement. A presentation was made to John in recognition of his 23 years here. He then replied with his farewell thoughts.

Gifts presented to John were:-

A Morgan Gift Voucher for a one-hour drive and factory tour, A gift voucher for Worcestershire Cricket Club, a year's subscription to the National Trust and a voucher for Manchester City Football Club. A cheque for the balance of the collection, to go towards a holiday or days out with the family. The bells were rung as a final tribute to John.



Canapes and drinks were then handed round while the ukulele group that John has been playing with on Monday evenings, entertained us.



**SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF JUNE:**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost**

9.30 (St. H.) Holy Communion Revd David Talks

11.00 (Lt. Br.) Family Service Dave Webber

**18.00 (B. Br.) Evensong (BCP) Jeremy Hopkinson**

(Gt. Br.) (Brickstock - no service)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May Trinity Sunday**

10.00 (Lt. Br.) Holy Communion *Benefice* Revd Canon Val Plumb

This is a joint service for all in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30 (Gt. Br.) Holy Communion Revd Tim Norwod

9.30 (St. H.) Café Church Dave Webber

**11.00 (B Br.) Family Service in the Hall Bow Brickhill Team**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00 (Lt. Br.) Holy Communion *Benefice* Revd Steve Barnes

This is a joint service for all in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**9.30 (B. Br.) Holy Communion Revd Canon Val Plumb**

9.30 (St. H.) Morning Worship Jeremy Hopkinson

11.00 (Gt. Br.) Family Service Phillipa Cook

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30 (St. H.) Holy Communion Revd Steve Barnes

11.00 (Lt. Br.) Family Service Phillipa Cook

**15.00 (B. Br.) Songs of Praise Jeremy Hopkinson**

**New Rector:**

The formal recruitment process cannot start until the Rector officially retires on 10th May. Everything should be in place by that date to ensure that a new Rector will be in post as soon as possible. During the vacancy, clergy cover has been arranged and all services will be held as normal.

## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 14th June

Please join us on Sunday 14th June at 12.30 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

**This is Clare who cooks the lovely roast potatoes for our lunch and is one of the regular helpers each month**

A message from our retiring vicar following his farewell at our April lunch:

Please pass on my thanks to everyone at the Lunch Club, for their friendship and support over the years, and for their good wishes, and generous and thoughtful gifts presented to me on April 19th.

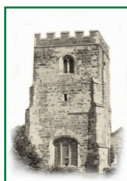
As I prepare to leave here, I will carry many happy memories of the Lunch Club, and wish you all well for the future.

Best wishes, John

## ASTRA 500 Club

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

1st prize:	£20.25	ticket	37	Brian Hall
2nd prize:	£14.18	ticket	54	Andy Malleson
3rd prize:	£ 6.08	ticket	24	Mike Duff



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

The members' meeting on Thursday 25th June will be a local History Talk by Paul Cox  
(Not the Microbrewery tour previously advertised)

For further details please email [bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com](mailto:bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com)

**SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**

**SATURDAY 4TH JULY 12PM - 3PM**

**STALLS | BOUNCY CASTLE | TOMBOLA | RAFFLE | BARBECUE | HOBBY HORSE COMPETITION**

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## Three Parishes Coach Trips

The next trip is to Bourton-on-the-Water on Wednesday 17th June

cost is £17.00 for Parishioners over 60

Departing 9.30 a.m. Return from Location 4.00 p.m.

For more info and to Book a Ticket contact Brenda 01908 375151/ 07792 610055

If you live outside of the three parishes and would like to come, or if you're under the age of 60, you're more than welcome! We keep a reserve list and will let you know if there is a place available a few days before the trip.

Tickets for those living outside the three parishes or under 60 cost £20 ea.

*(Please could residents book their place on the Coach Trips 2 weeks in advance to allow for ticket allocation)*



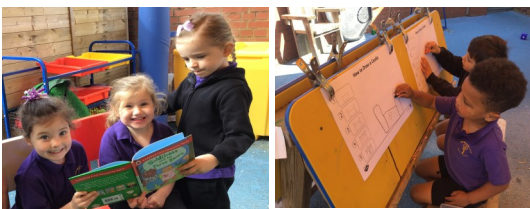
### Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

This half term we have had a targeted focus on the wellbeing of our pupils. Every September, each class votes for their class representatives for each year group. These children make up our school council and are then used to support our decision making in school on a range of different pupil centred topics, as well as enabling us to talk to the children about the British value of democracy. This half term our focus with the school council was regarding the lunch clubs which we currently offer. These range from a wellbeing and mindfulness club, a young artists club through to varied sports clubs and are changed every half term to offer greater variety to the children. The children fed back to us on which clubs they liked and what clubs they might like to see offered in the future, such as a lego or construction club and this has informed our provision for next half term.

We have also conducted pupil wellbeing surveys, finding out what pupils like about our school and again how we could develop and improve further. Children were overwhelmingly positive about the school, stating that they felt safe and liked being in school. They enjoyed being given roles of responsibility in Year 6 and felt that was a good range of clubs and opportunities for them to take part in each week. The children also recognised that they really value the relationships they have in school both with their peers and with staff, saying they felt staff were friendly and approachable.

As we move into the second half of the summer term we will start thinking and preparing our children for their next steps in their school lives. For some children this might be staying with the same staff but moving up a year group, for others it means moving into a different key stage and for others, changing school as they move on to their secondary education. For all of our children we talk about their feelings around these changes, discuss how we can prepare for the change and how we can help each other. We provide a range of transition sessions for all of our pupils to help them settle in to their new classes. This starts in EYFS with a joint sports event after school for EYFS and Year 1 pupils, allowing them to work in groups. Our Year 6 sports leader pupils help us to run the this event, and it acts as a fun and gentle way for our EYFS and Year 1 pupils to start building those relationships before they become an official class in September. All of our year groups get to spend time in their new class in the summer term but with every member of our school community knowing each other, this is a very fun and gentle way to introduce the new class groupings for the next academic year.

Our Year 6 children are very much looking forward to their end of school residential trip at the Caldecotte Xperience, where they participate in a range of outdoor activities, some of which they may have never experienced before ! And the whole school is looking forward to our summer fete which is on 4<sup>th</sup> July from 12-3pm. It is always lovely to see so many past pupils who attend this event as well as members of the local community. Fingers crossed for sunshine!



We have limited spaces in Years 1, 2 and 3. Please contact the school if you would like a tour:  
[office@bowbrickhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@bowbrickhillprimary.co.uk)  
 or 01908 373672

### **Bow Brickhill History Society**

We try to make the most of the better weather and rather than meet in The Community Hall for talks during the summer, we like to venture outdoors. These trips are always for limited numbers so regrettably they are for members only.

In June the Chair of the Woburn Heritage Centre is leading a walk around Woburn to talk about its inns, alehouses and churches. In July we are visiting Bletchley Cemetery for a tour with Mike Chapman from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

We don't meet in August but please save the date, **2nd September**, for our next talk entitled '**Power, Personality and Politics**' which will outline how Earl de Grey built Wrest Park.

Thank you, Mary

**All Saints' Church, Bow Brickhill is proud to present a special service for the village:**

**'SONGS OF PRAISE'  
 ON SUNDAY 28TH JUNE AT 3.00 O'CLOCK**



**Come along and bring your family and friends to join in with our wonderful Benefice Choir and enjoy singing your favourite hymns and songs on hopefully a lovely Summer afternoon**

*The service will be followed by a glass of wine, soft drinks and nibbles.*

If you would like your favourite to be included please email Diana at:

[diana.kesterton@gmail.com](mailto:diana.kesterton@gmail.com)

with your choice and telling her your name and the title of your chosen hymn/song and saying briefly why it is important to you

**A report from Philip Ball, Chair of BBPC, following last night's Annual Village Meeting.**

"Bow Brickhill Parish Council would like to thank all the villagers and newly elected Ward Councillor Johnny Luc who attended the village AGM on the evening of the 12th May. We heard about the many activities that take place in the village, from the Church at the top of the hill along to Bow Brickhill station. These are led by volunteers who dedicate their own time and energy to providing them. BBPC would like to express its sincere thanks to those who contribute so much to the life of Bow Brickhill. We encourage everyone living in the village to use and support the activities that make Bow Brickhill such a vibrant place. The newsletter, email group, and Facebook pages have details of events and contacts if you want to know more."

**Philip Ball, Chair BBPC."**

**SUMMER BEDDING 2026**

This year, in addition to a donation from the Parish Council, David Hopkins was able to offer us a donation from his MK City Council community ward allowance for summer bedding. As a result we are able to plant up the basket & tub at the station, the three village beds, and the smaller planters scattered round the village.

Big thanks to Diana Kesterton, Elaine Rattray and Susan Bartlett for taking over the planting and care of the extra planters. Thanks also to Gavin & Victoria Burton for their continuing care of the Woburn Sands Road planters.

**Gill Cannell & Andy Dishman**

**A big thank you to all who help to keep these planters around our village cared for and watered (not an easy task). They make the entrances and surrounds to our village a colourful and welcoming site**



Here are some of our volunteers hard at work tending the planters



**Danesborough Chorus Summer Concert**

**Saturday 27th June 2026 at 7.30pm  
St Mary's Parish Church, Woburn**

**Scarlatti  
St Cecilia Mass**

**Vivaldi  
Dixit Dominus RV 595**

**Handel  
Concerto Grosso Op 3 No 2**

**with Alina Orchestra  
Conducted by Ian Smith**

**TICKETS:** All unreserved  
£20, £15, £10, students: £5  
By phone: 01908 386796  
or from [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)



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[www.danesborough.org.uk](http://www.danesborough.org.uk)



**Poppy Army**  
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*Dates for your Diary*

	<b>FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	@ 10:00AM	♥ WEATHERCOCK WOBURN SANDS
	<b>THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	@ 7:30PM	♥ THE GEORGE LITTLE BRICKHILL
	<b>THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	@ 7:30PM	♥ FIR TREE WOBURN SANDS
	<b>WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	@ 7:30PM	♥ WHEATSHEAF BOW BRICKHILL
	<b>FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	@ 10:00AM	♥ WEATHERCOCK WOBURN SANDS
	<b>THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	@ 7:00PM	♥ WEATHERCOCK WOBURN SANDS
	<b>WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	@ 7:00PM	♥ WHEATSHEAF BOW BRICKHILL
	<b>FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	@ 10:00AM	♥ WEATHERCOCK WOBURN SANDS

*Small Poppies.  
Big Difference.  
Together We Remember.*