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| CLlr: | Vacancy | Could this be you ?? |
| Pavilion Caretaker: | Andy Wright | 07773 671094 |
| Pavilion Cleaner: | Maybright Cleaning Ltd | maybright@aol.com |

Many people fall short on basic security of their sheds.

Please make sure you:

- Keep your shed in good condition
- Fit a closed shackle padlock to the door
- Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed
- It is easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and in some cases replace the screws to make it look as if the shed has not been tampered with
- By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts, together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- Bond any window glass in with mastic to prevent easy removal. Fit grilles or mesh to windows to slow down the thief.
- Ensure all equipment and tools are locked away when not in use
- Install a shed alarm
- Post-code or mark all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA, Smartwater or engravers.
- Install security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points
- If building a shed, put it where it is most visible to you and neighbours
- Ensure ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they can't be used to reach top floor windows
- Chain large items such as bicycles together, making it much more difficult for a thief to carry away
- Fit a wire cage inside the shed where more expensive items can be locked away.

No thief wants to hang about longer than they have to so delay the time it will take them to get their hands on your tools

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

21ST AUGUST 2026 ←

Contributions please to:

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

BOW BRICKHILL VILLAGE NEWS
JULY/AUGUST 2026



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**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

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

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 : JULY/AUGUST 2026

| DATE | ACTIVITY/TIME | VENUE | CONTACT |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Sun 28th JUNE | Songs of Praise | All Saints Church | dianakesterton@gmail.com |
| Sun 5th July 2nd August | Church Service 11.00 a.m. | Community Hall | Philippa Cook Pjcook@gmail.com |
| Sun 12th July 16th August | Sunday Lunch Club 12.30 p.m. Sunday Lunch Club 12.30 p.m. | Community Hall | Sally Pepper 07831 633653 |
| Tues 14th July | Parish Council Meeting (No meeting in August) | Pavilion | Parish Clerk Clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk |
| Wed 15th July Wed 19th August | 3 Parishes Coach Trip 9.30 a.m. To Bury St Edmunds 3 Parishes Coach Trip 9.30 a.m. To Henley-on-Thames | Greenways | Brenda Toombs 01908 375151 |
| Thurs 23rd July Sat 22nd August | B.B. W.I. Craft Session Bead Jewellery making B.B. W.I. Trip To Waddesdon Manor | Pavilion Contact | Bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com Bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com |
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| 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 |

All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill

DURING THE INTERREGNUM, UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW RECTOR,

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 07740 169260 jeremysfh@gmail.com

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

Trish Wilby:- 01908 374577 or email: bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com

Please remember that the Benefice website is the best way to obtain information and updates on any of the services, etc:

www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026/27

14 July 2026 (7.00pm) – Full Parish Council Meeting

8 September 2026 (7.00pm) – Full Parish Council Meeting

13 October 2026 (7.00pm) – Community Engagement Meeting

10 November 2026 (7.00pm) – Full Parish Council Meeting

12 January 2027 (7.00pm) – Full Parish Council Meeting

9 February 2027 (7.00pm) – Community Engagement Meeting

9 March 2027 (7.00pm) – Full Parish Council Meeting

11 May 2027 (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



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BECOME A COUNCIL MEMBER

Bow Brickhill Parish Council are 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:
clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF JULY:

Sunday 28th June

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| 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 |

Sunday 5th July

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| 9.30 | (Gt. Br.) Holy Communion | Archdeacon, Ven Cassa Messervy |
| 9.30 | (St. H.) Morning Worship | Jeremy Hopkinson |
| 11.00 | (B Br.) Family Service in the Hall | Bow Brickhill Team |

Sunday 12th July

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| 11.00 | (St. H.) Family Service | Dave Webber |
| 16.00 | (Gt. Br.) Pimms & Hymns | Phillipa Cook |

Sunday 19th July

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| 10.00 | (B. Br.) Holy Communion Benefice | Revd Steve Barnes |
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A joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond

Sunday 26th July

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| 9.30 | (St. H.) Holy Communion | Revd David Talks |
| 11.00 | (Lt. Br.) Family Service & Baptism | Revd Canon Rosie Harper |
| 18.00 | (B. Br.) Taizé Service | Jerry Breslin |

UPDATE ON THE VACANCY:

On Tuesday 9th June, the Rector left the village for his new life in Worcester. We wish John a fond farewell and send our best wishes to him and his family for the retirement years ahead.

Regrettably, we heard from the Archdeacon's office on Friday that we have had no applications following the advertisement for a new Rector. This is obviously very depressing and disappointing. After a regulatory break, the post will be re-advertised on 31st July. This will mean that the earliest time we will have someone in post will be January. We were already arranging for clergy cover up to the end of the year in case we were still in interregnum.

The pattern of services will remain as normal with visiting clergy arranged to cover the Holy Communion services. The lay led services will be taken by our LLM Jeremy Hopkinson, Dave Webber or Phillipa Cook.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB
12th July and 16th August



Please join us at our Lunch Club meetings
 in July and in August
 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

ASTRA 500 Club

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

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| 1st prize: | £19.25 | ticket | 91 | Terry Damhuis |
| 2nd prize: | £13.48 | ticket | 50 | Stuart Leeming |
| 3rd prize: | £ 5.78 | 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



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 meeting on Thursday 23rd July is a craft session
 For Bead jewellery making

Saturday 22nd August is a trip to Waddesdon Manor

For further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com

SCHOOL SUMMER FETE
SATURDAY 4TH JULY
12PM - 3PM
 STALLS | BOUNCY CASTLE
 TOMBOLA | RAFFLE | BARBECUE
 HOBBY HORSE COMPETITION

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BOW BRICKHILL COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, STATION ROAD, BOW BRICKHILL, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 9JT

9 THINGS TO DO NOW



Your landline is switching off.

Plain-English checklist. Don't wait to be contacted.

- 01** Don't wait for a letter
- 02** Find out your switch-off date
- 03** Test your old corded phone
- 04** Check medical & fall alarms
- 05** Check your burglar alarm
- 06** Plan for power & internet outages
- 07** Ask for emergency call backup
- 08** Write down key phone numbers
- 09** Ask for help, sooner not later



Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

The end of term is approaching us quickly but before the summer holidays are upon us, this last half term has been packed full of exciting enrichment activities and experiences for our children.

Firstly, we welcomed our new EYFS parents and children to the school for their welcome evening and the first of several transition visits to support them in their journey towards starting school with us in September. It was lovely for us to meet all our new children alongside welcoming lots of siblings to the classroom! Across the school, we have also started our transition sessions for the children in preparation for them moving on to their new classes in September. We love getting to spend time together before the summer holidays to begin to develop our class communities ahead of the new school year.



On Wednesday 17th June we were extremely lucky to welcome an Olympian to our school! Joel Fearon, the British bobsled and 100m sprint runner came to join us for the afternoon, through the support of Great Athletes. Great Athletes is a social enterprise that brings the country's top athletes into primary schools to encourage the children (and teachers!) to be more active. Joel helped us to run a fun fitness circuit with the children and then he delivered an inspirational assembly which wowed the children. His key message to the children was to 'Be brave!' and 'You can be anything you want to be.'



The children were sponsored to take part in the event and funds raised will be used to support athletes on their journeys and to support school to purchase sports equipment to help keep everyone active in school.



One of the children said "He was amazing, I'm going to be brave next time when I run".

The summer term is also full of sporting fixtures for our children. Our Year 1/2 children took the train to Bletchley college to take part in a cricket event. We then had a visit from Bucks Cricket sharing some exciting opportunities for cricket within Milton Keynes before they also had a fun taster session for each class. We finally managed to get the rounder's league underway after being rained off for two weeks, the children performed brilliantly, inspired by meeting Joel Fearon earlier in the day. We have a busy last month of the school year with sports day, the summer fete on 4th July 12-3pm, Year 6 residential and plenty of other activities still to come too!
Claire Kemp : Assistant Headteacher : Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

Bow Brickhill History Society

We are thrilled to have recently been awarded an Excell Heritage Award 2026 by Milton Keynes Heritage Association.

The awards are given out annually in remembrance of Robert Excell, a former chair of MKHA.

We received 'The Commendation Award' of £250 for the geophysical survey project led by Andy Mason at Edgwick Farm last summer, in conjunction with CLASP and Woburn Sands Collection.

The financial award will allow us to undertake further geophysical work to complete the project.

The citation reads:

'The judges were impressed by this archaeological investigation and excellent report, and the collaborative work'.

Mary Preen

*Eds Note: **The Robert Excell Heritage Award is an annual prize recognizing outstanding contributions to heritage projects in the Milton Keynes area, with a focus on community engagement and preservation efforts.** **Congratulations to Andy Mason & BBHS***

A report from Philip Ball, Chair of BBPC as the Parish Clerk is away this week

Bow Brickhill Parish Council thanks everyone who came to the summer fete despite the weather not playing along.

As summer progresses we remind everyone using the playing field spaces at the Pavilion to clean up after your dogs. The space is a valued asset for many activities and particularly football with the World Cup taking place.

The Pavilion now has the nursery running which will help support its upkeep. If you live in the village and want to hire the Pavilion please contact our Clerk who handles the booking system, email clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk or check our website <https://bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk> In the meantime the possibility of taking the train to Oxford from Bletchley looks like happening from December this year. Other EWR details are awaited following the recent consultation to which BBPC made a contribution.

Philip Ball, Chair BBPC.

Work happening in your area

You may see our contractors in the area as we continue ground investigations for East West Rail (EWR). This work is crucial to help us understand the soil, rock and groundwater below the surface so that we can design the railway in a responsible and environmentally sustainable way.

The team will be adhering to robust health and safety procedures and will work hard to minimise any disruption to communities.

Get in touch

If you have any questions about ground investigations in your area, please contact a member of the EWR team:

✉ contact@eastwestrail.co.uk

☎ 0330 134 0067



You can find out more about the type of work happening here and watch our video all about ground investigations at: eastwestrail.co.uk/G12025

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REMEMBERING ADAM WILBY



Trish sponsors the May issue of this newsletter in memory of her son Adam whose birthday is on 30th May and who, on his 40th in 2014, got a group of friends together to go caving somewhere in Derbyshire!!!

But this is the July issue and we wanted to applaud Adam who on 20th July 2020, after six years study with the Open University, was awarded his B.A. (Hons) in English - a wonderful achievement that we remember and laud here in this July issue.

R.I.P. Adam now among the stars - you live on in hearts and memories

Three Parishes Coach Trips

The July trip is to Bury St Edmunds on 15th July and the August trip is on 19th to Henley-on-Thames

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 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)