



## April Bow Brickhill Parish Council Summary

A delegation from the Downs View action group attended to discuss the problem of access being given for caravans through the right of way between 9 & 10 Downs View.

It was pointed out that no planning permission existed on the land and there is an Article 4 Direction in place since 2005 which severely restricts what can be done on the land. The action group are holding a public meeting to discuss the issues. Although the Parish Council understood and appreciated the concerns of residents, at this stage ahead of any occupation of the land, the council had no legal power to take any action. The Council did offer its support going forwards. It was however highlighted that the land could be included in future local plans for development but this would be a matter at a later stage.

Fly tipping in Church Road had been extensive and although MKCC attended rapidly to clear up the mess, it had been suggested that a camera should be set up to deter others from doing the same. Cllr Hopkins and the Chairman are in conversation with MKCC to see how this can be achieved.

Cllr Ball updated the meeting on the Areas of Attractive Landscape review with the following points: MKCC had engaged consultants LUC in relation to this matter and a consultation exercise had been completed. The Parish Council had encouraged and supported residents and responded to this consultation. Feedback had supported the desire to have the Brickhill's landscape protected in some way as was the case previously. The consultation report was expected shortly. It was however highlighted that a designation may not provide complete protection but the planning authority would be required to pay it some regard. This matter is likely to form part of formal local plan consultation in the autumn.

*Julian Price : Chairman, Bow Brickhill Parish Council*

### DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE

**21ST MAY 2024**



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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

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**BOW BRICKHILL VILLAGE FAYRE**  
 SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2024  
 STALLS \* BOUNCY CASTLE  
 LIVE MUSIC \* DOG SHOW  
 ICE CREAM \* FOOD \* CAKES  
 BAR \* GAMES \* FACE PAINTING  
 \* HORTICULTURAL SHOW  
 WACKY RACES \* TUG O' WAR  
 6th July | 2-6pm \* FREE ENTRY  
 Bow Brickhill Recreation Ground \* BBQ  
 Rushmore Close \* ALL WELCOME

*\* New in 2024*

*Part of the Bow Brickhill Village Fayre*  
 \* 2-6pm, 6th July

# HORTICULTURAL SHOW

- \* VARIETY OF CLASSES
- \* ONLY 50P PER CLASS
- \* ALL TO BE HOMEGROWN OR HOMEMADE!

\* CONTACT GILL FOR AN ENTRY FORM  
[GILL.CANNELL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GILL.CANNELL@GMAIL.COM)

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MAY 2024

DATE/	ACTIVITY	VENUE	CONTACT
Sun 5th	Sunday Lunch Club 12.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 07831 633653
Mon 13th	Book Club 7.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Celia Sherratt celiarsherratt@gmail.com
Tues 14th	Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Village Meeting 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
Sat 18th	Wine Tasting 7.00 p.m.	Community Hall	Clare Evans Clare.evans11@hotmail.co.uk
Wed 22nd	3 Parishes Coach Trip 9.30am Leamington Spa	Greenways	Brenda Toombs 01908 375151
Thurs 23rd	BB W.I. 7.30 p.m. Craft and Conversation	Pavilion	Stephanie Warren 01908 671394
Weekly Mon:	Line Dancing 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Jan Cade 07721 420176
Weekly Wed:	Drop In 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Community Hall	Andrea Spurdle 01908 648373
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 See item on P.9 for more info	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:	MK Gems : 2nd Weds 7.00 p.m. Sewing Group	Pavilion	Teresa Covacic Teresa.covacic@gmail.com
Monthly:	Buccaneers 3rd Weds : 8.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Derek Giles Derek.giles@skedda.test
Monthly: 1st,2nd,3r	Apostolic Church Group Sun 9.15 a.m.	Pavilion	Fatima Cronje 07577 478037 fatima.cronje@Oldvwfs.co.uk
1st Wed	Ahmadiyya Muslim Assoc. 7.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	Pavilion	Tel: 07769 975350 jawadahmedbutt@yahoo.com



### Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

Easter time at Bow Brickhill is an exciting and busy time. Our Easter service at All Saint's church on Maundy Thursday, the last day of term, was very well attended by parents and we were so proud of our year 6 pupils who confidently retold the Christian Easter story. Following this service the children headed back to school to take part in a 'pasta hunt', our school twist on an Easter egg hunt. The children love this tradition and threw themselves into the challenge of finding 50grams of pasta (the weight of a chocolate bunny) to see which children in each year group would win these chocolate treats - it was surprising how many children managed to collect 50g exactly!

The children also took part in an Easter craft competition which was run by our Friends of the School Team. Children throughout the school created a range of crafts from decorated eggs, Easter baskets and of course there were some Easter bonnets too. The winners of these activities won a cuddly toy and of course more chocolate. A very busy but happy day for the children.

The weekend prior to Easter we took a small team of children to the Milton Keynes Schools Cross Country Championships, it was third time lucky for the event being run due to the unprecedented rain which we've had this year. Despite being the smallest school represented our children did us proud with all of the children completing the course, even though the wind was wild. **Two children finished in the top 5 in their races receiving invitations to join Milton Keynes Athletics club and another two finished in the top 20.** We are really proud of the whole team and are looking forward to doing even better next year.

Continuing with our sporting news, on the final day of term we took a team of Year 5/6 girls to a football tournament which was run by Premier Sport. The girls played five matches, scoring in each and winning two with their confidence growing in each match they played. For some of the girls it was the first time they had represented the school and they did fantastically well, showing good sportsmanship as well as great perseverance and teamwork. Next half term is the boys turn so we'll see how well they do!



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



**THREE PARISHES COACH TRIP  
WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2024  
LEAMINGTON SPA**

The cost of the Coach Trip is £14.50 for Parishioners over 60  
£16.00 for Non Parishioners (if space available)

**Departing 9.30am  
Return from Location 4pm**

**To Book a Ticket contact Brenda 01908 375151 or 07792610055**

**Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership News**



**A full Marston Vale Line timetable resumed on 19th February  
- an hourly service Monday – Saturday & Bank Holidays**

Copies of the timetable are available from Bletchley Station, local libraries and Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre or contact Stephen for a copy to be sent to you. Rail Replacement Buses will continue to cover any cancelled train services. Please report any issues to London Northwestern Railway (LNR) via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/contact-us/customer-relations>

Rail tickets can be purchased from the conductor on the train by cash or card. Tickets can also be purchased from any staffed rail station by cash or card or the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at each Marston Vale Line station (card only). Tickets purchased online can be collected at any staffed station or any TVM.

**Friends of Bow Brickhill Station**

The Friends have recently installed their first planter, and would welcome some new members. Would **you** like to join them? A safety briefing is arranged and a high-vis jacket, identity card and duty pass are provided.

**Defibrillator at Bow Brickhill Station**

Marston Vale CRP has secured grants from LNR, Bow Brickhill Parish Council & MK City Council for a defibrillator. The unit has been installed on the Bletchley platform with instructions for usage and is registered on the national defibrillator database.

For further details please contact Stephen Sleight, MVCRP Officer, on 01234 832645, e-mail [stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk), visit [www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk](http://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk). Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/marstonvalecrp](http://www.facebook.com/marstonvalecrp)

**SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - MAY 2024**

Below is a list of services through to the end of May. Note that there is a special service here on Sunday 5th May when the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore will be here to lead our service:-

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April JW Sabbatical**

10.00 (St. H.) Holy Communion *Benefice* (Visiting clergy)

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May JW Sabbatical**

10.00 (Gt. Br.) Holy Communion *Benefice* Archdeacon

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

**(Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day – No Service)**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May JW Sabbatical (Christian Aid Week 12-18 May)**

11.00 (St. H.) Family Service Dave Webber

18.00 (Gt. Br.) Evensong (BCP) Jeremy Hopkinson

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost JW Sabbatical**

**9.30 (Bw. Br.) Holy Communion (Visiting clergy)**

9.30 (St. H.) Morning Worship Dave Webber

11.00 (Gt. Br.) Family Service (Christian Aid theme) Phillippa Cook

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday JW Sabbatical**

9.30 (St. H.) Holy Communion (Visiting clergy)

11.00 (Lt. Br.) Family Service Phillippa Cook

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

**RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:**

Please note that the Rector is now on sabbatical leave and will be returning to work on 1st July. If anyone has any queries, or needs any information that would normally go to the Rector, please contact either Julia Turner or Phillippa Cook. If they are unable to answer the query, they should be able to re-direct you to someone who can help:-

Julia:- 07714 028785 [juliaturner.jt@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.jt@icloud.com)

Phillippa:- 07788 740969 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

**The next Bible Study will be after the Rector returns from his sabbatical leave, on Thursday 11th July.**

**Do 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)





## SUNDAY 5TH MAY LUNCH CLUB

The April lunch is on **Sunday 5th May at 12.30 p.m.** held in the Community Hall. We look forward to seeing existing members unless you tell us otherwise.

If you would like to join us please let Sally know. You would be made most welcome and who wouldn't like their Sunday dinner cooked for them and friends to socialise with?

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

### Drop-in Wednesdays

**2.00 - 4.00 p.m. at the Community Hall**

By popular demand, the weekly drop-in will continue through the warmer months. So if you would like to meet some fellow villagers, drop in to the Community Hall any time between 2pm and 4pm on Wednesday afternoons for a cup of tea and a chat.



**Thank you to the volunteers who make this possible**

If you would like transport to help you get to the hall for the drop-in then

### ASTRA 500 Club



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

1st prize:	£23.25	ticket	161	Andrea Spurdle
2nd prize:	£16.28	ticket	87	Susan Bartlett
3rd prize:	£ 6.98	ticket	20	Mike Hallett

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in The Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB

**New members and guests are very welcome**

Our meeting on 23rd May will be **Craft and Conversation**

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



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**[bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com)**

### RECTOR'S MAY MESSAGE:



**Pushing back against poverty**

**Christian Aid Week  
12th to 18th May**

Dear friends,

Christian Aid Week is a celebration of hope and life. It brings together many people in this country, from churches and other community groups, to do something positive for people in poverty, by giving and collecting donations.

We hear a lot about financial problems at the moment, and some of us are in very difficult situations. However, we should not forget that we are still wealthy and privileged, compared to the majority of the world's people. For Christian people, our giving is part of our thanksgiving to God, and a sign of our trust that God provides more than enough for us to share. It is good to give whatever we can, whether it is a large or small amount.

The theme for Christian Aid Week is 'pushing back against poverty', and they can share many examples of how small gifts can help to provide significant opportunities for people to change and develop their lives and opportunities. There is more information about their work on their website:

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

.... and there will be some opportunities to give through our churches, or online through the website.

Every gift that we can give, however big or small, to Christian Aid or to any other charity we would like to support, can become part of making a big change to people's lives, and our world.

**Revd John Waller**

**N.B.**

**Please note that the Rector will be on sabbatical leave from 13th April to 1st July.**

All clergy are due a three-month sabbatical every ten years. The Rector's last sabbatical was in 2010 – his intended sabbatical in 2020 was cancelled due to Covid.



Thames Valley Police – update from PCC

<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/>

### Locally

Anti-social behaviour, at the Wick, Church Road, and in Bow Brickhill:

This remains an ongoing issue. – The Neighbourhood Team, will continue to conduct regular patrols, including in the evenings when activity is likely to be higher.



**the wine cellar**

# WINE TASTING Night

**SATURDAY 18TH MAY  
7PM  
COMMUNITY HALL**

DIVE INTO AN EVENING OF WHITE WINE BLISS! FEATURING 8 DELIGHTFUL WINES AND TEMPTING NIBBLES. HOSTED BY THE WINE CELLAR.

TICKETS: £30 EACH. PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT WILLEN HOSPICE.

FOR TICKETS, EMAIL  
CLARE.CLARE.EVANS11@HOTMAIL.CO.UK  
PAULA.PAULAD13@HOTMAIL.COM.

 Willen Hospice  
always there to care.

### ADAM WILBY



Remembering Adam Wilby, who grew up in the village and would have been celebrating his 50th birthday with us on May 30th.

A dearly loved son, brother and friend, sadly missed by us all.

Happy Birthday among the stars, Adam - you live on in our hearts and memories and we will be raising a toast to you on your special day!



### **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE : Thursday, May 2, 2024**

You will have two ballot papers to fill out:

- Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley
- Milton Keynes local election Danesborough & Walton



#### Where to vote

Your polling station address should be on your poll card, delivered by post before the election. If you haven't received one, or aren't sure where you should vote, you should get in touch with **Milton Keynes Council**:

Website - <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/>

Phone - 01908 254706 Email - [elections@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:elections@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm on polling day

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are elected to hold the police to account. They have responsibility for their police force's finance, and can appoint or dismiss the Chief Constable. Once elected, each PCC must produce a Police and Crime Plan, which sets their force's strategic direction.

Further Information available here <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/.../elections-2-may-2024> as candidates are not put up until after 5th April.

## We're piloting changes to MK Connect

A new pilot scheme starting on Monday 8 April will change the way some people use MK Connect, our on-demand transportation network.

Some people who use MK Connect to travel from the rural areas of Northern Milton Keynes (such as Olney and Lavendon) tell us they can wait up to 70 minutes to be collected. We hope to bring that wait time down.

### What's changing?

For the next six months we will be running a pilot scheme where Milton Keynes is split into three zones for MK Connect journeys: a rural zone, a zone for Newport Pagnell, and a zone for the rest of the city.

Instead of covering the whole of Milton Keynes, MK Connect drivers will serve one or two zones, which means they can collect passengers far more quickly. We hope to cut the wait time in rural areas from up to 70 minutes to up to 15 minutes.

This does mean that some passengers travelling to or from rural areas will have their journey broken into two parts. Both parts might be in an MK Connect vehicle, or it might mean transferring to a bus.

The pilot is to determine whether people prefer a faster journey where they change vehicle, or a slower journey where they don't need to, so we can make informed decisions for the future.



### You won't be charged twice

Anyone asked to change vehicle to complete their journey will only pay for one part of their trip.

### Times:

Monday to Friday between 6am and 7pm and Saturdays between 8am and 6pm. Outside of these hours and on Sundays, you'll be collected and dropped off by a single MK Collect vehicle with no need to change.

In the meantime, you can get in touch via the Help section of the MK Connect app or email us at [customer.services@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@milton-keynes.gov.uk)



## Bow Brickhill Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Julie Godden 07904 339391  
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### Councillors:

Chairman:	Julian Price	<a href="mailto:julian.price@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk">julian.price@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk</a>
Vice-Chair:	Philip Ball	<a href="mailto:philip.ball@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk">philip.ball@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk</a>
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CLLr:	Maria Ferguson-Ford	<a href="mailto:maria.ferguson-ford@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk">maria.ferguson-ford@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk</a>

**Pavilion Caretaker:** 07773 671094 Andy Wright

**Pavilion Cleaner:** Maybright Cleaning Ltd [maybright@aol.com](mailto:maybright@aol.com)

## BECOME A COUNCIL MEMBER



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 eleven 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 our 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 at [clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk) or the Chairman [julian.price@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:julian.price@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk)

Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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## Waste & Recycling Milton Keynes City Council

There are **no longer changes to collection days** due to Bank Holidays, with the exception of Christmas and New Year.

Please put out your waste & recycling on the usual day after the May bank holidays.

