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WISHING ALL OUR READERS
 A VERY HAPPY AND SUNNY EASTER HOLIDAY



FROM ANN & CHRIS

May all your chocolate be egg-shaped
 and your buns crossed, hot and fruity

DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE

21ST APRIL 2026



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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
MUSIC
REFRESHMENTS
TUG O' WAR
CRAFT STALLS
GAMES

bowbrickhillevents@hotmail.com
 Bow Brickhill Events

BOW BRICKHILL PAVILION
12.30 - 5.30pm

Kindly Sponsored by: **Need A Dog Walker**
 Proceeds to: **National Animal Welfare Trust**

NEED A DOG WALKER?
National Animal Welfare Trust
 The Never Stop Caring

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : APRIL 2026

DATE	ACTIVITY/TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Wed 1st	BB History Society 7:45 p.m. "The Forgotten Genius of Architect James Gibbs"	Community Hall	Mary Preen Marypreen@gmail.com
Mon 13th	Book Club : 7.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Celia Sherratt celiarsherratt@gmail.com
Wed 15th	3 Parishes Coach Trip To Huntingdon	Greenways	Brenda Toombs 01908 375151
Sun 19th	Sunday Lunch Club : 12.30 p.m. (Later Sunday this Month - 19th)	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 07831 633653
	Parish Council (BBPC) No meeting in April	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 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 APRIL MESSAGE: Hope through confusion



Dear Friends,

It is often easier to see the shape and pattern of events when we look back. Situations that feel muddled and confused at the time can seem easier to accept and understand with hindsight.

When we hear the Easter story, we already know how it will conclude, and we can overlook the turmoil that the disciples went through. As we follow that story, through the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus, to the first resurrection appearances, we can also see the disciples struggle with their reactions of shock, grief, panic and fear, before they begin to understand what has really been happening, and what it means.

When we are shocked by things that happen to us, when we are weighed down with grief and sorrow, or when we feel lost in fear and confusion, we can remember the Easter story and the experience of the disciples, and be encouraged to trust that God is with us in the midst of the turmoil, and may be at work in ways that we cannot see at the time.

And we can be encouraged by the promise that:
in all things God works for the good of those who love him. (Romans 8. 28)

Wishing you all an Easter filled with joy and hope. **Rev. John Waller**

A reminder of the Rector's Farewell Pilgrimage – Saturday 11th April

8.00am	Prayer in Stoke Hammond church
8.15am	Walkers leave for ...
8.30am	Community breakfast in Stoke Hammond Comm. Centre
9.30am	Walkers leave for ...
10.30am	Prayer in Great Brickhill church
11.00am	Walkers leave for ...
12.00	Prayer in Little Brickhill church
12.30	Walkers leave for ...
1.30pm	Prayer in Bow Brickhill church
2.00pm	Walkers leave for ...
	Refreshments in Bow Brickhill Community Hall

Anyone is welcome to join in any part, or all, of the above

OTHER CHURCH NEWS:

SERVICES DURING VACANCY:

During the vacancy, clergy cover has been arranged and all services will be held as normal.

GT BRICKHILL CHURCH HEATING:

The recent problem with the GB church heating is more serious than was at first thought and there will not be any heating now until the autumn. Thankfully, the temperature inside the church is rising each day with the milder weather, but do please wear warm clothing.

LENT COURSE:

The remaining sessions of the 6-week Benefice "Come and See" Lent Course, which focuses on Holy Communion will be:

Tuesday afternoons in Stoke Hammond. Soup lunch if required at 1pm, Lent Course from 1.30pm-3pm. Contact Diane Webber for details:-
01525 270409 dianejewber@gmail.com

Midweek evening session across the Benefice at 8pm:

Week 5:- Thursday 26th March at The Rectory, Pound Hill, Great Brickhill

Week 6:- Tuesday 31st March at Bow Brickhill Community Hall

BELL RINGING:

GB were pleased to welcome a team of eight bell ringers from Hampshire on Wednesday 11th March. They came to ring a peal (Indian Queens Delight Major) on our bells, and the lovely sound could be heard across the GB.

PLANT FAYRE:

The GB Annual Plant Fayre will be held at the Parish Hall / Cricket Field on Sunday 12th April, from 11am to 3pm.

AND FINALLY, we would like to wish everyone a very happy



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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF APRIL:

Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday [Clocks – 1hr forward]

9.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion	JW
11.00	(Gt. Br.)	Family Service & Procession	Jeremy Hopkinson

(The Procession on Palm Sunday will start at 11am from the bus shelter at the bottom of Pound Hill to the church for a short Family Service)

11.00	(Lt. Br.)	Family Service	JW
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Thursday 2nd April **Maundy Thursday**

19.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion (Said)	JW
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Friday 3rd April **Good Friday**

9.30	(Bw. Br.)	Hymns & Readings	JW
14.00	(Gt. Br.)	Hour of Devotion	JW & Jeremy Hopkinson

Sunday 5th April **EASTER SUNDAY RISEN**

9.30	(St. H.)	Holy Communion	JW
9.30	(Gt. Br.)	Holy Communion	Revd Steve Barnes
11.00	(Bw. Br.)	Holy Communion	Revd Steve Barnes
11.00	(Lt. Br.)	Family Service with Holy Communion	JW

Sunday 12th April

11.00	(St. H.)	Family Service	JW
	(Gt. Br.)	(no service – Plant Fayre)	

Sunday 19th April

9.30	(Bw. Br.)	Holy Communion	JW
11.00	(Gt. Br.)	Family Service	JW
9.30	(St. H.)	Café Church	Dave Webber

Sunday 26th April **[JW's last service]**

11.00	(Gt. Br.)	Holy Communion Benefice	JW
		followed by Bring & Share Lunch	

(This is a joint service for all in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond and is the Rector's last service (on Sunday 26th April) – all are welcome to come to either or both the service at 11am and lunch at 12.30pm.)

For catering, it would be helpful to know if you are coming – please contact Phillipa:- 07788 740969 pjcook6@gmail.com



SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 19th April

Please join us on Sunday 19th April at 12.30 for
Sunday Lunch in the Community Hall

We look forward to seeing existing members
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

BOW BRICKHILL HISTORY SOCIETY

A talk by Sheila Meekums, a member of BBHS, entitled :
'The Forgotten Genius of Architect James Gibbs' who was
born in Aberdeen, and trained as an Architect in Rome.
He died in London in 1754.

The Radcliffe Camera, Gothic Temple at Stowe and
Wimpole Hall are a few of his notable local buildings.



Wednesday 1st April : 7.45pm refreshments for an 8.00 p.m. start

Bow Brickhill Community Hall, Church Road, M17 9LH

All welcome - Free for members - Guests £5

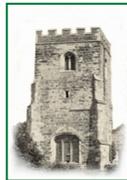
*There isn't a car park at the Hall, so please consider parking at
the Pavilion, Rushmere Close MK17 9JB*

Mary Preen Chair

ASTRA 500 Club

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

1st prize:	£20.00	ticket	25	Sally Robinson
2nd prize:	£14.00	ticket	101	Terri Riley
3rd prize:	£ 6.00	ticket	63	Andrew Barr



Draws are held on the last Thursday of every month

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

Notes from the Bow Brickhill Community Engagement meeting held at 7pm on 10th February 2026

Compiled by Philip Ball, Chair of Bow Brickhill Parish Council (BBPC).

Items discussed –

- Village information packs – these have not yet been delivered to Wadsworth Close, and this will be rectified soon.
- Parking in the village – recent complaints from residents and the school about parking issues have arisen. BBPC has been in conversation with MKCC about options.
- MK Local plan 2050 extended consultation – BBPC have submitted comments on the Local Plan saying we believe the proposed development south of Bow Brickhill (on Brickhill Road up to the A5) is not sound. In addition, the MKCC Local Transport plan (LTP) is open for consultation and BBPC will respond to this.
- Village School – concerns arose over the possibility that it might close though there is no indication of any firm talks about this going on.
- 'One BB' – following the Wavendon example of pulling the community together. BBPC to consider this.
- Warehouses – these are in place though not all occupied. The recent installation of two silos by one of the warehouses was noted. Post meeting MKCC confirmed these are sprinkler tanks for a fire suppression system.
- EWR – there is no confirmed start date for the MK to Oxford service as Chiltern Railways and the unions have not agreed on how to staff the trains. DH provided an update from a recent EWR design meeting that included confirmation the BB station and level crossing will be closed and a bridge put in place. There is no time line for this.
- Level crossing driver behaviour – the danger of people getting impatient and using the wrong side of the road to bypass the queues risking a collision was raised.
- Village Library – installed last week at The Wheatsheaf pub, who provided a generous opening treat. It is requested this be added to the village asset register held by BBPC.
- Drakewell Manor – concerns about proposed development mentioned though made clear work done thus far has been within the boundaries of planning law.
- Potholes – the recent resurfacing at the top of Church Road has begun to break up.

Meeting closed at 7.58pm.



Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

March has been a busy month with a lot of changes to our school. Our school house, part of the original school which used to be used as a house for past staff, is currently being developed. We have new cupboards being built, everywhere has been plastered and it is being freshly painted throughout. This will allow us to use the space for small group work in an enjoyable purposeful environment. As part of this work, we needed to recycle or change some of the older furniture which we no longer needed. To help us with this, PRS Office Furniture donated us the use of their van and their skips which has enabled us to reallocate the money we would have spent on a skip, to use for new resources for our children and the schoolhouse. We are very grateful to PRS Office Furniture for helping us out in this way.



We celebrated World Book Day on 5th March with everyone coming to school dressed in their pyjamas or wearing a costume as a book character. We had some fantastic costumes with lots of new ideas not seen before such as a dictionary! Following on from pupil voice where the children stated they wanted to write and share their own writing across the school, we spent the day creating our own stories which at the end of the afternoon we then shared with other children throughout the school.



More recently we have had two different kinds of duckling visits. Our local Ducklings pre-school bring their children down every month for a visit one afternoon. It is a lovely opportunity for these children to get used to a school environment, and provides our current EYFS with a chance to see some friends from their pre-school. This month we all sat down and shared the story of 'The Odd Egg'. The Ducklings children sat beautifully and it was lovely to see the classroom so full.



Our second duckling visit started with the delivery of 5 duckling eggs, within 24 hours of them being in the incubator all five ducklings had hatched! The children across the school are fondly remembering their experiences when they were in EYFS with ducklings, most of them remembering the name of at least one of their ducklings. We are about to go to a vote to name our current ducklings and the children are very excited to look after them and to watch them as they grow and change, as will our parents who are visiting school to see what the children have been learning about in our open morning session.



We have limited spaces in Year 2 and Year 3. Please contact the school if you would like a tour. office@bowbrickhillprimary.co.uk or 01908 373672

NEWSLETTER FUNDING

To others who have since come forward with funding offers thank you so very much. I can't tell you how great this is that I don't have to worry about funding again for a whole year. This is truly such a kind and generous village we are lucky to be part of.

The main role of the newsletter is to bring village news to those who are not necessarily internet connected so that everyone is kept informed of what is happening but I do hope others enjoy it as well and find it informative and helpful.

THANK YOU ALL

Village e-Group

The village has an "e-Group" for those with email facility wishing to keep informed of news but not especially using Social Media platforms.

If you wish to join this group please email:

bbposts@outlook.com

Easter Orthodox Church Service

All Saints Church in Bow Brickhill is used by the Romanian Orthodox Church of St Cyprian and Justina. Easter is an important celebration for Romanians and many people will turn up to the main Easter service.



This year the Orthodox Easter celebrations are the week after the English Easter. The Romanian Orthodox service will be in the evening of Saturday 11 April starting at 8pm.

To avoid having too many cars trying to get up Church Road, the Parish Council have agreed with the church to allow people to park at the Pavilion. Those attending the service will be asked to be quiet and considerate, but please be aware that there will potentially be a large number of people making their way to the church that evening.

Thank you - Andrea Spurdle



KNITTERS, CROCHETERS AND STITCHER-UPPERS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

*Help us to create over 20,000 poppies for exciting displays in Bow Brickhill and surrounding areas. There are jobs for non knitters too.

*Displays to be part of a Poppy Army Trail of Remembrance in November.

*Financial and wool donations would be very gratefully received.

For details of Poppy Patterns, wool or more information of where to donate please contact:

Email Julie at
poppyarmy2026@gmail.com
Or
Poppy Army - Facebook

As part of the Poppy Army project we are looking to acknowledge veterans and current serving personnel in our Village.

Do you know of, or are you a:

A Veteran who lives in Bow Brickhill?

Current serving Military Personnel?

A TA or other cadet style service?

If so please email Julie at: poppyarmy2026@gmail.com



Three Parishes Coach Trips

The Three Parishes is a community group supported by the local councils of Woburn Sands, Wavendon and Bow Brickhill.

The aim of the Three Parishes is to provide a monthly outing for residents of these parishes who are aged 60 or over. The cost of the trips are subsidised and have been enjoyed by many people over the years.

**The next trip is to Huntingdon on Wednesday 15th April
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 or 07792610055**

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 of the three parishes or under 60 cost £20 each.

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

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 April meeting will be discussion & vote for 2026 Resolution
And Keeping Fit in Older Age—Jazzercise**

For further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com