



Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

All meetings start 7pm and are held at Bow Brickhill Pavilion, Rushmere Close.

BBPC are pleased to host a series of Community Engagement Meetings. All residents are very welcome to attend to discuss matters of relevance to the village.

For further details please contact:
Bow Brickhill Parish Council
07904 339391 clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk

It is not envisaged that meetings of BBPC will be held during these months.

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE

21ST MARCH 2026



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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 Library

Launched 9th February 2026



Situated on the verandah at The Wheatsheaf

Free for everybody

Open All day

You may have noticed some balloons flying at The Wheatsheaf they were kindly put up by the pub to celebrate the launch of our village library which they have kindly agreed to house.

This unit has been funded by generous villagers who contributed towards the cost of its build and book donations. There is a rota of helpers who will ensure it is kept in good order.

It is now open and all are welcome to come and have a browse



We want everyone to enjoy this new facility and if you have any comments or questions please direct them to annasatraining@gmail.com

you can also donate books to us please just leave them at 46 Station Road (opposite the pub)

(Thanks to Andy Dishman & Mary for the photos)

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 : MARCH 2026

| DATE | ACTIVITY/TIME | VENUE | CONTACT |
|----------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Sun 1st | Church Service 11.00 a.m. | Community Hall | Phillipa Cook pjcook@gmail.com |
| Wed 4th | BB History Society 7:45 p.m. Cordwainers : Are they a load of Cobblers? | Community Hall | Mary Preen Marypreen@gmail.com |
| Fri 6th | Community Hall AGM 7.30 p.m. | Community Hall | Andrea Spurdle andrea_spurdle@earthling.net |
| 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 | Parish Council Meeting (BBPC) 7.00 p.m. | Pavilion | Parish Clerk clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk |
| Sunday 15th | Church Service 11.00 a.m. | Community Hall | Phillipa Cook pjcook@gmail.com |
| Wed 18th | 3 Parishes Coach Trip To Market Harborough | Greenways | Brenda Toombs 01908 375151 |
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| 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. | Pavilion | Mark Mackrill mark.ecka@outlook.com |
| | Tai Chi : 12 Noon | Pavilion | 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@Oldvdfs.co.uk |



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Church Contacts: Trish & Andrea

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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 MARCH MESSAGE:



**'Ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls' (Jeremiah 6. 16)**

Dear Friends,

Over the years I have lived here, one of the things I have enjoyed is walking around our villages. At the same time, there has been a revival of interest in pilgrimage – walking with a spiritual purpose.

So I have decided to walk between our four churches, and pause for prayer in each church building, on **Saturday 11th April**, before I end my time here.

Below is a timetable for the walk (and nearer the time there will be a map available, showing the exact route). You are welcome to join in any part of the walk, and the times of prayer.

Revd. John Waller

Rector's Farewell Pilgrimage – Saturday 11th April

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| 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

Danesborough Chorus Spring Concert



Saturday 28th March 2026 at 7.30pm
St Mary's Parish Church, Woburn



Josef Rheinberger: *Mass in E flat*
Ola Gjeilo: *Sunrise Mass*
Accompanist: Tim Grant-Jones
Conducted by Ian Smith

TICKETS:

£20, £15, £10, under 18s: £5 (all unreserved)
from [wegottickets](https://www.wegottickets.com) or 01908 386796



Danesborough Chorus Reg. Charity no 1188026 www.danesborough.org.uk

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF MARCH:

Sunday 1st March

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| 9.30 | (Gt. Br.) | Holy Communion | JW |
| 11.00 | (Bw. Br.) | Family Service with Communion <i>in the Hall</i> | JW |
| 9.30 | (St. H.) | Morning Worship | Jeremy Hopkinson |

Sunday 8th March

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| 11.00 | (St. H.) | Family Service & Baptism | JW |
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Sunday 15th March Mother's Day

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| 9.30 | (St. H.) | Family Service | JW |
| 10.00 | (Gt. Br.) | Family Service | Phillipa Cook |
| 11.00 | (Bw. Br.) | Family Service <i>in the Hall</i> | JW |

Sunday 22nd March

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| 10.00 | (Bw. Br.) | Holy Communion <i>Benefice</i> <i>(incl dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel)</i> | JW |
| (A joint service for everyone in the 4 villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond) | | | |
| 18.00 | (St. H.) | Compline followed by Annual Meeting at 18.30 | JW |

Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday

[Change Clocks – 1hr forward]

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

LENT COURSE:

The Diocesan website gives all the details of the course:- <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see> and it is not too late to join in. 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/len-course/>



SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 8th March

Please join us on Sunday 8th March 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 Judith Millidge entitled:
**'Cordwainers:
are they just a load of old cobbles?'**

The tale of shoemakers, butchers, bakers and
candlestick makers, Dick Whittington and his cat

Wednesday 4th March 7.45pm

Bow Brickhill Community Hall, Church Road, M17 9LH

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

All welcome - Free for members - Guests £5
Refreshments available

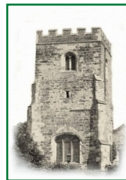
Gentle reminder - annual subscription (£12) for 2026 is now due.

Mary Preen Chair

ASTRA 500 Club

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

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| 1st prize: | £20.00 | ticket | 165 | Andrea Spurdle |
| 2nd prize: | £14.00 | ticket | 132 | Ann Pickersgill |
| 3rd prize: | £ 6.00 | ticket | 28 | Sue Malleon |



Draws are held on the last Thursday of every month

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



Annual Parochial Church Meeting Tuesday 3rd March

All Saints Church Bow Brickhill Annual Meeting will be held in the Community Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 3 March everyone who lives in our parish is welcome to attend

If you are on the church electoral roll you are eligible to vote at the meeting and stand as a member of the Parochial Church Council, which is a valuable role in keeping our church open for all.

At the meeting there will be annual reports, accounts and elections for the forthcoming year. We'll also hold the Meeting of Parishioners for election of churchwardens.

RECRUITMENT OF NEW RECTOR

As part of the recruitment process each of the four villages is seeking a collective view from their parishioners and asking for their thoughts about: **"What do you want our next Rector to do?"**

Anyone in the village is invited to come along to join in the discussion **after the Church Annual Meeting** on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Community Hall

Coffee, wine, cake and nibbles will be available

This Is your opportunity to "Have Your Say"

Anyone unable to attend may send their thoughts, before the meeting, in short bullet point sentences to trish@lesterel.co.uk



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 March meeting will be about Aromatherapy
guests are welcome

For further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com



Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

This half term we have enjoyed welcoming different visitors into our school. We started with a stay and play session for our EYFS parents who came in and joined us in a Drawing Club lesson using the book Platypus. The session allowed us to model how we teach the session including introducing new vocabulary to the children, sharing a story talking about the characters. Then we focused on the children's pencil grip as they drew their pictures and finally the most important part was to help to develop the magic codes to make something magical happen to their pictures. This was a lovely opportunity for us to model to parents whilst also allowing parents to complete some work with their child within the school setting. We are looking forward to hosting more of these stay and play sessions in the future.



Next we welcomed in a group of people from Bridgebuilder Trust. They helped us to transform the hall into a variety of different welcoming prayer spaces, using a variety of different sensory items such as fairy lights and teepees to create quiet spaces. During the session our Year 5/6 children were invited to take part in some reflective practices, they wrote their own prayers thinking about any person who they might want to support or wish happiness to.

They made people who they wanted to think about using pipe cleaners and also reflected on their thoughts and feelings about the world and environment, being encouraged to write down something they would change to make the world a better place. This session provided a lovely calm environment for our children to develop their spirituality regardless of faith.

Last week we welcomed a company called Toscan Strings to our school, the string quartet alongside a ballerina performed to the whole school their version of Sleeping Beauty. It was an amazing opportunity for our children to be able to see a performance of this sort live in front of them. For many children it was the first time they had seen live ballet and equally the first time many of them had heard a group of instruments being played at the same time. The children were engaged throughout and were welcomed to join in with various parts of the performance. Some children danced with the ballerina whilst other parts included whole school participation. Our children from EYFS all the way to Year 6 really enjoyed this memorable experience.



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

A very big thank you to all the generous villagers, clubs and Parish Council who have already donated this year to cover the funding needed to finance the newsletter for 2026. We are now just £110 short of that needed to fund it for the whole year. To donate please email annasatraining@gmail.com for details.

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

Thank You

THANK YOU ALL



Bow Brickhill Community Hall Management Committee AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Hall Management Committee will be held at

7.30 on Friday 6th March in the Community Hall

All residents of Bow Brickhill and users of the hall are welcome to attend and vote

The meeting will review the chairperson's report on the committee's activities over the course of the year, and the finance report for the year.

Officers and members of the committee for the next year will be elected.

Feedback from hall users and residents is welcome

Andrea Spurdle— Chair

Village e-Group

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

If you wish to join this group please email:

bbposts@outlook.com



Another successful Burns Supper took place on 24th January with thanks to Kim Gallacher and family and all the many helpers who make this such a happy and successful village event.



A few photos of the event thanks to Elaine Rattray

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

THREE PARISHES COACH TRIP

WEDNESDAY
18TH
MARCH
2026

For the over 60s living in the parishes of Woburn Sands, Bow Brickhill, Wavendon



Market Harborough

DEPARTURE TIME 09:00
(Leaving Market Harborough at approx 16:00)

FARE
£17
FOR PARISH RESIDENTS*

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF POINTS:

- ▶ Wavendon Pavilion, Wavendon Gate
- ▶ Wavendon Community Centre
- ▶ Parkway/Bellway
- ▶ Woburn Sands Recreation Ground
- ▶ Woburn Sands Tesco
- ▶ The Leys, Woburn Sands
- ▶ Greenways, Bow Brickhill

HOW TO BOOK:

Woburn Sands: Rachel 01908 585368
Wavendon: Monica 01908 281424
Bow Brickhill: Brenda 01908 375151

*Under 60s or those living outside of the three parishes are welcome. You will be put on a reserve list initially and the ticket price will be £20