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Bow Brickhill Parish Council (BBPC), with the invaluable support of Alan Preen, has been progressing the **Pavilion 2050 project** with the aim of bringing the Pavilion at Rushmere Close up to modern standards. Our intention has always been to secure funding that would allow us to deliver a long lasting improvement to this important community asset.

Despite strong lobbying and support from our ward councillors—particularly David Hopkins—Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) has confirmed that they are unable to provide funding at this time. We explored several options, including the use of \$106 contributions and the possibility of MKCC securing a government-backed loan on our behalf. While these routes may become viable in the future, they depend heavily on improvements in the housing market and wider economic conditions.

This outcome is disappointing, especially given the long term benefits the project would bring to our community. However, BBPC remains committed to improving the Pavilion, and we will now take some time to consider what can realistically be achieved in the short term. We will begin this discussion at our next meeting on **Tuesday 12th May at 7pm**, held at the Pavilion. This evening will include the Annual Village Meeting and the BBPC AGM. Agendas will be circulated closer to the date.

If you have a report or update you would like included in the Annual Village Meeting, please forward it to Julie, our Clerk, at clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE

21ST MAY 2026



Contributions please to:

Ann - email: annasatraining@gmail.com

with a Copy to: Chris - email: bobchrisfrench@gmail.com

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

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TOMBOLA
ROLL UP!!! ROLL UP!!!
and support our entrants In the
World Scout Jamboree
to be held in Poland in 2027

As part of the Bow Brickhill Summer Fayre on **Saturday 6th June** we are planning to run a Tombola and would be very grateful for any prizes you might be able to donate. We are looking for any items suitable for either adults or children.

All proceeds will be donated to **Rory Gallacher & The Aspley Guise Scouts**. 4 of their number, including Rory, have been chosen to represent this area at the World Scout Jamboree to be held in Poland in 2027. A great honour and achievement for them and for this village.

They have each got to raise £3,500 to get there and are working incredibly hard themselves to raise that huge amount of money. So please help them.

Donations for the tombola can be left at any of the following addresses:

17 Greenways
28 Church Road
Poplar Farmhouse, 35 Station Road



With grateful thanks
Gill and Mary

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 : MAY 2026

DATE	ACTIVITY/TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Sun 10th	Sunday Lunch Club 12.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 07831 633653
Mon 11th	Book Club : 7.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Celia Sherratt celiarsherratt@gmail.com
Tues 12th	Annual Village Meeting , Pavilion Update, BBPC AGM : 7.00 p.m. (Light Refreshments available)	Pavilion	Parish Clerk clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
Wed 20th	3 Parishes Coach Trip To Warwick	Greenways	Brenda Toombs 01908 375151
Thurs 28th	B.B. W.I. Speaker Etiquette & the History of Spoons (Visitors welcome : contact BBWI)	Pavilion	Bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com
Weekly Mon:	Yoga 6.00 p.m.	Community Hall	Elli Flitton www.elli.yoga Email: info@elli.yoga
Was Mon	Pilates class moved to GB Parish Hall MK17 9BA		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@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 MAY MESSAGE:



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ... And be thankful (Colossians 3: 15)

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, I will have ended my time as Rector of our four churches and villages, after living and working here for over 23 years. I have received many cards and good wishes, and kind words, from a number of people, and I am very grateful for them all.

Recently, as I have been reflecting on my time here, I feel that one of the most important things I have learnt over these years is the importance of being thankful. In the very best times, it is good to take time to appreciate all the gifts and blessings we receive, and to remember to give thanks to God for them. In the most difficult times, my experience has been that there are always some things that we can be thankful for, and starting with thankfulness is the best way to approach the setbacks and challenges that we face.

So I will pray for our churches and villages here, as you look forward to appointing a new Rector in due course, and, as I look forward to a new and different stage in my own life, I will leave here with thankfulness in my heart for so many things.

Rev. John Waller

DURING THE INTEREGNUM, UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW RECTOR,

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

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For general information about church matters, please contact:-

Phillipa Cook TEL: 07788 740969 pjcook6@gmail.com

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www.brickhillschurches.org.uk



Bow Brickhill Events proudly present.....

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2026

DOG SHOW



MUSIC

TUG O' WAR

REFRESHMENTS

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



SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF MAY:

Sunday 26th April

[JW's last service]

11.00 (Gt. Br.) Holy Communion *Benefice* JW
followed by refreshments in the church

A joint service for everyone in the 4 villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond

Sunday 3rd May

10.00 (St. H.) Holy Communion *Benefice* Revd Steve Barnes

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Sunday 10th May

11.00 (St. H.) Family Service Dave Webber

11.00 (Gt. Br.) Family Service Phillipa Cook

Sunday 17th May

9.30 (Bw. Br.) Holy Communion Revd Steve Barnes

9.30 (St. H.) Morning Worship Dave Webber

18.00 (Gt. Br.) Evensong Jeremy Hopkinson

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

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

11.00 (Lt. Br.) Family Service Dave Webber

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

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

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

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

(5th Sunday service – all four churches in rotation - Little Brickhill)

FAREWELL TO THE RECTOR:

This coming Sunday is the Rector's last service, although he will still be in the village for a few weeks completing administrative tasks, and preparing for his move to Worcester. The formal recruitment process cannot start until the Rector officially retires. 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 10th May

Please join us on Sunday 10th May at 12.30 for Sunday Lunch in the Community Hall

We look forward to seeing existing members
New members are very welcome

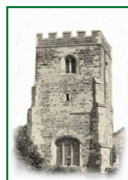
Regulars please let us know if you are NOT coming

New members please contact Sally or Alistair on 07831 633653

ASTRA 500 Club

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

1st prize:	£20.00	ticket	22	Sally Pepper
2nd prize:	£14.00	ticket	99	Janet Smith
3rd prize:	£ 6.00	ticket	100	William Smith



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 28th May meeting will be a speaker
Two Spoons Etiquette and the history of tea

For further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com

Pilates Classes : Notice of New Venue

A change of circumstances at the Pavilion has meant my Monday Pilates classes have moved. From May 5th, I will be hosting the same class 'Pilates with Mindfulness for the Over 50s' on Tuesdays at 1.30pm at Great Brickhill Parish Hall MK17 9BA.

I would like to thank BBPC for the use of the Pavilion and the lovely people who have attended the class.

Jenny Walker 07460 015142 or pilates-with-mindfulness@hotmail.com



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Bow Brickhill CofE Primary School

Just before the Easter holidays a large proportion of the school took part in a National art Showcase competition. Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Showcase is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. The whole school had the opportunity to participate and enter a piece of Art of their own choosing. Some children created their own art using different mediums but basing their work on a piece already created by a famous artist, other children made models. In our EYFS class they all worked together to produce a space themed project with flying rockets as their finishing touch. In Key Stage 2, we had a local artist and parent come in to mentor the children, refine their ideas and offer expert advice. Once all the submissions were entered, we hosted an in-school art exhibition so our school community could see what our talented entrants had produced. We were all really impressed with the quality of work produced by the children as I'm sure you will be.



From a sporting perspective we are excited for the summer term to start. Following on from the school participating in Basketball, Handball and a Girls Football tournament, we are excited to continue in our inter-school events. The school will be sending a group of KS1 children to Bletchley College to take part in a cricket based set of activities in May, our Y3/4 children have Football lined up to coincide with the World Cup and our Y5/6 children will be taking part in a highly anticipated Rounders' League. Our Y5/6 children have also started to take part in their weekly swimming lessons this term. For our EYFS children we are looking forward to our sports leaders within school organising a mini festival for the children to take part in. We will also be taking a team of KS2 children to take part in the Milton Keynes Schools Athletics Championships in June, following on from our win in the small school category at the Cross Country Event we have high hopes for this too!

We have limited spaces in Year 1, 2 and Year 3. Please contact the school if you would like a tour. office@bowbrickhillprimary.co.uk or 01908 373672

The Sunday Lunch Club bids farewell to the Revd John Waller

John and his late wife Pauline were regulars at our Sunday lunch meetings so it was fitting that he should attend the April meet, probably his last before retirement beckons, to say goodbye to us.

Sally presented him with farewell gifts from us and we all wished him bon voyage as he moves to be nearer to his family to enjoy some family time.



Thanks to Trish for the photos

Three Parishes Coach Trips

**The next trip is to Warwick on Wednesday 20th May
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 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)

Poppy Army
 ♥ KNIT. CROCHET. REMEMBER. ♥
 Dates for your Diary ♥

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

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

RECTOR'S FAREWELL PILGRIMAGE ON 11th APRIL:

The weather was better than predicted for the Rector's farewell pilgrimage across the benefice. A group of walkers started with John from Stoke Hammond church, made their way to the Community Centre for breakfast, and then up the hill to the church here where they were joined by others for readings and prayers.



A larger group then set off to Little Brickhill church before making their way to Bow Brickhill church, and then the descent to the Bow Brickhill Community Hall for well-earned refreshments.



(A big thank you to Philippa Cook for this account of the Rector's farewell Pilgrimage and for all the other Church News that she regularly supplies us with it is very much appreciated)