

Historic Towns & Villages

Bow Brickhill

‘There stand the three Brickhills...’



‘There stand the three Brickhills, all in a row, Great Brickhill, Little Brickhill and Brickhill with a Bow’ Mentioned in the Domesday Book, Bow Brickhill is partially built up a steep Greens and escarpment and partly spilling out onto the flatter clays, above the floodplain of the River Ouzel.

All Saints Church is the oldest building in the village first recorded in 1185. The tower was added in the 15th Century. Local antiquarian Browne-Willis restored the church in 1756.

April Cottage on Church road carries a plaque with the inscription ‘Bow Brickhill Heath was awarded to the Poor of this Parish 1793... an Act of Parliament was obtained to sell it by The Trustees!!! 1844



The manor of Bow Brickhill and lands were sold by Major Francis Moore to The Duke of Bedford in July 1792 just before Bow Brickhill was enclosed as part of the Enclosure Act of 1793.

Bow Brickhill Church of England Primary School was founded in 1878 and is now a grade II listed building with a motto carved across the front which reads ‘It is not good that the soul be without knowledge’.

Poplar Farmhouse, Station Road is probably the oldest house in the village dating back to the 16th Century.

The Bow Brickhill Feast

The origins of The Bow Brickhill Feast are lost in time. At the beginning of November a man well versed in the art of ‘pig sticking’ travelled to the village with rack and scrapers. Once his work was done the local people would set about preserving their pork to feed their families during the winter but not before their annual celebration. Everyone would enjoy a roast pork dinner followed by Bow Brickhill Pudding and fun at a local fair set up in Chapman’s Orchard next to the Wheatsheaf Pub. Over the course of the fair farmers would hire farm workers for the forthcoming year and maybe a servant for the farmer’s wife.

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