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With thanks to the Bow Brickhill website for the photo

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL 2014 TO ALL

The Village News is hand delivered to over 300 homes in Bow Brickhill

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Bow Brickhill : All Saints

December

1st	4.00 p.m.	Advent Carol Service
8th	11.00 a.m.	Christingle Service (In the School)
15th	<i>No Service</i>	
22nd	3.00 p.m.	Carol Service
24th	11.45 p.m.	Holy Communion
29th	10.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion

January

5th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
12th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
19th	11.00 a.m.	Matins
26th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (said)

Great Brickhill : St Mary the Virgin

December

1st	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
8th	6.00 a.m.	Charity Evensong
15th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
22nd	11.00 a.m.	Crib Service
24th	5.00 p.m.	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
25th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

January

5th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
12th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
19th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service

House Communion

A service of Holy Communion for residents of Bow Brickhill is held on most Thursday mornings in the village. Transport can be arranged. If you would like to attend, please phone Cynthia on 01908 642878

Stoke Hammond : St Luke

December

1st	4.00 p.m.	Christingle Service
8th	4.00 a.m.	Carol Service
15th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
24th	4.00 p.m.	Crib Service
	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion

January

5th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
12th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
19th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
26th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship

Little Brickhill : St Mary Magdalene

December

15th	5.00 p.m.	Carol Service
25th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

January

19th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
26th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

CHURCH FLOWERS & CLEANING ROTA



December

Flowers

Cleaning

1st
8th

Advent
— “ —

S Leeming
— “ —

15th
22nd

No Service
Help Required - see earlier request

Contact details for the local policeman:

PC 1285 Jason Rowe : Neighbourhood Supervisor
Danesborough and Walton Neighbourhood

Woburn Sands Police Office

12 High Street, Woburn Sands MK17 8RL

Tel: 01908 584824 Mobile 07800 703 657 Tel: 101

Email - jason.rowe@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



Contact details for the Rector:

Tel: (01525) 261062

Address: The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great Brickhill MK17 9AS

We now have a new email address for All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill
which is

bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com

Emails to this address will go direct to the Rector and to the Church Wardens



"I just watched my dog chase its tail for 5 minutes and I thought: Dogs are easily entertained"..Then I realized, "I was just watching my dog chase its tail for 5 minutes."



ASTRA
COMMUNITY
PROJECTS

Meet Father Christmas

Sundaysth December between 12:00pm – 3:30pm

Tours Bow Brickhill by sleigh.

Starting

The Wheatsheaf, Greenways, Downs View, Rushmere
Close, Edwin Close, Parkway, and Church Road.

'Make a wish come true'



ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The December meeting of the lunch club will be a traditional Christmas lunch at the earlier date of

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER at the church hall at 12.30

New guests are always welcome, particularly anyone who lives alone, to come and join us, share a meal and enjoy the company.

Please contact Kay or Stuart Leeming on 372032 to book in or if you would like any further information.

Our meeting in the New Year will be on **JANUARY 26th**

WEDNESDAY CHURCH HALL DROP-INS

The church hall is open on the second Wednesday of the month for anyone to call in during the afternoon for the chance to meet up with others, spend some time sewing or knitting, or just enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We are continuing to meet during the winter months, weather permitting, and the **December** get together is on **Wednesday, 11th** anytime between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.



The first session in the New Year will be on **Wednesday 8th January** .



ASTRA 500 Club Draw & Christmas Carols

Wednesday **18th December** at the Wheatsheaf

We'll be singing carols at the pub on Wednesday 18th of December, starting at 6.45 pm. Do come along and join in. Words and music will be provided and everyone is welcome, regardless of age or ability.

! Ladies !

Fancy an evening with a glass of wine or two while learning to make a Christmas decoration for your door at the same time.

Come along to the Church Hall on **Thursday 12 December at 7.30** and maybe learn a little of what the WI is about (the up-to-date version.)



Auction those Unwanted Christmas Gifts in aid
of ASTRA



'Bah Humbug Auction ...'

Saturday **18th January**

7:30pm for 8:00pm.

Venue: The **Wheatsheaf** Station Rd,

'Auction those unwanted Christmas gifts in aid of
ASTRA Community Projects

Collection points: 3 Greenways, 46 Station Road, 28 Church Road

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Please !!

20th January 2014 ←

Contributions for the February issue should be sent to:

Sally email: sallyhawtin@hotmail.co.uk

or

Gill email: candishtowers@gmail.com

We are most grateful for a generous donation towards the Parish News from Scilla & Brian Boyes. Very many thanks to you both and best wishes for more happy reading in 2014!

Thank You

If you are able to help with a contribution towards the cost of the Newsletter please send it to:

Andrea Spurdle, the PCC treasurer at 42A Station Road, Bow Brickhill
Cheques should be made payable to: Bow Brickhill Parish Church



BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH

Have you always wanted to belong properly to the church - to be Christened or confirmed? A new course will be running from Easter next year to prepare candidates for confirmation by the Bishop next autumn.

Confirmation means that you embrace Christianity as an adult and confirm those vows that your godparents made at your Christening. As a full member of the Church of England you can participate at services of Holy Communion by receiving the bread and wine.

But you don't have to have been Christened as a baby to prepare for confirmation. Sometimes adults are Christened and confirmed at the same time.

For more information or just to have a chat about it:
email bowbrickhillchurch@googlemail.com or phone 01908 372032.

Don't try this at the Wheatsheaf.....

An Accountant, an Engineer and a Lawyer met over lunch at the local cafe. When the waitress left the food bill on the table, the Engineer was the first to grab it. He stated, "Let me review this and I will make sure that each of us pays their correct amount." The Accountant snatched the bill from the Engineer and said, "Wait a minute, I can maximise the deduction so that the taxman subsidises this entertaining meal." Finally the Lawyer grabbed the bill and laughed, "Guys - You're both full of it. Just pretend that you are choking and I will show how to pay for your summer home at the lake!"

CHURCH NEWS



ADVENT SERVICE

Our Advent Carol Service is on **Sunday 1st December at 4.00pm**. This candlelit service celebrates the 'coming of the light of the world' by the foretelling of the birth of Jesus with hymns and readings. We hope you can join us and **please bring a torch**.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE December 8th

This year's Christingle service on **Sunday December 8th** will be held as usual in the **school hall**. The collection at the service will be in aid of The Children's Society and we look forward to seeing you there.

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS

The church will be open on **Saturday 21st December** from 10am onwards to prepare for Christmas. We would be very grateful for any help with flower arranging or cleaning and if you are available or would like any more information please contact Kay on 372032.

Donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers would also be gratefully received and can be given to either of the churchwardens.

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual carol service is in the Church on **Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm**.

Do come along and join in the singing of all your favourite carols and stay on afterwards for a mince pie and a glass of wine. All are welcome.

BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE December 29th

All Saints Church will be the venue for a Benefice Communion on Sunday Dec 29th at 10 am.

This is the only service in the Brickhills and Stoke Hammond that day. All are welcome and refreshments will be served after the service.

BOW BRICKHILL CLUB

On Thursday November 5th the club held the first of this year's "Winter Season" meetings which began at 1.00pm. The meeting commenced with a warm buffet lunch, much appreciated by our members, then continued with details of our Christmas lunch which is to be held in place of our next meeting. Needless to say there was a great deal to discuss and brought us to our raffle and 3.00pm when our meeting ended, giving us all time to return home in daylight hours.

Our date for the next meeting (Christmas Lunch, scheduled for 1.00pm) is on **Tuesday December 3rd**.

At the recent meeting of the club committee it was agreed that in view of our cancellation of January meetings in 2012 and 2013 due to bad weather, it would be wise not to arrange for a meeting in January 2014 but for our first meeting of the New Year to be in the Pavilion on **Tuesday February 4th** at 1.00pm when we look forward to meeting all our old friends for a jolly and interesting afternoon.

Wishing everyone at Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from the Bow Brickhill Club.



Autumn Bazaar

The annual Autumn Bazaar was held on 16th November.

Many thanks to the stallholders for giving their time and energy, so generously, to the Brownies for the refreshments, and to all the villagers who donated prizes. Thanks also to the many people who attended on the day - it was great to see so many people from the village enjoying themselves, and we raised an excellent **£1030 towards church funds**. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes:

Children's raffle - white 56 - lotions & potions beauty bag

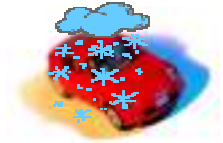
Adults - blue edged ticket 444 - set of boxes

Please telephone Simone 367815 to claim your prize.



WINTER TRAVEL

There are certain winter preparations you can make to your vehicle as well as precautions you can take before travelling. Always check the conditions before you travel and/or drive :



Check your local and national weather forecast and keep up to date with the latest warnings.

Check that you know where to find traffic and travel information. Live updates are provided by the Highways Agency for motorways and trunk roads in England, or Transport Direct for public transport as well as car journeys.

If your area is at risk of flooding, remember that you should not drive or walk through flood water. Six inches of fast-flowing water can knock over an adult and two feet of water can move a car.

If heavy winds are forecast, consider taking alternative transport if you normally cycle. Winds can easily blow you off your bike and cause serious injuries.

Emergency kit

Check that you have an emergency kit available in your car. This should include:

- Ice scraper and de-icer
- Warm clothes and blankets - for you and all passengers
- Torch and spare batteries - or a wind-up torch
- Food and a flask with a hot drink
- Any medication you need to take regularly
- Boots
- First Aid Kit
- Jump leads
- A Shovel
- Road Atlas
- Sunglasses (the glare from winter sun can be dazzling)

Some Strange British Facts:

There are more than 30,000 people in the UK with the name John Smith !

We British spend approximately £1.5 **billion** at car boot sales every year !!

There are 20,000 tennis courts in Britain - only 1,500 are free-of-charge to play !!!

Last year Brits ate 115,000 tonnes of French cheese !!!!

ASTRA
All Saints Tower Restoration Appeal

November Draw Results—Congratulations to this month’s winners

1st prize	£35.75	Number 135	Demetri Nicola-Fanawakis
2nd prize	£25.02	Number 65	Beverley Thompson
3rd prize	£10.73	Number 101	Teri Riley

Is your vehicle ready for winter?

POWDERY

Check that your vehicle is ready for winter using the **POWDERY** checklist as a good reminder:



PETROL (or diesel). Have you got enough? Do you know where to fill up?

OIL - check levels once a month

WATER - check radiator, screenwash and anti freeze levels regularly

DAMAGE - check wipers, lights etc for signs of wear and tear or damage

ELECTRICS - check lights, indicators and controls are working properly

RUBBER TYRES - are they well inflated, legal, with good tread and free from damage?

YOURSELF - are you fit to drive? Have you slept well? Are you taking any medication(s) that could make it unsafe for you to drive?

Further advice on driving in adverse weather conditions is available in the Highway Code or for more detailed information visit the Highways Agency winter pages.

Extract from the Report to Bow Brickhill Parish Council from Unitary Councillor Cllr David Hopkins - The A5D Roundabout ‘improvements’

The scheme is for partial signalisation (to address the queues on A5 and A4146 Fenny by-pass.) The circulation lanes are being widened. The A5 is the responsibility off the Highways Agency and the scheme was required by them as part of the mitigation for Newton Leys Development.

The works are being carried out under a Section 4 by the Highways Agency which gives them rights to carry out works on MK highways and as such they haven’t applied for and don’t require a licence from our NRSWA team. They do however keep MK Council informed of the works for the councils Streetworks list and should only be implementing the traffic management ‘off peak’ between 9.30am and 4.30pm.

The works are due to be completed by the end of January 2014. The Contract Sum is for £2.3m funded by a S106 Agreement from the Newtonleys development.

Bow Brickhill History Society

What fun we had and what an incredibly good day it was, despite the weather! Lots of you popped in to celebrate the 2013 Bow Brickhill feast day on 9th November at the Wheatsheaf – to play games, buy from the stall holders, drink one of the real ales on tap, or just to spend a bit of time with friends and neighbours.

That’s just how it would have been at the villagers’ original annual hiring fair which always took place during early November at Chapman’s Orchard, next door to the pub. It was the fourth year we’ve held the feast in recent times and, as much as we could, this time we included those activities which Audrey O’Dell recorded in her account, right down to the toffee apples.

Villagers enjoyed games of Hoopla, the Coconut Shy, Dominoes, the talents of musicians, a story teller and an excellent magician. Experts were on hand to demonstrate steam engines, making corn dolls and wool spinning. Local suppliers sold their delicious and tempting wares. We roasted chestnuts and bobbed for apples. There was even a wonderful vintage tractor on display which has now been christened ‘Terry’.

The feast is just for fun, not fund-raising, yet despite that a number of charities benefited:

- PACE** - Tombola run by the Jones family £226.75
- The Berks, Oxfordshire & Bucks Air Ambulance service** - cards and toffee apples made by Ron and Sylvia Fox £125.00
- The British Legion** - Cakes - sold by Keith and Liz Bell £ 25.00
- Playgroup** – Making Peg Dolls to help cover the cost of Christmas Gifts for the children £ 20.00

Our thanks go to everybody who helped in any way, who generously gave their time and expertise – you know who you are and we couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you to the police for keeping an eye on proceedings. Finally thank you to everybody who turned up and made the day such fun.



Denise, Sue and Mary



Christmas Concert

Saturday December 14 2013

7:30pm

Woburn Parish Church

Ticket prices - £10 central nave and £8 aisles, all unreserved. Children £3.

Tickets from 26 Melfort Drive, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2XN (sae please)

Cheques payable to Danesborough Chorus.

Or telephone 01525 376760.

A serving of traditional favourites, spicy new carols, sprinkled with readings, audience participation and festive fare included.

Christmas Week Milk Deliveries

Wednesday's milk etc will be delivered on Monday 23rd December with Monday's milk. Friday's delivery will be as normal.

The same applies to the following week. Wednesday's milk will be delivered on Monday 30th December with Monday's milk. Friday will be a normal delivery.

If anyone wishes to change their regular order (especially increasing it), it would be really helpful if they could either leave a note the previous delivery or telephone the dairy to arrange it.

Likewise anyone wishing to place orders for goods (cream, eggs, bread, veg etc) please leave your order clearly marked with required delivery date or again telephone the dairy direct.



Malcolm - the milkman

Tips on reducing your energy cost



- One of the easiest ways to get energy bills down quickly is to switch to the lowest possible tariffs. You should contact your energy suppliers and ask to be put on the best tariff. You should also shop around to ensure you are getting the best deal.
- For low income and vulnerable households there is support available through the Warm Home Discount, which can provide a discount on your energy bill of £135 in 2013/14. Phone your energy suppliers to see if you are eligible.

There are also lots of small things you can do for free or at low cost around the home to save money on your energy bills. You can find out more by calling the Energy Saving Advice Service (ESAS) on: 0300 123 1234 (calls are charged at standard national rate). Online go to www.gov.uk/energyhelp to get help with your bill or fill out an Energy Saving Trust online home energy check for suggestions on improving the energy performance of your home.

My name is Missy: I'm a hoarder. I've been a hoarder for 2 1/2 yrs. If Mom had not moved the couch I would still be hoarding.



Protecting your home

There are certain practical steps that you can take to protect your home from winter weather



Some tips if you are planning to leave your property empty over winter

- Leave your heating on for at least an hour a day while you are away from home
- In severe weather, or if severe weather is forecast, you should leave your heating on day and night at your usual temperature setting
- Check that loft insulation is laid over, and under pipes in the loft
- Make sure that you know where your stop tap is, and that it works so that you can turn off the water supply if needed
- Consider asking a friend or relative to visit your home every day while you are away. This will mean that, if you do suffer a burst pipe, it will be detected as soon as possible. Make sure that they know where the stop tap is located.
- If high winds are forecast, make sure objects such as garden furniture or ladders are fully secured

Energy saving tips

Some of these energy-saving tips may seem obvious but they can make a big difference when it comes to reducing your fuel bill.

- Set your heating to come on just before you get up and switch off after you've gone to bed. If it's very cold, set your heating to come on earlier and turn off later rather than turning the thermostat up.
- If you can't heat all the rooms you use, heat the living room throughout the day and your bedroom just before you go to bed, remember to close curtains & shut doors to keep heat in the rooms you use most

Keeping the heat in

Insulating your home not only keeps you warm and healthy but will also help to keep your costs down.

- Fit draught proofing to seal any gaps around windows and doors.
- Make sure that your loft has at least 10-11 inches (270 mm) of insulation. Any home with 4 inches (100 mm) or less should have it topped up.
- If you have wall cavities, make sure that they are insulated too.
- Insulate your hot water cylinder and pipes.
- Draw your curtains at dusk to help keep the heat generated inside your rooms.
- Make sure that your radiators are not obstructed by curtains or furniture.

To get advice on how to make your home more energy efficient phone the Energy Saving Advice Service (ESAS) on: 0300 123 1234 (calls are charged at standard national rate) or visit www.gov.uk/energyhelp to find out what help you can get to improve the energy efficiency of your home



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[Www.wheatsheafbowbrickhill.co.uk](http://www.wheatsheafbowbrickhill.co.uk)

01908 374795

EVENTS & HOLIDAY TIMES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY AT YOUR FAVOURITE PUB



Monday 23rd December	Closed
Tuesday Christmas Eve	Lunch 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. No food in the evening but you can join in the Games Night "Beat the Landlord" Challenge Simon to Darts, Crib or Dominoes
Wednesday Christmas Day	12.00 - 2.00 p.m. (Only) Raise a glass of Christmas Cheer
Thursday Boxing Day	Lunch served 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. Closed in the evening
Friday 27th	Normal Hours
Saturday 28th	Normal Hours In the evening - "Elvis is in the Building" - no restaurant food but cheese-burgers will be available
Sunday 29th	Normal Hours
Monday 30th	Closed
Tuesday New Year's Eve	Doors open 7.00 p.m. Bar open as normal 'til late Dining Room - Gala Dinner 5 Course plus Coffee & petit fours £45 p.p. to include a glass of Kir Royale on arrival
January 1st	Lunch 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. Closed in the evening
January 2nd to 8th	Closed apart from the weekend Denise & Simon will be taking a well earned break but to ensure that the village pub is open at the weekend Tom & Rhys will be serving Friday 4th & Saturday 5th 7.00 - 11.00 p.m. with Sunday lunch 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. only
Thursday 9th	Re-open and back to normal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DECEMBER 2013			
DECEMBER			
Sunday 1st	Advent Carol Service	Church	4.00 p.m.
Monday 2nd	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 3rd	Bow Brickhill Club Christmas Lunch	Pavilion	1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 4th	Rainbows	Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
	Brownies	Church Hall	6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
	Buckaneers Model Club	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 5th	Youth Club	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Sunday 8th	Christingle Service	School Hall	11.00 a.m.
	Father Christmas visits the village on his sleigh		Midday - 3.30 p.m.
Monday 9th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 10th	John the Barber	Greenways Lay-by	2.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 11th	Drop-In Afternoon	Church Hall	2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
	BB History Society	Church Hall	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 12th	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
	W.I. - Door Decoration	Church Hall	7.30 p.m.
Sunday 15th	All Saints Lunch Club	Church Hall	12.00 for 12.30 p.m. .
Monday 16th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 18th	Carols & ASTRA Draw	Wheatsheaf	6.45 p.m.
Thursday 19th	Youth Club	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Sunday 22nd	Carol Service	Church	3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 24th	John the Barber	Greenways Lay-by	2.00 - 6.00 p.m.

**Wishing all our readers
a very Merry Christmas**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY 2014			
JANUARY			
Thursday 2nd	No Youth Club on this day due to Holiday Period		
Monday 6th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 8th	Drop-In Afternoon	Church Hall	2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
	BB History Society	Pub	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 9th	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Monday 13th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 14th	John the Barber	Greenways Lay-by	2.00 - 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 15th	Rainbows	Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
	Brownies	Church Hall	6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 16th	Youth Club - A.G.M.	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Saturday 18th	“Bah Humbug” Auction	Wheatsheaf	7.30 p.m.
Monday 20th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 22nd	Buckaneers Model Club	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 23rd	W.I. Burns Night	Pavilion	7.30 p.m.
Sunday 26th	All Saints Lunch Club	Church Hall	12.00 for 12.30 p.m. .
Monday 27th	Line Dance	Pavilion	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 29th	Rainbows	Church Hall	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
	Brownies	Church Hall	6.15 - 7.00 p.m.



**and a Happy New Year
may 2014 bring
peace and happiness to all**