

Bow Brickhill Club

On Tuesday November 1st. the club held their November meeting combined with a very successful "Bring and Buy" sale, raising funds for outings scheduled for our 2006 season.

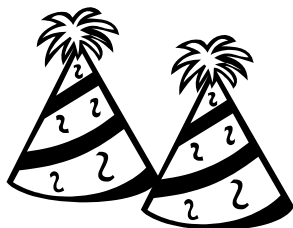
Our meeting was a very lively event as we continued with our raffle and quiz, followed by tea. Tea consumed and raffle drawn we were left with very little time to make arrangements for transport to the Kingston Tavern for our Christmas lunch, but as usual all business was completed before the meeting came to a close. Since we met, tickets have been purchased for our theatre trip to see "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", made possible by our grant from the Community Foundation. This outing in May will put us all in high spirits for other summer events now being planned by our committee.

The January meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd at 2.00pm in the Pavilion, when our old friend Robin Brown will be entertaining us with slides and old photographs of the villages surrounding Milton Keynes.

Members will need no reminder of the date January 19th when we have been invited by the Margaret Powell Foundation, to attend a

performance of "Snow White" at the Milton Keynes theatre. Details of seating arrangements and transport will be in place for our January meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all our friends at the Kingston Tavern on December 6th when we are sure to have a truly Festive Feast.



Green Bin Collection

Wednesday

14th December



Mobile Library

9th and 23rd
December
10.15 to 10.45 am



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by December 21st to: Georgy Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626 or email g.m.holden@open.ac.uk

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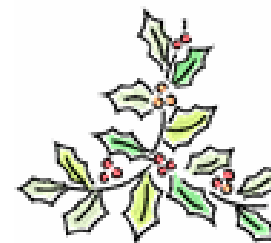
December 2005

Including some October news

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Parish News

Parking on Verges

The following letter has been delivered to residents in Station Road concerning the continuing problem of parking on the grass verges.....

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Parking on Grass Verges in Station Road

In each of the parish newsletters distributed since July there has been a request that residents stop parking on the grass verges. This particularly applies to the parking in Station Road where the verges outside Nos. 23, 29 and 31 have been damaged to the extent that little or no grass is left. Sadly the requests have been ignored.

The verges are not part of the road and parking on them is illegal. The matter has been reported to the Milton Keynes Council who have ultimate responsibility and they will be considering at a meeting later this month what steps to take. One of the options is to erect low fencing around the verges which will obviously mean that access will be prevented at all times.

We trust that in the circumstances those residents who are responsible will do as asked and the Parish Council will review the issue in one month to assess whether the practice has stopped.

Dogs and Horses

There have been a number of reports of riders with dogs coming through the village. This is very dangerous and our village policeman has also advised that it is an offence to have a dog uncontrolled on the highway. If you know anyone that does this could you please pass the message on before there is an accident.

MPs surgery

Mark Lancaster will be holding a surgery in Woburn Sands on December 21st, keep an eye on the local press for details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday December 8th** at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close. All are welcome to attend



Villagers are reminded that there will be a meeting on **December 13th at 7.30 in the Pavilion** where the options for **Milton Keynes Expansion** will be explained and discussed.

This meeting will be attended by the director of planning David Hackforth

Photo Competition

It took a while but the results of the Photo Competition were finally announced at the lights switch on. The standard of entries was high and the winners will be framed and displayed in the Pavilion. Our judge, Andy Handley MK News Photographer wrote the following:

Village Life.

Winner; Ploughing

Sue Malleson

This picture captures the close relationship between the countryside and village as the eye is taken from the tractor in the foreground to the schoolclock tower in the heart of Bow Brickhill. The photo also shows good camera skills and a high level of composure.

Village Folk.

Winner; Folk Dancers Peter Allen

A lively and colourful shot that depicts traditional pastimes and captures the movement. Taken in the heart of the village the pub onlookers portray the enjoyment of a day out. A truly English village scene.

Village Views Winner; Red Letter Box Peter Allen

A well balanced picture with the clever use of darkroom technique. Taken in the very centre of Bow Brickhill the memorial and postbox draw you into the middle of the frame and the delightful cottage. Being shot in monochrome adds to the charm.

Runner up; From A Distance

Ron Fox

A bold move from the usual by looking into the village from a distance which shows the beauty of the surrounding area. The foreground light is enhanced by the heavy sky while the church tower stands out like a beacon. A wonderfully composed shot

Highly commended; Snow Scape

Sue Malleson

Again a well composed shot taken in what would have been poor light as the snow laden sky shows. The hedge-row draws you into the picture while the abandoned farm equipment makes the connection between the land and the village. A nicely taken shot in difficult lighting conditions.

Please express my pleasure in the quality in all the entries.

Bow Brickhill E-Group

Sue Malleson has set up a Yahoo! Group to enable people in the village to communicate via a group email service. This will enable villagers to post local news, information about events, Neighbourhood Watch messages, etc., to a large number of people and will help to keep everyone in touch with one another. Membership is free and you just need internet access and an email address to take part. If you would like to join please email Sue: egroup@bowbrickhill.com

AFC Rangers

Rangers are still top of the North Bucks Division 1 league and have not lost a game this season.

Home Games

2pm Kickoff

10th Dec. v Heath Res.

17th Dec. v Silverstone

Church Bazaar

This years bazaar had a record number of stalls and with the bright sunny weather many people came out to try their luck with the raffles and tombolas and bought lots of excellent home made gifts and produce raising an amazing £1,077 in the process for church funds. Thanks goes to all the stallholders for their hard work in organising, making and collecting for their stalls and a special thank you to all in the village who gave so generously towards the various collections and who came along on the day and supported us.

Christmas Flowers and Cleaning

The church will be open on Saturday 17th December in the morning from 10.00am to decorate and clean in readiness for the Christmas services. I am hoping to contact as many as possible on the rota so that we can get a working party organised but if I have missed you, or there is anyone else who is not on the rota but would like to be involved with either the flower arranging or cleaning please give me a call. Kay Leeming MK 372032.

Dec 4 Cleaning Mrs A Duff



All Saints Lunch Club

There was a bumper attendance at the November lunch club meeting. Seventeen guests and helpers enjoyed a super roast lunch and the conversation was amusing and lighthearted. A rendering of 'Happy Birthday' was sung for Nell Gilbert who celebrated her 92nd birthday during the preceding week.

Our Christmas lunch, with traditional Christmas fare, is on Sunday 18th December and new guests are always welcome. To book in and for more information call Kay or Stuart on 372032 or book in with Chris Loak at the December meeting of the Bow Brickhill club.



Sunday School

There will be a special Sunday School getting ready for Christmas on
December 4th
11 am - 12.30 pm

There will not be a Sunday School in January

Bow Brickhill Parish Council

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Martin Robinson

Badminton for Fun

I am interested in starting a "Badminton for Fun" Club in the village if there is sufficient interest. Players of all standards and ages would be very welcome. The venue would be the Pavilion, on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

If you are interested in helping me to set up a club, please contact me by email candishtowers@ukonline.co.uk (or telephone (MK 373602), by the end of December.

Gill Cannell 17 Greenways.

Carol Singing

Once again carol singers will tour the village – this year on
Tuesday 20th
(Church Road and Parkway) and
Thursday 22nd of December
(Station Road and the rest of the village).

We'll meet a 6.45 pm at the War Memorial. Words and music will be provided and there'll be some refreshment afterwards. Please come along, it's a great way to start Christmas. If you're a singer then lend your voice, but we also need some sure-footed collection-tin rattlers to knock on the doors as we go. Funds raised will go to help maintain our historic village church of All Saints.

What a difference a tenor and a bass make!

Members of All Saints Church Choir sang in full harmony at the Advent Carol service following their appeal for new members. One of the recruits also volunteered to play the organ for the service! But there's still room for more, so if you're interested in joining this small band of choristers, contact Sue Malleson on 01908 372376 or sue@bowbrickhill.com.



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill

St Mary The Virgin

4th Dec

9.30 Holy Communion

11th Dec

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

18th Dec

9.30 Holy Communion

24th Dec

5pm Nine Lessons and Carols

25th Dec

11.00 Holy Communion

Little Brickhill

St Mary Magdalene

4th Dec

6.00 pm Holy Communion

11th Dec..

11.00 Morning Worship

18th Dec

5pm Carol Service

25th Dec

9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond

St Luke

4th Dec

11.00 Family Service

11th Dec

4pm Christingle

18th Dec

4pm Carol Service

24th Dec

3.30pm Crib Service

11.30pm Holy Communion

25th Dec

10.00 Holy Communion with Methodists

December Services

Bow Brickhill

All Saints

4th Dec

9.30am

Holy Communion

11th Dec

11am

Christingle Service at the
School

18th Dec

3pm Nine Lessons and
Carols

24th Dec

11.45 pm

Midnight Holy
Communion



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

The Best Presents

As I think about the presents I have received over the years, at Christmas, and at other times, the ones that I can remember, and that are the most precious, are nothing to do with the cost or the money spent on them.

I remember presents from my parents, from my wife, from my son, and from close friends. I remember presents that were modest, simple, and sometimes homemade. The presents I remember are those that expressed somebody's love for me. I hope that I have sometimes given presents like that as well.

This Christmas I hope that you will receive some presents that show somebody's love and care for you, and that you will take the time and trouble to give presents in the same way.

The best and most important presents are those that are expressions of love. The greatest present of all, and the greatest expression of love, is the gift that is at the heart of our celebration of Christmas, that is the gift of God himself - in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, to be with us always.

May I wish you a joyful Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

Revd. John Waller

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john.waller1@virgin.net

New Years Eve Party

8 till Late



The Pavilion



**Everyone Welcome
including families**

**£3 per Adult, £2 per Child £10 per family
Bring your own food and drink**

For tickets phone Jan on 07721 420176

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