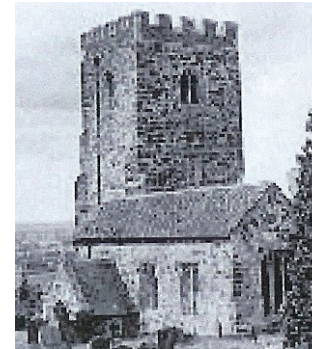


# Bow Brickhill Parish News



DECEMBER 2006  
JANUARY 2007

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Thursday December 14th and Thursday January 11th 7.30pm in the Pavilion**

All are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings. There is a public session for the first 15 minutes of each meeting when villagers can raise issues that they would like discussed by the council

**CONTACTS:**

All Saints' Lunch Club: Chris Loak (373768) or Stuart & Kay Leeming (372032)  
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**DATES FOR YOU DIARY—JANUARY**

Tuesday 2nd	Bow Brickhill Club. 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The Pavilion
Thursday 4th	Youth Club. 7.00pm. The Pavilion
Friday 5th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial
Monday 8th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion
Wednesday 10th	Brownies. 6.00pm to 7.15pm. Church Hall
Thursday 11th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Pavilion
Monday 15th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Wednesday 17th	Brownies. 6.00pm to 7.15pm. Church Hall
Thursday 18th	Youth Club. 7.00pm. The Pavilion
Friday 19th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial Youth Club AGM
Monday 22nd	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion
Wednesday 24th	Brownies. 6.00pm to 7.15pm. Church Hall
Thursday 25th	WI. Talk from Hearing Dogs Charity. 7.30pm. The Pavilion

DATES FOR YOU DIARY—DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd	Sunday School; Preparing for Christmas. 11.00am. Church Hall Advent Carol Service. 5.00pm All Saints Church
Monday 4th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 5th	Bow Brickhill Club. 12.30pm. Kingston Tavern for Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 6th	Mobile Police Station. 9.30 to 11.30. Greenways Layby Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 7th	Youth Club Outing
Friday 8th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial
Monday 11th	Mobile Barber. 9.00—5.00pm Layby - Greenways Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion
Thursday 14th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Pavilion WI. Christmas Evening. 7.30pm. 5 Greenways
Sunday 17th	All Saints' Lunch Club. 12.15 for 12.30. Church Hall Nativity Play. 1.30pm. Stoke Hammond Village Green Carol Service. 3.00pm. All Saints Church
Monday 18th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 19th	Carol Singing. 6.45pm. War Memorial
Wednesday 20th	Mobile Police Station. 1.30—3.30. Greenways Layby
Thursday 21st	Carol Singing. 6.45pm. War Memorial
Friday 22nd	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial
Sunday 31st	New Year's Eve Party. 7.30pm to 1.00am. Pavilion

**PARISH NEWS**

The main discussion at the November meeting of the Parish Council was about traffic issues affecting the village. Each road was considered in turn and the following ideas were discussed.

**Downs View**

It was agreed to try and keep the shrubs at the end of Downs View trimmed to aid cars exiting the road

**Rushmere Close**

The Parish Council agreed to look into the possibility of a 20mph limit in the close.

**Church Road**

The need here is to slow traffic going up and down the hill and also there are problems caused by many people parking at the bottom of the hill rather than risk parking their cars in the car parks in the woods. Long term solutions could possibly include extending the layby to narrow the bottom of the road in a way sympathetic with the village.

**Station Road**

The Parish Council identified the need for a school crossing. Discussions with Highways have been taking place for some time. The council agreed to take this issue to the highest possible authority and write to the government about the failure to implement their safe schools policy in the village. Another concern is the volume of HGVs coming through the village. The Parish Council resolved to write to MK Council about this issue as MK Council's current policy is that the levels of HGV traffic are not high enough at the moment to justify a weight ban.

**Please park on the road not the pavement**

Importantly the Parish Council agreed that one of the best ways open to villagers to slow traffic down and deter the use of the village as a 'rat run' would be to ask villagers to park on the road instead of the pavement. A leaflet to this effect will be produced and put on the windscreen of anyone found parking on the road. The Parish Council would be grateful for your co-operation with this.

**Parish Clerk**

Ailsa Petchey and family have moved to Cardiff. The Parish Council would like to wish them well in their new venture and to thank Ailsa for her work as Parish Clerk. As a result of this move the post of Parish Clerk is now vacant.

Applications are invited for the job of Parish Clerk. This post is approximately 20 hours per month and requires basic computer skills. Please apply by letter or email to Colin Cornish, Chairman of the Parish Council. Closing date December 8th.

## BOW BRICKHILL CLUB

The meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> was well attended by 38 members, all keen to check their driving knowledge! Our speaker this month was Mr David Ward, a representative from the Driving Standards Agency. Davids' talk was illustrated by DVDs showing examples of the many hazards and problems encountered on today's busy roads, but it was not all doom and gloom as we found our confidence was boosted in our ability to answer, promptly and correctly, the questions being put to us. During tea, our speaker was happy to talk to us individually giving advice and answering our many questions. This was indeed a most interesting and informative afternoon. Tea over, quiz completed and raffle drawn, our meeting soon drew to a close but not before the final arrangements for our Christmas lunch had been announced.

Our next meeting will be replaced by our Christmas lunch at the

**Kingston Tavern at 12.30pm on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**



The January meeting will be at **2.00pm on Tuesday 2nd January** in the Pavilion, when our speaker, Mr. Peter Allen, will be giving an illustrated talk on the Lake District.

The club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the compliments of the season.

## YOUTH CLUB

The December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Youth club will be an outing to the Quasar/bowling venue at the Leisure Plaza. Only those already booked in are eligible. There will not be a Youth club in the village that night.



Also due to school holidays the next youth club meeting after 7<sup>th</sup> December will be the 4<sup>th</sup> January. The Youth club AGM will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007. We will be proposing some changes to the membership regulations as well as discussing more routine matters. The club desperately needs more helpers if it is to remain viable.

## BUY AND SELL

Each month we will feature a 'buy and sell' column for the benefit of residents (private not trade) Please send any items you wish to have included to Sally Robinson sallyhawtin@hotmail.co.uk or Gill Cannell candishtowers@ukonline.co.uk

### **For Sale**

Digital Cordless telephone with answering machine plus 2 additional handsets and chargers. The model is NTL (works on BT lines) model VS2002DECT and is fully working and in good condition. £20 o.n.o. Contact Gill or Andy on 373602.

### **Wanted**

Garage to rent for storage of vintage car. Please contact Gill or Andy on 373602.

## Mobile Library—

### **December**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

January  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>



10.15 to  
10.45am  
at the War Memorial

## STOKE HAMMOND NATIVITY PLAY

**Open Air Nativity Play  
the Village Green  
Stoke Hammond  
on  
17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**

It starts with musicians playing carols on the Green at 1.30 and then real donkeys will lead 'the Holy Family' down Lodge Lane to the shop (the inn!) and on to the stable at the centre of the Village Green.

If anyone one would like to attend car parking will be available in The Dolphin as long as people partake of a drink there afterwards!



## BOW BRICKHILL WI

The AGM formed the major part of our November meeting at which Pat Pullinger was unanimously re-elected as President and the current committee voted in en bloc to support her. A brief outline of next year's programme was given which highlighted much to look forward to in 2007. Prior to the AGM formalities, members enjoyed a fish 'n chip supper and afterwards debated the high-percentage rise in next year's subscription. Unfortunately our 'Wrap it for Christmas' demonstration had to be cancelled due to illness.

Our December meeting will be held at Sylvia Fox's home, 5 Greenways, at 7.30pm and members are asked to bring along a plate of food and a gift to the value of £1.50 for a lucky dip.



At the January meeting on Thursday 25th a 7.30pm in the Pavilion there will be a talk by a representative of the Hearing Dogs Charity.



## NEW YEARS EVE VILLAGE PARTY

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER  
7.30pm to 1.00 am

THE PAVILION

£3 per ticket  
Or £10 per family  
Bring your own food and drink

**Tickets must be purchased before the event** from

Jan  
33 Greenways  
07721 420176

Sandy  
68 Station Road  
01908 647424

Janet  
3 Haynes Close  
01908 368452

## KEEP IN TOUCH - VIRTUALLY

The village e-group is growing and can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BowBrickhill/> or email [egroup@bowbrickhill.com](mailto:egroup@bowbrickhill.com) and ask for an invitation to be sent to you. The group is used for broadcasting Neighbourhood Watch messages and also for any members to announce village events or discuss village issues. Get connected!

## ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The November meeting of the lunch club took place in the church hall on the 19th. 20 guests and helpers enjoyed the food, fellowship and lively conversation.

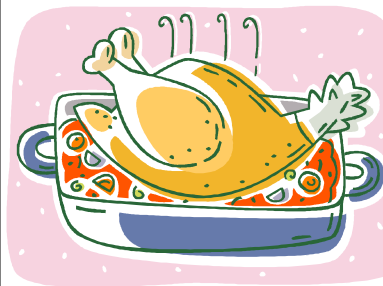
The December Christmas meeting will be on

**Sunday the 17th.**

The carol service takes place in the church after lunch at 3.00pm and transport can be provided to the church from the church hall. Please book in with Chris Loak at the December meeting of the Bow Brickhill club or contact Sally or Martin Robinson on 374852.

If you would be willing to help out also contact Sally or Martin. From January onwards the lunch club will move from the 3rd Sunday to the **4th Sunday** of the month.

This means our January meeting will be on the **28th**.



## CAROL SINGING

We're carol singing on

Tuesday 19th  
And  
Thursday 21st  
December

starting at 6.45 pm  
at the War Memorial.

Words and music will be provided. Please consider coming to join us. We need voices and collectors.

All proceeds will go towards All Saints Church funds. Refreshments will be provided at the end of each session and we normally finish singing at approximately 8.30 each evening. For further information contact Sue Malleson 01908 372376 or email [sue@bowbrickhill.com](mailto:sue@bowbrickhill.com)



**Bow Brickhill  
All Saints**

**3rd December**  
5.00pm Advent Carol  
Service

**10th December**  
11.00am Family Service  
with Christingle at Bow  
Brickhill School

**17th December**  
3.00pm Carol Service

**24th December**  
11.45pm Holy Communion

**31st December**  
10.00am Benefice Holy  
Communion

**Little Brickhill  
St Mary Magdalene**

**3rd December**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**10th December**  
11.00am Morning Worship

**17th December**  
5.00pm Carol Service

**25th December**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**Great Brickhill  
St Mary the Virgin**

**3rd December**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**10th December**  
9.30am Morning Worship  
6.00pm Evensong

**17th December**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**24th December**  
5.00pm Service of Nine Lessons  
and Carols

**25th December**  
11.00am Holy Communion

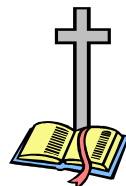
**Stoke Hammond  
St Luke**

**3rd December**  
11.00am Family Service at  
Methodist Church

**10th December**  
6.00pm Carol Service

**17th December**  
1.30pm Nativity Scene on the  
village Green, Stoke Hammond

**24th December**  
11.30pm Holy Communion



**CHURCH ROTAS**



**DECEMBER FLOWERS**

3rd Advent  
10th Advent  
17th To be notified  
Onwards

**CLEANING**

Mr S Leeming  
Mr S Leeming  
To be notified

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND CLEANING**

Once again we hope to have a team of flower arrangers and cleaners to prepare the church for Christmas.

The church will be open on

**Saturday 16th December  
from 10.30am**

onwards and if you are able to help by doing an arrangement or some cleaning it would be very welcome.

Please contact Kay on 372032 if you are able to help or for any further information.

Any donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers would also be gratefully received and can be given to either of the church wardens.



## LAST CHANCE TO SING AT CHRISTMAS

The church choir now has two new members and a new organist, which is great news. However we still need some more men to sing with us. If you can read music and enjoy singing, this is your last chance to join us before Christmas. If you think you could be persuaded, either come along to one of our practices (Mondays at 7.30pm in the Church Hall) or call me, Rupert Fairclough, on 367711.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children are welcome to join us for Sunday School on

**Sunday 3rd December  
at 11.00am**

We will be preparing for Christmas and doing lots of fun activities for this.



## CHURCH BAZAAR



The church bazaar was once again well supported. The weather was dry and sunny and with an assortment of well stocked stalls and welcome refreshments it proved to be a successful and enjoyable afternoon. The sum of **£990** was raised towards church funds and many thanks go to all in the village who donated items to the various stalls, to the dedicated stallholders, who every year put their time and resources into the event, and especially to all who come along and support us so generously.



## CAROL SERVICE



**Sunday 17th December  
at Bow Brickhill Church  
3.00pm**

Please come along and join us.



## LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

“The Word became flesh and blood,  
and moved into the neighbourhood.”

Dear friends,

The words above are a new translation of the words from Johns' gospel that we often hear at carol services. Some of us may be more familiar with the older version, “The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.”

These words, in either version, express the wonderful truth at the heart of the church's celebration of Christmas, that God has chosen to come and share in the reality of human life, to show the full extent of his love for us. And because this was true in the particular time and place of the human birth of Jesus, so it can be true for all times and all places, and be true for us today.

There are many good things about what we do at Christmas time. It is good to have parties and celebrations, to exchange gifts, to spend time with family and friends, and to think of others who are in greater need than us. But the real heart of Christmas is the truth of the loving presence of God with us, ‘in the neighbourhood’ – and that is good news that is worth celebrating.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

Revd. John Waller

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