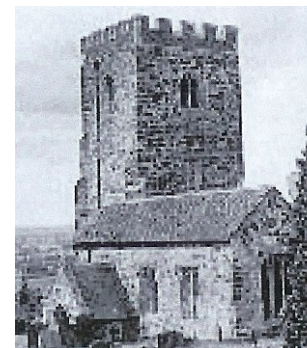


DATES FOR YOU DIARY—DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd	Sunday School; Preparing for Christmas. 11.00am. Church Hall Advent Carol Service. 5.00pm All Saints Church
Monday 3rd	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 4th	Bow Brickhill Club. 1pm Parkside Hotel Woughton-on-theGreen. Christmas Lunch Mobile Barber. 2pm to 6pm Layby - Greenways
Wednesday 5th	Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 6th	Youth Club. 7.00pm Pavilion
Friday 7th	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial
Monday 10th	Mobile Police Station. 1 to 2 pm. Greenways Layby Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion Book Club. 7.30pm
Thursday 13th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Pavilion WI. Christmas Evening. 7.30pm. 60 Station Road
Sunday 16th	Carol Service. 3.00pm. All Saints Church
Monday 17th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 18th	Carol Singing. 6.45pm. War Memorial Mobile Barber. 2pm to 6pm Layby - Greenways
Thursday 20th	Carol Singing. 6.45pm. War Memorial Youth Club Disco. 7pm Pavilion Woburn Sands Big Band Society Christmas Party 7.30pm Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall
Friday 21st	Mobile Library. 10.15 - 10.45. War Memorial
Sunday 23rd	All Saints' Christmas Lunch Club. 12.15 for 12.30. Church Hall

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NEW YEARS EVE PARTY



Due to the refurbishment of the pavilion taking place over the holidays this event will no longer be taking place

MOBILE LIBRARY—



10.15 to 10.45am at the War Memorial

Friday
December
7th and 21st

SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST




We are pleased to announce that Aspley Guise Scout Group are holding our traditional Christmas Post. We are delivering to Aspley Guise, Bow Brickhill, Brogborough, Eversholt, Husborne Crawley, Wavendon, Woburn & Woburn Sands. Stamps cost 15p & will be on sale with post boxes for collection at the following establishments:

ASPLEY GUISE - The Anchor, The Wheatsheaf, Mr Anthony (box only)
 BOW BRICKHILL -The Wheatsheaf,
 WOBURN SANDS -The Fir Tree, Going Places, Pikesleys, Spotless Dry Cleaners, Station News, The Station Hotel,
 WOBURN -Matilda Bay/Matilda Bay Too, Woburn Village Store.

Collections will be made weekly on Fridays. Deliveries will be made on Saturday/Sunday commencing 8th/9th, 15th/16th, 22nd/23rd.
 Final collection from all establishments will be **Friday 21st December**. Please ensure all cards are posted by this date to ensure delivery.

RUBBISH COLLECTION



Rubbish collections over the Bank Holiday period are Thursday 27th December and Thursday 3rd January

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—JANUARY 2008

Monday 7th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Thursday 10th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Pavilion
Monday 14th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Weds 16th	Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 17th	Youth Club. 7.00pm Pavilion—Juggling
Monday 21st	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Weds 23rd	Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 24th	WI 7.30pm Pavilion. Speaker on Photography
Sunday 27th	All Saints'Lunch Club. 12.15 for 12.30. Church Hall
Monday 28th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Weds 30th	Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.

BOW BRICKHILL WI

Our speakers last month were Mr and Mrs Nobbs from the RSPB whose enthusiasm for the Society and birds in general infected us all. Mr Nobbs began by explaining a little about the work of the Society which, as well as maintaining the many reserves throughout the UK covering an area roughly the size of Bedfordshire, also includes supporting work in other areas of the world, for example saving the Albatross, the Vultures in India and the Sumatran rainforest. He followed with slides of the top ten garden birds, based on the results of the 'Big Garden Birdwatch' and to the surprise of many of us who have not seen them in our gardens for several years, the House Sparrow is No.1 and the Starling No.2. Mr Nobbs was warmly thanked by Carol Stewart for providing such an informative and entertaining evening and the competition for an electrical item for an eighth wedding anniversary was won by Pam Schorr in the form of a 'frog' clock!



Three new members were warmly welcomed at the AGM in November at which Pat Pullinger was once again 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 2008, starting with the topic of "From Amateur to Professional Photographer" at our January meeting. Prior to the AGM formalities, members enjoyed a fish 'n chip supper followed by birthday cakes to celebrate both Ann's and Sally's birthdays this month.



Our December meeting will be held at Sally Robinson's home, 60 Station Road, at 7.30 and members are asked to bring along a plate of food and a gift to the value of £1.50 for a lucky dip.



BOW BRICKHILL.COM

The village web site now has over 500 pages – with lots of historic information about people, places and events in the village in years gone by. If you have any old photos or details of the village's history, or indeed anything else that you would like to contribute, Sue Malle-son would be delighted to hear from you. Tel 01908 372376 or email sue@bowbrickhill.com.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

School Crossing

Progress on this has slowed up; road markings and a control box are awaited.



Grass Verges

It is planned to re-plant the verges with daffodil bulbs and grass seed following the crossing works, and the area will be fenced off to allow the grass to establish. Milton Keynes Council has agreed to this. A letter has been sent to residents who may be affected by this to tell them about the work and ask them not to park vehicles on the verges.



Pavilion Refurbishment

Over the Christmas period a contractor will be working on the pavilion to decorate it and make good many problems of wear and tear. Any hirers who may be affected will be notified.



BOW BRICKHILL FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Firework Display

The fireworks display which took place at the school this year was a great success raising more than **£1100** towards play-ground equipment. Many thanks to all those villagers who came and made this such a great success.



Christmas Raffle

Friends of the School will be holding a Christmas Raffle with a £100 cash prize plus hampers. If anyone could help by selling tickets around the village or to family or friends please contact Georgy Holden on 372626.



DOG FOULING IN GREENWAYS



We have been asked to mention the degree of dog fouling which is happening in Greenways, often at night. Could you please ensure that your dog is prevented from entering people's gardens, and that you clear up any mess that it might leave.

COPY DEADLINE— FEBRUARY 2008

Please deliver contributions by 22nd January 2008 to:

Gill Cannell,
17 Greenways.

Tel 373602;

E-mail

bowbrickhillpavilion@gmail.com

(Please note new email address.)

BOW BRICKHILL CLUB

Our meeting on November 6th starting at the new time 1.00pm, began with a very interesting talk on "Hedge Laying" by Mr. Andy Malleson. This was very popular with our members who, not only enjoyed the talk, but had many questions for our speaker.

The talk was followed by a very enjoyable fish and chip lunch, keeping members well occupied for the next hour. This left very little time for our monthly quiz and raffle while making arrangements for our Christmas lunch. Needless to say we managed to complete our afternoon with everything in place for our next event, our Christmas lunch!



Since our last meeting we have received news that, thanks to The Community Foundation, we have been awarded a grant from "The Margaret Powell Arts Fund", thus enabling our members to make another visit to the Milton Keynes Theatre.

We would take this opportunity to remind members that our Christmas lunch will take place at **1.00pm** on **Tuesday December 4th** at the Parkside Hotel Woughton- on- the Green.



Other dates for your diary are

Tuesday January 1st
for our annual New Year party,
And
Tuesday February 5th

when Mr David Higgs will be our speaker on the subject of "Big Bands" and will be giving a recorded demonstration. This will be a very exciting afternoon for all "Big Band" enthusiasts.

Again we would remind all members that we shall be starting at **1.00pm**, but not to worry about missing lunch, as a buffet style lunch will be provided.

The Bow Brickhill Club would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The Parish News production team would like to thank all those who have helped with the newsletter over the last year and to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



CHURCH ROTAS



DECEMBER

FLOWERS

CLEANING

2nd
9th
16th Onwards

Advent
Advent
To be notified

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND CLEANING

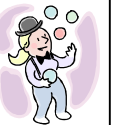


Once again we hope to have a team of flower arrangers and cleaners to prepare the church for Christmas. The church will be open on **Saturday 15th December from 10.30am** onwards and if you are able to help by doing an arrangement or some cleaning it would be very welcome. Any donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers would also be gratefully received and can be given to either of the churchwardens.

I will be preparing next year's rota and unfortunately the number of volunteers is dwindling as people move away or retire. We are once again in urgent need of helpers to ensure the church remains clean for weddings, baptisms, funerals and weekly services. If you are able to give your time for a couple of hours twice a year, either cleaning or flower arranging, or you would like to know a bit more about what is involved please contact Kay on 372032.

YOUTH CLUB

The club has purchased a "Wii" system as an addition to Youth Club equipment/facilities. It's proving a great success with members. For those of you that may not be familiar with a "Wii" contact either Stuart, Martin, Duncan or Beverley for a free demonstration!! The crafts table is also a popular addition and some members are preparing items for Christmas. The Christmas disco will take place on the **20th December** and our resident DJ Duncan "Smashy" Summerfield will preside at the turntable. In the New Year our first meeting will be on **Thursday 17th January** when a demonstration of and instruction in juggling skills etc has been arranged. Finally the Youth Club AGM will be held on **Thursday the 7th February @6.30pm**.

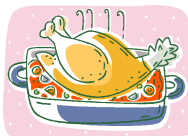


ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The December meeting of the lunch club will be a traditional **Christmas lunch on Sunday 23rd December** at the church hall at 12.30pm.

All are welcome. Please either book in with Chris Loak at the next meeting of the Bow Brickhill club or with Kay and Stuart on 372032.

The lunch club meeting in the New Year will be on **January 27th**.



CHURCH BAZAAR



Although a cool afternoon the bazaar was very well supported and with plenty of interesting stalls and games and welcome refreshments it proved to be a successful and enjoyable social occasion. The excellent sum of **£1094** 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 each year put a lot of time, energy and resources into the event and especially to all who came along and supported us so generously.

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES

Green 136 Yellow 578

Green 392 Yellow 622

Yellow 611 Yellow 592

Please telephone MK 649223 to claim your prize.

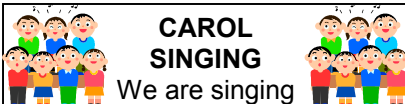
SUNDAY SCHOOL

**December 2nd
11.00am
In the Church Hall.**



With a Christmas theme

All welcome.



CAROL SINGING

We are singing on:

**Tuesday 18th
and**

**Thursday 20th December.
Meet at the war memorial at
6.45 pm.**

Everyone welcome, singers, collectors or those who just want to join in the fun. Words and music provided. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Come warmly dressed and bring a torch. Refreshments provided afterwards.

All proceeds to church funds.

Any questions? – contact Sue Malleon on 01908 372376 or email sue@bowbrickhill.com.

Bow Brickhill All Saints

2nd December
5.00pm Advent Carol Service

9th December
11.00am Family Service with Christingle at Bow Brickhill School

16th December
3.00pm Carol Service

23rd December
8.00am Holy Communion

24th December
11.45pm Holy Communion

31st December
10.00am Benefice Holy

Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene

2nd December
9.30am Holy Communion

9th December
11.00am Morning Worship

16th December
5.00pm Carol Service

23rd December
9.30am Holy Communion

25th December
9.30am Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond St Luke

2nd December
11.00am Family Service at Methodist Church

9th December
4.00pm Christingle Service

16th December
8.30am Holy Communion

23rd December
4.00pm Carol Service

24th December
4.00pm Holy Crib Service
11.30pm Holy Communion

Great Brickhill St Mary the Virgin

2nd December
9.30am Holy Communion

9th December
9.30am Morning Worship

6.00pm Evensong

16th December
9.30am Holy Communion

23rd December
2.00pm Nativity Service on Green

24th December
5.00pm Carol Service

25th December
11.00am Holy Communion

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

'Waiting'

Dear friends,

Nowadays so many of the things we associate with Christmas seem to be all around us for weeks, or even months, before we actually get to Christmas time.

In the church we have the tradition of the season of Advent in the weeks leading up to Christmas, as a time of preparing, and waiting, before the celebration of the festival. It can remind us that waiting is a very important part of the Christmas story, as various people have to wait and be patient, sometimes for a very long time, before they can see that God's promises are being fulfilled.

We can all find it hard to be patient, and there are times when waiting is very hard, especially when we are dreading something rather than looking forward to it, or when we find it hard to have hope.

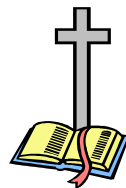
But waiting with anticipation, and looking forward with hope, can be an important part of the most special occasions, and the greatest celebrations.

And the Christmas story encourages us to look for the fulfilment of all God's promises, to be patient when we need to be, and to wait with hope.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

Rev. John Waller

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE—JANUARY 2008

Bow Brickhill All Saints

6th January
9.30am Holy Communion

13th January
11.00am Family Service

20th January
11.00am Matins

27th January
8.00am Holy Communion



Great Brickhill St Mary the Virgin

6th January
9.30am Holy Communion

13th January
9.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evensong

20th January
9.30am Holy Communion

27th January
4.00pm Sunday @ Four to be confirmed

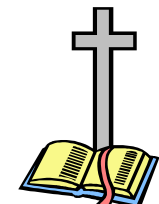
Stoke Hammond St Luke

6th January
11.00am Family Service

13th January
11.00am Covenant Service at Methodist Church

20th January
8.30am Holy Communion

27th January
9.30 Morning Worship



Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene

6th January
6.00pm Holy Communion

13th January
11.00am Morning Worship

20th January
11.00 Family Service

27th January
9.30am Holy Communion