

Bow Brickhill Parish News



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—JANUARY 2012	
Tuesday 3rd	Bow Brickhill Club. 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Pavilion Mobile Barber. 2pm to 4pm. Greenways Layby
Monday 9th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Weds 11th	Drop In Afternoon. 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Church Hall Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 12th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Pavilion
Monday 16th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 17th	Mobile Barber. 2pm to 4pm. Greenways Layby
Weds 18th	Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall. Bucaneers Model Club. 8.00pm. Pavilion
Thursday 19th	Youth Club. 7pm to 9pm. Pavilion
Sunday 22nd	All Saints' Lunch Club. 12.15 for 12.30. Church Hall
Monday 23rd	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Weds 25th	Brownies. 6.00-7.15pm. Church Hall.
Thursday 26th	WI. 7.30pm. Pavilion Topic. World Vision. Competi- tion for red item.
Monday 30th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 31st	Mobile Barber. 2pm to 4pm. Greenways Layby

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DATES FOR YOU DIARY—DECEMBER 2011

Thursday 1st	Youth Club. 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Pavilion
Monday 5th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion
Tuesday 6th	Bow Brickhill Club. 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Pavilion
Wednesday 7th	3 Parishes Outing—Oxford Christmas Market Bucaneers Model Club. 8.00pm. Pavilion
Thursday 8th	Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm Pavilion WI . 7.30pm Christmas Evening at 60 Station Road. Members Only
Sunday 11th	Christingle Service. 11.00am. Bow Brickhill School All Saints' Christmas Lunch Club. 12.15 for 12.30
Monday 12th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm Pavilion.
Tuesday 13th	Mobile Barber. 2pm to 4pm Layby - Greenways
Weds 14th	Drop In Afternoon. 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Church Hall
Thursday 15th	Youth Club. 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Pavilion
Saturday 17th	Church open for cleaning and flowers. 10.00am
Sunday 18th	Carol Service. 3.00pm. Church
Monday 19th	Line Dancing. 7.00pm. Pavilion
Tuesday 20th	Carol Singing. 7.00pm. The Wheatsheaf

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.





The Wheatsheaf

Station Road, Bow Brickhill, mk17 9ju

01908 374795



New Year's Eve!

Join us for a Spectacular 6 Course Dinner
in our fabulously refurbished dining
room!



A Sumptuous 6 Course
dinner, complete with a glass
of Kir Royale on arrival to get
you in the mood for a
fabulous NYE!



Take a look at the menu and
call us now to book your
tickets!

Tickets just £45 per person!

Dress Code

Black Tie for him, Glamorous
Eveningwear for her. Sparkles
for everyone! We want to see
you in all your finery this NYE!



<i>Menu</i>
Warm Bread, Olives & Mediterranean Dips
x
Smoked Salmon & Prawn Parcels with a chilli & Lime Dressing
x
Champagne Sorbet
x
Individual Beef Wellingtons with Rich Madeira Jus, Potatoes & Veg
x
Trio of Chocolate Desserts
x
Continental Cheeseboard
x
Coffee & Mints



Join us on New Years Day to cure your party blues!

Brunch served 11-2pm, bar open 11-4pm (Closed in the evening)

Treat yourself to a Full English to banish the hangover monster! Or, if you're still feeling a little delicate, there will be a great continental range along with some delicious pastries to choose from. Either way, we're here to help! **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!** Please call 01908 374795 to reserve your hangover cure!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Project "champions" wanted

Economic times may be hard, but there's still money to be had for improving local areas, if you are quick enough off the mark in applying. Whenever the Parish Council meet, we seem to have a long list of ideas but no money and no detailed plans. So, we are looking for project "champions" in the village who would be prepared to take an idea and develop it, with costings, so that it is ready to submit should a funding opportunity become available. We would like a "big" (up to £250,000) medium (up to £50,000) and small (up to £10,000) projects.

The first step is to compile a list of ideas, which we've already begun to do in the hope that the Blind Pond Farm planning application might go ahead, and we'd receive some money in the form of "planning gain." The current list is as follows:

1. Extension to pavilion (though this is probably not top of our list, as it would increase the running costs).
2. Major refurbishment of pavilion with the aim of improving income and reducing both running costs and our impact on the environment e.g. solar panels/heat exchanger/insulation/boiler upgrade.
3. Minor enhancements to pavilion e.g. storage facilities, improvements to the car park.
4. Additional play equipment – although we think the play area is quite good already.
5. Provision of a "skate" area for the older children or other facilities for teenagers.
6. Provision of a community village shop, though as this would be a continuing commitment, just getting capital funding for it would only be the start. We would also need to identify premises and be sure that it could survive, given the close proximity of shops in Woburn Sands.
7. Providing additional landscaping and planting.
8. Improvements to village street lamps to be more 'rural'.

Do you have other ideas to add to the list? Would you be prepared to take one of these ideas, or one of your own, and develop a detailed, costed plan suitable for a funding bid? If so, please contact James Byles (16 Downs View) e-mail james.a.byles@accenture.com.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS continued

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy is a new levy that local authorities in England and Wales can choose to charge on new developments in their area. There is a consultation questionnaire available at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/cilreformconsultation.



Responses are requested by 30th December. The Parish Council has no comments but individual responses are permitted.

“Biffa” bins

The Parish Council pays for two large “Biffa” waste bins to be provided at the Pavilion. Please note that these are for Pavilion use only and not for household waste.

Dogs on leads

Please, when walking your dog round the playing field and play area, keep it on a lead at all times. You will then be certain that you have seen and removed any faeces and that your dog is not causing a problem to children using the area.

 **3 PARISHES OUTING TO** 
OXFORD CHRISTMAS MARKET
WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER
Available to all residents over 60 living within the 3 parishes
Please contact Beverley Thompson on 01908 372192 for tickets, or e-mail beverleydianethompson@gmail.com
Sponsored By: Bow Brickhill Parish Council; Wavendon Parish Council and Woburn Sands Town Council In conjunction with
 AGE Concern Milton Keynes

**The Wheatsheaf**
Station Road, Bow Brickhill, mk17 9ju
01908 374795

 **‘Tis the Season to be jolly!** 
What’s happening at The Wheatsheaf this Christmas!?

Xmas Eve Open 12Midday– Late. Sorry, No Food
Join us for a “Beautiful British Pub Night” with all your favourite pub games! Bring the kids in early evening or join us a bit later for a very social affair: Dominoes, Cribbage & Darts mixed up with a lot of festive cheer! There’s even a chance to “Beat the Landlord” at Darts!

Xmas Day: Midday-2pm. Sorry, No Food
Join us in celebrating Christmas Day! Time to slope away while the Turkey’s roasting and raise a glass of good cheer with neighbours and friends alike.

Boxing Day
12-5pm, Food Served 12-3pm The Wheatsheaf will be closed in the evening
27th-30th Dec
Normal Hours. Wind down after the mania of Christmas! Enjoy a lazy lunch or Dinner :-)

New Years Eve!
Saturday 31st Dec from 7.30pm
Join us for a spectacular **Gala Dinner!**
Enjoy 6 Sumptuous Courses in our beautifully refurbished dining room. Bring the New Year in in Style!
Tickets £45 including a glass of Kir Royale on Arrival!
Call now to book your tickets! 01908 374795

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

For a number of years (about 20), there has been a New Year's Eve party at Coronation Hall in Bletchley. My Mum and Dad's friends have run this for the past 20 odd years but they took a rest a few years ago - my Mum and I decided that it was a shame for the party to stop and so decided to take over the arrangements. We have run the party for the past 3 years and it has again been really successful and a good time was had by all!

Tickets are £15 each and for this you get a good buffet, disco and a very brilliant evening! In the 23 years that the New Year's Eve party has been running, there have never been any problems. There is always a really nice, friendly atmosphere.

You can buy tickets singly, in small or large groups. A number of tables tend to be a group of friends who get together and have a table for 12-20 people. The really nice thing (and I can't emphasize this enough) is that it makes for a really nice atmosphere as everyone is genuinely there for a good time and not to cause any trouble. The maximum number for the hall is approx 120 people.

It is from 8pm – 1am and is for adults only, sorry no children allowed.

You need to bring your own drink and glasses as there is no bar but at least this way you won't get ripped off paying extortionate bar prices – just bring your own beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks etc – whatever takes your fancy!

Proceeds from the night go to charity so this is not being run for profit. The charities this year are Willen Hospice and the British Heart Foundation and a raffle is also held on the night to raise money.

If you would like some tickets, please let me know asap – they will be sold on a first come basis.

Please feel free to call / email me if you would like any more details etc - you can get hold of me at home on MK 630216 or my home email is lisacourtney878@btinternet.com

Lisa Courtney

Open Night
Sunday 29th January 2012
7pm

The Rotary Club of the Brickhills

07913 864669
at: Hilton Doubletree, Stadiummk, Stadium Way, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST

BOW BRICKHILL PRE-SCHOOL

Bow Brickhill Pre-School held a Spooky Party on the 1st November to raise funds towards the children's Christmas party. The event proved very popular and we took just over £300.00 that afternoon. It was lovely to see such village support.

We would especially like to thank Ben Summerfield and Harry Bradish who ran two of our popular games stalls, without them these games could not have been played, so thank you.

We of course cannot forget to thank our Fancy Dress Competition judge who had tough decisions to make with so many wonderful costumes - well done and thank you to Andy Malleson.

Our next event will be a Christmas raffle, to which any donations would be gratefully received. Raffle tickets will be on sale from the pre-school from the 1st December with the draw taking place on the 15th December.

Tracy Holland and Marilyn Penniall.
bowbrickhill.preschool@gmail.com

DANESBOROUGH 2012 INTER VILLAGE GAMES

In order to celebrate the once in a lifetime Olympics in London the forum is seeking help to organise a village games.

Open to residents of the four villages [no ringers!] we plan to have events for young and old.

These will take place prior to the opening ceremony or on the week-end of 27th July.

We are seeking a village supremo in each village to help coordinate the activities and that person will need volunteers to select a team to take part in;

Cricket – 20/20 [at Wavendon]

Golf [at Woburn Sands and Aspley Guise]

Football [at Walton High]

Bowls [at Woburn Sands]

Tennis (at Woburn Sands)

Darts (at Bow Brickhill)

The Brickhills Rotary Club have agreed to help organise the final events which will be held in BB. It is intended to have some events for children and families and a tug of war. There will be a grand hog roast open to all....we would seek sponsorship for this to reduce the costs. The overall winning village will receive a suitable trophy.

We therefore ask each village to appoint a village captain and a captain for each activity who will then select the teams for their sport.

We would like to call a meeting of all village captains prior to the January Forum meeting

For more details contact...Roger Fennemore
MK 586326...roger@fennemore.com

COPY DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 2012

Please deliver all contributions by **19th January 2012** to:
Gill Cannell, 17 Greenways. Tel 373602
Email candishtowers@ukonline.co.uk

THE BOW BRICKHILL CLUB - NOVEMBER MEETING

The club met on Tuesday November 1st for the first of this year's lunchtime meetings. All of our members were in great spirits and the change to a lunch from a monthly tea party went down very well!

Our lunch was followed by an illustrated talk by Stephen and Jane Castle, on the journey, by steam train, from Bletchley to Oxford. This was Part two of a previous talk by Stephen and Jane on the journey by steam train from Bletchley to Cambridge.

These talks brought back some very happy memories and were greatly appreciated.

The next lunchtime meeting of the club will be on **Tuesday December 6th at 1.00pm**. in the Pavilion when, after another buffet lunch we shall have competitions a quiz and our monthly raffle while making the final arrangements for our Christmas lunch.

Our January meeting will be on **Tuesday January 3rd** at the same time, 1.00pm, in the Pavilion.

The club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.



NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Thames Valley Police has gone live today (14/11) with 101, the new national single non-emergency number, which will replace the 0845 8 505 505 number.

Both numbers will run side-by-side until the end of March, but if demand for the 0845 8 505 505 number drops it may be discontinued earlier.

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day the call is made, or the duration of the call.

Everyone calling the police for non-emergency matters will now know exactly how much a call will cost them, and can be assured of equal access whether they are on a pay-as-you-go mobile or a home landline.

The routing will be based on the same system as 999 calls which links a caller's dialing code to the police force that covers that geographic area. Calls from a landline will be routed to the nearest police force that covers the area's dialing code. If the caller is using a mobile, the call will be routed using the location of the mast that the phone is transmitting from.

If a call is made to 101 within a force area that has not yet 'gone live', the caller will hear a recorded message telling them to redial using the relevant non-emergency number.

EDITOR FOR NEWSLETTER

A big 'thank you' to Ruth Townsend who has so diligently edited this newsletter for over five years and now feels she needs a break, which she has certainly earned.

Ann Sidgwick has agreed to take over the role and we are most grateful to her for stepping into the breach.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE VILLAGE PARTY

Several members of the village have come up with the idea of having a village party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on the Bank Holiday of Tuesday 5th June 2012. We are talking of fancy dress, best designed hat competitions, games and fun races, BBQ etc.

If you would be prepared to help on the working committee or on the day, please contact Ray Bradbury on MK 370667 or email r.bradbury1@sky.com

BOW BRICKHILL HISTORY SOCIETY

Over the past few months the members of the history society have enjoyed a number of interesting and varied events.

August - accompanied by the archaeological officer from Milton Keynes Council we took an informative walk around Danesborough Camp followed by a picnic.

September - we were privileged to visit the archives of the County Museum to handle the artefacts found at Danesborough during a dig in the 1920's.

October - at our AGM, Brenda Goodger was elected as Chair with Sue Malleson as Vice.

November, we were joined by friends and villagers for the traditional Bow Brickhill Feast. This year the main course, (delicious roast pork and trimmings) was provided by a local charity called ROOF who have supported an orphanage in Romania for over 25 years; we were delighted to be able to give them a £400 donation towards their work. Our thanks go to Diana Kesterton, Christine French, Sue Willis, Trish Wilby and Andy Malleson for providing wonderful Bow Brickhill puddings and to Sue Malleson, Trish Wilby and Brenda Goodger for entertaining talks.

Our forthcoming meetings:-

December 7th - our Christmas social evening at the Church Hall.

January 4th - planning meeting for 2012 at The Wheatsheaf 7.30pm.

All that remains is for us to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

CHURCH HALL DROP-IN AFTERNOON

The drop-in has been running now for seven months and with quite a number of people calling in during the afternoon it has been a good opportunity to meet up and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

We will continue to run during the winter months weather permitting. This month the hall will be open on

**Wednesday December 14th
2.30pm to 4.30pm**

and in the New Year the first session will be on

Wednesday January 11th

CHURCH ROTAS



DECEMBER

FLOWERS

CLEANING

4th	ADVENT	J Lousada
11th	ADVENT	J Lousada
18th	To be Notified	To be Notified
25th	To be Notified	To be Notified



ASTRA ACTIVITIES!

Another fantastically successful 'sell out' event took place in the Pavilion on October 28th when **ASTRA** presented 'An Evening with Charlie Ross'. The evening began with a delicious light supper of quiche, pie and salad, during which small antiques were passed around for the audience to 'value' later. Charlie had generously donated a bottle of champagne to the person who got closest to the correct valuation and this was won by Lyn Quigley. After presenting it, he entertained us with reminiscences of his early childhood in the village and some of the mishaps which occurred during the beginning of his career as an auctioneer.

A special auction, with all proceeds going to **ASTRA**, then took place with enthusiastic bidding from the audience. The first item was the football shirt signed by Geoff Hurst, the successful bidder being Mike Hallett. The House of Commons wine (signed by the Prime Minister) was won by Stuart Leeming – after some creative bidding-up by the auctioneer! Sally Pepper was the highest bidder for the miner's lamp; Beverley Thompson won the vase and Peter Lousada the bag of cosmetics!

We then enjoyed a lively demonstration of two dances from the 1940s, the Lindyhop and Balboa, by Lyn and Grahame Quigley. When they stopped to get their breath back, our very own MP, Iain Stewart, took the floor, bringing us amusing anecdotes and gossip from Westminster.

Together with the auction, supporters were given the opportunity to sponsor one of the four upper windows in the tower. These sponsorships have now all been taken up, with the result that the evening made a staggering **£7,500!** This **must** be a record for a single event and thanks go to all who attended and gave so generously.

ASTRA have lots more exciting events planned for next year – but in the meantime, watch out for Santa's sleigh in the village on the weekend before Christmas, 17th 18th December, in the afternoon!



AUTUMN BAZAAR

The annual Autumn Bazaar was held on 19th 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 raffle 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 **£951** towards church funds. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES

Buff 295 - Sanctuary Set	Green 76 - Bathroom Set
Buff 173 - Celebrity Pamper Set	Green 240 - Bottle of Pimms
Buff 275 - Cosmetic Purse	Green 246 - Mulled Wine
Buff 100 - Chardonnay Wine	

Please telephone Simone 367815 to claim your prize.

And here are the contact details for the lady who made the delicious cupcakes on sale at the bazaar:

The company is called Cakes Yummy Cakes. Slogan "For any Reason - For any Season - Bespoke handcrafted cupcakes"

Contact Emma Clarke on 07825 513053. Email : emma@cakesyummycakes.co.uk.

Website : www.cakesyummycakes.co.uk.

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual carol service is in the Church on

**Sunday 18th December
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.



CAROLS AT THE WHEATSHEAF

**Tuesday 20th of December
7pm**



Gather at the pub and sing your favourite carols. Last year this new event proved to be a great success, so please come along to join in this night of festive harmony. The more voices the merrier!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND CLEANING



The church will be open on **Saturday 17th December** from **10.00am** onwards to prepare for Christmas. I hope to contact all those who usually help with the flower arranging and cleaning but if I have missed you or there is anyone who is not on the rota but would be available to help this year 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.

ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB



The December meeting of the lunch club will be a traditional Christmas lunch on

**SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
12.15 FOR 12.30**

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 22nd.**

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE—DECEMBER 2011

Bow Brickhill All Saints

4th December
9.30am Holy Communion

11th December
11.00am Christingle Service
at Bow Brickhill School

18th December
3.00pm Carol Service

24th December
11.45pm Holy Communion

**Little Brickhill
St Mary Magdalene**

4th December
No Service

11th December
11.00am Morning Worship

18th December
5.00pm Carol Service

25th December
9.30am Holy Communion

**Stoke Hammond
St Luke**

4th December
4.00pm Christingle Service

11th December
4.00pm Carol Service

18th December
8.30am Holy Communion

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

**Great Brickhill
St Mary the Virgin**

4th December
9.30am Holy Communion

11th December
9.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evensong

18th December
9.30am Holy Communion

24th December
5.00pm Carol Service

25th December
11.00am Holy Communion



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE—JANUARY 2012

Bow Brickhill All Saints

1st January
10.00am Benefice Holy Com-
munion at Stoke Hammond

8th January
11.00am Family Service

15th January
11.00am Matins

22nd January
8.00am Holy Communion

29th January
10.00am Benefice Holy Com-
munion at Little Brickhill

**Great Brickhill
St Mary the Virgin**

8th January
9.30am Morning Worship
6.00pm Evensong

15th January
9.30am Holy Communion

22nd January
11.00am Family Service

**Little Brickhill
St Mary Magdalene**

8th January
11.00am Morning Worship

15th January
11.15am Family Service

22nd January
9.30am Holy Communion

29th January
10.00am Benefice Holy Com-
munion

**Stoke Hammond
St Luke**

1st January
10.00am Benefice Holy Com-
munion

8th January
3.00pm Covenant Service at
Methodist Church (tbc)

15th January
8.30am Holy Communion

22nd January
9.30 am Morning Worship

