

### Bow Brickhill Club

The meeting on November 4th was yet another cause for celebration! One of our members, Mrs. Nell Gilbert, celebrated her 90th birthday with a tea party. The club presented her with a bouquet of roses and a framed photograph.

To bring us into the mood for Christmas we had a quiz based on Christmas Carols and spent what time was left discussing plans for our Christmas lunch.

We would remind all members who have booked their Christmas lunch that we must be at the College for 12 noon on Tuesday December 2nd. If you have any queries regarding transport or directions please contact Chris or Rosemary.



### Bow Brickhill First School

There has been a problem with residents adding their rubbish to the school's on refuse collection day. This can affect the amount that the school have to pay for their refuse collection. Residents are kindly requested not to deposit rubbish outside the school.

Friends of the School

Many thanks to everyone who made our fireworks display such a success. We raised over £1200 towards the library building fund.

### Mobile Library

By the War  
Memorial from  
11 -11.15 am on  
Friday December  
12 th only.



### Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by December **19th** to:  
Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626  
or email [timholden@ntlworld.com](mailto:timholden@ntlworld.com)

*Tim and Georgy wish you  
all a peaceful and happy  
festive season.*



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## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH CLERK VACENCY

If you are interested in working from home and supporting your community by taking on this part time role please contact any member of the parish council or the current clerk for a job specification, applications to be made in writing with a current curriculum vitae.

### CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

This year we are hoping to hold a day to decorate the village green Christmas tree as a way of involving the community in our festive activities. If you would like to assist please contact Georgy on 372626 for further details. The Parish Council will provide light refreshments.

### CHURCH LIGHTS

The Church tower should again be lit this year for all to enjoy.

### PAVILION METAL SHED

If you have any equipment stored in the shed that is located to the left of the children's play area, please contact the Parish Council or the Clerk. Any equipment not identified with an owner will be removed.

### AUDIT 2001/ 2002

We are pleased to report that the audit for year ending April 2002 has successfully been passed with the notice advertising this displayed on the notice board.

### PARISH MEETING ISSUES

As you are aware the parish council are voted in to represent you and make decisions on your behalf. So that all residents are aware of the current issues the notice board on the village green is kept up to date with the latest news. If you have any comments relating to planning applications, village issues or any agenda items please do not hesitate to forward these to the parish council so your views are known.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Thursday December 11th 2003**, at **7:30pm** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.  
All welcomed to attend

**The Parish Council  
Wish all the residents  
of Bow Brickhill  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Very Happy New Year**



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## Youth on Show

As 2003 draws to a close Youth on Show are to be found rehearsing hard for our next production but at the same time looking forward to the seasons festivities.

Thank you to everybody who has supported us over the past year. A special thanks to those who have donated clothes, props, paper cups and their time! Not forgetting the local police who regularly check that all is well at the Pavilion on a Tuesday evening.

On behalf of the cast, committee and crew at Youth on Show may we wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Heather 585245 or Mary 647003

## The Brickhills Rotary Club

The Brickhills Rotary Club are having a membership drive at the moment culminating in an open evening on Sun 25th January at the Old Green Man in Little Brickhill at 8pm. The club has an average age of 35-40 and is made up of single people, and couples with small and older children. They are looking for men or women of 30+ to join us. Members get involved in many community, local and national projects and have a good social life as

## Sue's Snippets

### Henry Munday Book Launch

Author Les. Hughes came to Bow Brickhill to launch the Henry Mundy memoirs at The Wheatsheaf. A horse drawn cart took guests up to the school where Les. presented a copy of 'Henry Mundy - An Australian Pioneer' to the staff and children. Sue Malleson still has a limited number of copies of the book which costs £25.

### Carol Singing

Our traditional tours of the village will take place on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th starting at the War Memorial at 6.45 pm. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds will go towards church funds. If you would like to provide some hospitality for tired, hoarse and hungry singers at the end of either evening, please contact Sue Malleson as soon as possible, on 01908372376.  
email sue@bowbrickhill.com



**Church Autumn Bazaar**

Many thanks to all who put so much work into making the Bazaar successful and enjoyable, and to all those who attended and supported the event.

There were a few unclaimed raffle prizes as follows:

**Main Raffle (Orange)**

- 988
- 730
- 670
- 561
- 304

**Children's Raffle (Yellow)**

- 503
- 495
- 492

To claim a prize call 649223



**House group**

A group of regular church goers in the village have decided to start a house group, with the Rev. John Waller's blessing. This group will be open to anyone who would like to come along. The first meeting will take place on January 13th. Further details will be published in the January newsletter.

**Sunday School**

Next Sunday School is on January 25th at 11 am in the Church Hall. Come and join the fun.



**Church Rotas**

Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Readers
Dec 7	Advent	Mrs A.Duff	As notified
Dec 14			As notified
Dec 21	Advent	To be notified	As notified
Dec 28			As notified



**Village New Years Eve Disco**

At The Pavilion Bow Brickhill

Wednesday 31st December  
8pm till late

Buffet Free Raffle  
Dancing Fun and Games  
Licensed Bar

Tickets £10 each over 16s only

Get your tickets from:

- Jan at 33 Greenways  
07721 420176
- Anita 11 Parkway  
01908 376230
- Sandy 68 Station Road  
01908 647424



Proceeds to the Pavilion and Willen Hospice  
Get your tickets now  
Limited numbers  
No tickets on the door

Bow Brickhill First School



You are warmly invited to attend a **Victorian Christmas Celebration**

to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Bow Brickhill First School.

Please join us at All Saints Church Bow Brickhill at 10am on Thursday December 11th. The pupils will parade up to the Church in Victorian costumes at 9.30am. You are welcome to follow. (Victorian dress optional)

Refreshments will be served afterwards back in a Victorian Tea Room in the School Hall.

The school will also be open to visitors in the afternoon between 1.30 and 3pm.

Refreshments will be available

We do hope that you will be able to join us on this special day.

For further details please contact 01908 373672

**SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE****Great Brickhill****St Mary The Virgin****7th Dec:**

4pm Confirmation Service

**14th Dec:**

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

**21st Dec:**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**24th Dec:**

5pm Nine Lessons and Carols

**25th Dec:**

11.00 Holy Communion

**28th Dec:**

11.00 Benefice Service

**Little Brickhill****St Mary Magdalene****7th Dec:**

11.00 Holy Communion

**14th Dec:**

9.30 a.m. Family Service

**21st Dec:**

5pm Carol Service

**25th Dec:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**Stoke Hammond****St Luke****7th Dec:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**14th Dec:**

4pm Christingle Service

**21st Dec:**

4pm Carol Service

**24th Dec:**

3.30pm Crib Service

10pm Holy Communion

**25th Dec:**

10.00 Joint Service at Methodist church

**December Services****Bow Brickhill****All Saints**

7th Dec.

11.00 Family Service

Revd. John Waller

14th Dec.

11.00 Holy Communion

Revd. John Waller

21st Dec.

15.00 Nine Lessons &amp; Carols

Revd. John Waller

24th December

Christmas Eve

23.45 Holy Communion

Revd. John Waller

28th Dec.

11.00am Benefice Service:

Holy Communion

at Great Brickhill

**Letter from the Rector**

Dear Friends,

What if God was one of us?

Christmas is an exciting and enjoyable time for many people, for a lot of reasons. But it is also a difficult time for some, as they have to face uncomfortable memories, family tensions, or financial problems.

For Christian people, the heart of the festival of Christmas is our celebration of God coming to be one of us.

The phrase 'What if God was one of us?' comes from a song that I first heard a few years ago, and that came back to my mind recently. The song is called 'One Of Us', and the words go on to ask;

If God had a name, what would it be?

If God had a face, what would it look like?

The good news that we can celebrate together at Christmas is that God has a human name, and that name is Jesus. God has a human face, and we can discover the human life of God when we read about Jesus in the gospels.

More than that, we can discover the presence of God in our lives today, because the life, death and resurrection of Jesus means that he is alive for all time and in every place.

I hope and pray that we will all enjoy many things in our celebration of Christmas this year, and above all that we will discover and experience the reality that God in Jesus Christ is 'one of us', not only 2000 years ago, but now, and always.

*Revd. John Waller*

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Please note that my day off is Friday