

### Friends of the School

The 125th celebrations were very memorable. Mrs Bellamy and her staff worked incredibly hard to make this a great day for the children. On the day itself Mrs Bellamy was in school at 6am so that Toby Friedner of Three Counties Radio could broadcast his entire morning show from the school. Toby interviewed children, staff and parents and the children all sang live on air. Amongst those interviewed was Odette Holland whose family have attended and been connected with the school for at least a century.

As if this was not fame enough the music critic from The Guardian newspaper attended the celebrations in the Church and a huge picture appeared in the Education Guardian the following week along with a review of the performance.

Many thanks to everyone who brought raffle tickets and attended the Victorian Tea room. We raised nearly £1000 altogether from the Christmas events.

The first prize in the raffle was won by Mr Bernard Goode of Station Road. We were particularly delighted that he won the prize on his 88th birthday! Several other villagers won prizes too.



### Bow Brickhill Club

This year the club held their annual Christmas lunch in the restaurant of the Catering Department at Milton Keynes College. We enjoyed a delicious lunch beautifully served and presented by the trainee waiters. After lunch we were able to meet and congratulate the chefs who were happy to advise us on the recipes they had used. Our usual raffle was replaced by the distribution of presents to club members and our festivities ended at 2pm.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm in the Pavilion on January 6th when Mr Bill Griffiths will be coming to talk to us about the Milton Keynes Museum. Wishing everyone a Very Happy New Year and looking forward to seeing you on January 6th.

### Mobile Library

By the War  
Memorial from  
11 -11.15 am on  
Friday January  
9th and 23rd



### Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by January **19th** to:  
Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626  
or email [g.m.holden@open.ac.uk](mailto:g.m.holden@open.ac.uk)



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## PARISH NEWS

### VILLAGE GREEN CHRISTMAS TREE

We would like to thank Mr Ron Varney for donating the tree again this year and the team who assisted in giving their time and materials to put the tree up: Mr Paul Bowdler, Mr Rupert Fairclough, Mr Peter Toms, Mr Eddie Chesse and Mr Mike Breslin.

We would also like to offer a very big 'Thank You' to Mrs Henry and Mrs Pennington and all the very generous residents of Bow Brickhill who have collected and donated money for the new Christmas Tree Lights, this has transformed the tree into a spectacular sight, which can be seen from the far end of the village.

### CHURCH LIGHTS

We would also like to thank Mr Duncan Summerfield and Mr Bernard Summerfield who have taken the time to ensure the church tower is illuminated again this year.

### VILLAGE SHOPPER BUS

This service is about to start. See details on Page 3 of this newsletter.

### PAVILION EXTENSION

The Parish Council need to draw up detailed plans and obtain further costings to progress the pavilion extension project. An extension would provide storage, small group and office space. If you are a surveyor or architect or know of someone who can provide such a service at a competitive rate please contact any member of the parish council.

### PARISH CLERK

**The Parish Council wish to extend their sincere thanks to Julie Summerfield who has worked so hard as Parish Clerk for the past three years.**

The council are in the process of appointing a new clerk and we hope to let you know who this will be in the next newsletter.

In the meantime please address any Parish Council queries to the Chairperson:

**Mrs Christine Loak,  
1 Station Road**

**Tel: 01908 373768**

Please note there is no email address at this time and the old Parish Council phone line is no longer connected.

### THANKS FROM JULIE SUMMERFIELD

As you will see from the above notice I will no longer be the clerk for Bow Brickhill from the new year and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who I have had contact with over the past three years for assisting in issues that have arisen and who have offered their help and support throughout that time. I wish you all a very happy new year for 2004.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Thursday January 8th 2003**, at **7:30pm** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.  
All welcomed to attend

### Youth on Show

Happy New Year! We do hope that you all enjoyed the seasons festivities, but now it is back to work! Rehearsals for Greasy recommence at the Pavilion at 6.30pm on Tuesday January 13th for characters and Tuesday January 27th for the cheer leaders.

Please make a note in your 2004 diary that our performance will be at the Jenny Lee Theatre on the 11th, 12th and 13th of march. Tickets will be available shortly.



For further details contact  
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 well.

## Home Group

A well attended and lively meeting at the Church Hall in December decided that All Saints church would run a home group in the New Year. It was decided that the group would meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month starting at 8pm and finishing at 9.30pm.

The group will be led by a different person and held in a different home each time. The aim of the group is to allow space to focus on God through discussion, prayer and fellowship in an informal setting. The meeting will begin with prayer and song and then discuss a pre-arranged biblical theme. The meeting will finish in prayer. It was agreed that all meetings should begin and finish on time.

The first group will be held on Tuesday January 6th at 8pm in Stuart and Kay Leeming's home at Driveside, 74A Station Road. The group discussion will be based on the gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

If you would like further details please contact Steve Vallyeddy on 01908 270835.





**Churchyard**

Please would those who attend graves take dead flowers, wreaths, etc., away with them. There is no facility for collecting rubbish from the churchyard.

In particular please do not place anything within the tree protectors which are intended to provide protection for the newly planted churchyard hedge.

**Sunday School**

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



**Church Rotas**

Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Readers
Jan 4	Kay Leeming	Kay Leeming	As notified
Jan 11			As notified
Jan 18		To be notified	As notified
Jan 25			As notified

**Christmas Tree Lights**

Congratulations and well done to everyone who donated towards the Christmas tree lights. We are pleased to tell you that we collected £317.50 and also a further £25 was donated by the Parish Council which makes a staggering £342.50.

By the time you read this you will have enjoyed seeing the new transformed tree in all its glory.

Many thanks Carol and Janet

**Tracey s Dancezone**

**New Dance Classes for Children**

Starting Saturday January 10th

Bow Brickhill Pavilion

Rushmere Close

10 -10.45am

£3.75 per class

Freestyle, Rock n Roll, Street dance

4 years plus

Contact Tracey Aspin

01908 504271 or 07710 087732



**The Village Shopper Project**

The grant awarded for this project is the result of an application for funding from the Countryside Agency made on behalf of the three parishes, Wavendon, Bow Brickhill, and Woburn Sands by Mr David Rumens, Chair of Wavendon Parish Council.

The grant will enable residents aged 60+ to make once monthly shopping trips to local towns such as Aylesbury, Bedford and Northampton at a cost of £2 per person. Under 60s are allowed too as long as they are accompanying someone over 60, Cost for under 60s £4.

Our first shopping trip will be to Aylesbury on January 14th leaving Bow Brickhill at approx. 10.30am and returning at 4pm. As there is an allocation of only 10 tickets for each Parish it would be advisable to make your application as soon as possible. To apply for tickets or further information please ring Christine Loak on 373768.



**SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE****Great Brickhill  
St Mary The Virgin****4th Jan:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**11th Jan:**

9.30 Family Service

6.00 pm Evensong

**18th Jan:**

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

**25th Jan:**

9.30 Village Service

**Little Brickhill  
St Mary Magdalene****4th Jan:**

No Service

**11th Jan:**

11.00 a.m. Family Service

**18th Jan:**

3.pm Holy Communion

**25th Jan:**

11.00pm Holy Communion

**Stoke Hammond****St Luke****4th Jan:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**11th Jan:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**18th Jan:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**25th Jan:**

9.30 Family Service

**January Services****Bow Brickhill****All Saints****4th Jan.**

11.00 Family Service

**11th Jan.**

11.00 Holy Communion

**18th Jan.**

11.00 Matins

**25th January**

8.00 Holy Communion

**Letter from the Rector**

Dear Friends,

"God is with us"

As we begin a new year, some of us may be looking forward with hope and excitement, but some of us may be weighed down with fears or worries.

This is also the time of new year resolutions, good intentions to change our lives and do better, which often fade away quickly as we return to all the demands and pressures of our daily routine.

But we do not have to cope with all this on our own. The church's celebration of Christmas reminds us of the wonderful promise that 'God is with us'. If the Christmas message is true, then it is not just for Christmas time, but for all time, and every day.

Whether we cannot wait for the new year to begin, or if we are dreading it, we do not need to manage it alone. We have the promise of God's gift of his loving presence in Jesus Christ, to be with us in all our sorrows and our joys.

May I wish you all a very happy new year.

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Please note that my day off is Friday