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### Bow Brickhill Club

The meeting of the Club on December 7th was a most enjoyable occasion when, we were entertained by singers from our school, accompanied by their teachers. The first items on their programme were songs from their Christmas Play followed by Carols. The afternoon was made complete when the children joined us for tea. This was indeed a memorable afternoon.

Club activities continued on Tuesday December 14th, the day of our annual lunch. This year, it was held at "The Harvester" Loughton, where we spent two hours enjoying each other's company, while consuming a substantial amount of seasonal fare. Our January meeting will be on the second Tuesday, January 11th, 2005 at 2.00 p.m in the Pavilion. We look forward to starting the New Year with all our old friends and any new members who would like to join us.

### ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

The Christmas meal of the Lunch club was a great success. The next meal will be on Sunday January 16th Places can be booked at the next Bow Brickhill club meeting or with Chris Loak on 373768. Volunteers to help with the lunch are always appreciated. Please contact Stuart or Kay on 372032.

### Bow Brickhill W.I.

Our Meeting this month was kindly hosted by Sylvia Fox at her home, we welcomed Dawn McHugh, who has recently moved to the village, to our evening.

Members had each brought a plate of refreshments, providing a festive buffet, the evening took the form of a social evening with reminiscences from the past were shared, and winter condition of years gone bye. Members joined together to sing several Christmas Carols. the larger than usual raffle was won by Joan Varney, Jean Webb , Carole Stewart Chris Davey and Yvonne Alton.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all past and present members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

We meet again on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2005, 7.30pm at The Pavilion for a Members Meal

### Mobile Library

The MK council info.does not show January but the dates should be Fri 14th and 28th.



### Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by January **21st** to: Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626 or email [g.m.holden@open.ac.uk](mailto:g.m.holden@open.ac.uk)

## Parish News

### Christmas Celebrations

On Wednesday January 1st we celebrated the switching on of our magnificent Christmas tree. Thanks to our Rector, members of the church choir, the Brownies and Mrs. Janet Henry and her team, who together made this a memorable evening.

Congratulations too to residents for their Christmas decorations. The village becomes more festive every year!

### Pavilion

The Parish Council are pleased to inform residents, that a new cooker has been installed and is now in full working order in the Pavilion. The old cooker had become obsolete and it was impossible to obtain parts for repair. Let us hope the new one will give us the same length of service.

### Play area

Visitors to the children's play area will notice that a footpath has been tarmacked, which should make access easier. Tarmac has also been placed around the basketball side of the combined goal post and basketball structure. This will be a great improvement for those using the equipment.

Storage in the Pavilion area will be improved by the installation of a Portacabin to replace the wooden and two tin huts. We hope this new storage area will be ready for use within the next few weeks.

**The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very happy and prosperous New Year,**

## Vacancies

We really need a new **Parish Councillor** (unpaid), and **Pavilion Bookings Clerk** (paid, a mobile phone will be provided for hirers enquiries) If you are interested in either role please contact the Parish Clerk before the next meeting if possible..

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday January 13th at 7.30pm** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close. All welcomed to attend

### PARISH CLERK

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### Parish Map

Would you like to be part of the parish map making project? Bring yourself and any ideas you have along on Wednesday 26th January? We'll be meeting in the Church Hall from 19.00-20.30 so drop in to enjoy refreshments and be part of the design process. Once the design has been finalised we will be inviting any who would like to be involved to join in and make part of the map. Further information from:  
Diane Kesterton 372 434  
Rosemary Clarke 370 811

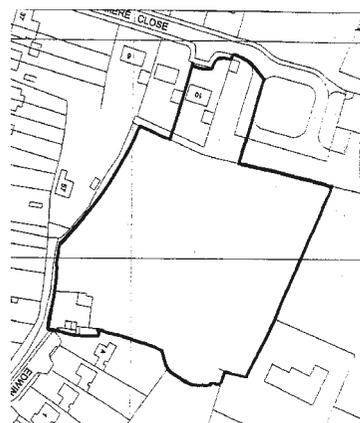
## MILTON KEYNES LOCAL PLAN PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT IN BOW BRICKHILL



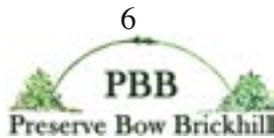
Plan showing both the sites, the one at rear of Edwin Close is grey and Blind Pond Farm is shown black.



This version of the proposal shows access from Woburn Sands road via an adjacent property.



Here access is shown via Rushmere Close and part of the car park at The Pavilion is included.



33, Station Road, Bow Brickhill, Milton Keynes MK17 9JU

16<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

Tel: 01908 366812

Dear Resident,

### Development of Edwin Close or Blind Pond Farm for housing?

As you will have seen from Councillor David Hopkins' Village Up-date, the government-appointed Inspector of the Local Plan has said that in his opinion it would be better to develop the area between Rushmere Close, Station Road, Edwin Close and Haynes Close rather than the one recommended by the MK Council Planners and accepted by the Parish Council at Blind Pond Farm.

Both sites are about the same size and given the Council's insistence on at least 30 dwellings to the hectare they will accommodate about 30 dwellings. On average this will mean about 72 new residents of the village. It will also bring pressure on the services in the village – water, sewage and schooling being amongst them. Both sites would also bring much more traffic. From Edwin Close, traffic may use Rushmere Close to access the site or come out by Haynes Close, turning to Woburn Sands or to Milton Keynes using Station Road. Blind Pond Farm site would be accessed from Woburn Sands road, as are the existing factories. (see maps attached)

The Inspector was advised that the Parish (PBB and the Parish Council) did not object to Blind Pond Farm for dwellings and that this site would be preferred by Parkway residents in particular – **if there had to be development at all.**

The Inspector seems to have ignored the Council's advice (and ours!) and for some reason recommended Edwin Close. The Council will be assessing his comments in January and February and coming to conclusions early next year. We should all make our views heard.

If you want to make your views heard against Edwin Close being developed please write to David Hackforth. PBB and the Parish Council and the MK planners think that developing Edwin Close is not a good idea, so there is a draft letter for you to send to him. If you think that developing Edwin Close is a good idea then you can write your own letter!

This circular is being delivered by hand to residents in the village.

PBB wishes you a very Happy Christmas and a New Year free from "unwelcome and inappropriate development"!

Peter Lousada, Chairman

### Land Sales

A meadow which lies behind Station Road - between Downs View and London End Lane - was sold earlier this year and the owner is selling plots as investments -see [www.europeanlandsales.com](http://www.europeanlandsales.com). There is no planning permission on this meadow, nor is there likely to be.

At least 38 of the plots have so far been purchased by people who are pinning their hopes on the possibility that at some point in the future the site will be developed for housing.

Milton Keynes Council says about the site: "Planning policy for this area is not to allow new housing unless it is essential for farming, forestry or countryside recreation." An Article 4 Direction has now been made by the Council to ensure that planning permission is required for things which normally would not require it, like fences or caravans.

Sales of rural land to investors is currently rife throughout the UK. Questions about the practice have been asked in the House of Commons and our MP Brian White raised the subject in July. Bow Brickhill web site carries details of this debate and other information on the subject. If you would like to know more, contact Sue Malleson 01908 372376 or email [sue@bowbrickhill.com](mailto:sue@bowbrickhill.com).

### Carol Singing

Thank you to everyone who sang, collected or donated. We collected £340 over the two nights and had a great deal of fun singing our way round the village. Our most grateful thanks go to the Lousada and Mears families for wine and dining us at the end of each tour.

### Three Parishes Shopping Trip

The December shopping trip took place on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>, when we headed for the Queensgate shopping centre, Peterborough. Once again, we were very fortunate with the weather being reasonably mild for mid December. Our fears of Peterborough being overcrowded with Christmas shoppers were soon dispelled as we made our way, very comfortably, from one large department store to another, all located within the beautifully decorated shopping centre.

The Cathedral was of great interest to our party and you could be sure of meeting someone you knew making their way either to or from this part of the city. Four o'clock came around all too quickly and it seemed no time at all before we were back on the coach and making our way home. Our next shopping trip will be on Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup>. Destination as yet unknown, but as soon as details are to hand these will be posted on the village notice board. You may be sure it will be somewhere interesting.

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

### Great Brickhill

St Mary The Virgin

**2nd Jan.:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**9th Jan.:**

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

**16th Jan.:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**23rd Jan.:**

11.00 Family Service

**30th Jan.:**

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion

### Little Brickhill

St Mary Magdalene

**2nd Jan.:**

6.00 pm Holy Communion

**9th Jan.:**

No Service

**16th Jan.:**

11.00 pm Family Service

**23rd Jan.:**

9.30 Holy Communion

### Stoke Hammond

St Luke

**2nd Jan.:**

3.00 pm Covenant Service

**9th Jan.:**

9.30 Holy Communion

**16th Jan.:**

8.30 Holy Communion

**23rd Jan.:**

9.30 Morning Worship

## Church Rotas

Kay has notified helpers directly this month

## January Services

Bow Brickhill

All Saints

2nd Jan.

9.30 am Holy Communion

Revd. John Waller

9th Jan.

11 am Family Service

Revd. John Waller

16th Dec.

11 am Mattins

23rd Dec.

8 am Holy Communion

Revd. John Waller

30th Jan.

Benefice Service at Great  
Brickhill



## Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

### *Treasure in Heaven*

I've never been a great fan of New Year resolutions, especially if they show our preoccupation with small and trivial matters. However, it can be useful to stop and take stock, as we look back over the past year, and look at our concerns, challenges and priorities for the year ahead.

We live in a very materialistic age, in which, although we are free from basic concerns about day to day survival, we are still drawn into an endless struggle to possess more and more. In *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams suggested that life on our planet might look puzzling to an space-travelling outsider, as we seek to solve our unhappiness by worrying over "the movements of small green pieces of paper, which is odd because on the whole it isn't the small green pieces of paper that are unhappy."

Perhaps we could aim to review and change our priorities in this new year, and think how we could invest our lives in what is of real lasting value. Are there ways that we could learn to enjoy the more-than-enough possessions we already have, and invest more of our time and energies in building up our relationships with family and friends, in taking at least some small actions to help others, nearby and around the world, and to seek to live on this planet in a more sustainable way? And all of these things can be part of the deepest spiritual change, in which we learn what it means to live in the right relationship with God.

As you set out the journey through this new year, remember the words of Jesus: *But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6. 20 – 21)*

### Revd. John Waller

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## Save energy, money and the environment

Just by taking a few simple steps to make your home more energy efficient, you could keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer, save hundreds of pounds off your fuel bills and reduce the amount of harmful greenhouse gases we release to the environment.

Whenever we turn on a light or use hot water, we use energy. There are many ways to save energy, including some that are absolutely free – like remembering to turn lights off in rooms you're not using, turning appliances like TVs off rather than leaving them on standby, and taking showers instead of baths. But some of the biggest energy savings are to be made in the way you heat your home and hot water, since this accounts for over three quarters of the energy we use at home.

Cutting down on the amount of energy we use needn't involve cutting out the comfort. Many people heat their homes more than they need to because their lofts and walls aren't sufficiently insulated – up to 40% of heat escapes through the roof and walls of uninsulated homes. The great news is that discounts are available to homeowners for both loft and cavity wall insulation, and a full grant for these works may be available for those on certain benefits. And if you complete one of our Home Energy Check questionnaires we'll send you free tailored energy saving advice for your home to help you start saving money.

Call the MK, Bucks & East Berks Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on **0800 512 012** for free, impartial, local, expert advice – and we can also let you know about the range of grants and discounts out there to help you save energy, money and the environment.



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