

Bow Brickhill Club

The Bow Brickhill club is now four years old! At our October meeting this event was marked with a brief Annual General Meeting, when we presented our balance sheet and elected the committee for the coming year.

Another cause for celebration was the 80th birthday of one of our members who was presented with a commemorative paperweight and a bouquet of roses.

Whilst our members were occupied with this month's quiz, tables were prepared for the party with canapes, sandwiches, dips and cakes. Two large gateaux were donated by Mrs Enid Burton's daughters and a ginger and apricot cake by Mrs Wendie Mills. These were greatly appreciated and needless to say enjoyed!

Time passed very quickly and after Rosemary and Shirley's raffle there was just time for a short bingo session organised by Don and Betty.

Our next meeting on November 4th will be at 2pm in the Pavilion when we shall be discussing arrangements for our Christmas lunch at the Milton Keynes College Training Restaurant.



Friends of the School

Fireworks Display

Saturday November 8th

Gates open 6pm
Fireworks at 7pm and 7.45pm

Licensed Bar, Hot Food, Soft Drinks,
Glow Necklaces, Quiet area for tinies
Tickets: £ 3 Adult £1 Child 3+
Family tickets £7
Call 372626 for details

Refuse and Recycling

Green bins will be collected on Thursday November 6th and 20th



Mobile Library

By the War Memorial from 11 -11.15 am on Friday November 14th and 28th



Copy deadline

We welcome your news for the next edition. Please deliver contributions by November **19th** to:
Tim Holden: 31 Greenways, Bow Brickhill. tel 372626
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PARISH NEWS

TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

SCHOOL LIGHTS: These are now working and cover not just the school drop off and pick up but also the pre-school which is very good news for local parents and young children.

ISLAND: It has been agreed that the island will be located outside the school where there are yellow lines on the pavement and that the bus stop will be moved to near the telephone box (alongside the wall of Grovesbrook). Unfortunately this area is not suitable for the bus shelter so this will have to be removed. The Island will have textured slopes on both sides of the road and will contain an area to stand in the middle to assist in crossing. There will be a narrowing of the footpath on the School side to enable traffic to get round the island and the railings will be moved back if necessary. It is hoped that the work will commence either prior to Christmas or in the early part of the New Year.

PLANTERS: We would like to thank all residents who have offered their services in tending the planters once they are planted! Milton Keynes Council will be providing the first plants and from there on they will be the responsibility of the Parish.

PARISH CLERK VACANCY

If you are local and interested in working from home this may be the job for you!!! – see Advertisement

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POLICE CONTACT

The Parish Council have been issued with a new mobile telephone number for our local area beat officer PC Rick Williams, if he is not available to take the call there is a message service on the phone. The new 'phone number is: 07800 703715.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Thursday November 13th 2003, at 7:30pm** in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.
All welcome to attend

Parish Clerk Wanted

Bow Brickhill Parish Council are seeking a new clerk to start in January 2004.
9 hours per week.
Work from home.

Duties include keeping the accounts, general correspondence and communication plus liaison with Milton Keynes Council.
If you would like to find out more contact Diana Kesterton on 372434

New Year's Eve Party at the Pavilion

Details and tickets from



Jan Cade
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more about this next issue.

Clerk : Mrs Julie Summerfield, 12 Station Road, Bow Brickhill. Tel: 01908 645158, E-Mail juliesummerfield@btconnect.com

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All Saints Bow Brickhill Autumn Bazaar



Saturday November 15th

2pm in The Pavilion

Cakes, Books, Jigsaw Puzzles, Home Made Sweets, Raffle, Plants, Tombola, Village Cards, Tea Towels, Candles, Lucky dip, Games, Refreshments
The entrance charge is still only 20p so do come along and join us on November 15th, you might find a bargain, buy a Christmas present, try your luck or just enjoy a cup of tea with friends.

Bow Brickhill W.I

September saw a well-attended meeting of members who listened to a talk given by Mrs Claire Newton; she had written a book about her grandmother Rachel, who had grown up in Windsor, where her large family had moved to so that they could avoid persecution during World War 2.

Jean Webb won the competition for an "Embroidered Flower", and Joan Varney won the Raffle of Mrs Newton's book.

For our October Meeting we will be making Christmas Cards under the guidance of Sylvia Fox, the Competition will be for an Autumn Leaves Arrangement.

Do come along and join us we meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, you will be most welcome.

For more information please phone 01908 676500.

Sue's Snippets



Henry Mundy - A Young Australian Pioneer Book Launch

November 12th is a big day in the life of Bow Brickhill. The publishers, Next Century Books, extend a cordial welcome to all residents of the village and hope that they will visit the Wheatsheaf on that day.

Les. Hughes, the Australian author who has researched and published the Henry Mundy manuscript, will be launching his book and signing copies from 1pm and throughout the afternoon. Readings will be given by actor John Thynne.

Those who have pre-ordered can pick up their copies any time between 12.30pm to 7.30 pm. To pre-order at a discounted price of £22.50, please contact Sue Malleson.



Church Autumn Bazaar

Organisation for this major fundraising event is now well underway but once again we are appealing for help by way of contributions to the following stalls:

Cakes

May Butcher 25 Station Road
Tel. 642555

Books

Annie Enever 21 Greenways,
Tel. 374855

Jigsaw Puzzles

Joan Varney 11 Station Road,
Tel. 370407

Home Made Sweets

Jenny Woods 48 Normandy Way
Bletchley, Tel. 366124

Raffle

(Soft toys and Christmas Hampers)
Mike and Shirley Parker, 20 The
Nortons Caldecotte, Tel. 649223

Plants

Stuart Leeming 74a Station Road
Tel. 372032

Tombola to be arranged,



Contributions can either be taken to the appropriate stall holders or they will be happy to collect. Please contact Mike Parker as soon as possible if you have any items for the raffle, he will happily collect from you.

Christmas Flowers and Cleaning

We are hoping to get a working party together to decorate as many areas as possible within the church for Christmas and to help with the general cleaning and I will be contacting those already on the rota to see if they are willing and able to help with this, preferably on Saturday 20th December, (the day before the Christmas carol service). Any one who is not on the rota but would like to get involved will be very welcome - please contact Kay on 372032. Donations towards the cost of flowers would be gratefully received as choice flowers are at a premium at this time of the year.

Sunday School

Next Sunday School is on
November 30th, 11 am in the Church
Hall. Come and join the fun.

Church Rotas

Date	Flowers	Cleaning	Readers
Nov 2	Mrs S.Giles	Mrs B. Morris	Mrs J.Woods
Nov 9			Mr S.Leeming
Nov 16		Mrs J. Lousada	Ms R.Clarke
Nov 23			Mr A.Wilkins
			Mr A.Malleson
Nov 30			As notified

Bow Brickhill Youth Club

The first meeting of the Bow Brickhill Youth Club took place on the 18th September at the Pavilion, we have since agreed to meet on the first and third Thursday of every month and we are pleased to report that so far it has been very well attended by all ages! Members are able to take part in various activities including the use of table tennis and pool tables, crafts and sports, the Milton Keynes Rural Youth Work Project have also been kind enough to bring some extra equipment such as dance mats and a Karaoke machine.

We will shortly be recruiting teams for a Karaoke competition with other youth groups in the area to take place in December. Members are also helping to take photographs for the village map and we will be having a stall at the Bow Brickhill W.I Table Top Sale on Sat 6th December.

We have received tremendous help from Milton Keynes Council and the youth club would like to thank all the individuals who have donated time and equipment to get us started.

If anyone would like to come and join us members should be aged 10 -17 and if any adults feel that they could contribute their time we would be most grateful for the extra help! Our next meetings are the 6th and 20th November from 7pm to 9pm.



Youth on Show

Have you ever seen a film or read a book and been left wondering what happened next? Well at Youth on Show 25 youngsters are finding what happened to Sandy, Danny Rizzo and all the other characters from Grease! We are having great fun learning some new songs and lines and we are progressing well to meet our March 2004 production date.

As in previous years we are working to a tight budget and wondered if anyone could help us out by donating any size of:

- Black bomber jacket
- Blue denim jeans
- White T shirts
- Anything Pink



For further details contact Heather 585245 or Mary 647003



Open Meeting

as part of the Engagement Project
Thursday 20th November
at 7.30pm

**Memorial Hall, High Street,
Woburn Sands**
**Meet your local officers from
Thames Valley and Beds.**

All are welcome to attend and air your views and concerns about policing in your rural communities

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill St Mary The Virgin

2nd Nov:

9.30 Holy Communion

9th Nov:

9.30 Family Service

6.00 pm Evensong

16th Nov:

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

23rd Nov:

9.30 Village Service

Little Brickhill St Mary Magdalene

2nd Nov:

No Service

9th Nov:

11.00 a.m. Family Service

16th Nov:

3.pm Holy Communion

23rd Nov:

11.00pm Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond St Luke

2nd Nov:

9.30 Holy Communion

9th Nov:

9.30 Holy Communion

16th Nov:

9.30 Holy Communion

23rd Nov:

9.30 Family Service

November Services

Bow Brickhill

All Saints



2nd Nov:

11am

Family Communion

9th Nov:

3pm

Remembrance Service at
the War Memorial

16th Nov:

11am

Matins

23rd Nov:

8am

Holy Communion

30th Nov:

5pm

Advent Carol Service

a joint service in which we will be
joined by members of the other
three churches in the benefice

Letter from the Rector



Dear Friends,

"Thy Kingdom come"

During November we come to our annual time of Remembrance, when we are prompted to think and pray about war, and peace. We often think of 'peace' as the absence of war or conflict, but the Bible offers us a much greater vision than that.

In the Old Testament, it is the Hebrew word shalom that is usually translated into English as "peace". It expresses not only the absence of negative things like conflict and war, but also a positive vision of harmony and justice, where everything is in balance and in the right relationships, between people, and with the whole of creation. This is the same vision of God's perfect will that the New Testament calls the Kingdom of God.

It is good that we have this opportunity each year to remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives to defend this country, and remember in prayer all those who have suffered in the course of war and conflict, both in the past, and around the world today.

As we do that, we may also be encouraged and challenged by the Biblical vision of true peace with justice for all, which is in fact what we are praying for every time we say those familiar words of the Lord's Prayer: "Thy Kingdom come".

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Please note that my day off is Friday