

Bow Brickhill Club

The November meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday 2nd, when we were pleased to see so many of our regular members and to welcome a new lady member. We hope that our boisterous application to the Beetle Drive didn't put her off on her first visit!

The Beetle Drive was followed by the quiz, this month's subject Natural History, with answers coming thick and fast. It was soon time for tea, and the need for further concentration on the menu for our Christmas lunch. All these matters settled and the raffle drawn, it was time, once again, for our meeting to come to an end.

We shall be meeting again on Tuesday December 7th when we shall be entertained by young singers, and no doubt enjoying mince pies and other Christmas delicacies for our tea. Remember, we shall be making transport arrangements for our Christmas lunch at "The Harvester" for 1.00p.m. on December 14th. Looking forward to a jolly afternoon, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Pavilion on Tuesday December 7th.

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs, Enid Burton, who was taken ill just before our last meeting. We missed you Enid, and hope you will be back with us very soon

Santa Express

Silverlink trains are running a series of Santa Special trains on

Saturday

18th December

Trains leave Bow Brickhill at the following times:

10.06 going to all stations to Bletchley.

11.05 going to all stations to Bedford

12.24 going to all stations to Bletchley

13.03 going to all stations to Bedford

14.24 going to all stations to Bletchley

Enjoy a trip on the train and meet Santa on the journey!



Mobile Library

By the War Memorial
from 11 -11.15 am
on Friday December
10th



Copy deadline

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

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Parish News

Sewage Smell

The Parish Council is aware of the unpleasant odours on Church Road and Station Road. The matter has been brought to the attention of Councillor Hopkins who has kept us informed of the action being taken. New equipment has recently been installed which should resolve the problem.

Pavilion Car Park Lights

Two of the lights in this car park have recently been out of action. The matter has been dealt with, and all lights are working normally.

Planters

The geraniums have now all been lifted and potted in the hope they will survive the winter, and cuttings have been taken as a precautionary measure. Winter pansies, shrubs and bulbs for spring flowering have been purchased and planted.

Pavilion Cooker

We now have a new cooker in the Pavilion, there are a few minor adjustments to be made but once it is up and running we hope it will be a great improvement on the old one!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on

**Thursday December 9th
at 7.30pm**

in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close.
All welcomed to attend

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Parish Map

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a map-maker? Now's your opportunity to find out! Several of us have been making initial plans over the last few months. We have raised some money towards the purchase of materials. The young people have taken photographs of the village to use as source material. But what will it actually look like?

Why not come and share your ideas with us on Wednesday 26th November? We'll be meeting in the Church Hall from 19.00-20.30 so drop in for a short while 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:
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Bow Brickhill W.I.

The Meeting commenced with members enjoying a Fish and Chip Supper; followed by a short A.G.M. Members returned the present Committee and President for another year. Mrs Sylvia Fox then encouraged members to have a go at making their own Christmas Cards. Below is a short extract from the Presidents Report.

"This year has seen us move from the 3rd Thursday in the month to the 4th, to enable the Youth Club to meet twice monthly, and after a couple of hiccups it seems to be working.

And using the word **working** this is what all of you the members have been doing, and making a grand job of it, You have knitted premature baby clothes to go to Bangladesh,

You have cooked and provided mouth-watering refreshments, when we hosted the Group Meeting, You have either hosted or supported the very pleasant afternoon teas, or opened your garden for an evening meeting Complete with Croquet and Boule, You have supported the Sales Table and the Competitions to help our income, and we have a member who stood in at very short notice to amuse us with an enchanting collection of Frogs.

We all took great pride in Joan Varneys wonderful achievement of 50 years membership back in April.

Many members have enjoyed County Outings and taken the opportunity to enjoy two very well organised evening meals. I now also find out that we also have a Donkey attached to our W.I for 1 years adoption, how varied can we get?

I do not feel that I can pinpoint any one person within our Institute, as I feel that we all join together to make the pleasant friendly and varied meetings that we all enjoy."
Pat Pullinger

Great idea for Christmas

Why not buy your nearest and dearest a copy of a book about a remarkable Bow Brickhill lad. We have heard that Michael Palin now has a copy!

'A Young Australian Pioneer' - the book of Henry Mundy's memoirs can be purchased from any good bookshop, online at Amazon or discounted direct from Next Century Books, P.O.Box 6113 , Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire



ALL SAINTS LUNCH CLUB

Ten guests and helpers enjoyed the November meeting of the Lunch Club and planning is underway for the Christmas meal on **Sunday 19th December** in the Church Hall. Places can be booked at the next Bow Brickhill club meeting or with Chris Loak on 373768. Bookings for this special Christmas lunch are needed by December 14th.

If anyone would like a lift from the lunch to the Carol Service at the Church at 3.00pm this will be arranged.

Volunteers to help with the lunch would be very much appreciated. Please contact Stuart or Kay on 372032.

**Church Flowers and Cleaning**

Just another reminder that we are meeting on **Saturday December 18th** (from 10.00am) to decorate and clean the church in time for the carol service. If you would like to be involved but haven't been contacted already please call Kay on 372032.

Sunday School Christmas Workshop

Sunday School is December 5th at 11 am in the Church Hall. This is a special two hour workshop to give us plenty of time for making decorations for the church and Christingle service.



Come along and have some fun!

Church Rotas

	Flowers	Cleaning
Dec 5	Advent	Mrs J. Lousada
Dec 12		
Dec 19	Work Party,, see above	
Dec 26		

**Why not come Carol Singing?**

Join us on Monday 20th December and Wednesday 22nd December starting at 6.45pm at the War Memorial. Words and music will be provided. Just dress warmly and bring a torch. It doesn't matter whether you're religious or not, musical or not - absolutely everyone is welcome to join in this old tradition. We're always particularly grateful to those adults who are prepared to knock on doors and collect money.

When we have finished singing, light refreshments will be available. We shall be collecting for church funds, to keep our fine historic building standing at the top of the hill. For those of you who prefer to sit beside a warm fire and enjoy our dulcet tones, expect us to be in Station Road and Greenways on the Monday and Parkway and Church Road on Wednesday. Pictures of last year's tour are at

www.bowbrickhill.com/carolsinging03.html Any questions? - then ring Sue Malleson 372376 or email sue@bowbrickhill.com.

**Three Parishes Shopping Trip**

Coventry was the destination for our November trip and proved very successful. The weather was good, dry and not too cold. There were a number of large Department stores and places of interest with cafes and coffee shops for refreshment and a rests.

We were all disappointed at not being able to go into the Cathedral, which was closed to the general public for three days of graduation ceremonies, for the Universities of Coventry, Birmingham and Warwick. However, we watched the ceremony through the main entrance. Watching the graduates receiving their degrees with the Graham Sutherland tapestry dominating the proceedings was very impressive. The ruined remains of the old Cathedral were open and some of us spent time in this very interesting area.

Having visited some stores, and found somewhere for a meal, it was soon time to find our way back to the coach station. This was more relaxed than on many of our trips, our driver was able to park inside the coach station, much better than a limited pick-up time at a bus stop in a busy town centre. Full marks to Coventry!. Our next trip will be to Peterborough on December 15th, at £3.00 for over sixties, and £6.00 for accompanying adults. This will be an opportunity to buy those last minute Christmas presents!.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Great Brickhill

St Mary The Virgin

5th Dec.:

9.30 Holy Communion

12th Dec.:

9.30 Morning Worship

6.00 pm Evensong

19st Dec.:

9.30 Holy Communion

24th Dec.:

5.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

25th Dec.:

11.00 Holy Communion Service

Little Brickhill

St Mary Magdalene

5th Dec.:

6.00 pm Holy Communion

12th Dec.:

No Service

19st Dec.:

5.00 pm Carol Service

25th Dec.:

9.30 Holy Communion

Stoke Hammond

St Luke

5th Dec.:

4.00 pm Christingle Service

12th Dec.:

4.00 pm Carol Service

19st Dec.:

8.30 Holy Communion

24th Dec.:

4.00 pm Crib Service

11.30pm Holy Communion

26th Dec.:

10.00 Benefice Service

December Services

Bow Brickhill

All Saints

5th Dec.

9.30 am Holy Communion

Revd. John Waller

12th Dec.

11 am Christingle Service at

Bow Brickhill First School

Revd. John Waller

19th Dec.

3 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Revd. John Waller

24th Dec.

Christmas Eve

11.45 pm Holy Communion

Revd. Sister Hazel Smith



Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old
Our traditional Christmas carols continue to be popular, not only in our church services, but in various other ways, such as concerts, recordings, and background music we hear around shops and other public places at this time of year. But how much attention do we give to the words of those carols?

If we pay attention to the words we hear or sing, they can remind us, or even bring to life for us for the first time, the good news of what God has done for us, in the birth and life of Jesus.

The carol I have quoted the opening lines of above, continues by reminding us of the words of the angels to the shepherds:

*'Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!'*

And this promise is contrasted with state of our world today, in words that are just as relevant now as they were when they were written well over a hundred years ago.

*Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song that they bring:*

The carol ends with a vision of God's future, when all things shall be in peace and harmony, echoing the angels' song, and also advises us:

*O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.*

In this Christmas time, may we take time to stop and listen, so that familiar words may speak to us in a new way, and we can grasp something more of the good news of God's love, that is at the heart of the celebration of Christmas.

Revd. John Waller

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