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Christmas 2023
Bow Brickhill

Sunday 26th November 4pm
Advent Service BB Church

Wednesday 29th November 6.45pm
Christmas lights switch on & Refreshments Christmas tree and then the
Community Hall

Sunday 3rd December 11am
Christingle Service BB School

Saturday 9th December 1pm-3pm
Childrens Christmas Party with a special visit from Santa BB Community
Hall

Saturday 9th December 7-10pm
A Evening of Christmas Festivities BB Community Hall

Sunday 10th December 12-4pm
Christmas Fayre BB Pavilion

Sunday 17th December 3pm
Carol Service BB Church

Saturday 24th December 11.45pm
Christmas Midnight Service BB Church

*“Wishing you a Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	CONTACT
Tues 5th Dec Tues 9th Jan	Parish Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	clerk@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk
Sat 9th Dec	Christmas Festivities Evening	Community Hall	Clare Evans 07973 367117
Sun 10th	Sunday Lunch Club 12.30 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 07831 633653
Sun 10th	BB Christmas Fayre 12—4p.m.	Pavilion Hall	Clare Evans 07973 367117
Tue 12th Dec	BB W.I. 7.30 p.m. Seasonal Social	Pavilion	Stephanie Warren 01908 671394
Sun 17th Dec	Carol Service	All Saints Church	Phillipa Cook pjcook@gmail.com
Weekly Mon:	Line Dancing 7.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Jan Cade 07721 420176
Weekly Wed:	Drop In 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Community Hall	
Weekly Wed:	Brownies 6.00 p.m.	Community Hall	Sally Pepper 01908 375365
Weekly Sat:	Kick Boxing : 9.30 a.m. Tai Chi : 12 Noon	Pavilion Pavilion	Mark Mackrill mark.ecka@outlook.com Frank Purcell fjmp1953@yahoo.co.uk
Alternate: Thursdays	Acoustic Guitar Club 8.00 pm	Community Hall	Martin Bishop mbishop61@googlemail.com
Monthly:	MK Gems : 2nd Weds 7.00 p.m. Sewing Group	Pavilion	Teresa Covacic Teresa.covacic@gmail.com
Monthly:	Buccaneers 3rd Weds : 8.00 p.m.	Pavilion	Derek Giles Derek.giles@skedda.test
Monthly: 1st,2nd,3rd	Apostolic Church Group Sun 9.15 a.m.	Pavilion	Fatima Cronje 07577 478037 fatima.cronje@Oldvfwfs.co.uk
1st Wed	Ahmadiyya Muslim Assoc. 7.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	Pavilion	Tel: 07769 975350 jawadahmedbutt@yahoo.com

**Children's
Christmas Party**
Bow Brickhill Community Hall

With a guest appearance from Santa

With entertainments, Crafts & Refreshments
Saturday 9th December 2023, 1pm - 3pm

Kindly sponsored by
MK Family Law and Frosts Garden Centre

fAMILY law GROUP TICKETS: £5 PER CHILD
BBCOMMUNITYHALLEVENTS@GMAIL.COM **FROSTS** EST. 1946

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE
21ST JANUARY 2024 ←

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With a Copy to: Chris - email: bobchrisfrench@gmail.com



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 The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great Brickhill MK17 9AS
Churchwarden: John Wales Tel: 01908 373907

To contact the Rector and Churchwarden email: bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com

God With Us

Dear friends,

Amongst all the other good things that we do and share at Christmas time, you are welcome to join us as we gather in church to celebrate the good news at the heart of Christmas, as we sing carols and hear familiar readings from the Bible. The book of Isaiah speaks of a child who will be born, and who will be called 'Immanuel', which means 'God with us'. And the gospel of John explains the birth of Jesus in these words:

The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.

There is a more recent version of the Bible that translates the verse in this way:

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.

These words express the wonderful truth that God has chosen to come and share in the reality of human life, in order to show the full extent of his love for us. And because this was true in the particular time and place of the human birth of Jesus, so it can be true for all times and all places, and be true for us, our families, and our neighbourhood, today.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

Rev'd John Waller



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Pavilion Caretaker: 07773 671094 Andy Wright

Pavilion Cleaner: Maybright Cleaning Ltd

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE - DECEMBER AND JANUARY:

Sunday 3rd December

9.30 (Gt. Br.)
 11.00 (Bw. Br.)
 16.00 (St. H.)
 (Lt. Br.)

Advent Sunday

Holy Communion JW
Christingle at the School JW
 Christingle JW
 (no service)



Sunday 10th December

10.00 (Gt. Br.) Advent Family Service JW
 16.00 (St. H.) Carol Service *Choir* JW
 (Lt. Br.)&(Bw. Br.)(no service)

Sunday 17th December

9.30 (St. H.) Morning Worship Jeremy Hopkinson
 11.00 (Gt. Br.) Nativity at the Cricket Club JW
 15.00 (Bw. Br.) **Carol Service Choir JW**
 17.00 (Lt. Br.) Carol Service *Choir* JW

Sunday 24th December

16.00 (St. H.) Crib Service Dave Webber
 17.00 (Gt. Br.) Nine Lessons and Carols *Choir* JW
 23.30 (St. H.) Holy Communion Rev'd Steve Barnes
 23.45 (Bw. Br.) **Holy Communion JW**

Monday 25th December

9.30 (Lt. Br.) Holy Communion JW
 11.00 (Gt. Br.) Holy Communion JW

Sunday 31st December

10.00 (St. H.) Holy Communion *Benefice* JW
 This a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond

Sunday 7th January

10.00 (Gt. Br.) Holy Communion *Benefice* JW
 This a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

Sunday 14th January

10.00 (Gt. Br.) Morning Worship (Lay leader)
 11.00 (St. H.) Family Service JW
 (Bw Br)&(Lt. Br)(no service)

Sunday 21st January

9.30 (Bw. Br.) Holy Communion JW
 9.30 (St. H.) Café Church (Lay leader)
 11.00 (Gt. Br.) Family Service & Baptism JW
 (Lt. Br.) (no service)

Sunday 28th January (Presentation / Candlemas)

9.30 (St. H.) Holy Communion JW
 11.00 (Lt. Br.) Family Service JW
 11.00???? (Bw. Br.) Mattins (BCP) *Choir*????? (Lay leader)



SUNDAY CHRISTMAS LUNCH
 the next meeting of the Sunday lunch club is on
Sunday 10th December
 in the Community Hall at 12.30pm
Then Sunday 14th January 2024

(We look forward to seeing you all there unless we hear otherwise)

If anyone who would like to offer to help or would like to join us please let either Clare Evans 07973367117 or Sally Pepper 07831 633653 know



The 2024 Village Newsletter

Following our appeal for funding for 2024 for the village newsletter I am so pleased to tell you that I have now obtained funding for the whole year thanks to generous donations from Siobhan Sheridan and the Sunday Lunch Club. These together with the previous donations means we are now fully funded for 2024. The feedback from readers is that they all really enjoy the printed page and want it to continue. *Thank you all so much*

ASTRA 500 Club

The results from the October draw of the 500 club are:

1st prize:	£23.50	ticket	105	Peter Willis
2nd prize:	£16.45	ticket	95	Jon Smith
3rd prize:	£ 7.05	ticket	37	Brian Hall

Draws are held on the last Thursday of every month

A big thank you to Andrea Spurdle who manages these monthly draws



Drop-in Wednesdays 2-4pm at the Community Hall

We are re-starting our weekly drop-ins at the Community Hall this winter, run by a team of volunteers.

Every Wednesday from 2-4pm we'll open the meeting room in the lovely warm Community Hall for anyone to pop in, have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

It's all completely free. Please come in and say hello!

Christmas
AN EVENING OF FESTIVITIES
 9th December 2023, 7pm

Christmas Quiz
 A fun light hearted quiz for all to enjoy.

Buffet & Mulled Wine
 A Christmas themed buffet with a glass of mulled wine

Christmas Games & a Sing A Long
 Some silly games and a sing a long

All Welcome.
Bow Brickhill Community Hall.
Tickets. £7/adult. Children free
Contact Clare 07973 367117 or clare.evans11@hotmail.co.uk

Bow Brickhill Christmas Fayre
The Pavilion, Rushmere Close
Sunday 10th December 2023
12pm to 4pm

Free Entry

Join us for Christmas shopping
 Over 20 craft stalls, plus delicious hot & cold food drinks, cakes, mulled wine & cider



Bow Brickhill CE Primary School

We Will Remember Them

On Friday 10th November the whole school walked to the local village war memorial to hold a service to help remember those who gave their tomorrow for our today. Some of our Year 6 pupils led readings and poems, our head boy and head girl laid a wreath at the base of the memorial and the whole school community held a two minute silence to show our respects. Taking part in this service each year is something we feel privileged to be able to do and we thank those from the local community who joined us for it.



Christmas Bazaar

The time has come for Christmas festivities to be upon us once more, the corridors are filled with Christmas nativity songs for the lower school play and our attentions turn to the annual Christmas Bazaar.



This is one of our main fundraising events run by our Friends of the School team and the children love taking an

active part in making some of the crafts and cakes to buy as well as supporting running their own stalls. We welcome the local community to attend too. This year our event is on Friday 8th December running from 3.00-4.30pm please do come along and support the school if you can, it would be lovely to see both new and old faces.

EYFS September 2024

If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 and are getting ready to submit your choices and would like to look around, please contact us for a personalised tour.

office@bowbrickhillprimary.co.uk or call us on 01908 373672

Bow Brickhill Church
invites you and your families to:

Christmas Services 2023

At Bow Brickhill Church

Advent Service, Sunday 26th November, 4pm
Christingle Service, Sunday 3rd December, 11am, Bow Brickhill School
Carol Service, Sunday 17th December, 3pm
Christmas Midnight Service, Saturday 24th December, 11.45pm

We look forward to welcoming you.



Bow Brickhill Women's Institute meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in The Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB. New members and guests are very welcome.

We will hold our Seasonal Social on Tuesday 12 December 2023 and our meeting on Thursday 25 January 2024 will be a meal out. Meetings in the Pavilion will resume on Thursday 22 February 2024 with a speaker about local river water quality.

For further details please email bowbrickhillwi@gmail.com

Bow Brickhill Speedwatch Group

The group has held 7 sessions between the end of September and the beginning of November. Two of our sessions had to be cut short due to bad weather. There were a total of 2,943 vehicles logged during the sessions and 70 were reported to Thames Valley Police for excessive speed. The fastest of these was travelling at 49 MPH in a 30 MPH zone. Bearing in mind that all vehicles speedometers are calibrated to read up to 5 MPH over the actual speed, the speed indicated in the vehicle would have been 54 MPH.

Nina Burdiak, Charlotte King, Oliver Pilter, Daemon Pink, Duncan Summerfield, and Alistair Twigg all helped at one or more sessions and thanks are due to all these volunteers who gave their time to help with the speed watch.

We are always looking for new members, so if you would like more information, take a look at the Community Speedwatch web page <https://communityspeedwatch.org> or contact me on julian.price@bowbrickhill-pc.gov.uk



Nina and Ollie at the end of a successful session helping to control the speed of vehicles in our village.

Autumn Bazaar - thank you

Thank you very much to everybody who came to the Autumn Bazaar, to everyone who donated items and especially to the stall holders.

We have raised over £700 for the church which is very much appreciated. **Andrea**



Bow Brickhill History Society

Bow Brickhill History Society would like to thank all in the village and beyond who have shared their photographs, documents and memories with us over the last year. We are gradually amassing an amazing virtual archive and have a very active presence on Facebook.

May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year. **Mary**

Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership News



Marston Vale Line Services - Train services resumed on **Monday 20th November 2023**. Initially four services are running in each direction on Monday – Fridays during the morning and afternoon peak periods. A full rail replacement bus service (all stations and limited stop) will continue to operate at other times.

Please visit <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/resumption-of-train-services-2> to download the timetable. Alternatively copies are available from Bletchley Station & Bletchley Library and Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre. The full timetable, including the return of a Saturday & Bank Holiday service, is expected to resume in early 2024 once sufficient train crew have completed their training on the Class 150s.

All of the three units allocated to the Marston Vale Line have recently been refurbished with features including an accessible toilet & baby changing facility, visual and audio announcements, CCTV and USB charging points throughout. Each train also has dedicated space for wheelchairs, pushchairs and cycles.

For further information please contact Stephen Sleight, MVCRP Officer, on 01234 832645, e-mail stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk,

A colorful poster for Sands Singers. The top part features the text 'SANDS SINGERS' in large, stylized letters, with 'Woburn Sands Community Choir' underneath. Below this, it says 'Two seasonal events' and 'Concert of Christmas Celebration Songs'. The date and time are 'Thursday 14th December 7:30pm' at 'St. Mary's Church, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands'. Ticket information is 'Tickets £5 including mince pies and mulled wine' and 'Advance tickets recommended - phone 07872 552529'. The bottom part of the poster features the text 'and Christmas Carols & Songs at the Fir Tree pub during the Christmas Fayre Sunday 26th Nov @approx 1:30 and 2:30pm'. At the very bottom, it says 'Fb: @sandssingers W: sandssingers.co.uk'. The background is decorated with musical notes and colorful ornaments.