

## Looking ahead...

# Milton Keynes Community Christmas Specialities

December 2010



Bradwell Silver Band, 2008

#### **Bradwell Silver Band**

Every Christmas morning since 1901, whatever the weather, Bradwell Silver Band has played Christmas Carols around the streets of New Bradwell starting at 6:00 a.m. Tradition has it that children are not supposed to open their presents until they have heard the band play in their street!



#### **Wolverton Lantern Festival**

Since 1988, local people have created their own withy (willow) and tissue candle-lit lanterns for the Wolverton Lantern Festival. The climax is their Samba Band street procession culminating in Wolverton Square with free mince pies, Christmas carols and awards to local businesses for their seasonal front windows.



### Olney's Dickens of a Christmas

The first "Dickens of a Christmas" was held on the Market Place on 10th December 1995. Now thousands of people from miles around come to take part in a Victorian-themed day with street entertainers, Father Christmas in his Grotto, mulled wine, hog roasts and live music and three Craft Fairs around the town

