

June 18 for June 22

Birthday Celebration: Saturday last saw a village outing to Tewksbury to celebrate a very special Birthday. Audrey Stanforth moved from the village last year to be closer to her family and this year has celebrated her ninetieth birthday. Unbeknown to Audrey, her daughter Jenny had arranged a surprise party which a number of Moggerhanger residents were able to attend. The early morning saw a convoy of cars depart from Park Road to embark on the journey. It was a great reunion and a pleasure for many to be able to celebrate with Audrey on her great day. Audrey is in fine form and raising a glass sent her love and best wishes to everyone in Moggerhanger.

Moggerhanger Park Events: Carers in Bedfordshire Summer Fete will be held on Sunday, June 24. An exciting event including numerous stalls, entertainment for the children, pony rides, craft stalls. Something for everyone and refreshments. Cream teas will be served on the lawn by the Friends of Moggerhanger Park.

East Beds Concert Band on Sunday July 8. Tickets available through www.eastbedsconcertband.org.uk Gates open 1.30pm, performance from 3pm until 6pm. Refreshments available. This is an open air event, so bring your own picnic, chairs and rugs. Tickets will also be available on the gate.

Opera Bravo, on Friday July 20, presents La Bohème on the lawns of Moggerhanger Park and on Saturday July 21, a Candle lit Opera Gala. Obtain your tickets from www.operabrava.co.uk

(10% discount for Friends of Moggerhanger Park). For further information on any of the above events, please contact us at email reception@moggerhangerpark.com or 01767 641 007.

History Group: On Monday, June 25, there will be a field visit to Galley Hill, Hilltop Fort, in Sandy. A talk will be given by Mr Stephen Coleman. Depart from Moggerhanger Village Hall at 6.30pm

Emm Gee 60: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Garden Party: You are invited, by Miss F Matthews, to a garden party at Village Farm, 4 St John's Road, Moggerhanger, on Saturday July 7, at 2.30pm. There will be various stalls, a raffle and cream teas served. At 3pm the Sandy Singers will provide entertainment. Proceeds will go to support Guide Dogs for the Blind, The Salvation Army and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Whist: Held last Friday, June 15, with M.C. Mr Ian Collis. Our winners were Mrs E Flint, Mrs I Lamey, Mrs A Latimer, Mrs J Smith, Mrs R Burns, Mr D Lamey, Mr T Beck, Mr T Lister. Our raffle winners were Mr D Marten, Mr C Strange, Mrs E Harold, Mrs E Barrance, Mrs J Smith.. The next whist drive will be held on Friday, June 29, in the village hall at 7.30pm.

St John's Church: On June 10, the chaplain at St John's Hospice, the Revd. Carole Hough, welcomed a large congregation to St Johns Church for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving.

After the lighting of the candle all joined in a bidding prayer. There was a reading from Isaiah 43 and act of remembrance. Members of St John's Hospice staff read

verses from the roll of remembrance which were interspersed with the reading of names of those who had died over the past four months.

During the service the children had written messages on remembrance cards and these were attached to blue and white balloons and released in the churchyard after the blessing.

A retiring collection realized over £350 for the hospice.

Members of the family support team, bereavement volunteers and members of the chaplaincy team were available to offer support.

Volunteers served tea and cake after the service.

Church services: St John the Evangelist, All Age Communion, 9am.

Open Churches day; church open from 2pm.