

### July 16 for July 20

**Opera Cancelled:** The Opera events due to take place tonight and tomorrow at Moggerhanger Park have been cancelled.

**Olympic Scarecrows:** The opening ceremony for this event took place last Saturday, July 14. Voting forms were available during the BBQ event on that day. Many people were seen travelling around the village admiring the various scarecrows. If you wish to vote in the scarecrow competition contact Glyn Adams at 11 The Crescent, or email: [glyn.adams@live.co.uk](mailto:glyn.adams@live.co.uk) for a voting form.

The competition will last for two weeks from July 14 until July 29. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories; Judges favourite creators aged 17 years or under; Judges favourite creators aged 18 years or over; Judges favourite entered by a business or organization; Spectators favourite. During the fortnight there will be a scarecrow quiz, a garden party and BBQ and finally a visit from the Bishop. All voting forms must be sent to Glyn at 11 the Crescent by Sunday July 22.

The remaining schedule is as follows: Monday, July 23, Garden Party at 11 The Crescent, from 3pm until 7pm; Saturday July 28, Church annual Gift Day at St Johns Church, 10am until 12 noon; Sunday, July 29, Benefice Sung Communion led by the Bishop of St Albans at 11am.

**Emm Gee 60:** The next meeting is our summer garden party to be held on Wednesday, July 25, at 2.30pm, at Willow Hill Farm by kind invitation of our President, Mrs J Davison and her husband Guy.

**Whist:** Held last Friday, July 13, with M.C. Mr Ian Collis. Our winners were Mrs E Bridge, Mrs J Cobb, Mrs E Barrance, Mrs E Flint, Mr I Collis, Mr B Urtone, Mr D Lamey, Mrs P Cassidy. Our raffle winners were Mr D Lamey, Mrs B Taffety, Ms R Bennett, Mrs E Osborne, Mr I Collis. The next whist drive will be held on Friday, July 27, in the village hall at 7.30pm.

**Jubilee Mugs:** We still have a few Moggerhanger Jubilee mugs left so if you missed out first time around they are available at £5 from Carolyn on 01767 640727.

St Johns Church: The Revd. J Buck presided at the 'Songs of Praise' for the Olympics held on Sunday evening and welcomed a large congregation from the Village and surrounding villages.

Mrs P Whitworth read the first introduction to the rousing hymn "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"; Mr M Mease, to "Fight the Good Fight"; Mr K Ebbige to "For the Healing of the Nations"; Mr P Dean to "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, and Mrs A Cross to "God is Working His Purpose Out".

Members of the senior and junior choirs sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

The Revd. Buck read "The Spirit of the Olympics" and Hebrews, Chapter 12, 1-2 and Mrs E Barrance led the Intercessions which included the special Olympic Prayer.

Mr G Horner introduced the final hymn, "God is Our Strength and Refuge" which was sung with great gusto to the "Dambusters" tune. Organist was Mr J Morris.

After the blessing the congregation stayed on for refreshments.

The next "Songs of Praise" will be held on Sunday August 19.

**Church services:** St John the Evangelist, Sunday July 22, Holy Communion, 9am.

