

July 23 for July 27

Whist: Tonight, Friday July 27, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

Olympic Scarecrows: On Monday July 23, a Garden Party was hosted by Mr and Mrs Adams where tea, coffee, soft drinks, ice creams and, most importantly, cakes were served. We were all very fortunate that the weather had turned for the better as we sat in the garden enjoying temperatures in the high twenty degrees. During the afternoon the winners of the Moggerhanger Scarecrow Olympics were announced. These were: 'Creator aged 17 years and under' won by Emily for Billy the Biker. A Highly Commended award was given to Katy for her archer. The 'Creator aged 18 years and over' category was won by Trudy Cosh and Family for their Equestrian 'Leap of Faith'. Highly Commended were both Mr and Mrs Ford for their Ivor Chance weightlifter and Pat Whitworth for her swimmer. The best business or organisation scarecrow went to Steve James Hair design for Morag Ghenger the high diver. A Highly Commended award was also given to The Outward Friendship Sue Ryder Volunteers for their six Olympic scarecrows displayed outside St John's Hospice. Lastly, a 'Spectators' Favourite' category was awarded after voting slips were returned by those who had purchased a festival guide. The spectators' overall favourite scarecrow was Pat Whitworth's swimmer. Second Place awards were jointly presented to Mr and Mrs Ford for their weightlifter and to Emily for her cyclist. Throughout the afternoon a raffle was held and donations given. These raised £150.18 which, when added to the £59.78 made at the opening day barbeque, mean that a total of £209.96 will be given to St John's church on Sunday July 29, when the Bishop will be visiting. Our raffle winners were Mr T Lister, Mrs B George, Mr G Adams, Mrs J Mooney, Mr R Whitlock, Mrs J Beharrell, Mr R Ford, Revd. L Klimas, Bob and Hayley, Mrs P Whitworth, Mr A George, Mrs D Reid, Mr T Whitworth, Mr T Mooney, Mrs B Barrance, Mrs D Bashford, Mrs M Seward. If anybody still wishes to obtain a souvenir festival guide these are still available for a donation. Similarly, St John's Hospice continues to welcome donations for their scarecrows and these can be given at the hospice reception. Thank you once again to all those who took part in the competition. It could not have worked without you. It is hoped that a festival calendar will be available to purchase in time for Christmas.

Moggerhanger Lower School: The headteacher Mrs S Evans, Mrs A Cross and two children, Lauren and Jacob welcomed Parents, Governors and Friends to the end of term and year four leavers service held in St Johns Church on Thursday last. All leavers took part, Recorder, Tiernan; Keyboards, Amelie, Kayleigh, Lauren; Piano, Caitlin, Tiernan; Rap, Christian, Luke, Tiernan; Jokes, Bethan, Kayleigh; Poems, Holly, Jacob. Eve performed a solo, "Holy Spirit". All the children took part in the singing. The leavers, Amelie, Bethan, Caitlin, Christian, Eve, Holly, Jacob, Kayleigh, Lauren, Luke, Michael, Oscar and Tietnan all gave accounts of their memories of Moggerhanger Lower school, and sang a farewell song. Mrs A Cross said prayers and Mrs S Evans presented all the leavers with a gift and wished them well in their new schools. On leaving all the children were given chocolate bars.

St Johns Church: Tomorrow, Saturday July 28, will be the Church annual Gift Day, 10am until 12 noon.

Church Services: St John the Evangelist, Benefice Sung Communion led by the Bishop of St Albans, The Rt. Reverend Dr Alan Smith, 11am.