

Aug 20 for Aug 24

Whist: Tonight, Friday August 24, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

Pancakes Galore: It's that 'flippin' time again. The pancake tossers are back on the batter. Please join us for an out of season pancake this Bank Holiday Monday, August 27, at 32 Park Road, Moggerhanger. Come along anytime between 10.30am and 6.30pm. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to be shared between our Village Hall and Clic Sargent, children's cancer charity.

Quiz night: The next fund raising event in the Village Hall will be our quiz night on Saturday, September 22. A two course meal will be served around 7pm, doors open 6.30pm. There will also be a raffle and a licensed bar. Tickets are £9 and available from Carolyn 01767 640727, Jackie 01767 640790, Coral 01767 641112, Doreen 01767 640114.

Emm Gee 60: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 29, in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Bingo: Held Friday last. There were a few regulars missing but also some new faces giving us a turnout of 25 players. Do please come along and support this activity. This provides the hall with a regular income which helps towards our high costs of insurance and the licence for the bar.

A raffle was held and our winners were D Hatchelt, N Lowe, A Cook, B Joyner, A Barford, M Todd.

Our next bingo evening will be on Friday September 14, in the Village Hall. For further info contact Carolyn on 01767 640727.

Village Hall: Last week saw an update on the Village Hall Improvement Project which has progressed well despite some unforeseen problems. The problems concerned the drains. Most of us are aware that a good downpour, and we've had a few the last month or so, sees Moggerhanger drains struggling. Unfortunately for the Village Hall we are near the end of the run so can suffer more than most.

During the recent heavy rain we have had problems with the drains backing up and much 'gurgling' within the building. Our drains are not blocked but low compared to the main sewer. In times of heavy rain the main sewer effectively overflows, hence the backup. To combat this problem we have installed some new drain runs prior to the installation of the new paving. Upon excavation as part of the paving work we discovered a collapsed drain which has had to be lifted. Obviously it was important to do this work prior to the installation of the new paving. Sadly we did not have funds for this work, having cleared our loan last year. This has meant we have had to take a loan to cover this work, although at a much lower rate than the previous loan. We have secured £4,500 at 3.6% which we will endeavor to pay back over the next twelve months.

We have a number of fund raising events planned for the rest of the year and would encourage everyone to support these to enable us to clear this loan as soon as we can.

St Johns Church: The Revd. L Klimas welcomed the congregation to the monthly Songs of Praise held on Sunday evening. The theme of the service was "The Parish" and the "Parish Council".

Council Chairman, Mr M Mease, explained the work of the Council and introduced the six members present, also one member of Sandy Town Council, namely Mr M Mease, Mr P Dean, Mr C Bashford, Mrs M Carter, Mrs B Barrance, Mrs D Hall, Mr W Jackson.

Councillors M Mease, P Dean, C Bashford and Mesdames M Carter and B Barrance introduced Hymns, also two parishioners, Mrs T Ferguson and Ms Z Hull.

Members were asked to stand and the Revd. L Klimas led prayers especially mentioning the Parish and Council.

Intercessions were led by the Revd. G Orpin, the collection taken up by Mr & Mrs W Jackson.

After the Blessing the congregation stayed on for a chat and refreshments.

The next Songs of Praise will be held on Sunday, September 16, at 6pm

Bike and Hike: On Saturday , September 8, Beds and Herts Churches Trust "Bike and Hike" will take place, from 10am until 6pm. Half the money raised goes to the Churches Trust and the other half to our own Church. Sponsor forms from Graeme 01767 646187 or available from the Church.

Church Services: St John the Evangelist, All Age Communion, 9am, with Revd. J Buck.