## November 19 for November 23

**Knit and Natter:** Our first 'KNIT AND NATTER' morning will be held on Tuesday November 27, from 10am until 12 noon in St John's Church, Blunham Road, and all are invited - villagers and non-villagers. Even if you don't want to make anything for yourself, come along and do a bit of knitting for charity - wools and patterns will be available. We hope to run this event monthly.

**Emm Gee 60:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. New members are always welcome.

**Annual Meeting:** The AGM for Moggerhanger Meeting Place and Shop will be held on Tuesday December 4 at 10am in St. John's Church, followed by the monthly coffee morning. Please come and support the shop and enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee afterwards.

**Christmas Market:** Friends of Moggerhanger Park Christmas Market, Saturday December 8, 10am until 4pm. Escape the bustle of the high street and shop in a festive but tranquil setting at Moggerhanger Park House.

Exclusive stalls including jewellery, Christmas cards, decorations & crafts, Christmas cakes & cupcakes, wineglass decorations, cushions, patchwork & needlecraft plus lots more. Enjoy Christmas carols and pay a visit to Father Christmas or enjoy some light bites including mulled wine & mince pies in our tea rooms. FREE ENTRY

Burns Night Celebration: Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 7pm.

Get this date in your diary for next year. Calling all 'Lairds and Lassies' Come and celebrate all that is great about Burns Night at the Park. The evening will feature a drinks reception, 4 course traditional meal, bag-piper procession, and the spectacular 'Address to the Haggis' by Lord Erroll, Lord High Constable of Scotland. Tickets are £25 per person. This includes an arrival drink, dinner, auction & entertainment.

Tickets are available from <u>reception@moggerhangerpark.com</u> or 01767 641007. Check our new website out for further details <u>www.moggerhangerpark.com</u>

**Lunch Club:** The Christmas lunch club will be held on Thursday December 13. Please make sure you let Betty know, 01767 640734, by Monday December 10 if you will be attending.

**Dorothy May (Del) Todd:** We are sorry to have to tell you that a long-standing resident of Moggerhanger, Del Todd died on the October 20, 2012 at the age of 88. Del moved to the village in the early 1960s and brought up her two children here (Peter and Ann) whilst her husband Arthur was serving his time in the RAF. Some of you may remember them taking their dog for its daily outings in the village. Arthur died some 8 years ago and Del had lived here alone since then.

Ann, her daughter, has lived in Cyprus since marrying a Cypriot and there is now a large family of children and grandchildren out there. Del had for many years spent the winter months in Cyprus and her last visit was late 2011. After returning home early this year her general health deteriorated and her daughter Ann returned to Moggerhanger to look after Del and arrange extra help to enable her mother to

remain at home and retain her independence. This proved to be impossible as Del eventually needed round the clock help.

In October of this year Del moved into a nursing home in Warwickshire, which was close to her son Peter, and it was there that she died. The funeral was held in Warwickshire on November 14.

Those who have known Del over the years will remember her as an intelligent, caring person, who will be sorely missed by her friends, family and neighbours.

**Christmas Grotto:** Once again experience the Christmas Grotto at Village Farm, 4 St John's Road. This event will be held on two Saturdays, December 8 and 15. Open from 2.30pm, there will be Children's bran tub, large raffle, gift stalls and entertainment from the Sandye Singers. Entrance is £2.50 for adults, children free. Tea and a mince pie included. All proceeds will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Mac Millan Cancer Support, East Anglian Air Ambulance, and The Donkey Sanctuary.

**More Christmas Events:** Get these dates in your diary and look out for further information to follow soon. Tuesday, December 4, Christmas coffee morning and 100+ club draw; Sunday, December 9, Christingle; Saturday, December 15, Tree Festival and Christmas Bazaar; Sunday, December 16, Village Carols; Monday, December 24, Crib and Midnight services.

## **New Year's Party**

Get this event in your diary. We thought we would try something different this year and have a party to see in the New Year. This is being planned as a family event so bring the kids along. To encourage a community spirit we will have a bring and share buffet. Tickets and more info will follow in early December.

**Whist:** Held last Friday, November 16 with M.C. Mr Ian Collis. Our winners were Mrs M Urtone, Mrs E Osborne, Mrs J Smith, Mrs E Barrance, Mrs R Burns, Mr T Beck, Mr T Lister, Mrs D Campion. Our raffle winners were Mr B Sheath, Mr K Gallichan, Mrs I Byrne, Mr T Lister, Ms R Bennett. The next whist drive will be held on Friday, November 30, in the village hall at 7.30pm. This will be the first of our two Christmas whist drives.

**St Johns Church:** The Revd. L Klimas led the songs of praise service held on Sunday evening and once again welcomed a large congregation. The theme for the service was 'Advent'.

Hymns were introduced by Mr G Horner, Miss C Whaley, Mr K Ebbage, Mrs M Ebbage, Mr J P Brun and Revd.L Klimas. Readings were given by Ms J Gleeson and Mrs J Hollington. The prayers were led by Mrs D Bashford and the blessing given by Revd. L Klimas.

Refreshments were served after the service.

The next Songs of Praise will be the annual Carol service on Sunday December 16.

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