

December 17 for December 21

**New Year's Party:** To be held in the village hall, Monday December 31. 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. There will be party games for the children with prizes, a raffle, licensed bar and music into the small hours. Music and entertainment is being organised by Stephen Wheatley so look forward to a good evening. Tickets are £4 for adults, children under 16 are free. Call Carolyn, 01767 640727, to arrange tickets and also to give an idea of what food you will be bringing.

**MMPS:** The opening hours for the shop over the Christmas and New Year will be Monday December 24, Open; Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26, Closed; Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Saturday 29, Open; Monday 31 December, Open; Tuesday January 1, 2013, Closed. From Wednesday January 2 normal opening times will be resumed.

**Moggerhanger Park:** The Friends of Moggerhanger Park invite you to a BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION, on January 24, 2013, at 7pm. 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, a four 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, and includes an arrival drink, dinner, auction & entertainment. Tickets are available from [friends@moggerhangerpark.com](mailto:friends@moggerhangerpark.com) or 01767 641007.

Check our new website out for further details [www.moggerhangerpark.com](http://www.moggerhangerpark.com)

**Christmas Grotto:** Last Saturday, December 15, was the second Christmas Grotto event held at Village Farm, 4 St John's Road. There was a Children's bran tub, large raffle, gift stalls and entertainment from the Sandye Singers. The event was well attended and a raffle drawn during the afternoon. The winners were Mrs M Ellen, J Darlington, D Lawrence, M Enfield, Mrs I Izzard, Mr L Eaton, Ms J Hart, Mrs B Anderson, I Randall, Mrs J Nicholson, P McGrady, Keira, Mrs E Robinson, Mrs Stock. Tea and a mince pie was included in the entrance fee. All proceeds will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind, MacMillan Cancer Support, East Anglian Air Ambulance, and The Donkey Sanctuary.

**Whist:** Held last Friday, December 14, with M.C. Mr Ian Collis, with six tables in play. This was the second of two Christmas events. This event is slightly different from the normal fortnightly whist with extra prizes given. The winners were, top score Mr T Beck; Ladies event Mrs J Byrnes, Mrs E Harrold, Mrs A Lattimer, Mrs E Osborne, Mrs D Campion, Mrs E Barrance, Mrs E Flint, lowest score Ms R Bennett; Gents event Mr R Snell, Mr C Strange, Mr K Gallichan, Mr C Livings, Mr T Green, Mr T Lister, Mrs R Burns, lowest score Mr I Collis. The raffle winners were Mr T Lister, Mr E Barrance, Mrs R Burns, Mrs E Flint, Mrs E Osborne, Ms R Bennett, Mr M Lee, Mr D Lamey, Mr R

Snell, Mrs E Bridge, Mr C Livings, Mrs E Harrold, Mr K Gallichan, Mrs I Lamey.  
Refreshment of tea, coffee mince pies and sausage rolls were enjoyed at half time.

The next whist drive will be held on Friday, December 28, in the village hall at 7.30pm.

**St John's Church:** The Christmas Tree Festival was held over the weekend when the Church came alive with trees adorned with decorations and lights. Organisations within the village and individuals took part in decorating the trees some themed, with 24 trees in all. A quiz was held which was won by Ms Ann Hysted.

A treasure hunt competition was won by Mrs J Colton and the hamper won by Revd. L Klimas.

Mulled wine, coffee, mince pies and sausage rolls were enjoyed during the Saturday morning

On Sunday evening the Revd. G Orpin led the annual Carol service and, after welcoming a large congregation, read a bidding prayer.

Readers were Mr R Allen, Mrs E Barrance, Mr M Mease, Mrs M Hopton, Miss C Whaley and Revd. G Orpin.

An alternative Christmas poem, by Austin James, was read by Mrs S Evans, head teacher, who later joined the children from the school and junior choir in singing a selection of carols.

The senior choir sang "Gaudette" and "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow". The collection was taken up by Ms J Warren and Ms G Bird.

At the end of the service Mrs A Cross brought on her donkey puppet to advertise the crib service and nativity at 3pm on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds and angels. All enjoyed this and Alison received great applause.

Mulled wine, coffee and seasonal refreshments followed.

**Christmas Party:** Saturday last, December 15, saw approximately 70 people enjoying a Disney themed Christmas party. There was Snow White and Seven Dwarfs, some big eared mice with red trousers and yellow shoes, in fact all manner of Disney characters. There was a Disney Parade for the judges to choose the top three costumes. This proved a difficult decision as so many folk had put heart and soul into some great costumes. After much deliberation decisions were made, and the winners were, the Genie, Princess Fiona and Pocahontas. A big thank-you to everyone who turned out on the day to setup and clear away and also to everyone who came to support the event and help raise money for the village hall. We raised the sum of £735 and this money will be put towards clearing the loan taken earlier this year to fix the collapsed drains.

**Church Services:** St John the Evangelist

Sunday, December 23, All Age Communion, 9am

Monday, December 24, Crib service, 3pm; midnight communion, 11.30pm

Sunday, December 25, no service. Sung communion services in the Benefice, Cople, 9am; Willington 10am

Sunday, December 30, Sung Communion, 11am