

February 4 for February 8

Whist: Tonight, Friday February 8, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

Moggerhanger Park: News from the Friends of Moggerhanger Park. The snowdrop season will soon be upon us at Moggerhanger Park. Experience nature bursting into life and visit the delightful carpet of snowdrops that cover our Woodland Trail. The snowdrops were originally planted by Humphrey Repton over 200 years ago and are one of the few remaining species of traditional British snowdrops.

As spring unfolds all its glory, Moggerhanger Park prepares for another busy year of activity – look out for our upcoming events on our new website.

The Woodland Cafe will be open for the snowdrop season serving light refreshments from February 8, 2013.

Opening Hours are Friday (11am-3pm), Saturday (11am-3pm), Sunday (12pm-3pm), Monday (11am-3pm).

Free entry and car park facilities (including disabled car spaces).

Please check website for further details: www.moggerhangerpark.com

enquiries@moggerhangerpark.com or 01767 641 007

MMPS Lunch: This will be held at The Guinea, Tuesday, February 19, at 12.30 for 1pm. The deadline for booking is noon, Saturday, February 16. To book, enter your name on the list in the shop (10am until noon Mon-Sat). Everyone welcome, so book in friends and family too. If you can't get to the shop, ring 01767 640124 to book.

Pancakes: On Wednesday, February 20, Doreen and Coral will be tossing pancakes once again to raise money for the Village Hall. Please join them at 32 Park Road, Moggerhanger. They will be tossing pancakes from 10.30am until 4pm and from 6.30pm until 8pm. In addition to pancakes there will be tea and coffee, a raffle and a bring and buy.

Emm Gee 60: Members were joined by friends for their annual lunch held at The Guinea, Moggerhanger on Wednesday last. The President of the club, Mrs Jo Davison, thanked all for coming and the committee for all their work. Thanks were also expressed to the ladies at The Guinea who prepared and served the meals which were enjoyed by all.

Winners of the large raffle were Mrs E Robinson, Mrs M Jennings, Mrs N Lowe, Mrs C Rawlins, Mrs E Edwards, Mr H Robinson, Mrs P Lawrence, Mrs J Harding, Mr A Buck, Mr L Lowe, Mr M Rawlins, Mrs A Browning, Mr K Sedgman, Mr P Jennings, Mrs C Flint, Mrs E Barrance.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday, February 27, at 2.30pm in the village hall. New members welcome.

Sing Up Loud: Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Village Hall. This will be a choir run by

Choirmaster Leigh Smith and will cover many interests from Classic, Pop and Show music. Call Chris on 01767 640242 for more information

Anniversary Party: It is the tenth anniversary of the Friends of St John's Church. To celebrate this milestone there will be a party on the evening of Friday, February 22, at 7.30 pm in St John's Church. There will be drinks, a finger buffet and a quiz. During the evening you will hear how the Friends started and how money raised has been spent. It is anticipated that the new heating system will be up and running. Everyone is welcome but please let Dorothy, 01767 640242, or Pat, 01767 640848, know for catering purposes if you going to attend.

Coffee Morning: Saturday, February 2, saw a midwinter coffee morning held at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, by kind invitation of Miss Matthews. From 10.30am, there were stalls and a raffle. The raffle winners were Mrs E Robinson, Mr H Robinson, Mrs C Ford, Kiera, Mrs C Rawlins, Mrs D Reid, Mrs M Infield, Mr G Odell, Mr W Emery, Mrs M Wilson. All proceeds in aid of Keech Cottage Hospice, Moorfields Eye Hospital and the Salvation Army.

Bingo: Held Friday last. A great turnout of 32 players, despite a few folk missing. 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 Mrs C Rawlins, Mr G Fry, Mr A Buck, Mrs P Buck, Mrs A Barford, Mrs B Joyner, Mrs Sutton.

Our next event will be held Friday March 1 in the Village Hall. For further information contact Carolyn on 01767 640727.

Open The Box: Our first draw was held at the bingo evening on Friday, February the first. The winner of the draw had the honour of choosing the first key. This unfortunately did not open the box which now contains twenty one pounds. These draws will take place at each monthly bingo event and each monthly Village Hall social evening.

St John's Church: The Revd. Janet Humphries led a service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those who had dies at St John's Hospice over the past four months, and children assisted her in lighting the candle.

A short reading followed each group of names read by volunteer workers of the Hospice. Prayers were led by the Revd. Lynda Klimas.

During the service children were given baby chimp pictures to colour and at the end these were tied to white and blue balloons and released in the Churchyard.

There was a retiring collection in aid of the ongoing work at the hospice. The bereaved were invited to speak to a member from the Family Support Team, a Bereavement Volunteer or a member of the Chaplaincy Team.

Tea and cakes were served afterwards.

Church services: St John the Evangelist, 10am, Family Service.