Feb 11 for Feb 15

**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 is now open for the snowdrop season serving light refreshments from February 8, 2013 until March 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: <u>www.moggerhangerpark.com</u>

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 tomorrow, 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.

**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.

**Mothers Union:** Members met in a member's home at Cople Monday last. Discussion was made on the coming year's programme and Prayers were led by Mrs Liz Buck.

The next meeting will be held at Cople on Monday, March 4.

**Whist:** Held last Friday, February 8, with M.C. Mr Ian Collis. Our winners were Mrs M Urtone, Mrs J Smith, Mrs N Brown, Mrs I Byrne, Mrs R Burns, Mr B Sheath, Mr I Collis, Mr T Lister. Our raffle winners were Mr C Livings, Mrs C Lister, Mr K Gallichan, Mr I Collis, Mrs A Latimer. The next whist drive will be held on Friday, February 22, in the village hall at 7.30pm.

**100+ Club Draw:** This was the first draw of the year so the draw was for both January and February. Sixteen members did not renew for this year but there were 27 new members. Membership now stands at 175. The draw took place at the St John's Church coffee morning, Tuesday February 5. There are 5 monthly prizes for £20, £15, £10, £10, £5. Our winners for January were Mrs A Stanforth, Mr D Halliwell, Mrs E Bridge, Mr E Barrance, Mr C Watts. The winners for February were Mr C Strange, Mrs B Browne, Mrs C Mercer, Ms G Bird, Mr C Broomfield. The March draw will be held on Tuesday, March 5, at the next Church coffee morning.

**Social Evening:** Wednesday, February 6, saw the start of the monthly social evening events held in the village hall. It was a bitterly cold night so numbers were low, however, those that braved the weather enjoyed a chat and a drink. The next event will be Wednesday, March 5, when we hope to have live music and real ale. Doors open at 7pm.

**Open the Box:** Our second draw was held at the social evening on Wednesday, February 6. The key unfortunately did not open the box which now contains thirty one pounds. These draws will take place at each monthly bingo event and each monthly Village Hall social evening.

**Village Hall:** There are a number of events on the horizon so get these dates in your diary. In addition to the monthly Bingo and Social Evenings there will be a number of fund raising events held to raise money for the hall.

Saturday, March 16, Casino night to include 2 course dinner and betting chips, licensed bar, tickets £10 from Carolyn 01767 640727.

Saturday, March 30, an Easter disco and karaoke, raffle and licensed bar, tickets £2.50 from Carolyn 01767 640727.

Saturday, April 20, a cabaret evening with drag artiste Regina Dwight, doors open 7pm, raffle and licensed bar, tickets £5 from Denise 01767 640633 or Carolyn 01767 640727

**St John's Church:** Ms Sue Lamprall led the family service on Sunday morning and Mrs M Ebbage was reader. A drama, 'Parable of the Talents' was enacted by Georgie, Pat and Brenda and narrators were Hattie and Tracey.

The junior choir sang "He's got the whole world in his hands" and also led the prayers.

The Revd. L Klimas reminded everyone of study groups to be held in lent and also the charity to be supported. Envelopes were given out to all if they wished to donate.

Sidespersons were Ms J Warren and Ms G Bird. Ms J Warren and Mrs B George served refreshments after the service.

The next family service will be Mothering Sunday, March 10, at 10am.

**Church services:** St John the Evangelist, 6pm, Songs of Praise.