

Apr 15 for Apr 19

Whist: Tonight, Friday April 19, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

Tomorrow: Saturday, April 20, a cabaret evening with Regina Dwight to include a disco, raffle and licensed bar. We still have a few tickets left. So come and enjoy a great night out. Doors open 7pm, tickets £5 from Denise 01767 640633 or Carolyn 01767 640727

Village Hall: Our annual meeting saw a record turnout of 18 parishioners. The previous year's minutes were approved with no matters arising. Mr Chris Bashford gave his annual Chairman's report, highlighting significant events during the year and thanking all for their help and support. Mr Glyn Adams, as Secretary, presented the annual Trustees report. This formal document contains information pertaining to the setting up of the Village Hall Charity and covers legal aspects as well as information significant for the year. A presentation of our annual accounts, detailing our financial situation was given by Mrs Carolyn Lister. Although we have seen a £1400 deficit in our bank balance in 2012 this has to be balanced against the £4000 spend on the Improvement Project and £4150 spend on repairing the drains. In all over £9000 was spent on safety and maintenance and £3800 on additional assets. Whilst our year end bank balance was down by £1400 to £2297 our net worth at year end 2012 was £9403 as compared to £7677 at year end 2011. Mr Glyn Adams then read out the nominations for election of Trustees. Nominated Trustees for 2013 will be Mrs B Barrance and Ms J Warren. Elected Trustees are Mr C Bashford, Mr G Adams, Mrs C Lister, Mr R Allen, Mr P Milton. All info will be available on our website within the next few days.

Open the Box: After the draw at the last bingo event this now stands at £125. The next opportunity to purchase tickets for this draw will be at the cabaret evening tomorrow tonight.

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

Bingo: Held Friday last with a good turnout of our regular supporters. If you like Bingo 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 Miles Porteous, Mrs E Ruddle, Mrs J Edwards, Mrs S Sutton, Mrs Currie, Mrs C Rawlins, Mr A Sutton, Mrs B Barrance.

Our next event will be held Friday May 10 in the Village Hall. For further info contact Carolyn on 01767 640727.

Mothers Union: Representatives from the five mothers union branches in the deanery met at the church Monday last for the Lady Day service. The service was led by the Revd. Janet Humphries, Deanery Chaplain.

The Revd. Lynda Klimas welcomed everyone to the service which included the rural Dean the Revd. Lindsey Dew, Mrs Susan Roberts, Diocesan President, St Albans Diocese, and Mrs Sandra Wright, vice President.

The Revd. Dew was celebrant for holy communion and readings were given by Mrs Mel Ebbage and Mrs Rosemary Kimber. Intercessions were led by Mrs Diane Branch, retiring Chairman. At the beginning of the service Diane was presented with a vase and flowers by Mrs Roberts in

appreciation of her work over the past six years.

During the service the Reverend Dew commissioned officers for the next triennium. These were Deanery Chaplain, Revd. J Humphries, Deanery Chairman, Mrs B Parsons, Deanery Treasurer, Mrs E Robinson, Deanery Secretary, Mrs L Buck.

The elements were taken up by Mrs J Ebbs and Mrs P Vasey and sides-persons Mrs A Presland and Mrs Riloin and ladies of the Caldecote branch. Mr M Drage was organist.

A bring and buy stall was held and raised £39 for Deanery funds. Refreshments were served after the service.

Church Services: St John the Evangelist, London Marathon Village Songs of Praise, 6pm.