

Apr 22 for Apr 26

MMPS: Its Moggerhanger Meeting Place and Shop volunteers coffee morning on Monday, April 29, at 10am in St John's Church.

Folk Evening: On Wednesday, May 1, there will be another Village Hall open floor folk night. This is our third Folk Evening being held the first Wednesday evening of every month. Doors open at 7pm. Calling all musicians and singers. If you want to come along and just listen, you can. If you want to play something, you can. If you want to join in with others, you can. We will also have real ale on sale. For more information call Chris on 01767 640242.

Moggerhanger Park: Celebrate Jane Austen. Saturday, May 11, at 7.30pm. Emerald O'Hanrahan - Emma Grundy on the Archers (BBC Radio 4) will be performing extracts from the writings of Jane Austen. The evening will highlight the variety and wit of Austen's writing, with extracts from her memoirs, letters, juvenilia, poetry and novels. This year marks the 200 anniversary of the publication of Pride and Prejudice. A musical interlude by harpist Armande Fryatt and Regency Dance Group 'The Rout' will also be included in the evening's entertainment. Tickets now available at £20 - Friends of Moggerhanger Park £18 01767 641007

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Open the Box: After the draw at the cabaret evening this now stands at £160.

The next opportunity to purchase tickets for this draw will be at the next folk evening on May 1.

Sing Up Loud: Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Village Hall. This is 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

Plant Sale: Get these dates in your diary, May 17, 18, and 19, for the annual plant sale at Little Orchard. There will be the usual sale of cakes, cream teas and ploughman's during that weekend. More information to follow soon.

Whist: Held last Friday, April 19, with M.C. Mr Ian Collis. Our winners were Mrs A Lattimer, Mrs E Flint, Mrs D Champion, Mrs M Urtone, Mr I Collis, Mr D Martin, Mr C Strange, Mr C Livings. Our raffle winners were Mr D Martin, Mrs C Lister, Mrs D Champion, Mr K Harper, Ms R Bennett. This was an evening of differing fortunes, Mrs Lattimer exceeding the snowball number with a score of 188, whilst Mrs J Cobb held the record for the most number of single tricks per hand. At one point Mrs Cobb suggested she might flee to Basingstoke. The next whist drive will be held on Friday, May 3, in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Cabaret Evening: An evening with Regina Dwight, held Saturday last in the village hall was a complete sell out. With a mad rush to find extra tables and chairs for folk arriving

on the door and exhausted bar staff by the end of the evening it was clear this was a greatly enjoyed event. Folk were met on the door by Betty and Lady Fitztightly both with stunning hair do's and more sequins than was decent. The evening started with Elton John tribute act, Chris, who certainly knew how to tinkle those ivory keys. Then came the evening's star act, drag artiste, Regina Dwight. For two acts Regina kept the audience laughing with his close to the knuckle jokes, serenaded by his rich singing, amazed at his costumes and the ladies very envious of his shapely legs. Between acts Colin Fellows kept the audience entertained and dancing with a very lively disco. For his final act Regina changed back into his more usual attire and sang a selection of ballads before drawing the raffle and open the box. It was then time to seriously party with many disco party favourites.

This event raised close to £800 for the village hall and will be used to offset costs for the new bar and enable completion of the recent redecoration program.

A really big thank you to everyone who helped get this event organised and running smoothly, also to all who came and supported the event making it a very successful evening.

St John's Church: The monthly songs of praise was held Sunday last, led by the Revd. L Klimas.

Hymns were introduced by a series of short readings given by Mr K Ebbage, Mrs M Ebbage, Mr G Horner, Mr P Dean, Mrs D Bashford, Ms C Whaley, Mr S Mercer.

Refreshments were served after the service. The next songs of praise will be Sunday, May 19 at 6pm.

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