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Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan: Earlier this year consultation was undertaken by Central Bedfordshire regarding this plan and at that time Moggerhanger was removed from the shortlist, but still remains on the long list. This early consultation is not done by all councils and is only preliminary to the formal consultation period which runs from May 20 until July 1.

This formal consultation is the most important, following which the council will give a summarised assessment of the views received to the Inspectorate. The council could make alterations to the Plan they have already proposed before it is sent to the Inspector, however any comments made during the earlier consultation will not be forwarded as they are not part of this formal consultation.

In addition to their summary the Council are required to send to the Inspector the full list of sites that were originally considered i.e. the long list. The Inspector will look at the council's conclusions and reasons for selecting the shortlist, and consider responses from the formal consultation round, not the earlier consultation round. The Inspector will decide whether or not they agree with the Council's findings, and if not may propose alternative sites from the long list, which would include Moggerhanger.

It is vitally important that all previous comments made in the earlier consultation are now re-iterated as part of this formal consultation to ensure your comments are included in the information sent to the Secretary of State and his Inspector.

You can contact the council by email at LDF@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk, or by post at Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds, SG17 5TQ

Refer to your previous communications by date or include them again and request that these previous submissions be forwarded to the Secretary of State and his Planning Inspector.

Planning Application: A planning application has been submitted for the erection of 18 dwellings on the land adjoining The Guinea Public House. Details of this application can be seen on the Central Bedfordshire website, application no CB/13/01869. If you wish to comment on this application you should do so by June 20.

Whist: Tonight, Friday June 14, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

Bingo: Held Friday last, June 7, at the Village Hall. A good turn out of 29 players led to an enjoyable evening for all. There were cash prizes, a raffle and Open the box. The holder of the winning ticket for open the box was Miss Ellie Rawlins. Sadly Ellie's key did not open the box so this was rolled over to the next event, the cocktail evening.

100+ Club Draw

The draw for June took place at the St John's Church coffee morning, Tuesday June 4. There are 5 monthly prizes for £20, £15, £10, £10, £5. Our winners this month were Mrs J Humphries, Mrs J Beharrel, Ms J Russell, Mr A Mooney, Mrs B George. July's draw will be held on Tuesday, July 2, at the next Church coffee morning.

The mid year special draw for £50 will take place at the Friend's of St John's Church, Safari Supper, on Saturday June 29.

Folk Night: Our fourth folk session at the village hall proved to be one of the best yet. We were fortunate to have Anna Ardley and the rest of her band 'Strangeworld' from Cambridge. Together they brought a host of unusual instruments including cittern, cello and oboe where they were able to demonstrate some top-class musicianship and some original tunes. The duo

'Still Seeking' came again and we were given some more 50's to 70's popular tunes. A new face was that of Brian Reid from Eynesbury who played and sang some American blues/folk numbers. Of course there were also the original faces to bring their own brand of music and humour and poetry. That, with the addition of some real ale from Potton Brewery, went to make yet another popular event for Moggerhanger.

Open the Box featured as usual the winning ticket being held by Allison. Sadly the chosen key did not open the box.

The next Folk Evening will be held, Wednesday, July 3. Doors open 7pm.

Cocktail Evening: What a super night. A modest party of 35 but more than enough for our bar staff when faced with orders for 8-10 cocktails at a time. A selection of 12 cocktails were offered ranging from 'Between the Sheets', with a kick like a mule and a hangover in the offing, so not for the faint hearted, to non-alcoholic, Moggerhanger sunsets, a pleasant mixture of orange or pineapple with cranberry juice.

Caribbean delights such as the Mojito and Margarita were popular as was the very pretty pink cosmopolitan. The firm favourite, however, was 'Sex on the Beach'. With no sand available at the village hall folk had to be content with a pleasant mix of vodka and peach schnapps topped with orange and cranberry juice. For those with a sweet tooth we offered a Pina Colada.

There was a raffle, guess the mystery cocktail, roll the coin to win a bottle and our firm favourite Open the Box. The mystery cocktail competition was won by Ms J Hart, the roll the coin by Mrs S Attridge and the winning ticket for open the box by Mr M Raggett. Sadly Mr Raggett's chosen key did not open the box. We raised over £500 for village hall funds.

Open the Box: This currently stands at £290 with eleven keys remaining, although if drawn at the social evening, Tuesday, June 11 may contain more. This will be drawn again at the next Folk Night, Wednesday, July 3.

FMLS Summer Fayre: The Friends of Moggerhanger Lower School will be holding this event at the school, on Saturday, June 29, from 12 noon until 2pm. There will be various stalls, craft, games, a raffle and refreshments. Please come along and support the village school. To book a stall please contact Sid Smith at sid.nsmith@btinternet.com.

Safari Supper: This annual event in support of the Friend's of St John's Church is to be held on Saturday, June 29. The evening commences with pre dinner drinks at 7 Blunham Road, weather permitting, at 6.30pm. There you will receive information of your mystery host for your starter, who will also provide you details of your main course host. Finally it's back to the Church for dessert, coffee and liqueurs. Tickets are still available at £14 from Dorothy 01767 640242 or Pat 01767 640848. If you would like to be a host for this event or are able to make a dessert then Dorothy and Pat would love to hear from you.

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

Moggerhanger Park: Friday June 28, in the Garden Room at Moggerhanger Park there will be a gardening quiz night. Moggerhanger Park is organizing a gardening quiz night in collaboration with Plant Heritage. Everybody is welcome. The doors will open at 7pm and the quiz will begin at 7.15pm. The questions will be related to gardening matters, but will have a broad basis of general knowledge, so should appeal to everyone. The tables will be arranged to seat 6 people so group of friends can sit together. Please let us know when you book. Tickets will cost £10 per person and will include a bottle of wine for each table and nibbles. Bar and Food available to

purchase on the evening.

To book, contact pilardell@gmail.com or call 07719547148. All profits go to Moggerhanger House Preservation Trust for funding new planting in the gardens

St John's Church: The Revd. L Klimas led the Family Service on Sunday last and the reader was Mrs P Whitworth. The theme for the service was the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard.

The children led the prayers and sang "Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat".

Sidespersons were Ms J Warren and Mrs B George, who also served refreshments after the service.

The next Family Service will be held on Sunday July 14.

Sunday, June 23, will be 'Open Church' day. The Church will be open from 2pm to welcome visitors. Refreshments will be available.

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