

July 8 for Jul 12

Whist: Tonight, Friday July 12, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, at 7.30 in the village hall.

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.

Open Garden: Under the National Gardens Scheme, Jane and Ron invite you to their garden at 37 Bedford Road, Moggerhanger on Saturday 27, and Sunday 28, July. The garden will be open from 2pm until 5pm each day. Entrance is £2.50 for adults, Children free.

Tea and cakes will be served and there will also be some plants for sale.

All parts of the garden are accessible to wheelchairs. There is limited parking on the drive but only by prior arrangement, 01767 641501.

The garden features include neat lawns with softly curving edges, herbaceous borders, a lovely Deodara and other interesting trees. There is a large vegetable garden with very productive raised beds and fruit trees. Also some novel statuary (gnome free!)

Half the proceeds raised from the refreshment and plant sales will go towards the Village Hall fund.

Summer Garden Party: On Saturday, August 3 from 2pm you are invited to a garden party at 64 Blunham Road, by kind invitation of Ken and Mel Ebbage. There will be a BBQ, cakes, ice cream, games and a raffle. Do come along and join in the fun. For tickets at £5 contact Pat Whitworth on 01767 640848. To be held in aid of St John's Church

100+ Club Draw

The draw for July took place at the St John's Church coffee morning, Tuesday July 2. There are 5 monthly prizes for £20, £15, £10, £10, £5. Our winners this month were Mr A Reid, Mrs I Wyatt, Mr A Rycraft, Mr B Keyser, Mrs M Stacey. Augusts draw will be held on Tuesday, August 6, at the next Church coffee morning.

Folk Night: Another great evening kept everyone foot tapping and singing along. This is now a firm favourite, held every first Wednesday each month.

Open The Box was drawn and the winning ticket held by Mr B Izzard. Unfortunately the chosen key did not open the box so this was rolled over to the next event.

Barn Dance: Held last Saturday, what a fantastic evening. As this event was to be held outside and with the changeable weather everyone had some concern, but all unnecessarily it seems. For several days before the event anyone travelling along Blunham Road would have seen folk feverously building marquees, in case it was necessary to protect everyone from the rain. As it turns out they were necessary to give folk some shelter from the sun. We could not have wished for a more perfect evening.

This event was organized and run by Mrs Michele Seward and Mr Stephen Wheatley to help raise funds for the Village Hall. The event was held at 14 Blunham Road by kind invitation of Mr Neil and Mrs Michele Seward.

Music and direction was provided by the band Kelly's Eye, whose careful guidance kept most folk turning, reeling and dosey doe-ing when they should. Michele and Steve provided copious quantities of slow cooked roast pork with apple sauce and stuffing all in a bun, delicious. We even managed to keep the beer cold, although that did take some juggling.

After the barn dancing the evening finished with Steve serenading everyone with some well known favourites.

A really big thank-you to Michele and Steve for holding such a fun event and to everyone who turned up to give their support. The event has raised over £500 for village hall funds.

Bingo: Held Friday last, July 5, at the Village Hall. The evening of Andy Murray's semi final so some concerns that nobody would turn up, however, a good turn out of 25 players led to an enjoyable evening for all. There were cash prizes, a raffle and Open The Box. Mrs A Fry won the draw for Open The Box but unfortunately her chosen key did not open the box. This now contains £362 and was rolled over to the next event, the July, 9, social evening.

Garden Party: Held last Saturday, July 6, at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, by kind invitation of Miss Matthews. From 2.30pm, there were stalls, a raffle and cream teas served during the afternoon. The raffle winners were Mr G O'dell, Mrs M Lingwood, Mrs K Flint, Mrs J Metcalf, S Emery, Miss G Carthy, Mrs R Forbes, Mrs R Prigmore, Mrs E Izzard, Mrs I Randall, Mrs C Rawlins, Mrs J Perkins, Mrs J Nichollson, W Emery, Mrs V Rutt, Mrs C Denny. There was entertainment by The Thursday Afternoon Group of Singers (TAGS). All proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Macmillan Cancer Support and East Anglian Air Ambulance. A really big thank-you to everyone who helped on the day and also to everyone who turned out to support the event.

Open the Box: This is getting very exciting with only 7 keys to go. The folk evening took the contents to £345. This was followed by the Bingo night which increased the contents to £362. A draw will also have taken place last Tuesday at the social evening. The next draw will be August 2, at the Bingo night.

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