

Oct 14 for 18 Oct

Whist: Tonight, Friday, October 18, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

An Evening with Regina Dwight: Tomorrow, October 19, 7pm. Back by popular demand this talented drag artiste has an amazing singing voice but will also have you laughing until you cry. Also featuring guest star Eva Ladiva from recent 'The Voice' fame. A wonderful evening's entertainment. Includes canapés, all for the price of £10 a ticket. Licensed Bar, raffle. Entrance is ticket only and we only have a five left. Contact Carolyn 01767 640727

Knit and Natter: The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 22, from 10am to 12 noon in St John's Church.

We have some exciting new projects to show you, so please feel free to bring your own knitting, or pick up a pattern and materials from us, or just come for a chat.

Coffee Break: This weekly event, for Mums and Dads, every Wednesday during term-time (excluding half-term week), 9am – 10am and longer if wanted (the shop is open until 12 noon). Tea or coffee and biscuits cost just fifty pence.

Coffee Morning: Saturday, October 26, you are invited to an Autumn Coffee Morning at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, by kind invitation of Miss Matthews. From 10.30am, there will be stalls, a raffle, Christmas cards and wrap, tea and coffee served during the morning. All proceeds in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Horse and Donkey Sanctuary.

Parish Council: The Parish Council held a meeting last Tuesday, October 8, in the pavilion office. A text was agreed for representation to the public inquiry taking place on Wednesday, October 30, at Central Bedfordshire Council Offices, in connection with Anderson's Transport appeals. The Parish Council support Central Beds Council's decision to issue enforcement notices to ensure planning rules are upheld. A representative from the Parish Council has been chosen to speak at the inquiry.

Volunteer's Coffee Morning: Ten volunteers and friends met on Friday, October 11, to 'talk shop' over a cup of coffee and cake. We were pleased to see the Knit & Natter Group and the Mums and Dads' Coffee Break were being enjoyed and well-attended. For the future, it was agreed that we would try to improve the signs into the meeting place and shop. Some village people were aware that the shop was there, but not sure just where exactly. (It is in the church vestry - once through the main door into the church, you just keep going to the end and the vestry is on your left.) There will always be someone there to welcome you, so do come and have a look. The volunteer's rota is working well but only just - if you can help to give back-up by becoming one of our 'reserve volunteers' please call Eileen on 01767 640039 or Jane 01767 641501.

Bingo: Held Friday last, October 11, at the Village Hall. The bad weather and holidays reduced the numbers this month but did not detract from an enjoyable evening for all. There were cash prizes, a raffle and Open The Box. The winner of

the draw chose a key which sadly did not open the box. This now contains £12 and will be rolled over to the next bingo night.

Whist: Held Thursday, October 10, as the Potton venue was unavailable an emergency trip to Moggerhanger was needed. Our winners were Mrs E Flint, Mrs I Byrne, Mrs I Lamey, Mrs J Baskerville, Ms R Bennett, Mr T Harper, Mr R Snell, Mr C Livings, Mrs R Burns, Mrs J Marshall, Mr C Strange. Our raffle winners were Mrs J Marshall, Mr K Gallichan, Mrs L Mayston, Mr T Beck, Mr B Urtone, Mr R Snell, Mrs E Harold, Mrs E Flint, Mrs J Baskerville, Mr T Harper, Mr T Green, Mr C Strange, Mrs M Urtone, Mr D Lamey, Mrs D Campion, Mrs I Byrne, Mrs I Lamey, Mrs E Bridge.

Tea Towels: Kindly donated to the village by Mr Keith Lawrence to raise money for village charities; St John's Hospice, St John's Church and Moggerhanger Village Hall. These delightful tea towels depict various village buildings all draw by Keith, a talented artist. They are available for sale at £4 each, but hurry as stocks are running low. Contact Mrs Karen Flint 01767 640786.

Folk Concert – Strangeworld: Held last Saturday this progressive folk group delighted their audience with haunting melodies. A talented band playing a range of instruments including guitar, sitar, piano accordion, chello, oboe, bassoon and medieval bag pipes to name but a few. The evening included a 2 course supper and a raffle and raised over £600 for the village hall.

Pilates: A reminder that there will be a beginners morning pilates class starting at the Village Hall probably November. Free trial first lesson. If interested please contact Annie at annie@pilates-professional.com or phone 01480 474363

St John's Church: On Sunday, September 6, the Revd. Janet Humphries welcomed a large congregation for the St John's Hospice Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, for those who had died at the hospice over the past three months. Revd. Janet gave a talk on Water Bugs and Dragon Flies and during the service the children coloured in pictures of them.

Mrs Jill Little led the prayers and volunteers from the hospice led the remembrance section and read out names of loved ones departed.

After the service the pictures crayoned by the children were tied to blue and white balloons and let off in the Churchyard.

The congregation were served tea and cakes afterwards.

On Saturday, October 12, it was the annual Gift Day and Coffee Morning.

On Sunday, October 13, the Revd. Lynda Klimas welcomed a large congregation to the evening Harvest Songs of Praise.

Introducing hymns were Mr S Mercer, Mrs P Dean, Ms C Whaley, Mr B Buck, Mr K Ebbage, Mr G Horner.

The reading was given by Mrs P Whitworth, the senior choir sang "O Give Thanks to the Lord", Mr G Acott led the Prayers and the blessing was given by the Revd Klimas.

Mrs D Bashford gave an introduction to John Barleycorn which was then performed by the local folk group 'Home Brew'. Mr C Bashford on Guitar, Mrs C Adams on Violin, Mrs L Schofield on Euphonium and Mr I Woiwod on Double Bass.

After the service the congregation enjoyed a Harvest Supper.

A raffle was held and the winners were Mrs J Hollington, Mrs D Hall, Mrs C Lister, Mrs J Davison, Mrs L Schofield, Ms L Burgess, Mrs C Lloyd, Mrs C Rawlins, Mr G Davison, Mrs I Woiwod.

On Sunday, October 20, there will be a United Songs of Praise Service at Cople. This will be the last Benefice service led by the Revd. Lynda Klimas before her departure for Maulden. She will take up her new position of Rector and Rural Dean for Ampthill and Shefford Deanery on November 11.

Church Services: Farewell Songs of Praise, 6pm, Cople