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Whist: Tonight, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included. This is the second of our Christmas events

Christmas Grotto: You are invited, by Miss Matthews, to explore the Christmas Grotto at Village Farm, 4 St John's Road. This event will take place tomorrow and the following Saturday December 21. From 2.30pm, entrance for adults is £2.50, children free. Tea and a mince pie are included. There will be a children's bran tub, cost 50 pence, a large raffle and a gift stall.

The first of these events was held Saturday last, December 7 and the raffle winners were Miss Grace Carthy, Mrs E Izzard, Mr L Eaton, Mrs G Metcalf, Mr R Flint, Mr K King, Mrs D Harrison, Mrs S Payne.

All proceeds to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Macmillan Cancer Support, East Anglia Air Ambulance and the Dog Trust.

Parish Council: There will be a Parish Council planning meeting on Wednesday December 18, in the village hall at 7.30pm. This is a public meeting so anyone can attend.

Coffee Break: Don't forget 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.

Christmas Bazaar: Tomorrow in St John's Church from 10am until noon. There will be refreshments, Christmas Plants, Cake Stall, Jams and Pickles, Hamper Raffle, Games, Christmas Craft activities for children of all ages.

Christmas Party: Saturday, December 21, in the village hall. Christmas themed fancy dress, so Christmas characters, anything from Santa Clause to Christmas trees will be fine. Disco by Stephen Wheatley, sausage rolls, mince pies and other warm nibbles provided, licensed bar, raffle. Come and dance the night away. See us on Facebook, Moggerhanger Village Hall. Tickets, £10 from Carolyn 01767 640727.

New Year's Party: Last year's bring n share buffet worked so well we are going to repeat it. A great night for all the family. Doors open 6.30pm for children's games. Disco by Stephen Wheatley into the New Year. As well as the buffet there will be our usual licensed bar with plenty of bubbly. Watch this space for more info. Adult tickets £4, children free.

100+ Club: With every New Year, annual subscriptions for the 100+ club fall due. We will be holding a social evening for our existing members and any new members, on Saturday evening, January 11, 2014, so get this date in your diary. This will include a free buffet and give us a chance to update everyone on current plans. Look out for your invitation.

As last year I would be grateful if members were to send their 2014 membership subs to me (Carolyn Lister, 7 Blunham Road), which we are keeping at £12. If paying by cheque please make payable to 'Moggerhanger Village Hall'

Anyone wishing to join this private lottery please contact me (01767 640727) for an application form.

100+ Club Draw: The draw for December took place at the St John's Church coffee morning, Tuesday December 3. There are 5 monthly prizes for £20, £15, £10, £10, £5. Our winners this month were Mr T Mooney, Mr D Elford, Mrs A Stanforth, Mrs D Bashford, Mrs P Burley. There will be no draw in January, giving us time to collect in subs for next year. The January and February draws will be held on Tuesday, February 4, at the Church coffee morning. The end of year special draw will take place at the Christmas Party, December 21.

Mother's Union: Members joined Cople Branch for their monthly meeting and were welcomed at Glebe house by kind invitation of Mrs J Howard. Christmas stories and poems were read and Carols sung. Tea and mince pies were served and Mrs Howard was thanked for her kind hospitality.

St John's Church: The Family Christingle service held on Sunday morning was led by Mr Elcombe, Diocesan Reader. Prayers were led by Mrs A Cross and children, readers were Mrs P Whitworth and Mrs M Ebbage. Christingles were distributed as the Christingle hymn was played. Sidespersons were Mrs B George and Mrs S Jackson, who also served refreshments afterwards. Eighty pounds was collected for the Children's Society. The next Family service will be held on January 12, at 10am.

Church Services: St John the Evangelist, Village Carol Service, 6pm.