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Christmas Party: Tomorrow, 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.

Christmas Grotto: You are invited, by Miss Matthews, to explore the Christmas Grotto at Village Farm, 4 St John's Road. The last of these events will take place tomorrow, 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 second of these events was held Saturday last, December 14 and the raffle winners were Mrs S Huntley, Mrs D James, M Ellen, Mrs C Ford, Mrs J Nicholson, Mrs P Marson, Mrs C Rawlins, Mrs P Walker, Mrs D Reid, Mrs S Underwood, Mr T Lister, Mr L Eaton, F Jones, Mrs M Halfacre. All proceeds to Guide Dogs for the Blind, MacMillan Cancer Support, East Anglia Air Ambulance and the Dog Trust.

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.

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.

Whist: Held last Friday, December with M.C. Mr Ian Collis. This was the second of our two annual Christmas events. Our winners were, Top Score Mr K Gallichan. Ladies Mrs R Burns, Mrs M Urtone, Mrs M Purkiss, Mrs A Lattimer, Mrs C Lister, Mrs E Bridge, Mrs D Campion, Ms R Bennett. Gents Mr T Lister, Mr R Snell, Mr C Orborne Mr I Collis, Mr C Strange, Mr T Beck, Mrs K Burns-Kidd, Mr C Livings. Our raffle winners were Mrs K Burns-Kidd, Mrs A Lattimer, Mr T Green, Mrs I Byrne, Mr C Strange, Mrs R Burns, Mr R Snell, Mrs E Flint, Mr E Barrance, Mrs E Harrold. The next whist drive will be held on Friday, December 27 in the village hall at 7.30pm.

St John's Church: The Revd. G Orpin presided at the annual Carol Service held on Sunday evening and welcomed a large congregation from the Parish and surrounding villages. She then led the bidding prayers Readers were Mr M Mease, Mr R Allen, Miss C Whaley, Mrs S Evans, Mr C Bashford, Mrs E Godding, Mr G Adams, Mrs C Ford. The senior choir sang a number of songs during the service, Jubilate Duo, The Colours of Christmas, Every Star Shall Sing a Carol, Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. Closing prayers and blessing were given by Revd. G Orpin. After the service tea, coffee or mulled wine was served with mince pies.

Church Services: St John the Evangelist, Sunday 22, All age communion, 9am.
Tuesday 24, Christmas Eve Crib Service 3pm.
No service Christmas day – Sung Communion at Willington, 10am.
Sunday 29, Benefice Service 11am.