

**21 Feb 14**

**Whist:**

This takes place tonight at 7.30pm in the village hall with cash prizes and a raffle. Refreshments are included.

**Coffee Break:**

Don't forget this weekly event for Mums and Dads every Wednesday during term-time from 9am to 10am and longer if wanted (the shop is open until noon). Tea or coffee and biscuits cost just 50p.

**Knit and Natter:**

The next MMPS knit and natter will take place at St John's Church on Tuesday, February 25, at 10am.

**Disco and Karaoke:**

There will be a disco with karaoke on Saturday, March 15, at the village hall at 7.30pm. Tickets at £2.50 are available from Carolyn on 01767 640727.

**Chris Milner in Concert:**

Singer-songwriter, Chris Milner will appear on Saturday, March 29, at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Tickets at £5 will be available on the door.

**Pancakes Galore:**

This annual tradition is very rewarding if only as a fun social event but it's much more than that. This year was no exception so thanks to everyone for attending the event and offering their support. It is equally important to thank those who make it happen. So a big thank-you to the champion pancake tossers, Mrs Coral Ford and Mrs Doreen Reid, to Tim Lister for providing endless cups of tea and coffee and Mr Bob Ford for managing the raffle and stalls. A few statistics you might find interesting; 59 people braved the disgusting weather, 164 pancakes were tossed, 79 cups of tea or coffee were served, they used 54 eggs, 5 pounds of flour and 3 gallons of milk. This mammoth feat has raised the grand sum of £376 for the village hall.

**Emm Gee 60:**

Members met on Wednesday last for a fortieth celebration lunch at the Wheatsheaf, Tempsford.

Hon. Sec. Mrs Barrance gave a brief history of the club. On November 28, 1973, Mrs W Evans of the Guinea in Moggerhanger was joined by Mr H Harding, Mr and Mrs Lovesey, Mrs E Street (now Barrance) and Miss M Marten from the Bedford Old Peoples Council for a gathering to discuss its formation.

The first Meeting was held in the New Year of 1974. Mr E Evans was elected President and Mr H Harding, Chairman who continued in this office for 27 years until ill health interrupted. Mrs H Wagstaff followed as chairman followed by Mrs C Rawlins. The initial job of secretary was jointly managed by Mr and Mrs Lovesey for a few months and Mrs Barrance took on the position which she still manages to this day. Mr B Harper became treasurer and was succeeded after a few years by Mr R Fox. Three of the founding members are still active; Mrs J Harding, Mr R Fox and Mrs E Barrance.

After Mr Evans left the village Mrs E Davison became President followed by Mrs Joy Davison, Mrs H Hardwicke and now our current President, Mrs Jo Davison.

The club went from strength to strength and after Mr and Mrs Evans left the Guinea meetings continued in the village hall. Membership has sadly fallen over the years but with additional members from Blunham and Sandy the club has been able to continue.

Garden parties have been held each year latterly at the Davison's at Willow Hill Farm. Yearly outings were also arranged to Clacton, Skegness, Great Yarmouth or tours to Bourton on the Water or the Organ Museum at Hitchin.

Current officers are President Mrs J Davison, Chairman Mrs E Rawlins, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer Mrs E Barrance, Vice Chairman Mr A Buck. We are also grateful to Mr R Browning who audits our finances.

If anyone would like to join the Club and help perpetuate it into the future, any of the above officers would be pleased to hear from them.

A Raffle was held during the afternoon and much enjoyed by all. Winners were Mrs E Bridge, Mrs E Edwards, Mrs J Harding, Mrs H Hardwicke, Mrs N Lowe, Mrs E Barrance, Mrs C Rawlins, Mr R Fox and Mrs E Lincoln.

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Wednesday, March 26, at 2.30pm.

### **St John's Church:**

The Rev Gillian Orpin led the songs of praise last Sunday and opened with prayers.

Steve and Carole Mercer who are newcomers to the village told happenings from their early lives that had special meanings for them. They spoke about their family and their move to Moggerhanger and chose their favourite hymns, ending with "Love Divine" which had been sung at their wedding. The reading was given by Mrs M Ebbage and the closing prayers by Mr G Acott. After the Blessing members of the congregation stayed on for refreshments served by Ms Georgie Bird and Ms Jackie Warren.

The next songs of praise will be held on Sunday, March 4, at 6pm

### **Church Services:**

St John the Evangelist, 9am all age communion.