

**11 Jul 14**

**Whist:**

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

**Garden Party:**

Miss Matthews invites you to a Garden Party tomorrow, Saturday, July 12, at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, at 2.30 pm. There will be stalls, a raffle and cream teas. Entertainment will be provided by Time After Time, barber shop quartet. All proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Macmillan Cancer Support and East Anglian Air Ambulance.

**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.

**Parish Council:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**100+ Club Draw:**

The draw for July took place at the St John's Church coffee morning on July 1. There are 5 monthly prizes of £20, £15, £10, £10, £5. The winners this month were Mr Barry Smith, Mr Roger Allen, Mrs Sue Keyser, Mr Len Lowe and Mr Robert Ford. The next draw will be held on Tuesday, August 5.

The summer special draw held during the Friends of St John's church was won by Dr Sarah Denton.

**Emm Gee 60:**

Mrs Rawlins presided at the monthly meeting held on Wednesday last and was caller for the Prize Bingo.

Raffle winners were Mrs J Harding, Mrs E Bridge, Mrs C Flint, Mrs C Rawlins, Mrs E Lincoln and Mrs V King.

Tea was served during the afternoon.

The next meeting will be held at Willow Hill Farm on July 30 at 2.30pm by kind invitation of Mrs J Davison (President of the Club) and her husband Guy.

**Gardening Club:**

The Club met on June 19, when Victoria Diggle, Assistant County Organiser for the National Gardens Scheme, talked about the work of the charity, which opens thousands of private gardens in England and Wales to raise money for nursing and caring organisations.

What surprised many listeners was how the scheme started. In 1859 a prominent man in Liverpool hired a nurse for 3 months to look after his ailing wife. When his wife died just 6 weeks later, instead of terminating the contract he sent the nurse out into the local community to work in the very poor districts. She soon found she needed help, so more nurses were brought in. This needed funding so a few people opened their gardens to raise money.

Thus, the 'district nurse' came into being and the concept spread throughout the country. With support from Florence Nightingale and Queen Victoria, the movement became a national voluntary organisation setting standards and training nurses, and in 1927 the National Gardens Scheme was founded to support nursing of various kinds. They currently support Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie, Help the Hospices, Carers Trust, the Queen's Nursing Institute and Perennial and Parkinson's UK.

It was a very interesting evening, ending with tea and coffee, and the usual delicious cakes. The next meeting will be on August 20, hosted by Ron and Jane at No. 37 Bedford Road.

**Church Services:**

St John the Evangelist, 10am family service.