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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.

Coffee Morning:

Miss Matthews invites you to an Autumn coffee morning, tomorrow at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, from 10.30am. There will be stalls, a raffle, tea and coffee served during the morning. All proceeds in aid of Methodist Homes for the Aged and the Horse and Donkey Sanctuary.

Moggerhanger Park:

There will be a quiz night tonight at 7.30pm. Teams of 6 people. The cost is £5 per person, to include a glass of wine and nibbles. Contact Brenda George on 01767 641682 or 07791 605202, email george839@btinternet.com.

There will be a painting workshop with Jean Picton on Saturday, October 25 from 10am until 4pm. There are limited spaces so book early. The cost is £60 to include all materials and a light lunch. For further information contact café@moggerhangerpark.com or 01767 641007 ex 308.

Spooks and Sparks:

There is a Halloween Party planned for Saturday, November 1 'Spooks and Sparks' so we are hoping to set off a few fireworks. Please save your pumpkins and bring them along. There will be children's games, a disco, a raffle and prizes for the best fancy dress costumes, although fancy dress is optional. Tickets available now at £12 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children (£15 on the night), additional adults £5, children £2 (£8 and £5 on the night) so it pays to get your tickets before the event. This event is a bring and share buffet. Tickets available from Sid Smith 07505 359764 or Carolyn Lister 01767 640727.

Moggerhanger Music Hall:

The Friends of St John's Church invite you to come to the Village Hall on Saturday, November 15. There will be a traditional supper of bangers & mash followed by jam roly poly or fruit crumble and custard followed by entertainment supplied by local musicians, singers and players and rounded off with a singalong. Edwardian Dress fun but optional although there will be a prize for the best outfit. We will have our usual licensed bar. Tickets in advance at £12 from Dorothy (01767 640242) or Pat (01767 640848).

British Red Cross:

The British Red Cross are holding a Christmas fair on Saturday, November 22 at Erskine May Hall, Bedford School, from 10am until 4.30pm. Entrance will be £3.50 and proceeds will go towards purchasing an emergency vehicle for Bedfordshire.

Broadband:

Do you want faster broadband? Help make this happen by completing Central Bedfordshire's broadband survey. Type www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk into your web browser. This will get you to Central Beds home page. In the search box type in broadband survey. The first item in your search results should be the residents survey. Click on that and complete the survey.

100+ Club Draw:

The draw for October took place at the St John's Church coffee morning on October 7. There are 5 monthly prizes of £20, £15, £10, £10, £5. The winners this month were Mr Colin Fellowes, Mrs Marian Urtone, Mr Paul Baynham, Mrs Pat Bennison and Mrs Jane Beharrel.

The next draw will be held on Tuesday, November 4

Village Hall:

We had a super night on Saturday, October 11. Once again we were entertained by blues band Split Whiskers, raising nearly £700 to put towards our car park. A big thank-you to everyone for their help setting up, providing food, cooking and serving, washing-up and selling raffle tickets. Also a big thank-you to everyone who supported the event. This is the third time Split Whiskers have played at the hall so for 2015 we may have a change. Their original drummer, Mick Carpenter, retired from the band with some health issues. He is now back on the drums with his new group 'Incredible Creedence' playing many of the old favourites of Creedence Clearwater Revival.

St John's Church:

On Sunday, October 5 the Chaplain at St John's Hospice welcomed a large congregation for a Service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the loved ones who had passed on over the last few months. Children from the congregation assisted the Chaplain to light the Candle.

After the reading from Isaiah Chapter 43, volunteers from St John's led the Roll of Remembrance and seventy-eight names of loved ones who had died over the last 4 months were read.

After prayers, cards crayoned by the children during the service were tied to blue and white balloons and released in the churchyard.

Afterwards volunteers arranged and served tea and cakes in the church.

On Sunday, October 12 Rev Fiona Gibson led the family service. Readings were given by Dr W Hollington and Mr J Brun. Mrs M Ebbage led the Intercessions.

Refreshments were served after the service.

Planning Update:

Regarding the proposed development behind the Guinea Public House.

After the DMC meeting in August we were led to believe this application would be discussed again at the October 22 meeting.

Since then there have been continued discussions between the Moggerhanger Acting Together for Housing and Safety group (MATHS) and Central Beds Council (CBC) which has resulted in CBC making a number of enquiries. This is likely to take them past the next DMC meeting of October 22 so as a result the proposed development will now be held over until the DMC meeting of November 19 at 10am.

Please put this date in your diary and come and support your village if you can. Our presence last time had a very real impact.
Please let Carolyn Lister know (01767 640727) if you are able to attend and she will organise transport as last time.

Church Services:

St John the Evangelist, 6pm Songs of Praise. All welcome.

There will be no family service on November 9 as Remembrance Sunday falls on this day. Therefore there will be a Sung Communion at 9.30am followed by a short service and laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.