

**12 Dec 14**

**Whist:**

This takes place tonight at 7.30pm in the village hall with cash prizes and a raffle. This will be the second of two special Christmas events with extra prizes. 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.

**Church Christmas Bazaar:**

This takes place on tomorrow between 10am and noon. There will also be activities for children arranged by MMPS Volunteers, and any parents who would like to help will be very welcome. Please let Judith know on 01767 640124 or Dorothy on 01767 640242 so that they can organise activities. We shall also have a stall from the shop, with Christmas gifts, wrapping paper, Sue Ryder Christmas cards and lots more. Don't forget that we have 1st and 2nd class stamps for your Christmas cards. There will be a draw for a hamper which will take place during the Christmas Bazaar. To enter, fill in the coupon at the bottom of the flyer received with this month's village magazine and take it to the shop by noon on December 12.

**Christmas Grotto:**

The first of Miss Matthews invites to explore a Christmas Grotto took place Saturday last. There was a gift stall, a raffle, children's bran tub, tea and coffee served during the afternoon. Entrance was £2.50 for adults, children free. Tea and a mince pie or cake is included. All proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind, MacMillan Cancer Support, East Anglia Air Ambulance and Canine Partners.

Don't worry if you were unable to get there as the event runs for a further two Saturdays, December 13 and 20, at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, from 2.30pm. The raffle winners were Shirley, Archie, Benjamin, phone no 318751, Pat Darlow, Joyce Nicholson, Shirley, Andrew Hollins, Eileen Izzard, Keith King, Pat, Betty Brewer.

**New Year's Party:**

The New Year's bring n share buffet is becoming a tradition so one we intend to continue. This is a great night for all the family. Doors open early for children's games and disco, followed by games for the adults. Our disco is run by Stephen Wheatley taking us well into the New Year. As well as the buffet there will be our usual licensed bar with plenty of bubbly, a raffle and hopefully some fireworks. Doors open 7pm. Adult tickets £5 children under 16 free. Contact Carolyn 01767 640727, Jackie 01767 640790 or Julia 01767 641623

**100+ Club Membership:**

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 January 10, 2015. 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 2015 membership subs to me (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.

### **Superfast Broadband:**

Please take note of this message from our Councillor Tricia Turner.

Are you interested in Superfast Broadband? Here is what you can do now to help influence an improvement.

The Government, via Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), has pledged to provide Next Generation Access broadband to 90% of UK premises by 2015.

I believe we need to overcome the disadvantage suffered by many of our residents living in our more rural villages who currently "enjoy" sluggish broadband speeds.

Central Bedfordshire Council is working hard with BDUK to improve reception in the District.

The Council can only consider using public money for this purpose where commercial providers are not interested.

Using a phased approach across the district, the Council will consider those areas where there is evidence of significant interest.

PLEASE, PLEASE register your interest using the middle "online survey" link of the three links shown below.

These links are for the Central Bedfordshire Broadband pages, the Broadband Demand Survey, as well as the link for our Council 'Alert' system where you can register your interest in Broadband (and other topics) so you can receive regular updates and articles about the services that you are interested in.

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-business/business-information-and-advice/broadband/broadband-plans.aspx>

[http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/surveys/Broadband/broadband\\_online\\_survey.htm](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/surveys/Broadband/broadband_online_survey.htm)

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I hope this is useful for you, and I hope your expression of interest will help to prioritise consideration of the Parish.

Tricia Turner

### **100+ Club Draw:**

The draw for December took place at the St John's Church coffee morning on December 2. There are 5 monthly prizes of £20, £15, £10, £10, £5. The winners this month were Mr David Burley, Mr Henry Reynolds, Mrs Lorna Harvey, Mrs Clare

Allen and Mrs Margaret Prentice. The special draw for the New Year will take place at the village New Year's Party. The first draw for 2015 will be held on Tuesday, February 3.

**Church Services:**

St John the Evangelist, 7pm village Carol service.