

20 Mar 15

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.

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, in the village hall at 2.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Knit and Natter:

The next MMPS knit and natter will take place at St John's Church on Tuesday, March 24, at 10am.

Moggerhanger Park:

Bluebell Walk. Spring is here and one of the Park's most breath taking natural spectacles is unfolding within the ancient woodlands, with bluebells bursting into colour. Soon the Park will be a blanket of glorious blue so don't miss out come and take a walk on the Woodland Trail and soak up the restorative powers of nature! The Woodland Café is running a special Bluebell offer of Soup and a Scone for only £4.95

The Jean Picton Painting Workshop takes place on April 15 from 10am until 4pm We are delighted to welcome back Jean Picton to the Woodland Café for her second painting workshop. Her first one proved very popular with guests and lots of fun was had by all. Jean promises you will be inspired!

Limited places are available so book early. Contact cafe@moggerhangerpark.com or 01767 641007 x 308

Cost is £60 per person for the day and all painting materials and a light lunch are included. You also take home your completed work to share with friends and family. Antiques & Collectables Fair. Due to the success of our Community Fair in February we are considering running an Antiques Fair during the summer. If you are interested in taking part please contact us at cafe@moggerhangerpark.com or 01767 641007 x 308

Tea Dance:

Every Thursday at 2.30pm in the village hall. This will be a weekly 2 hour event and costs just £5 per person. Contact Nigel@footstepsschoolofdancing.co.uk or call 01462 673895

Coffee Morning:

Miss Matthews invites you to an Easter coffee morning, on Saturday, March 28, 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 Magpus Air Ambulance and MS Therapy Centre Bedford.

Easter Egg Hunt:

On Saturday, April 4 Moggerhanger Meeting Place and Shop will be holding this event again with children's activities, so come and find your Easter eggs and have other fun too. Any mums and dads who can help on the day or who want to organise an activity will be very welcome. Please phone Dorothy on 01767 640242 or Judith on 01767 640124.

Meeting Place and Shop:

Advance notice the next volunteers coffee morning will be held Tuesday, April 14 at 10.30-12.00 in the church.

Moggerhanger Gardening Club:

At the last meeting on February 17 after a brief annual meeting our speaker, Richard Bashford, from the RSPB gave us a very interesting talk about birds in the garden, which to look out for, how to recognise them, their feeding habits, hygiene of feeders etc. to reduce the spread of infections, and much more. He also told us about birds on the increase and others whose numbers are dwindling. Some species overall in Britain are in sharp decline, including the blackbird, the song thrush, some of the pigeon species and of course the house sparrow and starling. In the east of England we don't particularly notice the falling numbers of sparrows and starlings, but in the West Country they are apparently quite rare now.

The national January Bird Watch weekend, which has been going since 1979, produces the figures used to calculate bird numbers and Richard showed us charts giving the spread across the British Isles of the different species. As habitats change they can become more or less hospitable to different species, and this is reflected in the shift of birds from one part of the country to another. For instance, as East Anglia has got dryer various species have moved to Wales and the west, where they can still find the particular food they need. Conversely, the RSPB is working with other bodies to re-introduce species to areas where they used to breed, often with great success.

The evening ended with our usual tea and coffee, and of course cakes.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15 starting at 7pm with a walk in the grounds of Moggerhanger Park with the new gardener as guide, followed by a basket supper at the Woodland Cafe. Club members will have their meal subsidised by the club. The charge for guests will be £8 for the evening, including the meal. Please let Jackie Warren know if you are coming, at jackiewarren@btinternet.com or on 01767 640790, so that we can give numbers to the Café. The deadline for this is Saturday, April 11.

"Whizz Kids" Coffee Morning:

A most successful coffee morning was held last Saturday at the home of Mrs Mary Wilson. This was to raise funds for Whizz Kids, a charity her son-in-law, Jason Coles, is running for in the London Marathon.

Sincere thanks to everyone who made donations and/or attended the event which raised £200.00 to help him on his way. Good Luck Jason!

St John's Church:

Members of the congregation were met on Sunday morning with the most pleasant smell of cooking bacon and once inside, a table prepared for breakfast. David Gibson, husband of Rev Fiona Gibson kindly cooked breakfast and their son and daughter served the table.

The Mothering Sunday service followed led by the vicar and Mr K Ebbage gave a reading.

Sidespersons were Miss G Bird and Mr A George. Pots of primulas were given to Mothers present and bookmarks were presented on behalf of the Mothers Union. Refreshments were served after the Service.

Church Services:

St John the Evangelist, 9am all age communion.