

# MOGGERHANGER MEETING PLACE AND SHOP



## **EIGHTH VOLUNTEERS COFFEE MORNING : TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015**

Present: Dorothy Bashford, Jill Bayliss, Jane Beharrell, Cath Flint, Coral Ford, Brenda George, Eileen Izzard, Jan Milton, Judith Mooney, Cynthia Rawlins, Colin Strange, Pat Whitworth.

Apologies received from Betty Barrance, Fiona Gibson, Jo Hollington

Dorothy welcomed everyone, and invited them to partake of the May recipe for Liz's Luscious Lemon Cake to enjoy with their coffees and teas. She then gave a round-up of happenings since the group last met in October.

- ❖ Our monthly recipe in the Village Magazine continues to be popular and we have used nearly all those given to us last time. More ideas are welcome and several people offered some : Cynthia will ask Doreen, Brenda has a Toblerone cheesecake, and Coral a fatless teabread recipe. Past recipies are posted on the Shop section of the village website ([www.moggerhangervillage.co.uk](http://www.moggerhangervillage.co.uk))
- ❖ The Mums' & Dads' Coffee Break is still active although several children have now gone to nursery. Thankfully, Coral offered to swap with Clare who was not able to do the next day's turn.
- ❖ Sue Ryder Christmas cards sold in the shop netted £87.98 and Judith had received a letter of thanks from them. Hopefully we will repeat this next Christmas.
- ❖ Activities for children at Christmas were well attended and although we had fewer children for the Easter Egg Hunt and Activities (the date coincided with a birthday party involving many of the village children) the atmosphere was buzzing. Dorothy thanked everyone who had helped.

- ❖ Knit and Natter sessions are going really well. At the March meeting John Law, who runs the children's charity in Moldova, came and talked to the group and took away with him many bags of knitted items that the group had made (including 24 jumpers and 20 hats from Colin). At the moment the group is busy knitting pennants to make bunting for a stall John is running in his home village in May in aid of the Moldova Project. Please bring your completed flags to the Knit and Natter session on 28 April. Karen Flint has agreed to string them together with crochet.
- ❖ Date for everyone's diary – Tuesday 30 July. On that day we will be holding a celebration of MMPS 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding a 'bring and share' lunch. Jane and Ron have kindly agreed to host this in their garden (37 Bedford Road). More details will appear in due course.
- ❖ Shop – a new supply of Frank's sausages and burgers has just been ordered. Also, we have started stocking burger buns (36p for two – kept in the freezer). Dorothy took ideas for other items to stock in the shop. Please would everyone note that the price of stamps has increased from 1 April. A new pricelist will be put in the cash tin.
- ❖ It was a pleasure to introduce Jan Milton to everyone. Jan has agreed to look after the day-to-day cash for the shop. She comes in every Wednesday to top up the floats and collect the week's takings. If the bag of change runs out during the week, please phone Jan (640224).
- ❖ A discussion was held about how to attract more customers. We agreed that the community events were well supported but the number of customers remains smaller than we would like. We will continue to advertise our presence in the village and make people feel welcome when they come. We are still just about covering our running costs but more new customers would help.
- ❖ Finally, thank you from the Committee to everyone who keeps the shop running smoothly.
- ❖ Next Volunteers' Coffee Meeting will be on Tuesday 13 October.

Dorothy Bashford  
14 April 2015