

June 4 for June 8

Bingo Tonight: Friday, June 8, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Cash prizes, raffle and licensed bar. All proceeds to Moggerhanger Village Hall charity. For further information contact Betty 01767 640734, Jackie 01767 640790 or Carolyn 01767 640727. Please note this event is open to all, you don't have to be a Moggerhanger resident to join in.

Emm Gee 60: Mrs C Rawlins presided at the annual meeting of the club, held on Wednesday last, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also thanked all for their help and support over the past year.

The Hon Secretary and Treasurer Mrs E Barrance gave her report and said that the average attendance at the meetings had been seventeen. She thanked Mrs Rawlins and Mr Buck, Chairman and Vice Chairman, and all who had helped and given her their support, and Mrs E Bridge, Blunham, Mrs E King, Sandy, for being contacts. Two members had died during the year.

The financial statement was given and thanks noted to the auditor, Mr R Browning. The total in hand at December 31, 2011 was £683.07.

The elections were held and re-elected were Mrs C Rawlins, Chairman, Mr A Buck, Vice Chairman, Mrs E Barrance, Treasurer and Hon Secretary.

The president, Mrs J Davison, was unanimously re-elected. Thanks were expressed to her for her help and kindness. The July meeting, members were invited to a garden party at her home, and an invitation was given by Mrs Davison to the July meeting being held Tuesday this year on July 25.

Birthday gifts were given to Mr & Mrs Rawlins and Mrs E Bridge.

Mrs Rawlins was caller for the prize bingo, after which tea was served.

Winners of the raffle held were Mrs J Davison, Mrs E Barrance, Mr A Buck, Mrs B Broadhurst, Mr E Barrance, Mr R Fox, Mrs E Bridge, Mrs H Hardwick, Mrs C Rawlins.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27.

Moggerhanger Park News: The Woodland Café is now open daily from 10am until 4pm.

Our newly opened Woodland Café in Moggerhanger Park offers a great value lunch and afternoon tea menu.

Sit and enjoy this tranquil setting and view some wonderful artwork on the walls by local artist, Jean Picton.

Before or after your lunch or tea, follow the signs to the Woodland Trail and enjoy this spectacular walk, open to the public all year round free of charge.

The Woodland Café is run by volunteers in association with the Friends of Moggerhanger Park. We are looking for volunteers so if you would like to join our friendly team and help out (even if it's just for a couple of hours a week) please contact Kate Henderson 01234 838610 or Edel Brittle 01767 627307.

Moggerhanger Park Events: Shakespeare in the Park on June 15 and 16, The Merry Wives of Windsor. Tickets are available in advance at £12 per person or on the day £15 per person. Performances will be June 15, 7.30pm and June 16, 2pm and 7.30pm. Bring a picnic and Friends of Moggerhanger Park will provide refreshments to purchase. For more information, contact enquiries@moggerhangerpark.com

Carers in Bedfordshire Summer Fete will be held on Sunday, June 24. An exciting event including numerous stalls, entertainment for the children, pony rides, craft stalls. Something for everyone and refreshments. Cream teas will be served on the lawn by the Friends of Moggerhanger Park

East Beds Concert Band on Sunday July 8. Tickets available through

www.eastbedsconcertband.org.uk Gates open 1.30pm, performance from 3pm until 6pm. Refreshments available. This is an open air event, so bring your own picnic, chairs and rugs. Tickets will also be available on the gate.

Opera Bravo, on Friday July 20, presents La Bohème on the lawns of Moggerhanger Park and on Saturday July 21, a Candle lit Opera Gala. Obtain your tickets from www.operabrava.co.uk

(10% discount for Friends of Moggerhanger Park). For further information on any of the above events, please contact us at email reception@moggerhangerpark.com or 01767 641 007.

Jubilee Report: A report from Mr C Bashford. The Jubilee celebrations have come and gone. Moggerhanger's festivities started on Friday 1st with approximately 15 marquees, gazebos and display stalls being set up. Around 50 villagers have been involved with preparation for many weeks running up to the weekend. It would be impossible to list every helper here so a big thank-you to all those involved in making this a very enjoyable event.

Activities started on Saturday afternoon with a patriotic costume procession from the lower school. The children were then in fine voice singing the National Anthem and Rule Britannia.

The afternoon continued with children's novelty races, egg & spoon, sack race and tug of war. This was followed with similar engaging the mums and dads. It was reported that the Vicar won the egg & spoon against Dr Hollington by a short eggcup!

Teas, sandwiches and cakes were available throughout the afternoon in the restaurant marquee and later towards the evening a BBQ with burgers and hot dogs being sold at the most attractive prices I have seen for many years. For those who felt a need for stronger fortification, a full selection of wines, beers and lagers were available from the bar together with real ale from Potton Brewery. Valuable raffle prizes kindly donated by local businesses were drawn during the evening entertainment

In the main stage, we had some splendid singing from popular shows and this was followed by folk singing from a local folk band. In the evening, and running through to the wee small hours, a very successful disco. A good day was had by all and we were lucky with the weather although a little dull at times.

Jubilee Commemoration: Before all the activity of the Jubilee Celebrations commenced the decision was taken by the Jubilee Committee to make the event fund a commemorative 'something' for the village. All groups agreed that after expenses any profit made would be put into a pot for the purchase of a commemorative item, for the village, to mark the occasion. In all the excitement the planned suggestion form got left on the kitchen table. During the day in conversation a number of people have suggested a commemorative bench to be placed close to the children's play area in the playing field. Please contact Chris Bashford, 01767 640242, if you are in support of this idea or wish to suggest an alternative.

Jubilee Raffle: A number of raffle prizes are yet to be claimed so please check your tickets and contact Carolyn Lister, 01767 640727, if you have a winning number. Pink tickets numbers 5, 26, 132, 168, 186, 201, 241, 259, 311, 323, 346, 366. White tickets 142, 173, 327, 366.

St John's Church: On Sunday evening a special Songs of Praise service for H.M. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was held and a welcome given by the Revd. L Klimas. The service was led by the Revd. J Buck, who also gave the blessing. The organist was Mrs H Brun who gave the service a rousing start by playing "The arrival of the Queen of Sheba", by Handel. After that all joined in All People that on Earth do dwell, I vow to thee my country and 'And did those feet in ancient times. In between the readers were Mr C Bashford, Chair of Trustees, the village hall and Mr M Meese, Chair of the Parish Council. The choir sang 'Days of Elijah' and a reading, "The Coronation" was given by the Revd. L Klimas. Other hymns sung were "For the healing of the Nations" and "Now thank we all our God". Prayers were led by Katie, Naomi, Yasmin and Alex, and the Diamond Jubilee Prayer was read by Mrs E Barrance M.B.E. During the service two further works of Handel were played, "Zadok the Priest" and "The Royal Fireworks Music". Also played was the anthem "I was glad" by Parry. The service ended with the National Anthem. Afterwards the congregation stayed on for coffee, tea and cakes. The next songs of praise will be held on Sunday, July 15 at 6pm

Church Service: St John the Evangelist, Family Service, 10am.