

21 Oct for 25 Oct

Coffee Morning: Tomorrow, Saturday, October 26, you are invited to an Autumn Coffee Morning at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, by kind invitation of Miss Matthews. From 10.30am, there will be stalls, a raffle, Christmas cards and wrap, tea and coffee served during the morning. All proceeds in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Horse and Donkey Sanctuary.

Coffee Break: Don't forget this weekly event, for Mums and Dads, every Wednesday during term-time (excluding half-term week), 9am – 10am and longer if wanted (the shop is open until 12 noon). Tea or coffee and biscuits cost just fifty pence.

Emm Gee 60: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Swingin' 60's Night: The Friends of St John's Church, will be holding this event on Saturday, November 9, in the village hall. Doors open at 6.30pm. There will be a three course 60's menu and entertainment will be provided by the group 'Still Seeking'. There will be a licensed bar serving 60's style drinks and a raffle. A prize will be awarded for the best 60's outfit. Tickets £12, available from Pat 01767 640848 or Dorothy 0176 640242.

Cabaret Night: Held, last Saturday, October 19, in Moggerhanger Village Hall. Back by popular demand, drag artiste Regina Dwight and her guest star, Eva Ladiva, performed to a capacity audience.

Guests were met at the door by Dame Betty Buss and Lady Fitztightly before being shown to their seats. Prior to the entertainment guests were treated to a selection of canapés all kindly made and donated by the fund raising team and supporters. Well done ladies! I have had feedback that the food was fantastic. You have done us proud once again.

The show commenced at approx. 8.30pm and in addition to her usual interesting repartee and amazing singing voice Regina also gave a tribute performance to Cher which was well received by all. With folk singing along and dancing the party really got going.

A minor panic at the bar initiated a mad dash for extra stock but our intrepid bar staff kept everyone well watered all evening.

Our guest star, Eva Ladiva, a diminutive young lady with a huge voice took the hall by storm and had everyone up dancing and singing way into the night. A short break for the raffle saw those with baby sitters and other commitments depart, however, this gave those wishing to try out their more adventurous dancing skills a little bit more room.

We wrapped up shortly before 1am with queuing taxis and some very tired but merry people. This has proved to be our most successful event netting the hall over £1600.

A really big thank-you to everyone who supported this event by setting up and supporting on the night; to our entertainers for such a great show and of course our audience, for without you there would be no event.

The money raised has been allocated to a particular project so watch this space for more information.

Whist: Held last Friday, October 18, with M.C. Mr Ian Collis. Our winners were Mrs I Byrne, Mrs M Purkiss, Mrs E Bridge, Mrs E Harrold, Mrs R Burns, Mr T Harper, Mr C Strange, Mr T Beck, Mrs W Robinson, Mr K Gallichan, Mr B Sheath. Our raffle winners were Mr T Lister, Mr R Snell, Mrs W Robinson, Mr D Lamey, Mr C Strange. The next whist drive will be held on Friday, November 1, in the village hall at 7.30pm.

St John's Church: Last Sunday members and friends from Moggerhanger Parish joined others from the Benefice Churches of Cople and Willington at a Songs of Praise service held in Cople. This was arranged to say farewell to the Reverend Lynda Klimas, leaving after nine years in the Benefice, to become Rector of Maulden and Rural Dean of the Ampthill and Shefford Deanery.

Representative members from each Parish took part in the service and hymns were introduced by Mrs J Shanahan (Churchwarden, Cople), Mrs P Whitworth (P.C.C. Treasurer, Moggerhanger), Mr M Vacher (Churchwarden, Willington) and Mrs A Stevens, Willington. A poem was written and read by Mrs P Powell (Willington), a reading "Blame the Vicar" by John Betjeman, read by Mrs M Southgate (Cople) and a reading by Mrs A Cross (Moggerhanger).

Prayers were led by Revd. G Orpin and the Benefice choir sang "The Lord's my Shepherd" to the setting by Howard Goodall.

During the last hymn a collection was taken up and given to the charity Tools for Self Reliance.

After the service the Churchwardens all gave short talks and Mr Will Jackson (Churchwarden, Moggerhanger) presented a cheque to Lynda on behalf of everyone, her choice, to use to purchase garden furniture for her new garden patio.

In return Lynda presented the Churchwardens with a "Rambling Rector" rose.

A party was held afterwards with wine and refreshments and a cake inscribed "May God go with You"

Church Services: St John the Evangelist, All Age Communion, 9am