

MOGGERHANGER MEETING PLACE AND SHOP



SEVENTH VOLUNTEERS COFFEE MORNING : TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014

Present: Chris and Dorothy Bashford, Jill Bayliss, Jane Beharrell, Coral Ford, Brenda George, Jo Hollington, Eileen Izzard, Carolyn and Tim Lister, Carole Mercer, Judith and Tony Mooney, Colin Strange, Pat Whitworth.

Apologies received from Fiona Gibson and Will Jackson

Dorothy welcomed everyone, and invited them to partake of September's recipe for 'Moist Plum Cake' to enjoy with their coffees and teas. She then gave a round-up of happenings since the group last met in April.

- ❖ Our monthly recipe in the Village Magazine is appreciated by all accounts but new ideas for recipes would be welcome, especially for the December magazine. Several people offered to provide one: Chocolate brownies (Pat); Yorkshire Parkin (Jill); Sticky Toffee Pudding and Mincemeat Icecream (Jo).
- ❖ The Mums' & Dads' Coffee Break is going well with several new faces since the start of the new school year. Jill volunteered to become part of the rota for the 9-10 am slot on a Wednesday morning. Dorothy will invite our new Vicar, Fiona Gibson, to come to meet the Mums & Dads and children whenever she can.
- ❖ Last year we sold Christmas cards in aid of Sue Ryder. Judith has arranged that these will be available in the shop from the beginning of November. All monies received go straight to Sue Ryder and kept separate from shop cash.
- ❖ A reminder that the Shop AGM takes place on Tuesday 2 December at 9.45 am (before the regular church coffee morning).
- ❖ The Church will be holding its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 13 December when there will be cakes and plants on sale as well as refreshments. The

Shop Committee would like to organise some activities for children during the morning. Several people volunteered to help with this : Making paperchains (Coral); colouring Christmas cards (Dorothy); Table Flower Arrangement (Carole & Eileen); Stencils (?); Nativity Scene photos (children dressing up) Tony & Alison. Dorothy to ask some of the mums to run an activity as this worked well at Easter. The Shop Christmas goods will be brought out and a stall set up (Judith). Please come to help if you can. Most activities are easier with two helpers.

- ❖ Christmas Shop Opening Hours. It had been agreed that the shop should only close on the actual bank holiday days, ie Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. All volunteers for the two weeks either side were present and confirmed they were happy to carry out their normal duties.
- ❖ Knit and Natter sessions continue to be well attended. The December meeting falls on Tuesday 23rd and it was agreed that there was little point in cancelling it because the shop will be open, so if everyone wants a break from Christmas preparations they can come for their usual knit and natter on that day.
- ❖ Volunteers were reminded to use the message book (it's kept in the safe with the cash book). It's really useful for keeping in contact. The most recent message reminds us all not to slide the cover over the keyhole of the safe – it easily gets jammed and needs a safe-cracker to dislodge it!
- ❖ Jo asked whether a Christmas promotion would be a good idea now that quite a few new people had moved into the village. It was agreed that we would hold a 'Lucky Draw' for a Hamper. A flier would be included in the December/January Magazine (every household in the village receives this double issue). This would include a tear-off coupon which customers would be asked to bring into the Shop. The draw would take place during the Christmas Bazaar on 13 December. Coral has a suitable basket and Dorothy will ask every Committee Member to bring a contribution to the hamper to the AGM on 2nd December so we can fill it.
- ❖ Finally, thank you to everyone volunteers and customers who keep the shop running smoothly. Keep up the good work!