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I hope you all had a good Easter and have survived the school holidays! I went away to Yorkshire for a few days and had a lovely time with my children; the weather was kind and the scenery breathtaking. We certainly have some wonderful places to visit in this country; there is no place like home!

I was delighted to see in the Biggleswade Chronicle that we now have a representative for Meppershall. Well done and many thanks to Trevor Thorley for volunteering to take on this role. I hope you get all the support you need, Trevor, to make this a success.

We also, thanks to David Foskett, have a web site for Meppershall, details of which are in this month's issue.

The Messenger is a magazine for everyone in the village, and everyone can contribute as much or as little as they want. If you have any ideas or wish to see things done in a different way, please let me know. As always, the deadline for articles for the June issue of the magazine is 12th May 2004. Please either leave them at the Post Office or drop them through my letter box at 7 Brookmead. Thank you.

Linda Gold
Editor

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CRIME INCIDENTS IN MEPPERSHALL

1/3/04 - 31/3/04

15.3.04	Theft from m/veh (van/tools) Chapel Road (night time)
21.3.04	Criminal Damage Brookside (night time) - person arrested
23.3.04	Attempt Burglary Dwelling Shefford Road (night time)
26.3.04	Assault Buxton Close (evening) - offender known

LOCAL BEAT MANAGER ON THE MOVE

The local beat officer, PC Malcolm Wherry, having worked within the role for the last five years, has **decided it is time to** move on and has been successful in securing the role as **Schools Liaisons Officer** for the **Amphill and Shefford** policing areas.

PC Wherry would like to thank the community for the support he has received during his time as Beat Manager and hopes that whoever replaces him in the role will continue to receive **your** support.

Until the new Beat Manager is in post, any issues or concerns should be directed to the Community Sergeant Nigel Denham on 01234 841212.

www.meppershall.org

www.meppershall.org is a new web site being developed for Meppershall.

This site, which is sponsored by the Parish Council and developed by local volunteers, is a source of information about the village for people who live and work in the area as well as those throughout the world who use the web.

A number of sections are already planned for the site, which include:

- **Parish Council.** Council Meeting Agenda, past Minutes, List of Councillors, current projects, etc.
- **Meppershall Messenger.** Read the current edition or refer back to earlier editions.
- **Village History.** How Meppershall developed over the centuries.
- **Village Hall.** What's on, how it can be hired.
- **Village Organisations.** Informing people what is available and how easy it is to take part.
- **Local business and industry.**

This web site aims to inform and is for the use of everyone in the area. If you have an event or organisation that you wish to publicise, this web site is available for you to use. There is no need to have the technical skills to produce the web pages as this can be done for you, but if you have those skills you may like to produce your own material. If you wish to take part in this exciting project, please e-mail: webmaster@meppershall.org

David Foskett

Evergreens

After 11 years as leader of this now small group of 'Elderlies', Mrs. Minnie Tink has decided to hand over the reins to Poppy Ashton, with the agreement of us all.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Minnie and Charlie for all their hard work and hope they will continue as members for many years.

Speaker from the National Trust

Mr. Colin Limming of Cambridge and representing the National Trust, will be giving a talk at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Shefford at 2.30pm on Tuesday 4th May. If anyone is interested please do **come!** You will be most welcome. Tea and biscuits are served after the talk.

MEPPERSHALL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The Meppershall Baby and Toddler Group is a friendly, active group run by committed volunteers who are nominated and voted for by the parents themselves.

We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons (term time only) from 2.00pm until 3.30pm.

All are welcome, from new born babies to the more active toddler. Dads are also welcome.

What you can expect from us?

- Easy going bunch of parents – no cliques, just like minded parents who want to talk, share stories and discover that it is not just their little angel that 'does that'.
- Ride on toys, pushalongs including cars, prams, lawnmowers and bikes.
- Slide, seesaws and rockers
- Art and activity table – sticking, colouring, folding, tearing etc but no paint you will be glad to here.
- Separate soft baby area – from new born to crawling with all the toys they could wish for.
- Toy Library – borrow (for a nominal fee) any toy we have.
- Organised events for children including – Christmas Party, Teddy Bears Picnic, Easter Events and Halloween Fancy Dress Party.
- Photographer sessions
- Book, craft and clothes sales
- And not forgetting us hardworking parents!!! Organised events just for us including Christmas party and summer social.



All this for only £1 per family per session.

What do we expect from you? Well its as simple as one, two, three

1. Help pack up at 3.30pm – put some baby toys in the baskets or fold up some safety mats or pack away the Lego or stack up some chairs and if you don't know where it goes just leave it by the toy store door.
2. Participate – come along to the events, suggest some activities for the craft table, chat with the other parents.
3. Have fun!



Come along and join us, first session is free!

For further details contact:- Claire Penney (Chair) 850987, Louise Hutson (Secretary) 814148, Amanda Harrison (Treasurer) 816696

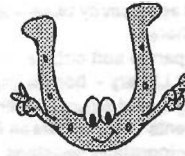
Meppershall Pre-school



Goodbye and Good Luck to
*Louis Eaton, Benjamin Jarvis and
Olivia Harrison.*
*Frank Donachie, Grainne Williams
and Oliver Zimmerman all started
school after Easter*

We all hope you will remember the special and fun times
at Pre-school.....

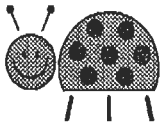
- ☺ Christmas, Easter and End of Term parties
- ☺ Christmas carols at St Mary's church
- ☺ Visits to the local park and shops and church
- ☺ Your first visit with us to your new school
- ☺ Sports day in the park
- ☺ Your parent/carer coming in to help
- ☺ Learning something new



A Big Welcome to

*Jack Lancaster, Laura Stock, Adam Palmer, Louis
Fairey and Bethany Wickersham*

We will enjoy introducing you to all the variety of fun
and educational activities we have for you including;



painting, play dough, sticking, book corner,
cooking, construction, climbing frame.....

For more information about how Meppershall Pre-school provides
education through play for children in Meppershall and
surrounding villages please contact Michele Brennand on 816600

MEPPERSHALL SOCIAL CLUB

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**ANDY CANNON
DISCO / KARAOKE**

Saturday 8th May

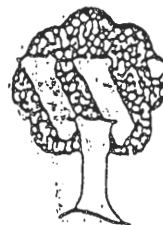
8pm

Bar Open 7.30pm

**SING AND DANCE THE NIGHT
AWAY**

MEPPERSHALL W.I. April 2004

President, Barbara Horwood, welcomed
23 members to the April meeting.



A thank you card was received from Ann Herman for the raffle of an Easter Egg (won by Doris Dilley). 54 eggs were raffled in Bedford making a total of £4,250 for M.S.

The speaker at the Federation Meeting at Bedford on 26th April will now be Mr. Brad Ashton (replacing Gervaise Phinn). Mr. Ashton has written material for many well known comedians and his talk 'Everyone wants to laugh' should be very entertaining.

Future events in the area include an open day at NFWI in London on 3rd and 4th August at £5. Application forms are now available for the Treasure Hunt (on foot) around Shefford on Friday 16th July at £8 each including a chicken or fish and chip supper. Croquet at Wrest Park on 28th July at £5 each. Applications next month. A few places are still available for the outing to Spode Visitors Centre at Stoke on Trent, 15th May at £22.50 including lunch. A visit to Jane Austen's house and Whitchurch Silk Mill Hampshire on **2nd October at £23.50** including a cream tea but not lunch. Our outing in August may be to Capel Manor Gardens in Enfield. More details later.

Congratulations to our darts team who did very well, finishing just one point away from the final game.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr. K. Dawson telling us about life in a National Childrens Home. The homes were founded in 1869 by a Methodist Minister, and Mr. Dawson was one of a family of five children (two boys and three girls) whose parents died very young and from 1941 they all spent a very happy childhood in the National Childrens Home. The boys and girls were housed separately in groups of about 24, looked after by two ladies who were strict but very kind and fair. There are very well attended reunions every year, but there are not so many homes now as more children are being fostered and adopted under present Social Service guidelines.

Our next speaker on 12th May will be Mr. Harrison telling us about diamond cutting.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT IN MEPPERSHALLCHURCHESSt. Mary's Parish Church

Rector: Rev. John Harper 813334
 The Rectory, Church Road
 Church Wardens: Mr. B. Griffith, 61 Hoo Road 813354
 Mrs. M. Bass, 37 High Street 851609

Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Mrs. Linda Chillman 850543
 76 Shefford Road
 Treasurer: Mr. D. Bartlett, 14 Taylors Close 811191

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev. P. Snelson, 79 Ampthill Rd, Shefford 813284
 Treasurer: Mrs. N. Simons, High Street 813281
 Letting Secretary: Mrs. J. Taylor, 6 Stondon Road 814387

Roman Catholic Church

Priest: Father Bennie Noonan 813436

SCHOOLS

Meppershall Lower School: Head Mrs. Murray 813293
 Henlow Middle School: Head Mr. Payne 813733
 Samuel Whitbread Upper School & Community College
 Head Mr. Owen 629900
 Adult Education Tutor Mrs. J. Robinson 629906

DOCTORS

Cakebread, Baldock, Bietzk, Griffith & Baxter Appointments Only 819200
 The Health Centre, Iveldale Drive, Shefford All other enquiries 814899
 Puritz & Collins, The Surgery, 109 Station Road, Lower Stondon 850305

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

M.P. Jonathan Sayeed (Conservative), House of Commons, London 0207 2915142
 County Councillor - Mr. Alan Burnage, 23 Broad Street, Clifton 811681
 District Councillor - Mr. Paul Carne, 6 Hoo Road, Meppershall 857803
 Email: paul.carne@midbeds.gov.uk
 Fax: 01462 857804
 District Councillor - Mr. Tony Rogers, 3 Poppyhill, Henlow 816305
 Email: tony.rogers@midbeds.gov.uk
 Fax: 01462 816510
 Parish Council meets first Wednesday in month, Methodist Chapel at 7.45pm
 Chairman: Mr. P. Chapman, 9 Brookside 813497
 Clerk: Mr. C.J. Waghorn, 19 Icknield Green, Letchworth, Herts. 637531
 Email: wagers.uk@ntlworld.com

SHOPS

Roger's Bakery & General Store (next to School) 813398
 Mon-Fri 8.15am - 5.30pm Sat. 8.00am - 1.30pm
 Post Office & Village Store. 6 High Street 811252
 Post Office: Mon-Fri. 9.00am - 1pm & 2pm - 5.30pm Half day Sat.
 Shop: Mon.-Thurs 6.00am - 6pm, Friday 6.00am - 7pm
 Saturday 6.30am - 7pm Sunday 6.30am - 1pm

PUB

Ron and Doran - Sugar Loaf Public House, 25 High Street 857991

ORGANISATIONSMeppershall Village Hall Committee

Chairman:	Mr. Paul Carne, 6 Hoo Road	813305
Treasurer:	Mr. D. Birch	817014
Booking Secretary:	Mrs. C. Turner, 24 Orchard Close	812791
Village Hall Phone Number:		817359

<u>Babysitting Circle</u>	Organiser:	Mrs. Sharon Edwards	814326
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<u>Brownies</u>	Mondays at 6pm - 7.30pm	Village Hall	
Brown Owl:	Mrs. C. Elbourne		811964
Snowy Owl:	Mrs. Diane Lancaster		812108

<u>Beavers</u>	Fridays at 6pm - 7.15pm	Stondon Village Hall	
Beaver Scout Leader:	Mr. Steve Mann		816218
	Tuesdays at 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Shefford Scouts HQ	
Beaver Scout Leader:	Mrs. Havley Henshall		817446

<u>Bingo</u>	Fridays at 7pm	Village Hall	
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Conservative Association

Chairman:	Mr. I. McAuskie	813417
Secretary:	Mrs. G. Bird	811260

Cubs

Red Pack	Wednesdays	6.45pm	Mr D. Cousins	811441
1st Stondon	Thursdays	7pm - 8.30pm	Mrs. Alison Hammond	811548

<u>Evergreen</u>	Alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm	Village Hall	
(Over 60s)	Miss E. Ashton (Poppy), 20 Fildyke Road		07931 636544

Friends of St. Mary's Church

Chairman:	Mr. T. Thorley, 9 Hoo Road	813357
Secretary:	Mrs. M. Evesham, 107 High Street	814291
Treasurer:	Mr. H. Davies, 15 Hoo Road	812127

<u>Shefford Leisure Group</u>	Mrs. Enid Pamment, 112 High Street	851397
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<u>Lions Club of Shefford</u>	Mrs. Enid Pamment, 112 High Street	851397
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Meppershall Players Amateur Dramatic Society

Contact:	Mr. Frank Keen	815387
Minutes Secretary:	Ms. Jenny Moore	01582 503381
Correspondence Secretary:	Helen Gillett	816734
Treasurer:	Mr. Frank Keen	815387

Meppershall School Association

Chairman:	Louise Palmer	850113
Secretary:	Dawn Addams	814707

Meppershall Social Club See Notice Board for opening times

Chairman:	Mr. G.R. Walker, 37 Brookmead	815183
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<u>Meppershall Baby & Toddler Group</u>	Tuesdays at 2pm - 3.30pm	Village Hall	
Chairman:	Claire Penney, 3 Gregory Close		850987
Secretary:	Louise Hutson, 4 Coneygate		814148
Treasurer:	Mrs. A. Hamson, 22 Eisenhower Road, Shefford		816896
<u>Playgroup</u>	Monday - Friday at 9.30am - 12 noon	Village Hall	
Chairman:	Mrs. Cindy Couzens, 2 Tippet Drive, Shefford		819495
Secretary:	Mrs. Michelle Brennand, 36 Orchard Close		816600
<u>Tennis</u>	(at Langford) - Neil Franklin		815735
<u>Womens Institute</u>	2nd Wednesday in month 7.30pm	Village Hall	
President:	Mrs. Barbara Horwood, 8 Rectory Road		816177
Secretary:	Mrs. Doreen Pritchard		
Press Secretary:	Miss Betty Mather		
<u>AMENITIES</u>			
<u>Banks</u>	Barclays Bank, 6 North Bridge Street, Shefford		01438 202122
	Monday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm		
<u>Dentist</u>	Mr. Lakhani, High Street, Shefford		814020
<u>Electrician</u>	Mr. R.A. Price, 118 Spring Drive, Stevenage		01438 361715
			Mobile: 07710 821878
<u>Fishmonger</u>	Les Braithwaite (Mobile Van) - Thurs. Approx 11.45am		
<u>Greengrocer</u>	Nigel Mann (Mobile Van) - Fridays 2pm - 6pm		711802
<u>Hedgehog Rescue</u>	Beds & Herts Hedgehog Rescue - call Jeanette		711370
<u>Mobile Library</u>	Alternate Wednesdays:		
	Nursing Home 10.00	Rectory Road 10.25	
	High Street/School 10.50	High Street/Taliesen 11.10	
	Village Hall 11.30	Fildyke Road 12.00	
	Shefford Road 12.25		
<u>Library</u>	High Street, Shefford		639070
<u>Kennels/Cattery</u>	Wayside Kennels & Cattery, Chapel Road		813261
<u>Newspapers</u>	Meppershall Post Office & Stores		811252
<u>Plumber</u>	Alan R. Dellar		814584
<u>Police</u>	Emergencies/Police attendance required		01234 841212
			01582 471212
	Shefford Police Post (non-emergencies)		01234 841212
<u>Livery Yard & Training Centre</u>	Caroline Carter, Centre Line Dressage Fildyke Road, Meppershall		07747 686118
<u>Taxi</u>	Gilly of Biggleswade		01767 601253
<u>Whitbread Wanderbus</u>	Mrs. S. Cross, 96 High Street		850075

By the time this reaches you my wife Sandra and I, two cats and a bewildering assortment of belongings should be getting the feel of our new home, which is also your local Rectory. It seems a long time ago that I was invited to accept the task of being parish priest in Meppershall and Shefford, but now the move is almost upon us, and we both look forward to getting to know you and discovering the character of both communities. I've spent most of my ministry in areas that are more rural than urban, and have been intrigued to discover the distinctive stories that lie behind each community and Church, and that continue to shape local life. So I hope to be learning something of the local 'stories' that have made the two parishes what they are now, so that I can try to share the 'greatest story' in ways that relate with the local ones.

Both of us are new to Bedfordshire, having previously lived near Peterborough (where we have two daughters and (almost) three grandchildren) before moving south to Wraysbury and Horton - meandering villages adjoining the M25 between Staines and Slough, and within easy earshot of Heathrow!

I begin my new role in the newly united benefice of Meppershall and Shefford once the Bishop of Bedford authorises me on May 10th, but once we've arrived do feel free to drop in for a chat - we're just opposite the Church; or ring on 01462 813334, or else feel free to ask me to call round. And of course we will be delighted to welcome you at St Mary's, where the door is open throughout each day

With every good wish,
John Harper

Services at St. Mary's Meppershall
May 2004

Sunday 2nd May		Easter IV
8.30am	Holy Communion	
6pm	Evensong	
Sunday 9th May		Easter V
8.30am	Holy Communion	
11am	Family Service	
Monday 10th May		
7.30pm	Institution of Rev. John Harper St. Michael's, Shefford	
Sunday 16th May		Easter VI
8.30am	Holy Communion	
6pm	Evensong	
Thursday 20th May		Ascension
9.30am	School Service	
7.30pm	Sung Eucharist	
Sunday 23rd May		Easter VII
11am	Family Communion (during which Rev. John Harper will be Welcome to Meppershall)	
Sunday 30th May		Pentecost
8.30am	Holy Communion	
11am	Family Communion and Baptism	

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH
HIGH STREET, SHEFFORD**

Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday

Saturday Evening	6pm	RAF Henlow
Sunday	9am	Shefford
	5.15pm	Shefford

Weekday Services See notice at Church or phone

Parish Priest:	Parish Secretary:
Fr. Bennie Noonan 813436	Rose Boulton 811547

St. Mary's Musings

Looking Backwards

Easter. Many thanks are due to everybody who worked so hard to ensure that the Church looked so beautiful for our Easter services. Particular thanks to Viv Clark, Mandy Smyth, Penny Trundle, Janet Thorley, Pat Bass, Joan Wood and Barbara Horwood and Lyn Bew. Their efforts were clearly not in vain! Thanks are also due to Shireen Longland who polished the brass so splendidly! Not forgetting Peter Longland, Maurice Horwood and Co. whose Herculean efforts ensure that the Churchyard always looks so splendid despite the weather's very best efforts. Thank you all.

John Barrall led us all through the moving Holy Week services, apart from Good Friday where his absence (at Stondon) was particularly notable! (A certain person's temporary absence didn't help!)

Annual Meeting April 18th. By the time that you read this the Annual Parochial meeting will have been held. If you weren't there watch this space to see what happened!

Looking Forwards

The highlight of this month will be the induction of Rev. John Harper as Rector of Meppershall and Vicar of Shefford. The service will be at St. Michael's, Shefford on 10th May at 7.30pm. Formal invitations have been sent but all parishioners are welcome to attend.

20th May - Ascension Day. Two opportunities to celebrate this feast. At 9.30am the School Service will be held in Church. A Eucharist for those not able to attend will be held at 7.30pm.

23rd May 11am - Welcoming John Harper to Meppershall. At this special service we will welcome John and Sandra Harper to Meppershall. There will be a contribution from our school children. This will be held as part of our normal family communion. Anybody is, of course, welcome to attend.

Readers of The Biggleswade Chronicle will have noticed that there is now a regular Meppershall article to which the Church contributes. Many thanks to Trevor for putting us back on the map!

And finally, this will be my last article for the Messenger because I am resigning as Churchwarden at the Annual Meeting. I would like to **take this opportunity** to thank **everyone** who has supported St. Mary's Church during the last four difficult years. I know that they have not been easy for any of us but I am convinced that John will inherit a **Parish** which is basically in good heart. **This is a tribute to everybody's** support, encouragement and tolerance. May God bless you richly in the months and years ahead.

Thank you all.

Ben Griffith
Churchwarden

SERVICES IN MEPPERSHALL METHODIST CHURCH
May 2004

Sunday 2nd	Worship and Sunday Club	11am
Sunday 16th	Worship and Sunday Club	11am

I am sorry that, as I haven't received the next Methodist Service Plan, I am not able to give you full details of the May services. Please telephone me on 01462 814387 if you need more information as I will have the plan shortly.

I hope you enjoyed a refreshing Easter and all the hope that goes with it. I certainly did. I was away in the caravan over Easter; not everyone's cup of tea as I can tell from the faces of folk when I tell them. I have to say that caravanning is not the very basic holiday it might be at one time. Modern caravans contain every convenience and the greatest hardship is hitching and unhitching. It is one of the greatest stress-busters I know.

Easter Day saw me celebrating at Woodhall Spa Methodist Church. It was full to overflowing with enthusiastic Christians singing their hearts out and listening attentively to the sermon reminding us of Christ's ministry here on earth and the desperate, dark suffering of Good Friday. It was up to each of us to carry forward the Word in our daily lives; it would be our responsibility and our joy to do so. We rejoiced on the bread and wine and left more spiritually alive than we had been for a while, with His new life within us.

Julie Taylor



Shefford Majorettes



We are a group of 30 girls whose ages range from 5 – 14 years, who meet on **Tuesdays from 7.00 - 8.30p.m** during term time, at the Memorial Hall in Shefford. During the winter months we practise our Dance Routines, Baton Twirling, Pom-Poms and Marching for Displays, Carnivals, Fetes and other functions.

Following the Christmas break the girls returned to majorettes and practiced their skills in order to put on a short display. The display went well all the girls attended and participated in a brilliant performance. The event was well supported by parents and friends who all had a very enjoyable evening.

When we return from our Easter Break practicing for the summer displays will begin in earnest. We currently have a number of bookings for the **summer season**. Our first booking is on Monday 3 May 2004 at **Shuttleworth College**, when we hope to be displaying in our new uniform

If **you are** interested in joining or would like to see us perform at your local fete, please contact us on:

YVONNE on (01462) 816116 (Chairperson)

Or PAULETTE on (01462) 629646 (Secretary)

Email ymountcastle@aol.com

Visit our web site at

www.sheffordtown.co.uk

THE LIONS CLUB OF SHEFFORD

On Sunday 16th May we have organised a coach outing for local children, their parents and carers to Wickstead **Park**. The cost will be adults £10.00 and children are free (up to 2 children **per adult**). **There is no charge for the coach.** If you would like to be included please contact Lion Bob Izzard on 01462 629325 as soon as possible. Our thanks must go to local residents who supported our Easter Egg raffle outside of Lloyds the chemist in Shefford. The raffle was drawn and the eggs were delivered Easter Saturday afternoon and the last two collected Easter Sunday morning. Our collection of used spectacles is on going and would like to thank Lloyds Chemist, the Shefford Surgery and Stephen Hing for allowing us to place our boxes on their premises. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, Why not come and meet us, you will be **assured** of a warm welcome. For further information, please contact Lion Bob Izzard on 01462 629325.

SHEFFORD LEISURE GROUP

Don't miss your last chance to visit Turners at Northampton, they close their doors forever in July. This is a fun-packed day including a 2-course midday lunch on Tuesday 25th May. The inclusive price including the coach is £19.50 - the coach leaves Lloyds Chemist, Shefford at 10am. On Monday 26th July - The Houses of Parliament and river cruise. From The Embankment, enjoy a 2-course lunch while **cruising along** the River Thames - returning to collect our coach to take us to The Houses of Parliament for a 75 minute tour. The coach leaves Lloyds Chemist at 10am. The inclusive price is £27.00 each. Warner's (just for adults) Norton Grange on the Isle of Wight 21st to 24th May. Coach available for a range of free **excursions**. The price includes coach from Stevenage, ferry and half board accommodation at £129.00 per two sharing. Brussels Carpet of Flowers, 13th - 15th August, 3 days and 2 nights, staying at the Sheraton Brussels Hotel. This magnificent event only takes place at two yearly intervals. The coach leaves Lloyds Chemist Shefford at 6am. Price per two sharing £129.00. Friday July 2nd, The ever popular Friday Night is Music Night - a recording of the BBC Radio programme at The Mermaid Theatre in London. The coach will leave Shefford at 4.15pm prompt and the price is £7.50 (coach only) entrance is free. Not forgetting our Tinsel & Turkey - **this year** at the very popular Harrogate from Friday 3rd to Monday 6th December - Price £170.00. If you are interested in joining us on these outings, or wish to receive information on our other trips for 2004 or 2005, please contact Enid on 01462 851397. Raffle monies are donated to Keech Cottage Children's Hospice.

Creating opportunities with disabled people

LEONARD CHESHIRE



A warm, friendly home is what we're all proud of being part of in Agate House. Have you thought of calling in and meeting us? From all those who do, we frequently get told, "I never dreamt that the building is so large . . . Everyone is so friendly . . . There's so much laughter . . . What a lot of **fun** you **all** have." All very much true and we'd very much like to share **this** with you.

We really love visitors. They help make the days varied and interesting. Recently we were delighted to **entertain five** groups of Year 6 students from Alameda School in Ampthill (approximately 120 ten and eleven year olds). We were really **pleased** to help them with their Religious Education unit of 'Other People in the Community', we all learnt so much from each other.

Coming up in June, there is a chance for you to learn **even more** about Leonard Cheshire and the Bedfordshire Home in particular **when we** celebrate a week of LC awareness. There will be a varied programme of events - most based around Agate House. This will give you the opportunity to come along and join in with our lives **here and the fun** we have. There is a sponsored swim at Flitwick Leisure Centre **on 5th** June (6-7pm), Cream Teas and Silver Band evening on 8th, a Coffee Morning on Friday 11th and Car Boot Sale **on Saturday** 12th June. So there should be something for most people. **Do come along and join** us. For further information call Judith Hagger on 01525 403247.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest good wishes from all at Agate House.

Judith Hagger
Volunteer Coordinator/Fundraising

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

All events at Agate House unless stated otherwise

Saturday 5th June - Sponsored Swim Flitwick Leisure Ctr
6pm-7pm Support the event by either swimming or sponsoring!

Sunday 6th June - Strawberry & Cream Teas + Silver Band
2.30pm-4.15pm A relaxing afternoon - All Welcome

Monday 7th June - Agate Afternoon of Fun 2pm-4pm
Quizzes & Challenges. All Welcome

Tuesday 8th June - Book Sale Evening 7.30pm-9pm
Enjoy a glass of wine while browsing through our 2nd hand books

Wednesday 9th June - Open Morning 10.30am-12Noon
All Welcome to come and see the Home. Free cuppa's
Chinese Auction

Thursday 10th June - Open Afternoon 2pm - 4pm
All Welcome to come and see the Home. Free cuppa's
Fashion Show - 7.30pm

Friday 11th June - Coffee Morning, 'Wear Red Day' & Long Service Awards

Saturday 12th June - Car Boot Sale

A WEEK LONG COMPETITION - **PUT A NAME TO THE FACE**

This will be located in the Dining Room - try your luck at naming the old photos on display (residents & staff)

FOR INFO CONTACT: JUDITH HAGGER on 01525 403247

BEDS CHESHIRE HOME, AGATE HOUSE, WOBURN STREET,
AMPTHILL, BEDS REGISTERED CHARITY NO.218186

Hidden word

Cross out the letters that appear twice in the grid to reveal a word.

$$\square = Z$$

$$S = 8$$

it is a hidden word

$$J = S$$

$$Z = R + U$$

$$X = G$$

F	J	Z	W	C
Z	T	O	P	R
P	D	J	Z	B
B	R	Z	H	F
E	S	T	W	H

$$\Delta = W$$

$$M = E$$

$$A = J$$

$$Y = \leftarrow$$

$$\wedge = V$$

$$F = O$$

$$\square = E$$

A very happy birthday to those of you
with birthdays in May

Sophie Hayes who will be 12 on the 1st
Charlotte Wolton who will be 11 on the 3rd
Joseph Daniel who will be 6 on the 3rd
Annabelle Fox who will be 7 on the 4th
Lewis Hayes who will be 15 on the 6th
Stuart Lovelock who will be 11 on the 8th
Sasa Kovacs who will be 4 on the 8th
Frank Donachie who will be 5 on the 10th
Michael Bull who will be 5 on the 11th
Adam Palmer who will be 3 on the 12th
Sophie Palmer who will be 3 on the 17th
James Parrott who will be 4 on the 18th
Oliver Hughes who will be 15 on the 22nd
Jamie Mountcastle who will be 14 on the 22nd
Thomas Mitchell who will be 15 on the 23rd
Chloe Thorne who will be 2 on the 23rd
Kieran Clark who will be 10 on the 27th
Nicole Gibbs who will be 15 on the 28th

If you would like your name added to the birthday page
please telephone Tracey Norris on 815 694
