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We held our Annual General Meeting on 10th December 2004. All existing members agreed to carry on their duties for another year, but we welcomed one newcomer, Beverley Aberdein, who very kindly agreed to help with the printing. Thank you to everyone involved for their efforts.

We do need another person/persons to come forward to help Barbara and Maurice Horwood with the distribution side. It involves getting bundles of the magazine to the various people for distribution throughout the village. We need to know there is a back-up should Barbara and Maurice be unable to do it for some reason. If you feel you can spare an hour once a month, please contact myself or Barbara. The only other matter was that it was agreed to a small increase in the cost of advertising. This is to cover the ever growing costs of producing the magazine.

The deadline for articles for the March 2005 issue of the magazine is 12th February 2005. 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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This is the first Messenger opportunity to thank all for the support shown to St. Mary's Church on two recent occasions. On Sunday evening 12th December, Father Christmas and his float toured the village. We were most grateful for the loan of Mark Brinkley's Range Rover when the promised reindeer from Lapland never arrived due to ferry delays in the frozen Baltic! The sum raised exceeded £500, the best ever, and the PCC thank the village for their generosity, and also the many helpers who braved a cold but fine night.

The village shop ran a Christmas raffle, proceeds from which some £95 were donated to the Church. This was a most generous gesture and the PCC wish to thank Steve, Carolyn and all who purchased tickets. Both sums have gone to urgently needed Church funds. Many thanks.

St. Mary's PCC

Just wanted to write a few lines regarding the pantomime performance my daughter Katie and I attended on 28th November 2004. I felt I must write and thank everyone who had a part in making the Meppershall Players Cinderella pantomime such an enjoyable occasion. It was the first year I had attended as my daughter is now old enough to appreciate a stage show. We both loved it. All the actors were excellent, the costumes were fantastic, the stage sets most impressive - I could go on and on. The amount of work both behind the scenes and on stage must have been phenomenal. All the efforts paid off royally and provided a great show for both adults and children alike. Many thanks to all concerned.

Sarah Johnson

Norman Mountcastle lost his fight with cancer and passed away peacefully on 26th December 2004. Yvonne, Jamie and Sarah-Louise wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours in the village for their support and kindness throughout Norman's illness. For their kind thoughts, words and messages of sympathy following their sad loss, and for their presence in church at his funeral. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child

With all of the help and donations received from the village we filled 63 shoe boxes. They were collected from me in early December and were going to Eastern Europe. I am sure they will have brightened a dreary time for many children and on their behalf I would like to thank everyone who helped, donated or contributed in any way. My special thanks to my mother-in-law who covered most of the 63 boxes the weekend before they were filled and became a very accomplished box coverer in record time.

As there were some items left over and we run out of time and shoe boxes I will be starting next year's collection early so keep the idea of the boxes in mind throughout the year and put any items you find to one side ready to fill more boxes next year and give disadvantaged children a Christmas gift. There seem to be more children in need each year.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert was a great success and I needn't have spent the week before worrying about whether we would have pipers dancing, geese swimming, etc. It all came very right on the night. It was good to see so many people there. Again, thanks to everyone involved, and in particular to Emma our pianist who practised hard and held our singing together.

Thank you also for your gifts which were gratefully received by the Refuge in Bedford.

1st Stondon Cubs

This is the 4th year that the Stondon Cubs have undertaken a pantomime and these have been very well supported. It takes a lot of hard work over only a few weeks, 4 evenings from start to performance this time. In true pantomime tradition the audience were asked to participate and we had elves with the necessary words to gain maximum booing and cheering. The Wise Men played by Matthew Baxter, Ton Henry and James Simms, entered a quiz to earn enough money for their return journey. They had given all their gold away to baby Jesus and were left stranded. The Wise Men narrowly beat the Roman team consisting of Caesar, Herod and Maximus a centurion who were played by Peter George, Ashley Henderson and Billy Dixon (who was a last minute sub for James Musgrove who had been taken ill). The quiz master was Jerimius Paximus, played by Johnathan Davies so the quiz was in the style of university challenge. Jordan presented the prize, the large busted dumb blond of jungle fame. Not really you might say, well it is panto and no panto is complete without a dame and she was played by Michael Hoare. If you remember last year's report he played the dame then as well. Jordan invited Mums versus Dads teams onto the stage. The Mums thrashed the Dads team. It was a whitewash, the Dads did not manage to get a single answer correct. The Mums not only got their questions correct but managed to pick up bonus points on the questions Dads failed to answer - rumour has it that Mums had a little help - after all the Cubs know who to please on the run up to Christmas. The shepherds in the field keeping watch over their sheep brought the proceedings to an end talking about what they had witnessed and the true meaning of Christmas. They sang some festive songs which was the cue for Father Christmas played by Shaun King to appear. The play was co-written by Andy and Mike with Val Moules coming back to be our musical director and Gill making most of our scenery and props.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to the team because without them this production would not have happened. This term the district team is helping to run the Pack but this is only a short term measure and we do need some people to come forward and help with the Pack. I hope you have been able to tell from the various reports we have as much fun as the boys and very rewarding so please do think about volunteering.

Alison Hammond

MEPPERSHALL YOUTH CLUB

Meppershall Youth Club has now reached its sixth month and WE NEED YOUR HELP. We need parents to help on a fortnightly basis. There are four of us already organising the Club but we desperately need other parents to get involved. They can do this either by helping out on a rota basis or if four parents would like to take on the running of the Club fortnightly.

The children are really enjoying having a village youth club and the attendance has reflected this on a regular basis. There is a tuck shop, and on occasions we sell hot dogs and cakes. The age groups are 7-11, who we encourage to come early and they finish at 9pm, the older age group 12-16 finish at 10pm. These times are proving quite successful as it gives us time to spend with the younger ones and play games more appropriate to them such as nail bar and dance mat. The older kids play pool, darts, game boy and play their music. The last hour is usually geared up to team games. In the summer the park is used until 8.30pm to play games.

Matthew, Steve, Lyn and I are committed to the Youth Club but we are finding it increasingly difficult without your help to operate each week. We are therefore proposing to run the Club fortnightly until after the Easter Holidays, when we hope we will then be able to rely on your support.

For more information and hopefully your support, our contact numbers are:

Matt and Lyn on 01462 851567

Steve and Sue on 01462 815736

Next Youth Club is FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 7pm - 9pm.

Bedford Women's Refuge run by Christian Family Care

I took a car load of high quality clothing and toiletries as well as mainly new toys and a donation of £35 to the Refuge just before Christmas and I wish to thank all Brownie families, Brownies and Brown Owl for their wonderful generosity towards the Refuge. In addition, several people contacted me and I was able to collect such good gifts for the Refuge from others. Thank you to the following in Meppershall: Elaine, Helen and Gerry Gillett, Doreen Lawrence and Mrs. Tingay, and Joyce Harris (Campton), Debbie Metcalf (Langford) and Mrs. Woehre (Stondon). Among these donations were beautifully knitted garments, excellent toys, toiletries as well as baby and toddler clothes including nappies and other childcare essentials. The Refuge wrote to thank us for the donations and asked that I pass on "our thanks to all who so generously gave and who thought of us".

The Refuge asked me to let you know that from now on the Refuge itself will only be accepting new books and toys and new seasonal gifts. This is because the need for space as more and more women come to the refuge, where space is at a premium and because of health and safety issues. Most of the donations we have made to the Refuge have been new or virtually new in the past. In the letter the Refuge comments "to compensate for this change, we now have an arrangement with a number of local charity shops and recycling projects so that our residents are not in any way disadvantaged". If you are interested in donating second-hand clothes and items for the benefit of the Refuge, please let me know as I have a list of participating charity shops. The letter goes on to say how difficult it was to make the above decision as they value the relationship they have with churches and community groups, but it was outside their control. The Refuge accepted each and every gift this year and were delighted with what they received. "We have a very busy clothing store for our residents so your clothes were much appreciated".

I would still like to continue to donate to the Refuge as we have done for very many years and hope that you will feel the same. Thank you for your kindness and your support. The New Year has been a sobering and testing time, as we face, with almost disbelief, the devastation the tsunami has caused. The spirit of goodness, kindness and desire to help is with us in abundance and I wish you a giving and a hopeful New Years.

Julie Taylor

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President, Barbara Horwood, welcomed 26 members and 1 visitor to the January meeting and read out details of next years programme with speakers on varied subjects plus an auction evening.

A letter of thanks was received from Keech Cottage for the £36 raised for the raffle of the Teddy Bear donated by Mr. P. Hawkins, also thanks from Beds & N. Herts Community Trust for gifts and donations sent. Future events in the area include Crazy Bag Whist on 24th February at Flitwick Village Hall at 7.30pm tickets £3. BBC Gardeners Question Time on 1st March at the Rufus Centre Flitwick at 6pm. The Shakespeare Ladies Club - one woman play presented by Alison Neil at Haynes Village Hall on 8th March at 7.30pm price £7 each. A Coroners Life - David Morris the County Coroner talking about the history of this profession, Parkside Hall, Ampthill at 7.30pm on 23rd March price £5.50 open to friends and family. Manuka Honey on 28th April at Flitwick Village Hall - presentation evening of Manuka Honey and its medicinal products, cost £3 including tea/coffee and biscuits. Our dart team unfortunately lost 2-3 to Wrestlingworth. Our speaker for the evening as Mr. T. Vincent on The Life and Times of Lord Nelson. Born in Norfolk in 1758 son a clergyman he went to sea at 12 years of age. He lost his right eye in battle in 1794 and his right arm in 1797. He had some great victories and will always be remembered for his destruction of the French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar in 1805 when Captain of his flagship HMS Victory where he died and is buried in St. Paul's Cathedral. His private life was dominated by his liaison with Emma Hamilton after his first marriage failed A very interesting evening. Our next meeting on February 9th will be a games evening. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

TSUNAMI DISASTER FUND. *We raised a total of £630.20 at the tea/coffee morning held on Saturday 15th January in the Village Hall. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this event such a success.*

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT IN MEPPERSHALL**CHURCHES****St. Mary's Parish Church**

Rector:	Rev. John Harper	
	The Rectory, Church Road	813334
Church Wardens:	Mr. Brian Bellamy, 125 High Street	815944
	Mrs. Brenda Wright, 75 High Street	816446

Parochial Church Council

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

Methodist Chapel

Minister:	Rev. P. Snelson, 79 Ampthill Rd, Shefford	813284
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Roman Catholic Church

Priest:	Father Bennie Noonan	813436
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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 Came, 6 Hoo Road, Meppershall	857803
	Email: paul.came@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: wagggers.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 Doreen - Sugar Loaf Public House, 25 High Street	857991
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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
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<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. Suzanne Brightwell		815752

<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. Hayley Henshall		817446

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

Chairman:	Mr. I. McLuskie	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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<u>Mepp'shall Players</u>	Amateur Dramatic Society	
Contact:	John Nye	814113
Secretary:	Karen Mitchell	816336
Treasurer:	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, 10 Buxton Close		814148
Treasurer:	Karen Lucas, 51A High Street		811581
<u>Playgroup</u>	Monday - Friday at 9.30am - 12 noon	Village Hall	
Chairman:	Mrs. Julie Stock		817371
Secretary:	Mrs. Michele Brennand		816600
Registrar:	Mrs. Viv Thome		850821
<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>Youth Club</u>	Fridays 7pm	Village Hall	
	Linda & Matt Ford 851567 OR Sue & Steve Covington		815736
<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
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		Or	01582 471212
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<u>Livery Yard & Training Centre</u>	Caroline Carter, Centre Line Dressage Fildyke Road, Meppershall		07747 686118
<u>Whitbread Wanderbus</u>			850075

St. Mary's Parish Church Meppershall
 In the United Benefice of Meppershall and Shefford
 Rev John Harper, The Rectory, Church Road, Meppershall
 01462 3813334
 Churchwardens
 Brenda Wright 816446 and Brian Bellamy, 125 High Street

Services in February

Every Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion, plus:

Jan 30	10am	United Communion with breakfast from 9am at St. Michael's Shefford
Feb 6	6pm	Evensong
Feb 9	7pm	Holy Communion Ash Wednesday
Feb 13	11am	Family Service with dedication of pew bibles
Feb 20	6pm	Evensong
Feb 27		Family Communion

Thank you to all those who donated the cost of a new pew bible for St. Mary's. 40 have been purchased which will now be available to the congregation at all services.

Every Sunday in term time Benefice Junior Choir (BJC) 3-4pm practices in St. Mary's. Ages from 7 upwards. No experience needed, just enthusiasm. Details Sandra Harper on 813334.

Getting Closer to God. A quiet day at the Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City on Saturday 5th February in preparation for Lent. 10.30 - 4pm. Worship, introduction to Focolare, silent reflection or music and creative art workshop, prayer walk and teaching on prayer. All welcome. Please bring your own lunch (hot drinks provided) and own reading if you wish. Contact John Harper on 813334 or Jenny Dann on 817337 for details and to confirm your attendance by 31st January.

Monday 14th February "Sparks", a sizzling Christian holiday club for all 7-12 year olds at 10am to 2pm at St. Mary's Church. St. Valentine's Day special. Registration forms available from Church or The Rectory. £2 per child. (See St. Michael's website for photos of the first Sparks on 3rd January www.Sm3a.org)

Deanery Lent course with the Bishop of Bedford. Enlarging our vision of God, People and Prayer in the Old Testament at St. Michael's Church Shefford on Tuesdays at 8pm with worship, address, coffee and discussion. On February 15 Solomon - experiencing God's sovereignty. On 22nd February Hezekiah - experiencing God's healing. 1st March with the Rev Margaret Venables (Rural Dean) the Wife of Manoah - experiencing God's blessing. 8th March Habakkuk - experiencing God's absence. 15th March Jonah - experiencing God's mercy

Also at St. Michael's Church Shefford "Lyra" concert by Russian singers from the St. Petersburg Conservatoire of traditional folk and Church music 7.45pm. Thursday 24th February. Tickets £6 in advance and £7 at the door from Stuart Brayne on 815689 or John Harper.

Thank you to all who donated at the Christingle Service. We raised £200 for the Children's Society.

Requests for home or hospital visits are always welcome.

Rev. John Harper

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday

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

Weekday Services See notice at Church of phone

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

STOCKTAKING

Sackcloth and ashes - ancient symbols of sorrow, of penitence, of abasement of ourselves before the majesty and power, the truth and holiness of God. In the Bible we read about the old kings and patriarchs, prophets and leaders, giving up their fine clothes and claims to rank and privilege to clothe themselves in sackcloth (the coarsest material) and putting ashes on their heads and humbling themselves beside the lowliest of the people. Although the practice has largely died out, there are still a few churches which hold an Ash Wednesday service and put ashes from last year's Palm Crosses on the foreheads of the people. The altar cloths are changed to penitential purple and all ornaments and finery are put away. The ash on the heads of the faithful are symbols of our common mortality "Ashes to ashes, Dust to dust", and a sign of penitence and abasement, to begin the season of Lent.

Penitence!?! For what? For falling short so often; for missing our aims, for failing to reach the standards we recognise - our sins, in other words. Faced with the light of God, we cannot bear to see ourselves revealed as we are. I recall hearing many years ago an old saying "Would that God would give us some power to see ourselves as others see us". Lent is a time to take stock, to put ourselves in better order, to try to see ourselves as others see us. And the most important 'other' is God. How do we measure up against his standards? How can we, in this Lent, come to see ourselves more clearly, and in the process, come closer to God?

First, read the Gospels and let the words of Jesus sink into our minds and souls. Second, engaged with him in prayer and attend church regularly, especially the services of Holy Communion and any extra services which are available in this season. Thirdly, discipline ourselves. Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and battled with temptation by prayer. Exactly what form our own self discipline will take is for each of us to decide. If we give up smoking or sweets or some kind of food, then what we save could be given to the poor. Fourth, reconciliation between God and ourselves and others and ourselves. Put right any misunderstanding or falling out we may have had. So let us turn to Christ this Lent, Christ with us and us with Him, to look at ourselves and to ourselves. As we can bring ourselves into conformity with His standards, use His strength to supply our weakness, so we become more fully His people and more able to spread His Kingdom. God bless you.

B.B.

THE LIONS CLUB OF SHEFFORD

We would like to congratulate members of The Meppershall Players for the most enjoyable production of Cinderella. Our members transported senior citizens from Shefford and they all thoroughly enjoyed the humour and banter displayed during the performance. We would like to thank everyone in Shefford and the surrounding villages for their support during our Christmas collection with Santa and his sleigh. All monies raised are for local charities. District Lions have asked our support in aid of the horrific Tsunami Disaster and personal cheque from our members has been sent. Used spectacles are still being collected. We meet at The White Hart on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8pm. If you would like further information concerning our Club's activities please contact Lion Bob Izzard on 01462 629325.

SHEFFORD LEISURE GROUP

After a very busy December it seems impossible to realise we are half way through January. Bookings have already been sent to secure seats for the popular Thursford for next November. Dates for this venue will not be available until the end of March. Theatre trips to Milton Keynes will include the evergreen Rebecca on 1st March and Miss Saigon on 25th May. Our annual get together will take place on Friday 1st April at The Memorial Hall, Shefford, where a cheque will be presented to Keech Cottage Children's Hospice. Arrangements are currently being made for day trips to Kensington Palace in June, Blenheim Palace Saturday 16th July, Ipswich in July and lots of hidden surprises and The Glenn Miller Festival August Bank Holiday. Poppies and Periwigs in October. Holidays to include March Mayhem at the Grand Burstin Hotel Folkestone (4th - 7th March) with an optional day trip to France. Lake Como in April, flying from Stansted Airport (only a few places left), Bournemouth (long weekend). We usually meet our coach in Shefford so why not join us and meet new friends. For further information and to receive our monthly newsletter please contact Enid on 01462 851397. In the meantime, may we wish you all good health and happy travelling during 2005.

THE LIONS CLUB OF
SHEFFORD

Chartered 1998

Meet at The White Hart in Shefford
on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of
each month at 8pm. Interested?
Then why not come and meet us.
Enjoyment can be achieved by
helping other people in our
community. Tel. 01462 851397.

A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those of you
with birthdays in FEBRUARY

Rosie O'Sullivan who will be 13 on the 2nd
 Sam Larsen who will be 14 on the 2nd
 Keira Thomason who will be 2 on the 6th
 Gemma Parr-Smith who will be 8 on the 6th
 Benjamin King who will be 15 on the 9th
 Emma Stevens who will be 12 on the 10th
 Stuart Gibbs who will be 14 on the 11th
 William Franklyn who will be 14 on the 15th
 Ross Lester who will be 13 on the 18th
 James Wallace who will be 6 on the 19th
 Jesse Gold who will be 9 on the 28th

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