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Thank you to everyone who kindly donated prizes for The Messenger Raffle held at the May Fayre. After my plea last month, I was inundated with prizes and donations! It was a tremendous response, and all worthwhile as we raised a total of £173.20 at the raffle. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone involved in the organisation of the May Fayre; it went very well indeed and everyone who went had a great time. My thanks also to "the team" who so kindly gave up their time to man the raffle, call ticket numbers and give out prizes. Unfortunately, I was working that day and was unable to contribute, but between us all we managed to make it a very successful event. Any unclaimed raffle prizes (of which there were only a few) have been donated to other fundraising events in the village as prizes. It was a great shame, however, that the Barn Dance had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Let's hope we can have another "village" event soon and, like my plea for raffle prizes, be inundated with support! I believe that if you live in a village you should contribute to that village community; otherwise you might as well be living in a town....

The deadline for articles for the July 2006 edition of the magazine is 12th June. Please either leave them at the Post Office or drop them through my letterbox at 7 Brookmead. If you prefer, you can send articles to me at my e-mail address lindagoldl@aol.com. Thank you.

*Linda Gold
Editor*

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Village Hall News...

Can you help?

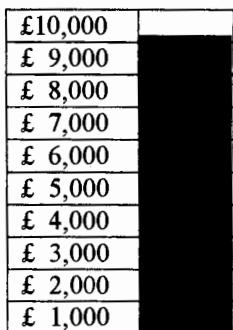
The AGM is on Tuesday 20th June 2006 at 8:00 p.m. As I have mentioned, the position of Chairman is available from that date. If you are considering standing, but would like to know what you'd be letting yourself in for, please contact me on 07939 144190.

You may not want to stand as Chairman, but you might like to consider helping out in other ways, such as standing as a committee member, or assisting Gemma with fundraising. Again, do feel free to contact me for more details.

The Village Hall Emergency Fund

Collection Barometer

We have so far raised over **£9,100**



This amount includes an approximation for the amount made at the Church May Fayre.

It's wonderful to see so many people rallying around and lending their support in this time of need.

We must not become complacent. The funds raised so far will keep things going through to autumn.

Collection boxes at the Post Office and Social Club bar.

Bookings

Summer bookings are a bit thin on the ground, so if you have a **Children's Party** coming up but don't know what to do, why not book your village hall and lay some games on! Call Kate Hall on: 812869

Fundraising

The Church May Fayre was great fun to be part of, and raised a good amount of money. (Due to proximity of the Messenger deadline, I will report on the exact amount in next months edition). We ran a number of entertaining stalls, such as "Beat the Goalie", "Tin Alley", "Roll-a-tuppence", and I know the force was with good number of residents on the "Hoopla" stall, as they tested their skill with great success!

Future Events will be advertised in the Messenger and posters will appear in the usual places, announcing times etc. **Tickets** for all events are on sale from the ever reliable Gemma Chapman on 07870 697407. Or you can email meppershall@btinternet.com

Please do support these activities, as funds raised will go towards the Emergency Fund.

Why not pay the hall a virtual visit? www.meppershallvillagehall.co.uk

Kind Regards, Chris Addams - Chairman

MEPPERSHALL VILLAGE PLAN

The inaugural meeting took place on 17th May and a Working Group has been tasked with the job of gathering the views of the villagers with regards to planning and development within the village boundary.

A questionnaire will be produced in approximately October 2006. We need your views and your help with this document to ensure its success.

We will be giving more information in next month's Messenger, but should you be interested in joining our Working Group please do contact me for more details.

**John West
813157**

MEPPERSHALL BROWNIES FUND RAISING EVENT FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 5TH JUNE

6PM – 7.30PM

Would you like to sit down with a refreshing drink while your silver or brass or shoes are polished for you?

The Brownies will be polishing away while you enjoy refreshments.

Join us in the Village Hall on Monday 5th June.

All profits will be donated to the Village Hall.

RECORDED CRIME INCIDENTS
April 2006

Offence	Number
Burglary – Other Building	1
Criminal Damage	1
Theft	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Total	5

MAIL SCAM

PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) leave a card to say they have a parcel for you and to contact them on 0906 6611 911

DO NOT CALL !!!

Connects you immediately with Belize and you are charged £15.

Should you receive such notification, please contact Mail Fraud immediately on 0207 239665

MEPPERSHALL PRE SCHOOL

RECORDED CRIME INCIDENTS



Humper

Other Games
Dances

Fun Day

(Including the Barnardo's Toddle)

Saturday 17th June 2006

From 11:00 am
In the Village Hall and Playing Field

Pre-School Children will be doing the
Barnardo's Toddle at 11:30
(Half mile walks that they will be sponsored to do with
25% of funds to the Pre-school 75% to Barnardo's)

Also on the day:

Bouncy Castles Guess the Teddy name
Football comp Coconut shy
Tombolas Raffle
Crack the safe
AND LOTS MORE
Come and join in the fun!

MEPPERSHALL PRE SCHOOL

MEPPERSHALL FUN DAY



Our summer fun day is 'Cress the Cow',
an outdoor event by the Cress Cow will be
held on Saturday 17th June 1995
from 9am to 12pm. Tickets will be
available from the pre-school or the
Barnardo's Big Toddle website.

If your child is under 5 but does not attend the Pre-School and would like to do the Toddle too, simply complete this form and hand it into the pre-school OR Mother & Toddler group to obtain your sponsorship pack. Alternatively, ask your friends and family to sponsor your child and complete the sponsorship form on the day.

The children don't have to be able to walk as they can be pushed in their buggies or carried!! All children will receive hats, badges and certificates for participating.

Name(s) of Child.....

I confirm that my Child/Children will attend the 'Fun Day' and can do the 'Barnardo's Big Toddle' on:

Saturday 17th June.

Signed

(Name of Parent/Carer).....

MEPPERSHALL PLAYERS

Our summer production is "Chase Me Conrade", an extremely funny farce by Ray Cooney which will be performed on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th July. Tickets are on sale at Roger's Bakery for the very reasonable price of £5 for Thursday and Friday nights and £6 for Saturday night.

The Meppershall Players AGM will be held on 7th June at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, everyone welcome.

The Players meet every 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month and every 2nd Thursday at 8pm at the Village Hall. Our current membership fee is Juniors £1, Seniors £3 (per year) and we welcome anyone from the age of 9 to 90+ years to participate in any of the following activities; acting, set building, painting, costumes, directing, sound and lights, backstage, front of house. No one as yet has volunteered to direct this year's pantomime, but we are currently reading panto scripts to find one with a good plot. The dates for this year's panto are Sunday 26th November, Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December. If you are interested in any of the above who not stroll over to the Village Hall or ring me, Karen Mitchell Players Secretary on 816336.

MEPPERSHALL W.I. May 2006

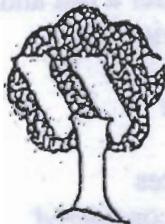
President Mrs. Gillian Thomas welcomed 22 members to the May meeting.

Future events during the summer will be a visit to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition on Saturday 1st July, cost £11, pick up at Clophill 9.15am. Treasure Hunt around Bromham on Friday 14th July, start at 6pm, cost £8 includes fish and chip/chicken and chip supper. Visit to Brogdale Horticultural Trust and Shepherd Neame Brewery on Wednesday 20th September, cost £35 includes lunch and afternoon tea, pick up at Clophill 7.50am. Petanque Evening 2006 at Cross Keys Pulloxhill, start 6.20pm Tuesday 20th June, Wednesday 21st June, Monday 10th July and Thursday 13th July, cost £8 includes supper, teams of two persons. Bakers Bros Trophy Competition 2006 is to plan an International Evening with illustrated programme, entry fee £4.

WI darts fixtures have begun again - sadly our team started by losing 4-1 to Milton Bryan.

At our meeting we discussed and voted on the WI Resolutions that will be finally voted on at the National AGM in Cardiff in June. This was followed by a hilarious game of Crazy Bag Whist.

Our next meeting on 14th June will be a talk on the Swiss Garden Restoration by Mr. Mardlin. Visitors and new members always welcome.



Calendar of Forthcoming Events

<i>Wednesday</i> <i>7th June</i>	<i>Meppershall Players</i> <i>AGM at Village Hall</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
<i>Monday</i> <i>12th June</i>	<i>Bible Society Action Group</i> <i>Fowlers Farm, Meppershall</i>	<i>7.45pm</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>20th June</i>	<i>Village Hall AGM</i> <i>Meppershall Village Hall</i>	<i>8pm</i>
<i>13th, 14th, 15th, July</i>	<i>Meppershall Players</i> <i>Summer Production</i>	
<i>Saturday</i> <i>14th October</i>	<i>Friends of St. Mary's</i> <i>"The Vine Street Six"</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i> <i>21st January 2007</i>	<i>Friends of St. Mary's</i> <i>Quiz Night, Village Hall</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>

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WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT IN MEPPERSHALL

CHURCHES

St. Mary's Parish Church

Rector:	Rev. John Harper	
Church Wardens:	The Rectory, Church Road	813334
	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 Road, 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 and Community College	Head	Mr. Owen	629900
	Adult Education Tutor	Mrs. Robinson	629906

DOCTORS

Cakebread & Partners, The Health Centre, Iveldale Drive, Shefford	814899
Puritz & Collins, The Surgery, 109 Station Road, Lower Standon	850305

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

County Councillor:	Cllr. Robin Younger Jesmond House, High Street, Flitton	01525 717090
	Email: robin.younger@bedsc.gov.uk	

Surgery/Advice Centre: 1 st Friday each month (except August), Shefford Library	10am – 11.30am
District Councillor:	Mr. Paul Came, 6 Hoo Road, Meppershall

	Email: paul.came@midbeds.gov.uk
District Councillor:	Mr. Tony Rogers, 3 Poppyhill, Henlow

	Email: tony.rogers@midbeds.gov.uk
Parish Council meets 1 st Wednesday each month, Methodist Chapel at 7.45pm	

Chairman:	Mr. David Foskett, 11 Orchard Close	851770
Clerk:	Mr. C. Waghorn, 19 Icknield Green, Letchworth	637531

Email: wagers.uk@ntlworld.com	
Member of Parliament:	Mrs. Nadine Dorries, House of Commons

London SW1A 0AA	
Member of Euro Parliament:	Christopher Beazley (Con)

C/o Herts & Stotfold Conservative Ass, 4a Swains Mill Crane Mead, Ware, Herts. SG12 9PY	01920 463064
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SHOPS

Roger's Bakery & General Store (next to School)	Mon-Fri 8.15am – 5.30pm / Sat 8am – 1.30pm	813398
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Post Office & Village Store, 6 High Street	Mon-Fri 9am – 1pm & 2pm – 5.30pm (half day Sat)
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Post Office:	Mon-Fri 9am – 1pm & 2pm – 5.30pm (half day Sat)
Shop:	Mon-Thurs 6am – 6pm, Friday 6am – 7pm
	Saturday 6.30am – 7pm, Sunday 6.30am – 1pm

PUB

The Sugar Loaf	25 High Street
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ORGANISATIONSMeppershall Village Hall Committee

Chairman:	Mr. Chris Addams, 9 Hill Top View	07939 144190
Treasurer:	Mr. D. Birch	817014
Booking Secretary:	Kate Hall, Culpeper House, Chapel Road	812869
Village Hall Telephone Number		817359

Babysitting Circle

Mrs. Sharon Edwards

814326

Brownies

Mondays 6pm – 7.30pm

Village Hall

Brown Owl:

Mrs. Christine Elbourne

811964

Snowy Owl:

Mrs. Suzanne Brightwell

815752

Beavers

Fridays 6pm – 7.15pm

Stondon Village Hall

Leader:

Mr. Steve Mann

816208

Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Shefford Scouts HQ

Leader:

Mrs. Hayley Henshall

817446

Leader (Shillington):

Jan Montgomery

712386

Bingo

Fridays 7pm

Village Hall

Mid Beds Conservative AssociationChairman:

Mrs. Pippa McLuskie, 4 Stondon Road

813417

Secretary:

Mrs. G. Bird

811260

CubsShefford

Wednesdays

6.45pm

David Cousins

811441

Shillington

Pauline Goodman

711943

Evergreen(over 60s)

Alternate Thursdays 2.30pm

Village Hall

Miss E. Ashton (Poppy), 20 Fildyke Road

07931 636544

Friends of St. Mary's ChurchChairman:

Mr. Trevor Thorley, 9 Hoo Road

813357

Secretary:

Jill Wright, 9 Rectory Road

850253

Treasurer:

Mr. H. Davies, 15 Hoo Road

812127

Shefford Leisure Group

Mrs. Enid Pamment, 112 High Street

851397

Meppershall Players (Amateur Dramatic Society)Contact:

John Nye

814113

Secretary:

Karen Mitchell

816336

Treasurer:

Frank Keen

815387

Meppershall School AssociationChairperson:

Gail Fairey

817594

Vice-Chairperson:

Lorraine Jarvis

811216

Secretary:

Lisa Frost

851058

Meppershall Social Club

(see Notice Board for opening times)

Chairman:

Mr. G.R. Walker, 37 Brookmead

815183

<u>Meppershall Baby & Toddler</u>	Tuesdays 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 9.30am – 12 noon	Village Hall	
Chairman:	Marian Fairweather		814516
Secretary:	Michelle Nesbitt		812102
Registrar:	Viv Thome		850821
<u>Scouts</u>			
Shefford	Diane Landau	01234	381153
Shillington	Paul Major		834251
<u>Tennis (at Langford)</u>	Neil Franklin		815735
<u>Womens Institute</u>	2 nd Wednesday in month 7.30pm	Village Hall	
President:	Barbara Horwood, 8 Rectory Road		816177
Secretary:	Doreen Pritchard		
Press Secretary:	Betty Mather		
<u>Youth Club</u>	Alternate Fridays 7pm	Methodist Chapel	
	Linda & Matt Ford		851567
	Sue & Steve Covington		815736
<u>AMENITIES</u>			
Banks	Barclays, 6 North Bridge Street, Shefford	01438	202122
	Monday – Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm		
Dentist	Mr. Lakhani, High Street, Shefford		814020
Fishmonger	Les Braithwaite (Mobile Van) – Thursdays approx 11.45am		
Greengrocer	Nigel Mann (Mobile Van) – Fridays 2pm – 6pm		711802
Hedgehog Rescue	Beds & Herts Hedgehog Rescue – call Jeanette		711370
Mobile Library (alternate Wed)	High Street/School 1.55pm – 2.10pm		
	Village Hall 2.15pm – 2.30pm		
	Fildyke Road 2.35pm – 2.50pm		
Library	High Street, Shefford		639070
Kennels/Cattery	Wayside, Chapel Road		813261
Newspapers	Meppershall Village Stores & PO		811252
Plumbers	Alan Dellar		814584
Police	G.A.S., 14 Cherry Trees, Lower Stondon		813781
	Emergencies/Police attendance required	01234 841212	
Livery Yard & Training Centre	Shefford Police Post (non emergencies)	Or 01582 471212	
Whitbread Wanderbus	Caroline Carter, Fildyke Road	01234 841212	
		07747 686118	
		701700	

St Mary the Virgin Meppershall

Rector : Rev John Harper 813334
Churchwardens: Brenda Wright 75 High St
Brian Bellamy 125 High St

Services for June

Sunday 4 Pentecost (Whitsunday)

11.15a.m. Parish Communion, and Sunday School

Sunday 11 Trinity Sunday

8.30a.m. Holy Communion; 11.15a.m Family Service

Sunday 18 Trinity 1 8.30a.m. Holy Communion

No Evensong this week -

see 'Kids' Praise' Musical - below

Sunday 25 Trinity 2 8.30a.m. Holy Communion; 11.15a.m Family Communion

Weekday Services:

Wednesdays 10.a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Friday 7.30p.m. Compline (Night prayer)

Saturday 9.30a.m. Morning Prayer

Also this month:

Saturday 10 : Outing to St John's College, Cambridge (St Mary's Patron)

**Thurs 15. 8p.m. Deanery Communion Service for Festival of Corpus Christi
at All Saints Shillington**

Looking ahead

Sunday July 2. Ben Griffiths, formerly Churchwarden at St Mary's, will be made Deacon at the Ordination Service at St Albans Abbey, following his ministerial training at Cuddesdon College. Please hold him and his future ministry in your prayers.

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

First Mass of Sunday

Saturday Evening

6pm

RAF Henlow

9am

Shefford

5.15pm

Shefford

Weekday Services

See notice at Church or telephone

Parish Priest:

Parish Secretary

Fr. Bennie Noonan 813436

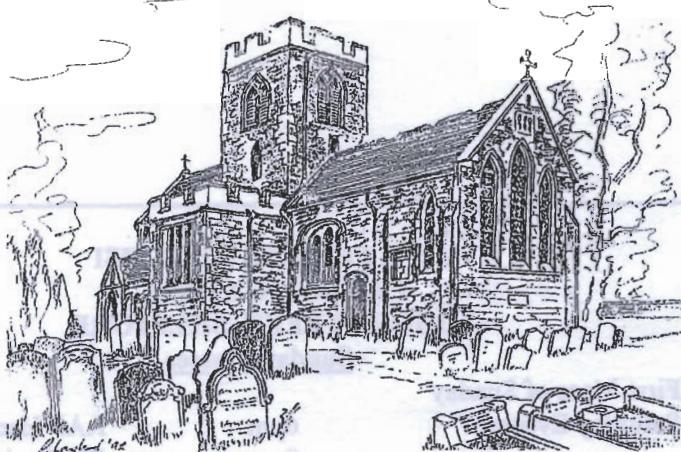
Rose Boulton 811547

Sat 24 and Sun 25 June
GIFT WEEKEND.

10.30-4.30 Sat; 2-4.30 Sun
Displays and refreshments in Church.
Teddy abseiling from Tower.

**Sun 25: Manor House Gardens open, 2-5p.m. Tea and cake.
£1p admission, under 16's free.**

Proceeds for St Mary's restoration programme



ST. MARY'S CHURCH MEPPERSHALL RESTORATION APPEAL

GRAND DRAW

MANY VALUABLE PRIZES

- ❖ £100 CLOTHES VOUCHER DONATED BY SOUSTER & HICKS WOBURN & SAVILE ROW
- ❖ £100 CLOTHES VOUCHER DONATED BY GLADRAGS LUTON
- ❖ CASE 12 BOTTLES ITALIAN WINE DONATED BY MR & MRS M.G.TAYLOR
- ❖ LUNCH OR DINNER FOR TWO DONATED BY ST. HELENA RESTAURANT ELSTOW
- ❖ DINING VOUCHER DONATED BY THE BLACK HORSE WOBURN
- ❖ 15" LCD TV
- ❖ DVD PLAYERS
- ❖ VACUUM CLEANER DONATED BY MR & MRS J.HUGHES
- ❖ CASE CHAMPAGNE
- ❖ OTHER PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE DRAW

TICKETS £1 EACH BOOK OF 5 - £5

DRAW WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH GIFT WEEKEND ON SUNDAY 25th JUNE 2006

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MAY FAYRE 13 MAY 2006, and FROM ST. MARYS CHURCH, THE RECTORY, 11 CONEYGATE AND OTHER VILLAGE OUTLETS THROUGHOUT MAY & JUNE.

PLEASE RING ALAN ON 01462 817180 WITH ANY QUERIES OR PRIZE DONATIONS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE FUND

Do you like singing?
Have you a favourite hymn / praise song?

COME TO

SONGS of PRAISE 2

St. Mary's, Meppershall
followed by BBQ in the Rectory Garden
Sun. July 16th 6pm

This was such a popular event last year make sure that you don't miss it this year!

- Please put in your request early so that the choir can practise!!
- Please fill in the form below and deliver to: Rector John [at school or church] or The Rectory, Church Road.

There will be a DONATIONS pot at the service and at the BBQ.

Any profits will be shared between a children's charity chosen by the choir and our own children's ministry.

Please return to Rector John or Sandra @ The Rectory, Church Rd.,

SONGS of PRAISE

My choice of hymn / song is:

.....

How many for the BBQ afterwards?

Name:

Tel:.....email:.....

Kids Praise!

June 17th & 18th 6pm
HATS Theatre
Henlow

DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY to see the talents of our local children performing the christian musical **KIDS' PRAISE**. We know that you will be thrilled by their vitality and enthusiasm as they rescue an iPod from destruction and experience the joy of singing praise songs. The children are members of **SPARKS Drama & SPARKS Junior Choir**. [Part of the children's ministry of The United Benefice of Shefford and Meppershall.]

DOORS OPEN: 5pm with BAR
TICKETS: £3 each from
Rector John and Sandra
01462 813334

Friends of Samuel Whitbread

**Fun Fashion Show at
Samuel Whitbread**

**Wednesday 28 June
7.30pm**

**A girls' night out
to escape the World Cup with
staff, students and parents
modelling the latest high street
fashions brought to you by La
Moda.**

**Clothes available to buy at
competitive prices after the
show (cheques and cash only)**

**Entry only £2 includes free glass
of bucks fizz!**

**Tickets available at college
reception or telephone
the college on 629900**

**Why not bring a friend, your
mum or your daughter too?!**
**Open invitation to girls of all
ages!**

Friends of Samuel Whitbread

Murder Mystery Night at Samuel Whitbread

Who is the murderer at the school? Become a detective for the evening as you unravel the clues given by our GCSE Drama actors.

**Registration at 7pm on Friday 7 July
Make sure you arrive before the
'headmaster's' speech!
Last school bus at 11 pm**

Come as a team, couple or individual – you'll have a great night with lots of twists as the terrible tale unfolds!

Tickets just £5 from college reception or tel 629900 to reserve

**Licensed bar at competitive rates!
You are welcome to bring a picnic supper.**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE GROUP

As the readers of this magazine know, we have formed a group interested in developing a healthier lifestyle through gentle exercise and sensible eating. At our last meeting we thought it was time to report upon our successes. All those present commented that the combination of regular exercise and sharing tips about sensible eating has helped tremendously in focusing our minds and resolve, with the added bonus of weight loss.

In just three months, each member of the group has averaged a two pound weight loss per week. This was not necessarily achieved through following a particular diet since some members reported that they had tried several diets in the past with limited success. The routes of our twice weekly walks have been varied and enjoyable and will continue. The intention is to graduate to bike rides at the weekends.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm at 31 Hoo Road. All are very welcome. There are no embarrassing weigh-ins or fees to pay, just loads of fun and laughs. Feel free to join us at any time.

For more details contact either Elaine 851182 (email: elainehobson@hotmail.com) or Wendy on 850142 (email: wendycorns@fsmail.net)



Bedfordshire Cheshire Home
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For Church/Village Magazines – Copy for June 2006

For the last four years we have celebrated Leonard Cheshire Week during the first week in June – and once again, from the **3rd to 11th June** we're having fun with various events and happenings. The purpose of the week is to spread the word of Leonard Cheshire and the work we undertake as well as, by coincidence this year, the week is also National Volunteering Week.

The Bedfordshire Cheshire Home started in Ampthill during August 1955, following the refurbishment of Park House in Ampthill Park, given to Leonard Cheshire by Bovril. Over the years, Park House housed 36 people at any one time, but gradually proved unsuitable to the needs of the more seriously disabled requiring care. As a result, in 1977 Leonard himself opened Agate House, named after a kind benefactress, Mary Agate. Nowadays, Leonard Cheshire has over 80 homes, caring for some 21,000 people throughout the UK and 200 projects internationally. What an organisation one man created and what a heritage he left.

Our plans for the week are:

Saturday 3rd	Sponsored Swim, 6pm-7pm, Flitwick Leisure Centre Please contact us if you'd like to swim/sponsor a swimmer
Monday 5th	Afternoon of Fun! 2pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 6th	Open Afternoon, 2pm-4pm 2 nd Hand Book Sale, 7pm-9pm
Wednesday 7th	Daytime collection outside Tesco, Flitwick Open Morning – pop in for a cuppa and a chat Nearly New Clothes Sale, 7pm-9pm
Friday 9th	Coffee Morning & Auction, 11am-11.45am Treasure Hunt Walk around Ampthill, 7pm Start
Saturday 10th	Cream Tea & Crafts Afternoon, 2pm-4pm

So, why not come along and join us – or, if you'd like to support us by having a fundraising coffee morning at your home with your friends, please contact me.

SHEFFORD LEISURE GROUP

'Under the Bearskin' – what a wonderful title! A nearly full coach took off from Shefford for this memorable day in London. We met our guide in Westminster on time where we were taken for a well earned coffee before a short walking tour to Wellington Barracks in time for the Mounting of the Queen's Guard and to watch as they march to Buckingham Palace. The day we visited the Guards Museum was closed to tourists, but was especially opened just for our group. The reason was we had chosen the special day, where not only did we see the Queen's Guards, followed by the Scots Guards and finally the retired Guards. This procession followed a service held in the Guards Chapel. The Guards Chapel was bombed during a service in 1944 with the loss of 181 people. The Chapel was rebuilt and opened in 1964. During the afternoon we were taken to the 'Children at War' exhibition. The children's war is a special exhibition at the Imperial War Museum that looks at the Second World War through the eyes of the children of Britain.

Future day trips have been booked, including The Oxford Story and Christ Church (July), Wroxham visiting Aylsham Station where we board the 15" narrow gauge railway which will take us on the 45 minute trip to Wroxham, where we will board our boat for a 90 minute afternoon cruise, leaving time to explore the shops before returning to Shefford. Other trips booked for the year includes BBC/Television Centre Tour at Shepherds Bush. Bletchley Park, The Fen Marshes and Villages. Holidays include a cruise on the Rhine, Sicily, Tinsel & Turkey in Folkestone and Toronto & Niagara Falls in 2007.

Raffles are held on all our trips and the proceeds are for Keech Cottage Children's Hospice. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. Why not join us and make new friends. For further information please contact Enid on 01462 851397. – Why not enjoy the opportunity of travel from your doorstep!

**A very happy birthday to those of you
celebrating birthdays in June**

Chloe Marshall who will be 6 on the 1st
Vinnie Simpkins who will be 1 on the 1st
Charlotte Parrott who will be 12 on the 2nd
Nianh Fairweather who will be 4 on the 3rd
Francesca Gavin who will be 9 on the 4th
Christian Borthwick who will be 12 on the 4th
Abigail Lougher who will be 4 on the 4th
Hannah Stock who will be 9 on the 5th
Tilly Norris who will be 11 on the 7th
Sarah Louise Mountcastle who will be 12 on the 10th
Lewis Savuto who will be 4 on the 10th
Joshua Clark who will be 13 on the 13th
Alison Watson who will be 2 on the 14th
Jamie Gainsford who will be 13 on the 16th
Hanna Laming who will be 12 on the 21st
Adelle Gainsford who will be 9 on the 22nd
Lucie Morrison who will be 12 on the 22nd
Liberty Simpkins who will be 5 on the 22nd
Samantha Cannon who will be 13 on the 24th
Lewis Borthwick who will be 15 on the 26th
Naomi Crowson who will be 8 on the 27th
Maya Derrick who will be 7 on the 28th
Amanda Bryce who will be 14 on the 28th
Finn Rose who will be 1 on the 30th

If you are under 16 and would like your name added to
the birthday page, please call Tracey Norris on 815 694

