The Link Letter

Just over a year ago we, the Baptists, started church at the Link (previously the Methodist Church) with our Sunday morning services, and already established youth group and coffee morning. Since then, we have managed to add in an Art and Craft group, monthly Film Club (in partnership with the Pre-school) showing afternoon children's films and evening films, and bimonthly Men's Breakfasts at the Red Lion; Christmas carols at the pub and helping out at some school events to take the "church" to the community. Our monthly worship, prayer and waiting on God continues to be a very special time, and along with the worship workshops ensure we stay close to God. Currently our "Life Explored" course provides an opportunity for anyone from the village to join us in exploring God in our daily lives.

However.... these (and other ideas) are all initiatives that we have pursued, and we would love to hear from you as to what you would like us to be doing at the Link! Last year we met many of you on the doors and were able to discuss some ideas you had when we visited about half of the homes in Bishop Sutton. Now we are up and running we would love to be able to involve many more of you and make our slogan "in the community, for the community" a reality, especially as we are moving to the next phase of deciding what changes we would like to do to the building once we have purchased it, hopefully later this year. Your thoughts are important to us!

So please, email us at the Link: <u>thelink@chewbaptist.org</u> or speak to us directly. We would love to get all your ideas.

May God bless you all,

Jenny & Dave Dickerson

The Link Activities:

Sunday Services at the Link, 10 am every week:

Joint Family Service: Sunday 9th with Chew Magna BC

<u>Worship Workshop:</u> 8pm, 1st Thursday in the month to learn new songs and new skills for worship. Next is 6th October.

<u>Connection</u>: "Going deeper with God" ... 3rd Thursday in the month. Next is 20th October, 8pm, for prayer, praise, worship and waiting on God.

<u>Coffee morning:</u> and chatter, with Scrabble and Upwords... Tuesday 10:30am-12 noon. Other board games are also available, or just come and read your newspaper in the company of others!

Art and Craft Group: Tuesday 2pm-4:30pm.

<u>Chill Out Zone (1) Youth Group:</u> ... Monday 5:30pm-7pm for 9/10 year olds (year 5) to 13/14 year olds (year 9).

<u>Chill Out Zone (2) Youth Group:</u> ... Monday 7:30pm-9pm for 13/14 year olds (year 9) to 18/19 year olds.

<u>Bishop Sutton Film Club:</u> Saturday 15th October, Family Matinee 2:00pm open for 2:30pm start; Evening Film 6:30pm open for 7:00pm. For film titles and bookings email: <u>Bishopsuttonfilmclub@hotmail.com</u> or tel:07843 276593 /01275 332746.

<u>Life Explored Course:</u> Wednesday 12th, 19th, 26th October & 9th November; 8pm-9:30pm with refreshments.

<u>Men's Breakfast:</u> Saturday 19th November 8:30am-10am in the Red Lion to hear Prof Alan Parker of Gloucester University "Sport, Faith and Academic Suicide". Tickets £7 from Dave or booking: <u>thelink.bsbc@btinternet.com</u> /01275 332746.