

**SHURDINGTON  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

- I had the pleasure of attending the Preschool Annual General Meeting last week. A small gathering of very enthusiastic staff and parents working hard for the many children they cater for 5 days a week. There has been plenty happening this last year, the 5-day week is progressing well, some staff movement, the Leckhampton Children's centre proclaimed a success, and quite a few plans for the future. One such is the purchase of a new climbing frame for which they have been raising funds for some time. They haven't yet reached their target so if anyone out there can spare a few pennies to help them upgrade their present small and unexciting climbing frame I am sure they will be over the moon. It doesn't have to be that high !
- The Patrol Leaders weekend camp at Prestbury went very well, despite the inclement weather. They did a lot, learnt a lot, and I am sure passed on some of what they learnt to others last Monday at their own Scout meeting.
- Last Tuesday Deerpark Archers started their trial month with a club for indoor archery at the Century hall. They have their own website with contact details; any trouble getting in touch, please do contact me.
- Another event to look forward to is Ted's Coffee Break. Very popular and worth supporting, this is being held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Century Hall. I understand the event is open at 11am.
- I understand that from April this year the two recycling bins at the rear of the Social Centre will be removed, and not returned. Tewkesbury Borough Council has alternative plans for recycling.
- It's was quite a busy week at Scouts last Monday. Beavers learnt a lot about flying, drew dot to dot planes and coloured them, watched a video on how to make a paper plane, then flew them competitively round the hall. The evening ended with a short Donald Duck video, also about flying. Cubs also did some items on flight and some rifle shooting, scouts went round some basic bases with first aid, map reading, cooking on Trangia gadgets and so forth. Explorers were given route cards and dropped off around Cheltenham to find their way back.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March the Century Hall will be taken over for the day for a Polling Booth. There will therefore be no Keep Fit Class for that day
- Any news you wish to spread about events and dates for the future please do let me know both for this column and the village website. Saves them getting stale.