

## **Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live '**

### **SHURDINGTON Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

- This week was certainly Polar and the streets of Shurdington were clad with snow and the following frost didn't help at all. Regrettably some morons decide it was fun to drive two cars, red and blue, all over the village green making a right mess of our pristine play area. Pretty selfish I would say. I do hope that they will eventually get caught and cautioned or worse; this kind of behaviour is just not acceptable in either our village or elsewhere. Police are aware of the colours of the cars and that they probably live locally.
- Last Monday our Scouts organised their annual Trading Post evening and this year invited Cheltenham District Scouts and our Beavers to take part. This is an ancient game and consists of the Scouts forming Trading Companies buying and selling at counters attended to by Leaders and counting their profit at the end of the game. Special paper money is used in various denominations and it is fun to watch their enthusiasm and bartering. The game is simple enough and leaves a lot to their imagination and cunning to earn money. One example of many is buying a piece of wire and a 3-pin plug, hiring a screwdriver, making up a proper 3-pin connected plug and selling it for a profit. No live wires are used for safety's sake. This is one of many items available and each has a learning curve at the end of it. Teams were encouraged to mix and the top prize went to a team composed of some of our Scouts from Shurdington and 1<sup>st</sup> Hatherley. A shield was bought for this and future occasions and it will be shared by the four winners until the next challenge.
- News of items of interest to the village would be appreciated either by e-mail, phone call or note posted to my address.
- This evening sees the start of the annual Cotswold Marathon which goes on through the night until the early hours of tomorrow. This is a 3-pronged night hike starting from Murray Hall in Gloucester wending its way up Robins Wood hill, the Coopers hill and back to Murray Hall via Birdlip; 12 miles for the 12 to 14, 18 miles for the 13 to 16 with a gold marathon of 36 miles for the hardy 15 to under 65; that's me out! We do have a team of Scouts, Explorers and Leaders from Shurdington taking part and I wish them good fortune and a tough pair of legs.