

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live '

SHURDINGTON Saturday 8th August 2009

- The King George's Field in Shurdington will be holding a raffle again this year to raise funds for this great local amenity that is used by so many local people of all ages whether playing sport, walking their dog or using the young people play areas. The field receives no public funding and although the sports organisations contribute hugely to the running of the field there is always a need to supplement their contribution. Please do buy some tickets when they come on sale.
- The King George's Field committee have also been supplying dog bags for public use on the playing field for some time. These are quite expensive when the facility is abused - since June this year 2,000 bags have been taken (rather than used on the field) and as a result they will not be supplied free from mid August. Bags will be available at a cost of £1 for 50 from the Sports Club when it is open and from the Drop In Centre office in Bishop Road. That makes them a mere 2p per bag, and well worth the cost to keep the playing field clean especially for our children.
- I was rather distressed to note two young children last weekend, both wearing similar bright red t-shirts, using the Social Centre notices in Mitre Gardens side for target practice. They proceeded to cut apples over a garden fence in Mitre Gardens and the Centre now has two damaged signs and a car park littered with rotten apples. Perhaps their parents could teach them that firstly stealing apples from someone else's garden is tantamount to theft and secondly vandalising public or private property maliciously is a crime. More expense for the Social Centre, who incidentally have been gracious enough to grant all local residents an automatic 50% discount on hirings. Unfortunately they ran off before I could have a gentle word with them. Something must have pricked their conscience.
- The Cotswold Astronomical Society is meeting this evening in the Century Hall. This is a members only vent but I am sure they will consider new members if you are interested in joining.
- NCCPG are also meeting in the century hall in the afternoon.
- The local Gardening Society is having their annual show next weekend in both halls of the Social Centre. Times will be published on the hall notice boards and in next week's Echo when I am given the information.
- Tai Chi is again happening in the Century Hall Monday afternoon. This is the second of a string of ten Monday afternoon sessions.
- In case it is of interest to any budding artists around, on 4th September there will be starting a new artists' course between 9am and 1pm in the Link room. Further details soon.
- Three in One magazine for August is now in circulation and as ever is full of very interesting information and contact details. If you do not subscribe to this great magazine compiled specially for Shurdington Badgeworth Witcombe and Bentham perhaps you should think about it. It only costs 50p per month and is worth every penny.

- Just a reminder that the next young children's clinic in the Millennium Hall is on 13th August followed by 20th and 27th, from 1pm to 2.30pm. This will be looked after by the Hatherley Children's Centre. Parents please do feel free to attend.
- The two halls of the local Social Centre are available for hire both for regular events or a one off party or meeting. The halls are let at very reasonable all inclusive prices. Local residents benefit from a 50% discount. Please e-mail bookings @ shurdington.org or telephone 07770 480272.

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