

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

### **SHURDINGTON Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

- With the continuing snow and lack of grit, refills in the village grit tubs I regret to say that some of the roads in the village became rather treacherous this week. A bit of washing machine rock salt did help to thaw the social centre car park a little, but too expensive to use as an alternative to proper grit. Needs must. I understand that Council have now requested some grit for the Centre's car park which will come in very useful.
- The Lions Club of Cheltenham is in urgent need of good quality books for sale at their Charity Book sales. If you have any books you wish to dispose of please contact Lions Club member David Green on 01242 862225, who will gladly arrange collection. All proceeds of the sale go to local charitable work; the most recent sales have produced £6,500 for flood relief and £3,000 towards the upkeep of their caravan for disabled people at Burnham on Sea.
- Tomorrow Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February sees the County Scouts' Cooking Competition taking place at the Century Hall. Our team here had won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the District event so will be representing Cheltenham together with a team from Prestbury Scouts. Cooking starts at 10.30am with judging lunchtime. This is a popular event and teams from all of Gloucestershire will be sharpening their knives and cooking skills. Anyone wishing to come and see the budding cooks please ask for me in the Century Hall.
- The Evening Fellowship, which was set up to unite all in fellowship and in the Love of God, will be having a lecture by Rev Richard Mitchell titled "Musical Journey through Lent". This is taking place at the church hall on 25<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.30pm.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with young Anthony Harris, one of our Beaver Scouts, who had an accident in the snow last weekend and is recovering in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.
- Congratulations from all of us involved with Scouting to Mrs Marie Louise Slee, our Scout Leader here in Shurdington, who was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Services to Scouting last Monday. A Chief Scout's Commendation is awarded for good service while holding adult appointments for a period of not less than five years. Louise joined Shurdington as a Beaver Leader in the late 90's. The award was presented by Tom Harding who is the Gloucestershire County Scouts Commissioner.
- Cotswold Marathon was cancelled last week, first time ever, and unfortunately will not be re-scheduled. Next challenge 2010.
- No need to remind anyone but next week is Half term so no school, no Playgroup and no Scouts meeting till the week after.
- News of items of interest to the village would be appreciated either by e-mail, phone call or note posted to my address.