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SHURDINGTON Saturday 14th March 2009

- Many congratulations to new mum and dad, Tim and Liz Dean. PCSO Liz Dean, who has been looking after our village affairs for some years, gave birth to a baby girl Tuesday 10th March. Liz is, quite rightly, taking some time off Policing but has promised to return next year.
- I understand the Jumble Sale held couple of weeks ago by the W I raised about £180. Thank you all those who helped, especially Pete Smith who always sets the Century Hall up for jumble sales and helps all day, and all those who came and parted with their money.
- Talking of Jumble Sales, you will be able to attend yet another on Saturday 28th March. This is the ever popular one run to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. More details next week as to time and what is available.
- Ted's Coffee Break last weekend raised the magnificent sum of £850 to go towards the Meningitis Trust. This proves not only the hard work put in by so many people interested in giving others a better life, but also the many kind people who attended the function in the Century Hall in the first place. Their Ploughman's Lunches always go down a treat. Well done to everyone involved, especially the Townsend family, Kath Simmonds and her team.
- A children's party last weekend enjoyed the newly fenced in Millennium Hall and parents were full of praise for the now much more private atmosphere. Funny enough the garden now looks bigger. A useful optical illusion. It cost in the region of £2,500 but was well worth the effort and thanks go to the Social Centre Management Committee for agreeing to carry out and fund the project, and also to our Pre School for the initial idea.
- Last week Beavers and Cubs paid a visit to the Fire station and were given a comprehensive tour of the facilities. Explorers were on a walk nearby. The Scout Troop did some basic Scouting comprising on First Aid, laying out a campsite, knotting and fire extinguishers.
- This year's Scouts Regional Cooking Contest in the Century Hall brought together Scouts from as far south as Bournemouth and beyond. Teams attending were winners of their own County competitions. Sadly this year our team did not qualify so did not attend their Regional bash. Eleven teams battled it out from 10.30am and the two judges present had quite a task as the standard all round was pretty high. There are lots of photographs of the event on our village website.
- The Cheltenham Historical Society is meeting in the Millennium Hall on Saturday 21st March. I understand this is a private gathering. Stroud College are meeting in the Century Hall at the same time.
- The Sunday 22nd March there is a private Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration in both halls of the Social Centre.
- Thursday 12th March saw the start of a new club opening in the Century Hall run by Gloucester Martial Arts. Sessions run from 5pm to 8pm. Further information available from either Alan or Martin on the day or via their website, and there are also some posters outside the hall.
- From what I see on a Thursday evening on the way home from work, the Tewkesbury Borough Play Rangers are still as popular as ever, and a larger number of children are now taking the opportunity of a couple of hours of fun on the village green.
- News of items of interest to the village would be appreciated either by e-mail, phone call or note posted to my address. Best to phone my mobile 07770 480272. If you leave a message please do repeat your contact telephone number clearly.