

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

### **SHURDINGTON Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

- One week to go for the WI Jumble and nearly new sale due to be held at the Century Hall Shurdington on Saturday 27th February 2010 at 2.00pm. Their usual raffles and Cake stall as well as many bargains will be available. Do call in for a bargain, a chat and a cuppa.
- It was with tremendous sadness we heard of the very untimely demise of Alistair Jones at the age of 34. Alistair's family live locally. I remember Alistair in Shurdington Scouts in his youth and he was always very active, attending just about every camp we organised. Last Wednesday a Service of Thanksgiving was held for Alistair in Badgeworth church. Our sincere condolences to his family and close friends.
- Two big events took place in the Social Centre last weekend, organised by Gloucestershire Scouts. On Saturday some 90 Scouts and Explorers took part in a Rifle Shooting Contest in the Millennium Hall. Winning Explorers were Maggie, Jon and Emily from Haberpakka Unit, with close runners-up from Black Sheep Unit. Winning team from the younger Scouts were Tim, Kieran and Sam from 2<sup>nd</sup> Tywning, with our own Shurdington Scouts Harriet, William and Cameron a close second. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulation to the winners. Photos and results are on the village website.
- The other event was last Sunday in the Social Centre, and was the annual Gloucestershire County Cooking competition. As our team won the District competition last month, they were eligible to compete. And what a lovely surprise to hear at the end of the competition that yet again our four young Scouts won first prize and the coveted shield. Many congratulation to Ollie, William, Lawrence and Harriet. Harriet in fact took the place of Alex who worked hard for this competition but was laid up with a bug on the crucial day. Many thanks also to the Leaders and parents who put so much enthusiasm into the contest. Our team will now be entered for the Regional Contest which is taking place at the Century Hall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Photos of the event are on the village website.
- Today several adults and supporters of Scouting in Gloucestershire will be attending scouting Support Day at Brockworth School.
- I understand from the Parish Clerk that the emergency street lighting number is now 0800 514 514. This is a freephone number for Gloucestershire Highways.

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